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# Blaze consumes 100,000 acres

By Garrett Hylton
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — A fire that erupted Friday night at the Saylor Creek bombing range was still growing late Saturday evening.

A fire official said at about 7:30 p.m. that the blaze had consumed 100,000 acres, with more than 200 firefighters battling it.

*The smoke plume that rose west of* Castleford was visible all the way to the Wyoming border, and Twin Falls residents were showered with a steady stream of falling ashes under a blood-red sun.

Fire personnel were trying to stem the fire's tide throughout the day, making use of 30 fire engines, two dozers and several aircraft.

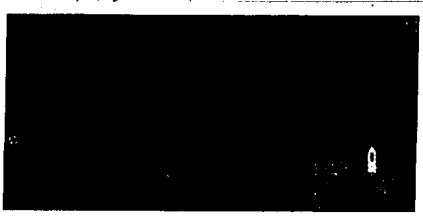
Triggered by a lightning strike, the fire was aided Saturday by an abundance of dry grass and wind gusts reaching 35 miles per hour.

Crews fr m the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Forest Service were trying to control the blaze, but there was no estimate as to when it would be contained.

No homes had been damaged and no people were injured, but the fire consumed *one shed as well as privately owned grain* fields.

A National Weather Service spokesman said fire crews should get a break today, as winds are not supposed to exceed 15 mph.

The fire, east of Hammett and west of Castleford, prompted many residents and farmers in its vicinity to turn on their sprinklers and spray down their homes.



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**A 100,000-acre wildfire west of Castleford burns near a home Saturday. The smoke plume from the blaze could be seen at the Wyoming border.**

# LIVING ON SOCIAL SECURITY

CORY MYERS/The Times-News

**Leon Ford, right, talks with his brother-in-law, Bill Lyda, during a family picnic at Twin Falls City Park. Like many people living in rural areas, the retired Ford relies on Social Security as his sole source of income.**

## Seniors in rural areas struggle to make ends meet

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One of the best moves Leon Ford ever made was buying a house.

The way this 76-year-old retiree sees it, homeownership is the only thing saving him from spending his golden years in the poor house.

"I don't know how people live on Social Security and pay rent," Ford said.

Ford, who is single, moved back to Twin Falls in 1990 after retiring from 30 years of managing a physician's practice. Today, his sole income is the $850 monthly check he gets from Social Security. But Ford knows how to stretch a buck. Due to his limited income, he signed up for a special exemption on his property taxes. He got himself a Pharmacy Care Alliance card that saves him a nice chunk of change on his prescription medicines. But he still has to pay his bills. He spends about $200 a month on utilities. He also writes a monthly check for $165 for supplement health insurance.

Like Ford, his 78-year-old sister, Shirley Cardwell, also owns her own home in Twin Falls. And thank God her late husband Darrell left her with a $900-a-month annuity or she'd be struggling to get by on the paltry $399 a month she receives from Social Security.

"There are some people living on Social Security," Cardwell said. "I don't see how they can do it."

Yet many people are, especially people in rural areas, according to a new study by the Institute for America's Future, which based its conclusions on data from the Social Security Administration, Congressional

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## System braces itself for boomers

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There are 76 million reasons to be concerned about the future of Social Security.

That's how many baby boomers — that huge group of people born between 1946 and 1964 — will be joining the retirement rolls over the next couple decades beginning in 2008. Today, there are 3.3 workers supporting each Social Security beneficiary. By the time today's youngest workers turn 65, there will be only two workers supporting each beneficiary. By 2018, Social Security will begin paying out more in benefits than it's bringing in through the payroll tax and those shortfalls are predicted to grow. Unless something is done to reform the system, people will face higher taxes and cuts in benefits, supporters of Social Security reform say.

Most people seem to agree that changes will need to be made. What they disagree on is what those changes should be and when they'll need to be made.

President George W. Bush says something must be done now and he's been hopskotching the country tout-

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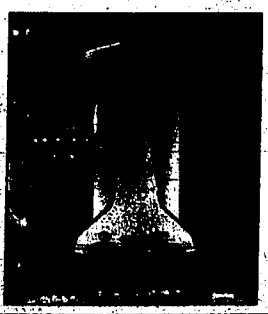
## Aging shuttle fleet could bring more delays and dangers, experts fear



**The Space Shuttle Discovery sits on the launch pad after the Rotating Service Structure was rolled back at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Tuesday. Delays for safety improvements have repeatedly thwarted the shuttle's comeback from the Columbia catastrophe 2 years ago.**

AP photo

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Maybe NASA's managers still view the shuttle as the premier vehicle of space technology, but they sometimes make it sound as if it were a cranky old automobile with a few too many miles on it.

Deputy shuttle manager Wayne Hale says its recent on-again, off-again electronics problem "reminds me of an old truck I own."

Delays for safety improvements have repeatedly thwarted the shuttle's comeback from the Columbia catastrophe 2.5 years ago. But aging components could eventually add their own setbacks and risks to flying as the shuttles near retirement in just five years, according to authorities on space travel.

"If I have any worries at all, it's a few years from now, down the road, when the hardware gets older," said Bob Sieck, a former shuttle launch director and NASA safety adviser.

Designed in the 1970s, the shuttle was meant to advance space travel by several giants leaps. It was to be named the Space Clipper, in a reference to the speedy American clipper ship that expanded the possibilities of sea travel in the 19th century.

The shuttle would be the first vehicle to travel back and forth to space. Its comparatively comfy quarters for crew and garage-like cargo bay made the old space capsules feel like claustrophobic sardine tins. The shuttle would make trips to space much more routine, more like commercial flying. It would potentially be the first step in putting space within the reach of ordinary business and tourism.

In the end, the shuttle took on its more prosaic name and accomplished more prosaic functions — but still is a marvel of sorts. It has deployed satellites, maintained the Hubble Space Telescope, and helped to build the international space station. It has kept Americans in space while they tried to decide on their next destination after the moon.

But the shuttle's end has come in sight. "The clipper ships were the peak of the sail-

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**7 days, 7 reasons to read**

**Who needs Nikes?** Barefoot fitness running is picking up speed. Monday

**Dear Abby** Wheelchair users want access, not special treatment. Tuesday

**Quoffology 101** Everything you don't know about beer. Wednesday

**Roaring return** Paddlers flood back to the Murtaugh stretch. Thursday

**Burning tunes** The music industry is cracking down on copying. Friday

**Pilgrim's progress** Church is one of the country's most socially progressive. Saturday

**There already?** Back-seat DVD's sell the idea. Sunday

## TWIN FALLS FORECAST

**Today:** Not as hot and sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.
**Tonight:** Clear skies. Lows in the 50s.
**Tomorrow:** Sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower 90s.

## TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A little cooler | Clear skies | Sunny and a little warmer | Hot | Sunny | Hot and sunny |
| High 86 | Low 57 | 91 / 60 | 97 / 61 | 94 / 58 | 97 / 62 |

### Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Prep |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burley | 91 | 68 | 0.00" |
| Coeur d'Alene | 72 | 57 | 0.04" |
| Jerome | 92 | 67 | 0.00" |
| Lowell | 90 | 58 | 0.00" |
| Malta | 100 | 73 | Trace |
| Rexburg | 86 | 58 | 0.00" |
| Stanley | 79 | 52 | 0.00" |

## BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

**Today:** Cooler and sunny. Highs in the 80s.
**Tonight:** Clear and cool. Lows in the lower 50s.
**Tomorrow:** Sunny and turning warmer. Highs in the upper 80s.

## ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

**Temperature**
Yesterday's High 86
Yesterday's Low 71
Record High 98 in 2003
Record Low 37 in 1968

**Precipitation**
Month to Date Trace
Year to Date 12.80"
Normal Month-to-Date 1.67
Normal Year-to-Date 11.67

**Humidity**
Yesterday's Minimum 18%
Today's Minimum 14%

**Barometric Pressure**
Yesterday 29.85 in.

**Sunrise and Sunset**
Monday Sunrise: 6:18 AM Sunset: 9:11 PM
Wednesday Sunrise: 6:18 AM Sunset: 9:10 PM

**Pollen Count**
Grass, Pine, Nettle & other
TP Mold Level: 14,067 (High)

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

**Moon Phases**
Jul 21 Full Moon
Jul 28 Last Qtr.
Aug 4 New Moon
Aug 13 First Qtr.

**Moonrise and Moonset**
Monday Moonrise: 7:13 PM Moonset: 2:48 AM

**U. V. INDEX**
Low Moderate High
The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

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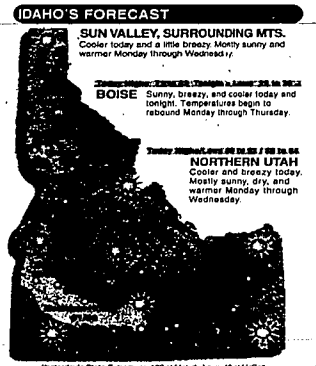
## IDAHO'S FORECAST



**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**
Cooler today and a little breezy. Mostly sunny and warmer Monday through Wednesday.

**BOISE** Sunny, breezy, and cooler today and tonight. Temperatures begin to rebound Monday through Thursday.

**NORTHERN UTAH**
Cooler and breezy today. Mostly sunny, dry, and warmer Monday through Wednesday.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 102 at Malad Low: 46 at McCall

weather key: bz blizzard, cl-cloudy, fg fog, hs heavy snow, hr-haze, lt-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-wintery mix, pc-partly cloudy, rain, sh showers, sn snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-windy

## REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W | Tuesday Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boise | 90 | 59 | su | 90 | 62 | su | 87 | 50 | su |
| Bonners Ferry | 81 | 49 | su | 80 | 52 | su | 87 | 50 | su |
| Challis | 84 | 48 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Chester | 79 | 43 | su | 83 | 45 | su | 88 | 50 | su |
| Coeur d'Alene | 85 | 51 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Elko, NV | 93 | 55 | su | 96 | 59 | su | 100 | 57 | su |
| Enterprise, OR | 91 | 53 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Gooding | 89 | 58 | su | 93 | 61 | su | 99 | 62 | su |
| Grangeville | 86 | 43 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Hagerman | 90 | 56 | su | 94 | 59 | su | 100 | 60 | su |
| Hailey | 86 | 43 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Idaho Falls | 81 | 47 | su | 86 | 48 | su | 91 | 50 | su |
| Kellogg, MT | 79 | 46 | pc | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Lewiston | 91 | 58 | su | 94 | 61 | su | 97 | 59 | su |
| Lewiston, MT | 82 | 44 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Lewiston | 90 | 59 | su | 94 | 62 | su | 93 | 63 | su |
| Malad City | 84 | 44 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Malta | 81 | 49 | su | 86 | 51 | su | 91 | 54 | su |
| McCall | 76 | 38 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Missoula, MT | 81 | 47 | pc | 88 | 49 | su | 90 | 53 | su |
| Pocatello | 85 | 48 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Portland, OR | 88 | 61 | su | 88 | 60 | su | 87 | 56 | su |
| Rupert | 84 | 54 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Salmon | 78 | 45 | su | 83 | 50 | su | 89 | 53 | su |
| Richland, WA | 89 | 56 | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Spokane | 86 | 56 | su | 91 | 61 | su | 97 | 62 | su |
| Sandpoint | 81 | 54 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 92 | 64 | su | 96 | 67 | su | 102 | 73 | su |
| Stanley, ID | 78 | 32 | su | 82 | 37 | su | 82 | 39 | su |
| Tetonia | 74 | 36 | su | [illegible] | | | | | |
| Yellowstone, MT | 63 | 37 | mc | 69 | 36 | pc | 73 | 30 | su |

## NATIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W | City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 87 | 75 | th | 91 | 76 | mc | Philadelphia | 88 | 75 | th | 94 | 75 | mc |
| Billings | 78 | 56 | pc | 87 | 60 | su | Portland, ME | 77 | 67 | th | 80 | 66 | th |
| Boston | 78 | 68 | th | 83 | 72 | th | Rapid City | 79 | 56 | pc | 80 | 59 | su |
| Charleston, WV | 85 | 70 | th | 87 | 70 | th | Sacramento | 102 | 65 | su | 102 | 65 | su |
| Cleveland | 87 | 72 | th | 90 | 70 | mc | St.Paul | 81 | 68 | mc | 83 | 64 | pc |
| Des Moines | 87 | 70 | pc | 89 | 67 | pc | San Diego | 74 | 68 | pc | 74 | 67 | pc |
| El Paso | 100 | 78 | pc | 98 | 74 | pc | Seattle | 81 | 58 | su | 80 | 56 | su |
| Fargo | 84 | 57 | pc | 80 | 57 | su | Washington, DC | 92 | 78 | th | 93 | 76 | th |
| Houston | 91 | 76 | th | 93 | 76 | th | | | | | | | |
| Jacksonville | 93 | 73 | pc | 91 | 74 | pc | | | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 89 | 69 | th | 90 | 69 | th | | | | | | | |
| Las Vegas | 113 | 88 | su | 112 | 88 | su | | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 78 | 65 | pc | 78 | 66 | pc | | | | | | | |
| Louisville | 88 | 73 | th | 90 | 73 | th | | | | | | | |
| Miami | 89 | 80 | th | 90 | 80 | pc | | | | | | | |
| Minneapolis | 84 | 66 | th | 86 | 68 | th | | | | | | | |
| Nashville | 87 | 73 | th | 90 | 73 | th | | | | | | | |
| New York | 85 | 74 | th | 91 | 77 | mc | | | | | | | |
| Omaha | 86 | 74 | th | 87 | 70 | th | | | | | | | |

## WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W | City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 67 | 52 | sh | 69 | 54 | pc | Hong Kong | 91 | 82 | th | 91 | 82 | th |
| Athens | 87 | 72 | su | 88 | 75 | su | Hanoi | 71 | 63 | pc | 84 | 68 | r |
| Beijing | 92 | 78 | sh | 92 | 78 | sh | Paris | 83 | 64 | su | 79 | 61 | th |
| Berlin | 72 | 53 | pc | 82 | 57 | mc | Rio de Janeiro | 74 | 64 | su | 75 | 66 | sh |
| Bermuda | 86 | 68 | su | 87 | 68 | su | Santiago | 33 | 14 | s | 42 | 10 | pc |
| Cairo | 91 | 68 | su | 91 | 68 | su | Sydney | 52 | 43 | sn | 58 | 47 | sn |
| Dublin | 64 | 57 | su | 78 | 60 | sh | Taipei | 94 | 77 | th | 87 | 77 | sh |
| Geneva | 84 | 57 | su | 86 | 62 | su | Tokyo | 84 | 72 | th | 87 | 73 | sh |
| Jerusalem | 91 | 62 | pc | 94 | 62 | su | Warsaw | 70 | 59 | sh | 72 | 59 | mc |
| Kuwait City | 121 | 90 | su | 122 | 93 | su | Zurich | 79 | 57 | sh | 84 | 58 | sh |
| Mexico City | 68 | 51 | sh | 69 | 54 | sh | | | | | | | |

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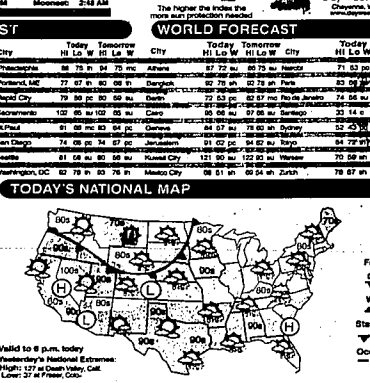


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Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 127 at Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 37 at Fraser, Colo.

## CANADIAN FORECAST

| City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W | City | Today Hi | Lo | W | Tomorrow Hi | Lo | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | [illegible] | | | | | | Toronto | 83 | 72 | sh | 86 | 72 | th |
| Edmonton | [illegible] | | | | | | Vancouver | 72 | 57 | pc | 73 | 57 | pc |
| Kamloops | 74 | 40 | pc | 80 | 50 | su | Victoria | 74 | 54 | su | 75 | 54 | su |
| Kelowna | 74 | 40 | pc | 80 | 50 | su | | | | | | | |
| Lethbridge | [illegible] | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regina | 84 | 57 | s | 81 | 54 | sh | | | | | | | |

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# Shuttle

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ing art, and we don't see those either. I think there's a lesson to be learned from that," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said last week at Kennedy Space Center.

Columbia flew the first shuttle mission in 1981. It was quickly followed in the next several years by the shuttles Challenger, Discovery and Atlantis. Challenger was obliterated in its 1986 disaster, and Columbia was lost in 2003, killing a total of 14 astronauts in the two accidents. NASA is left with Discovery and Atlantis, ages 20 and 21, as well as the 13-year-old Endeavour that replaced Challenger.

People are young at 20, but electronics are well into maturity by then — if not beyond. "I wonder whether I could find a single electronics box in my house that's 25 years old and still works. I don't think I can. It's the same thing with the orbiter," the NASA administrator said of a recent shuttle part breakdown.

It is ostensibly a similar problem in a fuel sensor that ruined the shuttle's long-awaited return to flight last week. A manager said — and not in jest — that they would first try to wiggle the wires. However, NASA did enlist a cross-country team of hundreds of engineers to figure out what went wrong. The agency has indefinitely delayed the launch.

John Muratore, a NASA systems manager working on the sensor fault, acknowledged the problem of fathoming glitches in aging shuttles. "There isn't a lot of experience with aging, with having spacecraft that have had this long an operational life," he said.

To troubleshooters, the shuttle presents a labyrinth of wires, cables, signal boxes, transistors, diodes and capacitors — one of the world's most sophisticated machines. It enfolds 230 miles of wiring and 1,060 valves alone, and about 2.5 million parts in all.

Shuttle parts are regularly inspected and often replaced, especially ones viewed as critical to protect crew, craft and cargo. The shuttle replaces its external fuel tank with each flight.

"We have replaced much of the hardware. Some of the systems ... are more reliable than they were at the beginning of the program," said Michael Wetmore, NASA's director of shuttle processing. However, he acknowledged that some systems might show "a slowly increasing rate" of problems in the future.

Rattled by 180 million horsepower of thrust at liftoff, many shuttle parts do wear over time. They undergo extreme cold and heat during a flight. Some get nicked during maintenance, and others get chafed. Wires slowly crumble.

"We have learned that parts do need replacing more frequently than we would like," said Randy Avera, a former NASA engineer who helped develop the shuttle inspection program.

He said NASA should expand inspection and maintenance to keep the maturing shuttle fleet both efficient and safe. He said that will cost more money and possibly keep shuttles on the ground even longer. He fears the agency won't act quickly enough.

Kathryn Thornton, a former astronaut who has advised NASA on returning to flight, said she worries the agency won't be willing to keep the spacecraft in the best flying condition as it approaches retirement. "You have to keep the people and expertise around to the last flight," she said.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who chairs the Subcommittee on Science and Space, said she believes Congress will provide the money needed to keep the shuttle running safely until its successor is developed. "I think the key is not whether they are getting too old, but whether they are maintaining them properly," she said.

After all, she said, each was designed for 100 trips into space. Discovery, the dean of the fleet, has launched only 30 times.

The entire fleet has gone up only 113 times. Its designers envisioned a lot more wear but over a much shorter time. The original design called for a 10-year life span.

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# AP finds more fatalities from birth control patch than expected

The Associated Press

Gingerly, Kathleen Thoren's family gathered around her in the intensive care unit, unable to speak to their beloved sister, daughter, wife, or even stroke her hands. The slightest stimulation might create a fatal amount of pressure on the 25-year-old woman's swollen brain, warned the doctors.

"We were horrified, but we tried to just quietly be with her," said her sister Erika Klein. "In the end, it didn't help."

The mother of three died last fall, just after Thanksgiving, after days of agonizing headaches that the coroner's report said were brought on by hormones released into her system by Ortho Evra, a birth control patch she had started using a few weeks earlier.

She was among about a dozen women, most in their late teens and early 20s, who died last year from blood clots believed to be related to the birth control patch. Dozens more survived strokes and other clot-related problems, according to federal drug safety reports obtained by The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information Act request.

Several lawsuits have already been filed by families of women who died or suffered blood clots while using the patch, and lawyers said more are planned.

Though the Food and Drug Administration and patch-maker Ortho McNeil saw warning signs of possible problems with the patch well before it reached the market, both maintain that the patch is as safe as the pill.

However, the reports obtained by the AP appear to indicate that in 2004 — when 800,000 women were on the patch — the risk of dying or suffering a survivable blood clot while using the device was about three times higher than while using birth control pills.

The women who died were young and apparently at low risk for clots — women like Zakiya Kennedy, an 18-year-old Manhattan fashion student who collapsed and died in a New York subway station last April. Or Sasha Webber, a 25-year-old mother of two from Baychester, N.Y., who died of a heart attack after six weeks on the patch last March.

Some doctors, reviewing the Food and Drug Administration reports at the request of The AP, were alarmed. "I was shocked," said Dr. Alan DeCherney, editor-in-chief of Fertility and Sterility and a UCLA professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

But other doctors said they would have expected some deaths and no investigation is warranted. They point to more than 4 million women who have safely used the patch and note that the FDA reports are called in voluntarily, rather than gathered scientifically.

"It doesn't jump out at me to say, 'Let's look at this any further,'" agreed Dr. Steven J. Sondheimer, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania. "I don't feel that these need to be looked at in any detail."

Ortho McNeil, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, says none of the deaths can be directly attributed to the patch.

"Although we are investigating each and every one of the reports that we get, we have not drawn any causal relationships to the medication," said Dr. Katherine LaGuardia, Ortho McNeil's director of women's health care.

Not one? "Right," she said. "It's difficult to reach a definitive answer, and privacy laws prevent us from investigating as thoroughly as we wish."

Blood clots are an accepted risk from hormonal birth control because estrogen promotes blood coagulation.

But how many clots are too many?

The AP found that before the patch was approved, the FDA had already noticed nonfatal blood clots from the patch were three times that of the pill. The AP then examined what has actually happened since the patch came on the market and found that deaths also appear to be at least three times as high.

If you are a woman taking the pill who doesn't smoke and is under 35, the chance that you are going to have a blood clot that doesn't kill you is between 1 and 3 in 10,000. Your risk of dying from a blood clot while using the pill is about 1 in 200,000.

By contrast, with the patch, the rate of nonfatal blood clots was about 12 out of 10,000 users during the clinical trials, while the rate of deaths appears to be 3 out of 200,000.

Clots usually form in the legs, and become serious problems if they travel to a woman's heart, lungs or brain.

In 2000, doctors at the FDA reviewing clinical trials of the wafer-thin, plastic patch, warned that blood clots could be a problem if it was approved.

In those trials, two of the 3,300 women using the patch were treated for blood clots that traveled to their lungs. Ortho McNeil says one of those women shouldn't be counted because she had undergone surgery. But an FDA reviewer, using capital letters and underscoring his comments, took issue with Ortho McNeil.

"THE REVIEWER DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE SPONSOR'S ABOVE CONCLUSIONS. The two cases of pulmonary embolus, a serious and potentially fatal condition, must be counted as two cases ...," said the report. "The incidence rates quoted by the sponsor may be misleading."

The reviewer said "the label should clearly reflect this reviewer's safety concern about a potential increased risk." It would be important to study users after the patch came on the market for clot problems, he wrote.

But when the patch was approved in the U.S. in 2001, there were no requirements for follow-up studies beyond routine FDA reviews of reports called in by consumers, doctors and manufacturers.

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## CLARIFICATION

### Ag Department can test soil amendment

A story about Jerome Cheese's soil amendment that ran in Saturday's paper contained unclear information. The Idaho Department of Agriculture can test the composition of a soil amendment but cannot regulate the amount applied.

# Emily strengthens, takes aim at Yucatan peninsula

BULL BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Fishermen dragged skiffs to shore and surfers rode enormous waves as Hurricane Emily's winds strengthened Saturday to 155 mph, passing south of Jamaica and on track to make a direct hit at Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

Mexican officials launched the evacuation of 85,000 people across more than 100 miles of coastline and ordered the relocation of 30,000 tourists in Cancun. The state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, began evacuating more than 15,000 workers from its offshore platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Category 4 storm was on track to pass close to Grand Cayman Island overnight before smashing into the Yucatan Peninsula on its way to the Gulf of Mexico and possibly southern Texas next week. Dave Roberts, a meteorologist with the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, said it was the strongest storm to form this early in the Atlantic season since record-keeping began in 1860.

# Senate gets ready for battle over nomination

By James Kuhnhenn
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Just hours before Chief Justice William Rehnquist announced Thursday night that he had no intention of retiring from the Supreme Court, four senators — all women — wrote a letter to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor urging her to remain on the court and be ready to ascend to the chief's post should Rehnquist decide to quit.

William Rehnquist

Never mind — just another illustration of the useless activity and rampant speculation that often consume the nation's capital as it anticipates a president selecting a Supreme Court nominee.

While the nation waits for President Bush to name a candidate to replace O'Connor, U.S. senators in particular are in a strange state of limbo, preparing for a potential conflict with neither side certain whom it'll be fighting about.

For the past week, senators — who will vote on the president's choice — have floated the names of their favorite potential nominees. Others have debated the proper line of questioning for a nominee during confirmation hearings. One took the unusual step of requesting an interview with Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a frequently mentioned possibility for the court, just in case.

"They are particularly interested in trying to influence the outcome," said Michael Gerhardt, a law professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. "They're trying to find some place for themselves in this debate."

The jostling is evident. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., has been a nonstop proponent of grilling the still-to-be-named nominee about his or her views on issues that may come before the court, from environmental law to discrimination to abortion. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has been equally vocal to the contrary, arguing that nominees shouldn't be required to state positions on issues that may come before the court.

In the middle is a group of 14 senators — seven Democrats and seven Republicans — who are eager to set a tone of civility over the confirmation, urging Bush to consult with senators and even test some names with leaders of both parties before settling on a nominee.

"There seems to be a greater intensity of interest across the land," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., comparing the fuss over filling this vacancy with others he's seen in his 27 years in the Senate.

No wonder. Of all the justices who could retire, O'Connor, as the court's resident swing vote, is the one whose absence could shift the court's jurisprudence in a new direction. Moreover, the court hasn't undergone a change in 11 years, one of the longest periods of court stability in U.S. history.

That means the selection of a justice is a new experience for many of those involved. This is Bush's first opportunity to leave his imprint on the court, and more than half of the Senate has never been through a Supreme Court confirmation. A majority of Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which approves the nominee before the full Senate votes, began serving after Stephen G. Breyer, the newest justice, joined the court in 1994.

Now news cycles are faster, politics is more partisan and interest groups on the right and left are richer, louder and feistier. Behind the scenes, liberals and conservatives are refining their strategies, trying to frame the upcoming debate and studying past confirmations like field generals poring over battle plans from the last war.

"The president has to maintain a balance," said Gerhardt, who advised the Clinton White House during Breyer's confirmation.

# Shortfall for veterans' services foretold, but leaders didn't act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fellow Republicans warned House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay more than a year ago that the government would come up short — by at least $750 million — for veterans' health care.

The leaders' response: Fire the messengers.

Now that the Bush administration has acknowledged a shortfall of at least $1.2 billion, embarrassed Republicans are scrambling to fill the gap. Meanwhile, Democrats portray the problem as another example of the GOP and the White House taking a shortsighted approach to the cost of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and criticize their commitment to the troops.

New Jersey Rep. Chris Smith, as chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, had told the House GOP leadership that the Veterans Affairs Department needed at least $2.5 billion more in its budget.

The Senate passed a bill with that increase; the House's bill was $750 million short.

Smith and 30 other Republicans wrote to their leaders in March 2004 to make the point that lawmakers who were not the usual outspoken advocates for veterans were troubled by the move.

Failure to come up with the additional $2.5 billion, they contended, could mean higher co-payments and "rationing of health care services, leading to long waiting times or other equally unacceptable reductions in services to veterans."

Still, the House ignored them.

Smith was rebuked by several Republicans for sounding the spending alarm, and House leaders yanked his chairmanship in January. Rep. Rob Simmons, R-Conn., lost his chairmanship of the VA health subcommittee, and Rep. Rick Renzi, R-Ariz., is no longer on the committee. They too had signed the letters to Hastert, R-Ill., and DeLay, R-Texas.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Smith refused to blame House leaders or discuss his firing.

"I'm not doing any of this 'I told you so' nonsense," he said. "Now that we're here, let's just get it right."

Ben Perritt, a spokesman for DeLay, said that a year ago "we didn't see any indication that there was going to be a shortfall." He said House leaders will "make sure that every veteran will receive the coverage they need."

Hastert's office did not respond to a request for comment.

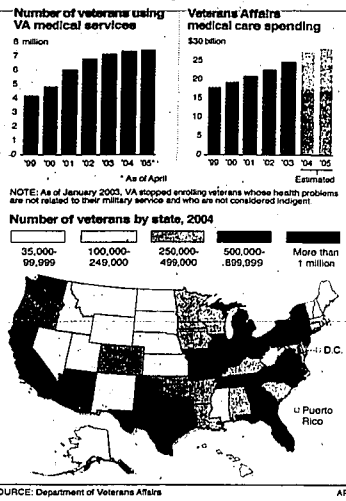
The White House first told Congress that it could handle this year's shortage by shifting money from other programs. A chagrined Jim Nicholson, the VA secretary and former national Republican chairman, then acknowledged last month that his department still was $975 million short.

The House voted almost immediately to give it to him.

Last week, the Bush administration raised to $1.2 billion the amount it says is needed. Two days later, however, White House Budget Director Joshua Bolten told the House Budget Committee that the VA for the past three years has gotten more money than it needs for medical care.

About $250 million of the shortfall can be attributed to soldiers who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, the VA said. The agency had predicted 23,000 of those war veterans would need its services. The department now puts the number at 103,000.

"We know VA provides good care, so veterans increasingly are coming," Simmons said. "So, we cannot afford to be optimistic about low numbers. They just haven't worked out that way."




# Klan leader alleges someone in crowd at shooting scene fired first

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A Ku Klux Klan leader who was at a workers' rally more than 25 years ago where five people died and 10 others were injured gave defiant testimony to a commission Saturday, saying "maybe God guided the bullets."

Virgil L. Griffin of Mount Holly, imperial wizard of the Cleveland Knights of the KKK, said someone in the crowd of Communist Workers Party marchers fired first and hit a van driven by a Klansman.

"We had every right to drive down that street with nobody touching the cars," he said. "I didn't come to shoot or kill anybody."

Griffin spoke before the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an effort modeled on similar commissions in South Africa and Peru.

The commission is investigating the deaths at the march organized by the Communist Workers Party that ended when members of the Klan and the American Nazi Party opened fire.

The commission is meeting without the support of city leaders in Greensboro, and it has no authority to pursue criminal or civil claims or grant immunity from them.

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# Justice comes to corporate crime

## At last, courts reach sentencing stage in Enron-era cases

NEW YORK (AP) — In the summer of 2003, when a grand jury indicted Martha Stewart, pundits asked why the government was going after her for a relatively small personal stock sale when fat cats like WorldCom's Bernard Ebbers walked free.

Fast forward two years to a courtroom two floors above Martha Stewart's, where Ebbers was reduced to tears this week as a federal judge handed down a 25-year prison term for overseeing the $11 billion fraud at the long-distance telephone company he founded.

In the latest wave of U.S. corporate scandals, the days of reckoning are finally here. Legal observers say years of hard, and often delicate, work by prosecutors — initially accused by some of dragging their feet — are now beginning to pay off in high-profile sentencings.

"These were a series of unprecedented cases which were going to take unprecedented resources to prosecute," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor in New Jersey. "The numbers in these cases were going off the charts."

Besides Ebbers, five other WorldCom executives face sentencing over the next three weeks. The stiffest term is likely to go to Scott Sullivan, the finance whiz who admitted carrying out the fraud on Ebbers' orders.

In August, the two Tyco International Ltd. executives who were convicted of looting the company of $600 million — including ex-CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski, whose spending excesses made him a virtual icon of corporate fraud — will learn their fates as well.

And in January, a trial will start for three top executives of Enron Corp., the energy giant whose collapse in 2001 touched off a wave of corporate scandals.

The Ebbers sentence, handed down Wednesday by Judge Barbara Jones of Manhattan federal court, was the stiffest penalty yet in the Enron-era fraud prosecutions.

Even if Ebbers, 63, reports to prison in October — he may be allowed to stay out on appeal — and gets time off for good behavior, the earliest he could leave is 2027, at age 85.

Legal observers point out that Ebbers' sentence was strict despite a Supreme Court ruling in January that freed federal judges from mandatorily following federal sentencing guidelines.

Jones determined that Ebbers' crimes added up to a sentence of 30 years to life in prison under those guidelines. She gave him a slight break, saying she was impressed by his good works, but still gave him what even the judge admitted was likely a life sentence, given Ebber's heart condition.

"This gets the attention of every executive in the nation," said Michael Proctor, a Los Angeles securities lawyer. "It is harsh. It will have executives thinking."

Ebbers' punishment follows another sentence that amounted to life behind bars: In June, Adelphia Communications Corp. founder John Rigas, 80 and in poor health, got 10 years for leading the fraud and looting that bankrupted that company. His son, former Adelphia chief financial officer Timothy Rigas, got 20 years.

The harsh sentences — and few expect a sentence anything but harsh if Ken Lay, Jeffrey Skilling and other Enron defendants are convicted — may have something to do with the intense scrutiny lawmakers are placing these days on the judiciary.

"With all of the political pressures, I think that judges are being very cautious about the cases in which they choose to significantly vary their sentences from the guidelines," said Barry Boss, a Washington, D.C., defense lawyer and expert on the guidelines.

And it's not just criminal sentences where the major corporate fraud cases are finally coming to a head. Adelphia's Rigas family agreed this spring to forfeit more than 95 percent of their assets in a civil settlement, a total the Securities and Exchange Commission said would top $1.5 billion.

Ebbers, WorldCom's former board members, underwriters and auditing firm have agreed to civil settlements totaling a staggering $6 billion. Ebbers' share includes forfeiting nearly all his personal assets.

Legal observers say the strict sentences and penalties signal a new era in corporate-fraud prosecutions.

"Compare the sentence Ebbers got with that of Andy Fastow," the former Enron finance chief who got 10 years after pleading guilty, Proctor said. "At the time, some felt that was a long sentence. Now, in hindsight, it looks like a favorable outcome for him."

It was Fastow's guilty plea, struck in January 2004, that spurred Sullivan, at the time the highest figure charged in the Worldcom fraud, to plead guilty and turn on his former boss, Ebbers.

Only then did prosecutors have what they needed to indict the former CEO — and, ultimately, to put him away for a quarter-century.

> "This gets the attention of every executive in the nation."
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> – Michael Proctor, Los Angeles lawyer

## White-collar scandals

An update on the outcome and current status of some notable corporate scandals:

**WorldCom**
Bernard Ebbers was sentenced Wednesday to 25 years in prison.

**Tyco International**
Former CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski (left) and Chief Financial Officer Mark H. Swartz were convicted on 22 of 23 counts of grand larceny, conspiracy, securities fraud and falsifying business records. They each face up to 30 years in prison.

**Credit Suisse First Boston**
Frank Quattrone was convicted on obstruction of justice charges. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison and is free on bail, appealing the conviction.

**HealthSouth**
Former CEO Richard Scrushy was acquitted on June 28 on all 36 counts of conspiracy, false reporting, fraud and money laundering. He blamed the fraud on 15 former HealthSouth executives who pleaded guilty.

**Martha Stewart**
Served five months in prison and is serving an additional five months of home confinement for conspiracy, obstruction of justice and making false statements. Her former broker at Merrill Lynch, Peter Bacanovic, served a five-month sentence and still faces five months of home confinement.

**Adelphia Communications**
Founder John Rigas (left) was sentenced to 15 years in prison and his son Timothy Rigas to 20 years for conspiracy, bank fraud and securities fraud.
Another Rigas son, Michael, was acquitted of conspiracy charges before the case ended in a mistrial with jurors deadlocked on 17 other counts against him. A fourth executive, Michael Mulcahey, was found not guilty of conspiracy and securities fraud.

**Enron**
Founder Kenneth Lay (left), former CEO Jeffrey Skilling and former top accountant Richard Causey are scheduled to go to trial in January. Former CFO Andrew Fastow, who pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy, received a 10-year sentence. Former Enron treasurer Ben Glisan Jr. is serving a five-year sentence for his role.

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# Authorities arrest 10 in Internet drug sweep

MIAMI (AP) — Law enforcement agents arrested 10 people Friday for illegally selling prescription painkillers and other controlled drugs on the Internet and said they had filled more than $10 million in orders since late 2003.

They are accused of using licensed pharmacies to get the pills, then reselling the drugs on the Internet without prescriptions.

"Internet pill pushers operate without regard for the law or medical necessity, and certainly without regard to safety," Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist said. "Their primary focus *is on making a quick buck.*"

Abel Rodriguez, 48, and others allegedly used "shell pharmacies" to buy from pharmaceutical wholesalers, filling at least 2,000 orders per week, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Also arrested were Rodriguez's 48-year-old wife, Nuria, and their two sons, ages 22 and 24. All were in custody on Friday, and it was not known whether they had attorneys.

Law enforcement task force agents seized more than 650,000 pills valued at $1.9 million and said Friday that more than $2.2 million in cash and property were forfeited.

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# Burbank councilwoman, 'soccer mom' linked to gang

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — She was "the quintessential soccer mom," ferrying three sons to games while handling the politics of this Los Angeles suburb so well that even City Hall gadflies liked her.

Stacey Murphy spearheaded city projects and, two years ago, organized a big thank-you luncheon for outside agencies that helped Burbank after a rookie police officer was killed, allegedly by street gang members.

This past week, she was arrested when police linked her to the same violent gang. Also arrested was her boyfriend, who has allegedly confessed that he knowingly sold a gun to one gang member and that the couple bought cocaine from other gang members.

Police who raided Murphy's home said they found cocaine in a bedroom and three loaded guns in the garage, plus 900 bullets.

Neighbors and colleagues are reeling.

"I find myself thinking this has to be a nightmare, it can't possibly be true," said Mayor Jef Vander Borght, who has known Murphy for two decades. "It's not good no matter what. It shakes peoples' confidence in the people you elect as leaders."

The woman who won more votes than any other candidate in this year's election was released on $100,000 bail awaiting an August arraignment on expected drug possession and child endangerment charges. If convicted, she would be forced out of office.

Murphy, 47, refused to open the front door at her home Friday, refering questions to attorney Rick Santwier. "As soon as he tells me I can talk, I'll talk," she said.

Santwier did not return calls seeking comment.

Murphy's neighborhood is so quiet that Ernesto Cuevas, who lives down the street, said he often leaves his front door open at night for ventilation.

When detectives raided Murphy's home Wednesday, "of course the neighborhood was abuzz," said Kara Connor, 27.

"Kinda makes the neighborhood seem like 'Desperate Housewives,'" Connor said, referring to the hit ABC series.

Murphy once poured her energy into raising her sons Sean, Robert and Connor.

"She was the quintessential soccer mom," Vander Borght said. "The type of mom that's always taking kids here and there, that's always the team mom."

But she also had political ambitions, and soon after being elected to the City Council in 1997 she divorced her husband, former City Councilman Timothy Murphy.

Stacey Murphy
Faces drug, endangerment charges.

"Something else filled her life," said the mayor, an architect who described himself as a close friend of her former husband. "Politics probably gave her another outlet that made her decide to end her marriage."

Her two oldest boys are now in college. Murphy has primary custody of 12-year-old Connor.

An open and usually warm politician, Murphy worked to complete a major bicycle path on an old rail line, campaigned for the city's first lighted soccer field and helped complete a community theater. She listened closely to problems that residents presented at council meetings, Vander Borght said.

"Stacey's a populist type person, liked a lot by the people," he said. "She had this affable personality that the gadflies would like her even if she voted against them on an issue."

She held the rotating mayor's seat in November 2003 when two reputed members of the Vineland Boys street gang killed police officer Matthew Pavelka during a traffic stop. A detective was badly wounded and one of the suspects was killed.

Murphy gathered donations and helped organize a large buffet luncheon honoring the FBI agents and officers from the county and neighboring cities who helped catch the remaining suspect.

Murphy's link to the gang came through Scott Schaffer, her boyfriend and one-time boss at a Los Angeles taxi company where she still works. Police said they traced an alleged gang member's .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun to him.

Schaffer, 51, told authorities he and Murphy had used cocaine they purchased at a North Hollywood bar from men both knew to be gang members, according to a Los Angeles police affidavit.

> "I hope that maybe it's a misunderstanding ..."
>
> – Kara Connor, Murphy's neighbor

Vander Borght and neighbors still hold out the possibility that Murphy may have been unaware of Schaffer's activities and the drugs and guns in her home.

"I hope that maybe it's a misunderstanding or she got mixed up with the wrong people," said neighbor Connor.

She urged the councilwoman: "Tell us this was a mistake."

# Village People 'policeman' gets arrested by real police

DALY CITY, Calif. (AP) — Victor Edward Willis, the original policeman in the 1970s music group the Village People, was arrested by real police who allegedly found a gun and drugs in his convertible.

Willis, who co-wrote disco hits such as "Macho Man" and "In the Navy" before leaving the Village People in the late 1970s, was taken into custody Monday after an officer stopped his Chevrolet Corvette.

Police said Willis didn't have a valid license or identification and at first lied about his name and residence. Inside the car, the officer found a .45-caliber handgun as well as rock cocaine and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Traces of cocaine and other paraphernalia were also found his home at a mobile home park in Daly City, just south of San Francisco, police said. Willis also had an outstanding felony warrant for possession of narcotics.

Police arrested him on suspicion of six felony counts, including possession of a firearm, driving on a suspended license and transportation of cocaine. He posted $100,000 bail Tuesday and was to be arraigned Aug. 16.


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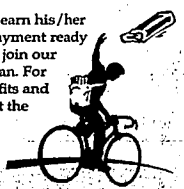

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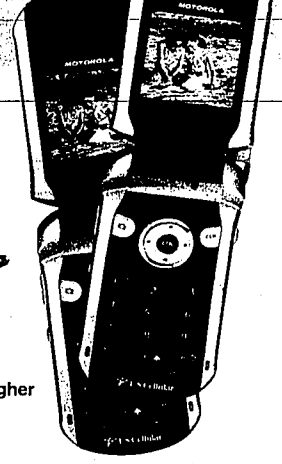

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# Federal court: Pentagon cannot fund Scout events

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Boy Scouts' Jamboree, held every four years, is an epic event for bucolic Caroline County, Va.

Held at Fort A.P. Hill for 25 years, the event more than triples the county's population, bringing 40,000 Scouts, leaders and staff together for 10 days of sports, conservation activities and the construction of a tent city so elaborate that military officials compare it to a refugee camp. County officials estimate that when the latest jamboree begins a week from Monday, 300,000 additional people will stream into the area, including parents, vendors and other spectators.

The jamboree is also an important event for the U.S. military, which has been supporting it since the 1930s with contractors, 1,500 troops and $2 million a year in Defense Department funding. However, that relationship is coming under scrutiny.

A federal judge ruled late last month that the Pentagon funding is unconstitutional because the Boy Scouts are a religious organization, requiring Scouts to affirm a belief in God. The case was initiated by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Scouts and their advocates — including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Rep. Jo Ann S. Davis, R-Va., whose district includes Fort A.P. Hill — are livid, saying the jamboree provides a unique training opportunity for troops. Among those speaking out this week was Nathan Diament, director of public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who said the ruling in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois amounts to "discrimination against religious entities."

Even as the government plans its appeal and Davis pushes legislation to try to ensure that Pentagon funding for the jamboree continues, experts say the ruling by Judge Blanche Manning is part of an escalating battle over government funding of religious organizations.

Stanley Carlson-Thies, a former adviser to the Bush White House on faith-based issues who now advises groups through the Center for Public Justice, said people are closely watching such decisions. He thinks that Manning's ruling should be overturned and that society needs to focus more on what faith-based groups do, rather than what they believe.

"We ought to say, different groups have different standards. We may not like each of them, but they make up the mosaic of American society. If we force them to have the same standards, then we lose that diversity," he said.

The Boy Scouts declined to comment on whether the group would be able to continue the $26 million event without government support. According to the ACLU, the Pentagon spends $15,000 on pediatric medical supplies, $10,000 for mementos and $5,000 on cookie dough for the event.

All sides agree that the relationship between the Scouts and the U.S. military is a long-standing, unusual one. The military has been supporting the jamboree since 1937, and Congress eventually made financial support of the event part of federal law. Davis and Frist believe a new measure could be stronger and unchallengeable.

During the jamborees, thousands of U.S. troops set up and take down 17,000 tents and provide security, communications support and medical services, among other things.

But the relationship was called into question in 1999, when a group of Chicago taxpayers — including a Methodist minister and a rabbi — sued several government agencies for their financial support of the Boy Scouts. The ACLU represented the group.

Named in the suit, along with the Pentagon, were the Chicago Board of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, because some schools and housing projects were sponsors of Scout troops. A settlement was reached on government sponsorship — which included military bases around the world as well — and the practice was stopped, but the part of the suit that concerns jamboree funding remains in the courts.

At the heart of the case, Carlson-Thies said, is an issue that is increasingly being brought before courts as the government increases its partnerships with civic and service organizations: How exactly does the First Amendment apply to the funding of faith-based groups?

The ACLU and its supporters say groups that discriminate on the basis of religion can receive government funding — as many social service groups do — but that they typically are competing with other groups for neutral grants that have specific requirements, such as providing services for the homeless.


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# PLUSH PENSIONS

## For some lawmakers, the golden years are truly golden

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Lawmakers on Capitol Hill pay Social Security payroll taxes, too.

But unlike many of their constituents, they probably won't have to rely on Social Security to pay the bills in retirement. *The U.S. senators and representatives who will decide on changes in Social Security set up a pretty cushy pension system for themselves.*

"For those who think rank and file federal employees have a good deal, they should look at the sweet plan Congress has invented for itself," said Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the nonpartisan National Taxpayers Union. "They've set themselves apart in a class that's already set apart from the general population."

Members of Congress, who now make an annual salary of $162,100, enjoy better pension formulas and eligibility rules than rank-and-file federal employees, according to the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. Congressional pensions are two to three times more generous to similarly paid executives in the private sector.

Using a formula based on a lawmaker's years of service, salary, eligibility and life expectancy, the NTUF calculated the pensions of lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Former Senator Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was at the top of the list, eligible for a pension of $121,233 this year. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., and Rep. Phil Crane, R-Ill., each qualify for a $114,102 pension this year, according to the NTUF's calculations.

Lawmakers elected in 1984 or later are covered by a less generous pension plan than their senior colleagues. Still, they can make up for it by enrolling in the government's Thrift Savings Plan, a taxpayer-funded match of salary contributions that works much like a private 401(k). A lawmaker elected in 1990 taking maximum advantage of the plan could retire this year with assets of more than $248,000, according to the NTUF.

According to the Congressional Research Service's 2004 Report for Congress, the average annual pension for lawmakers who came into the system before 1984 was $55,788 in 2002. The average pension for lawmakers who came to Washington after 1984 was $41,856. And when a lawmaker dies, their spouse is eligible to receive half of their pension.

Here in Idaho, Republican Sen. Larry Craig, who first went to Capitol Hill as a representative in 1981, would qualify for the largest pension. Assuming he finishes his term and leaves Congress in 2009, and that congressional pay increases its typical 2.5 percent each year until 2009, Craig's immediate annual pension in 2009 would be $107,600, Sepp calculated.

Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., came to the Hill 21 years ago. Seeing the lawmakers' pension plan as extremely unfair to the taxpayers who helped support it, Coble twice introduced legislation in the mid-1980s to do something about the pension plan that he called "a taxpayer rip-off." In 1985, he introduced legislation to repeal the Congressional pension.

That went nowhere, so two years later he introduced legislation to make the lawmakers' pension plan comparable to the pension plan of federal employees.

"Neither of those saw the light of day," Coble said. "A reporter told me I would have better luck penetrating the Fort Knox vault than penetrating the pension plan."

Standing on a principle, Coble vowed to never take part in the pension plan himself.

"That is the most costly mistake I've made in my life," Coble said with a chuckle.

Costly indeed. Coble, now 74, could have earned more than $2 million over his lifetime had he enrolled in the plan. Instead, Coble can't open an Individual Retirement Account because he voluntarily chose not to sign up for the pension plan. And he won't be able to carry his health care plan into his retirement like his colleagues.

"I'm being penalized by giving up the pension," Coble said.

Still, Coble doesn't criticize others for taking part in the pension plan.

"I'm not condemning my colleagues up there," Coble said. "What they're doing is lawful. But I think it's obviously a sweetheart deal."

Every once in a while there are whispers on the Hill about reforming the pension plan. But getting lawmakers together to discuss the issue "is sort of like having the crazy aunt in the attic and the elephant in the living room at the same time," Sepp said. Everyone is bound to notice the generosity of the system they've created for themselves. They can't escape the overgenerous money bag of their own making."

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### Retirement benefits for members of Congress

**Members of Congress are eligible for a pension at age 62** if they have completed at least five years of service. Members are eligible for a pension at age 50 if they have completed 20 years of service, or at any age after completing 25 years of service. The amount of the pension depends on years of service and the highest three years of salary.

**Prior to 1984, members of Congress and federal civil service workers** didn't pay taxes into Social Security, nor were they eligible for Social Security benefits. Instead, they were covered by the Civil Service Retirement System. In 1983 amendments were made to the Social Security Act requiring members of Congress to participate in Social Security as of Jan. 1, 1984, regardless of when they entered Congress. Members of Congress first elected in 1984 or later are covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System. Those who were already in Congress before Social Security coverage went into effect could either remain in CSRS or change their coverage to FERS.

**Congressional pensions, like those of other federal employees, are financed** through a combination of employee and employer contributions. In this case, the employer is the federal government so its funding comes from taxpayers.

**Here are the annual pensions Idaho's current and former U.S. lawmakers** would be eligible for according to calculations by the nonpartisan National Taxpayers Union.

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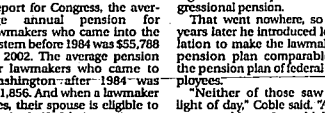

| Larry Craig | Mike Crapo | Mike Simpson | Butch Otter |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elected: 1981 | Elected: 1993 | Elected: 1999 | Elected: 2001 |
| Estimated pension if retired in 2009: $107,600 | Estimated pension if retired in 2011: $44,400 | Estimated pension if retired in 2007: $19,800 | Estimated pension if retired in 2007: $16,500 |

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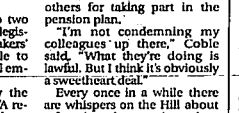

| Steve Symms | Helen Chenoweth | Dirk Kempthorne |
|---|---|---|
| Years served: 1973-1993 | Years served: 1995-2001 | Years served: 1993-1999 |
| Estimated pension: $55,400 | Estimated pension: $12,600 | Estimated pension: $12,300 |

## Boomers

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ing his plan for Social Security reform. Part of that plan calls for allowing younger workers — those under 55 — to invest some of their payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts. The money would go into a conservative mix of bonds and stock funds that would have the opportunity to earn a higher rate of return than what the current system provides, according to supporters of the Bush plan. Congress will probably not move on Bush's plan until the fall, Republican leaders told the Los Angeles Times last week.

Some don't like the idea of allowing workers to gamble some of their payroll taxes on the stock market.

"Privatization adds an element of risk that doesn't exist right now," said Lucinda Hormel of United Vision for Idaho, an organization that promotes social, economic and environmental justice. "The stock market can go up or down. People should be able to invest, but they can do that now. We don't need to mess with Social Security."

The current cost to administer the Social Security fund is just 1 percent, Hormel said. She said privatization would be costly.

"Moving private accounts over is going to cause another bureaucracy to be formed," Hormel said. "There's going to be an incredible administration cost. Fees will be going to Wall Street. They're adding a profit element."

A Senate resolution expressing that Congress should reject Social Security privatization proposals says Bush's plan could reduce Social Security benefits to future retirees by as much as 46 percent.

"It will hit the middle class the hardest," Hormel said.

Bush's plan isn't the only one on the table. Other suggestions on Social Security reform — coming from both sides of the aisle — include limiting benefits for wealthy retirees, indexing benefits to prices instead of wages, increasing the retirement age, or changing the benefit formula to discourage early retirement.

Hormel suggests raising the payroll tax cap. Today, workers pay payroll taxes on their first $90,000 of annual income.

"If they would raise it to $140,000, it would go a long way toward solving the insolvency problem," Hormel said.

And the government could take some of those tax cuts back.

"If they took back the tax cuts from just the wealthiest 1 percent, that would completely solve the insolvency issue," Hormel said. "But who has the ears of our politicians? The wealthiest 1 percent."

Hormel agrees the Social Security system needs some changes.

"A good program like this is going to require adjustments periodically from time to time," Hormel said. "Social Security does need to be strengthened. I don't think anyone disagrees with that. But they don't need to rush into it."

Years ago, the federal government started a Social Security Trust Fund specifically to take care of the huge influx of baby boomers. Over the years, Republicans and Democrat administrations alike have dipped into that fund.

"They've been raiding it to run the government," Hormel said. "It's the worst budgeting in the world."

Social Security benefit cuts would begin in 2041 if nothing is done to keep the trust fund solvent.

Social Security will celebrate its 70th anniversary in August.

"They've never missed a payment," Hormel said. "It's the most successful government program ever."

And that's why the government should think long and hard before making any changes to Social Security, she said.

"Social Security represents some of the highest ideals in America — our concern and compassion for others and our promise to take care of each other," Hormel said. "All this money comes from workers. It's not welfare. Let's not rush into any changes. I don't think we have to rush. We're not in a crisis."

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Budget Office, Bureau of Economic Analysis and other sources. According to the study, rural communities like Magic Valley rely on Social Security income more than non-rural communities. Rural areas not only have higher percentages of seniors, but more seniors relying on Social Security as their sole income in retirement, the study concluded. And 13 percent of rural seniors live in poverty, whereas only 9 percent of seniors in urban areas are poor.

Senior women living in rural areas find it particularly hard to make ends meet. In rural Idaho, 35,575 women over age 65 receive Social Security benefits, about 6.6 percent of the total population of those communities. That compares to 5.7 percent of senior women in urban areas. Eighty percent of rural seniors over age 85 with incomes less than $10,000 are women, according to the study.

Now 86, Lantena Anderson lives on $1,100 a month — or $13,200 a year — from Social Security. Widowed seven years ago, Anderson does her best to make her money last, but it gets harder all the time. Anderson has undergone two surgeries in two years that required her to purchase expensive medications. Her bills, which include property taxes, supplemental health insurance, car insurance, utilities, phone and medicine, add up to about $11,800 a year. That leaves her with just $1,400 a year for basic needs like groceries, gas and repairs for her aging car.

"It's unreal," said Anderson, who added that the only bright spot in her day was eating lunch down at the senior center.

Tamara Stricker, a senior health benefits advisor for the Idaho Department of Insurance, said she sees a lot of women like Anderson.

"That's a big part of who we deal with — older women whose husbands have passed," Stricker said. "I've talked to women who are living on $500 a month."

Stricker said she's seen a lot of farming widows — women who worked just as hard on the farm as their husbands did, but never paid into Social Security. A widow who has never paid into the system is eligible to receive up to 90 percent of her husband's benefit, said Lucinda Hormel of United Vision for Idaho, an organization that promotes social, economic and environmental justice.

Social Security was never meant to be a sole source of retirement income, Hormel said, but rather one leg of a three-legged stool with the other two legs being personal savings and company pensions.

"Social Security was never set up to replace a person's entire income," Hormel said. "They expected people to save and for pensions to cut in."

But many people, especially here in Idaho where wages are low, live from paycheck to paycheck. Even two-parent working families have trouble making ends meet. By the time the bills are paid, there simply isn't anything left to tuck away into a savings account.

"What we have now are people who aren't saving," Hormel said. "But it's not because they're blowing it. Times are tough."

Corporate pensions are also on shaky ground, Hormel said. Think "Enron, United Airlines, scandal and fraud, misuse or just businesses having bad luck and losing their pensions," she said.

The three-legged stool is very wobbly.

"I would say the corporate leg has termites in it and the saving leg has been cut off at the knees," Hormel said. "What you have left is Social Security."

Nationwide, the average monthly Social Security benefit is $900. And unless things change, many seniors, especially seniors in rural areas, will continue to struggle to get by. It can put some tarnish on the golden years.

"You don't want to be poor and old in this country," Stricker said.

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AP photo

New York Gov. George Pataki, left, greets Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack on Saturday during the plenary session of the National Governor's Association annual meeting.

## Governors worry about jobs at home for Guard

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The nation's governors voiced sharp worries Saturday for the National Guard troops they share with the federal government, saying changes caused by the huge demands of the war in Iraq need more examination.

More than 30 governors gathered here for their summer meeting, where they were scheduled to meet privately on Monday with top officials of the Guard, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Homeland Security Department.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, the Republican incoming chairman of the National Governors Association, said more attention must be paid to the needs of Guard members returning from overseas deployments, especially younger members who need to find work.

South Dakota Gov. Mike Round, a Republican, said the Guard's recruiting system still works, but the stresses of the war are showing.

He is concerned that troops returning from the war zone may resign if their spouses and parents raise objections to continued service. "The second time around, will they be allowed to re-enlist? That's the question," he said.

Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, a Democrat, said leaders need to consider ways to accommodate older members of the Guard and Reserves who want to do their part but cannot be expected to undertake long-term, overseas deployment when they have careers and families.

States often rely on their Air and Army Guard units to help in emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes or riots. The part-time soldiers are not often brought under federal control for missions such as those in Afghanistan and Iraq.

There has been an easing of worries among governors that the overseas demands would leave states without the National Guard members needed to respond to state emergencies. Warner said Guard officials have offered assurances they would limit call-ups.

But bigger questions remain, he said. "I don't feel we've had the full deliberations about what the role of the Guard will be," said Warner, who has been exploring a possible presidential bid.

"Most governors would say we're putting more strain on our Guard and Reserves than many people are fully comfortable with," said Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Republican.

More than 250,000 National Guard troops have been mobilized for active duty since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, the Army general in charge of National Guard forces.

## Social Security bill would up national debt by $851B

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leading House bill to overhaul Social Security would marginally extend the program's solvency, but it would add $851 billion to the national debt over 11 years, according to an analysis released Friday by the system's chief actuary.

The bill calls for establishing personal retirement accounts for workers under age 55 and stocking them with Treasury bonds equal to the surplus Social Security taxes the government will collect each year through 2016. Next year alone the program expects to receive $84.5 billion more in payroll taxes than it needs for monthly benefit checks.

Currently such money is spent on other government programs or budget priorities, including tax cuts or funding for the war in Iraq.

While the bill's Republican sponsors describe the legislation as "stopping the raid on Social Security" taxes, it would allow Congress to continue spending the surplus money through 2009, to ease the financial transition. At that time, a new central administrative authority would be empowered to expand the ways the money can be invested, as well as to propose an alternate means of financing the accounts.

That has prompted accusations by Democrats of duplicative accounting, as well as criticism that the accounts are merely a backdoor attempt to establish the private accounts favored by President Bush. Those accounts would be financed with a direct diversion of payroll taxes, not just surplus funds. So far the Bush plan has received a lukewarm reception both from the public and members of Congress.

Rep. Jim McCrery of Louisiana, along with Reps. Clay Shaw of Florida, Sam Johnson of Texas, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and John Shadegg of Arizona, filed the bill with little fanfare late Thursday. On Friday, the Republicans issued a statement announcing 34 additional cosponsors — none Democrats.

"The GROW Accounts Act will stop the raid on Social Security by ensuring that Social Security taxes are spent the way they should be — only on Social Security," Shaw said.

Rep. Sander Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, replied in his own statement: "Despite the gimmicks and smoke screens, this bill unmasks the real Republican agenda by abandoning the pretense of addressing solvency and simply proposing massive borrowing and private accounts."

The chief actuary of the Social Security Administration, Stephen Goss, also released an analysis saying the bill would leave Social Security solvent until 2043, instead of the projected 2041. He said that would occur because future benefits — paid by the program's trust funds — would be scaled back based on growth in the tax-funded accounts.

Yet Goss said issuing the bonds to start the accounts would increase the annual budget deficit and the national debt — two things McCrery and his co-sponsors said at a June 22 news conference their legislation would not do.

A chart included in Goss' 24-page analysis said $84.5 billion would be placed into the accounts next year. The exact amount per worker would depend on the worker's payroll tax payment, but a similar bill in the Senate projected that a worker earning $35,000 next year would get a deposit of $770.

Issuing the bonds would increase the federal budget deficit, projected this week to be $333 billion next year, by $87 billion, to a total of $420 billion. Goss said similar deficits would increase the national debt $850.7 billion by 2017.

That is the year the Social Security Administration is projected to pay out more in benefits than it receives in payroll taxes, eliminating the surplus. Funding for the accounts would also end then, unless the proposed central administrative authority developed a new revenue stream.

Under the terms of the bill, the accounts would be automatic for all workers under the age of 55, although they could opt out at will. They would also be allowed one chance to return after opting out.

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# Costly frogs

## Hawaiian officials fight the spread of invasive, noisy creatures

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (AP) — It's hard to imagine a tiny, 2-inch frog could cause so much harm.

Beloved in its native Puerto Rico, the coqui frog has become a menace in Hawaii, where it suddenly appeared in the 1990s. With no natural predators, such as snakes, to keep their numbers under control, the frogs and their loud "ko-KEE" mating calls have multiplied exponentially — causing headaches for homeowners.

Some believe the noisy amphibians could also cause serious damage to Hawaii's economy if they drag down housing prices, which real estate agents say is a distinct possibility. Officials have begun an extermination effort on several islands, hoping to get the problem under control before long-term economic losses set in.

"This is an invasive species of the worst kind," said state Rep. Clifton Tsuji, whose Big Island constituents endure choruses of crying coqui in their backyards. "It's a species of mass destruction."

Experts believe the first frog — or frogs — hitched a ride to Hawaii in a plant shipped from Puerto Rico or Florida. Hawaii's year-round temperate weather and open space provided the coqui with an ideal environment in which to reproduce.

Now, some parts of the Big Island have infestations so large, authorities have been forced into containment mode, abandoning ambitions to eradicate the frogs.

AP photo

Field technicians with the Oahu Invasive Species Committee, from left, Orion Stanbro, Daniel Tsukayama, Brian Caleda and vertebrate field supervisor for the OISC Dustin Lipiccolo spray chemicals in Coqui frog infested forest areas of Wahiwa, Oahu, in an effort to eradicate the invasive frog from the island, June 27.

A coqui frog sits on a leaf in Wahiwa, Oahu, on June 27.

Brooks Kaiser, a University of Hawaii visiting scholar heading an economic impact study of the coqui, said living next to a major infestation could rival the experience of living next to an airport. Residents, for the most part, agree.

Mac Lowson, president of the Hawaii Association of Realtors, said he is particularly vulnerable to the noise in his town of Kapalua on Maui because he suffers from hyperacusis, a condition that makes him highly sensitive to sounds.

"I would rather probably live next to a highway rather than live next to an area that has the coqui frogs. The coqui frog (sound) is a shrill shriek and then silence," Lowson said. "A highway is more of a continuous rumble and there is something you can do with it."

He said it's only a matter of time before the frogs start bringing down real estate values, although trying to measure the effect is tricky because property values across Hawaii are currently soaring amid a housing boom.

On the east side of the Big Island, where the coqui infestations are the most serious, real estate prices surged between 24 percent and 36 percent in one year, said Reid Choate, a real estate appraiser specializing in the area.

"The market's red hot, what's going to happen when the market isn't so red-hot?" Lowson asked. "The houses that people are going to buy are those that don't have the coqui frogs around."

Evidence is already starting to crop up showing the potential for problems.

Sixty-two percent of Big Island real estate agents surveyed last year by University of Hawaii professor Arnold Hara said they were involved in deals affected in some way by the presence of coqui. Nine of the 53 real estate agents said they had handled cases in which homebuyers backed out of contracts because the frogs were too loud. One said the presence of coqui had dragged down home prices in an entire subdivision.

The frogs have also yet to turn up in big numbers on Oahu, Hawaii's most populous island. Scott Williamson, an invasive species biologist with the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said authorities are so worried about how serious the problem there could become, they are taking an aggressive approach.

Officials spray the frogs with a deadly mixture of citric acid and water at least four nights a week in the area around the Schofield Barracks Army base, where their numbers are concentrated. The state has also stepped up funding, allocating $300,000 to the counties this year for extermination efforts.

"Oahu's in the shape that Big Island was say eight, 10 years ago when they first started noticing them," Williamson said. "A few biologists said this is going to be a problem because they have the potential to breed anywhere almost in Hawaii. ... But nobody really paid any attention. Nobody thought a frog could be a problem."


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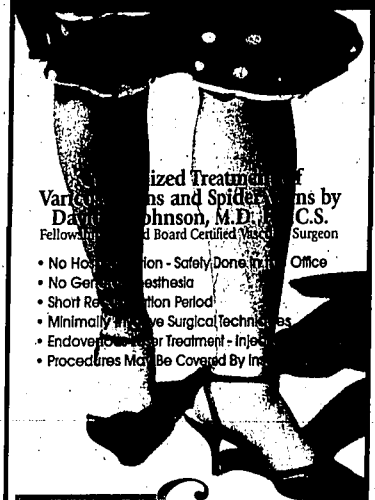

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# For some soldiers, home front is real battle

By Faye Flore
Los Angeles Times

**"Ain't no use in callin' home,**
**Jody's got your telephone.**
**Ain't no use in goin' home,**
**Jody's got your girl and gone.**
**Sound off! (One, two.)**
**Sound off! (Three, four.)"**

KILLEEN, Texas — Most of the men in 4th Squad, Charlie Battery, fought two wars while they were in Iraq. There was the war against the insurgents that had them patrolling for roadside bombs and raiding houses at all hours. Then there was the war back home, which had them struggling over phone lines from 7,000 miles away, to keep their marriages and their bank accounts intact.

They say they eventually got used to the bombs. The crazy possibility of dying any minute didn't haunt them so much. But that other war, that was the one that tore them up in the downtime spent in Sgt. Cox's trailer at Camp Victory. It would get quiet, and then one or another of them would ask: "So, how are things going at home?" And they would begin to brood.

They all knew about "Jody," the opportunist of Army lore who moves in on a soldier's girl while the soldier's off fighting a war. They had sung hundreds of cadences in basic training deriding the name. But it had always seemed like a joke, something that happened to other guys.

After all, Sgt. Brent Cox, 36, and his wife, Kristina, were expecting their first child after 12 years of marriage.

Pvt. Ray Hall, 21, was married to his high school sweetheart, an airman first class stationed in San Antonio.

Spc. Jason Garcia, 23, believed that his on-again, off-again relationship with the mother of his then-2-year-old son was on again; he had given her his ATM card as a gesture of commitment.

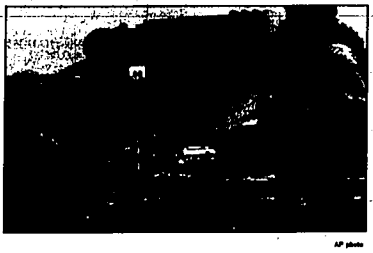
But on the long-awaited day in February when the three soldiers returned here to Fort Hood, turned in their rifles and stood on the parade field, only Hall had a sweetheart there to meet him. And he found himself wishing she hadn't come at all.

Although surviving the chaos of Iraq, thousands of soldiers have become casualties of a fight they were poorly trained for: keeping control of their family lives during the separation of war. Men and women who feel lucky that their units suffered few fatalities say they can name dozens who returned home to empty houses, squandered bank accounts, divorce papers and restraining orders.

The Army divorce rate has jumped more than 80 percent since the fighting began overseas in response to Sept. 11. The courts around Fort Hood, the Army's largest post, may have to add another judge just to handle the caseload. Divorce lawyers hire extra staff whenever a division prepares to come home.

To a soldier in battle, the threat of a family falling apart can be a dangerous distraction. "That's probably the worst part about being over there," said Hall, now back at Fort Hood and facing a marriage so damaged it may not survive. "Your wife's cheating on you, you know she's been spending all your money the entire time, and there's nothing you can do about it. You think about that more than you do a bomb on the side of the road."

For some in the 4th Squad, the tensions played out nightly in Camp Victory's "Internet cafe" — the Army trailer with rows of computers where soldiers flocked to contact their families. Some found more pain there than comfort. Cox's wife was five months pregnant when she announced she was leaving him and going back home to Lawton, Okla.



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**U.S. troops secure the area after a car bomb attack targeting a U.S. military convoy near Baghdad on Friday. For some troops, dodging bombs in Iraq is the easy part, as many struggle to keep marriages intact back home.**

Hall visited the Internet trailer less often after he checked the phone messages on his home answering machine one day and heard another man tell his wife he loved her.

Garcia stopped hearing from his girlfriend and started tracking his bank account. He says thousands of dollars of his saved pay was gone and she had found somebody else.

Jody.

All three men said they were devastated. Hall and Garcia were demoted after they were caught with black-market booze, a violation of Army regulations.

Cox — a personable and popular noncommissioned officer whose men compared him to actor Rick Moranis with a crew cut — grew snappish and withdrawn.

"He was not himself at all when his wife told him she didn't want to be with him no more," recalled Spc. Lance Fernandez, 23. "He was short with us sometimes, and you could see that he was down and he was depressed. Very much depressed."

There are only six men in the squad, and five of them saw their marriages or relationships come under severe pressure. One relationship survived and three didn't; the fate of the fifth is unresolved. Concentrating on the mission became hard. Sitting in a Humvee, waiting for orders to roll out, the men would think about how life at home was falling apart, and they could do little about it.

"When we go outside that gate and into Baghdad, you've got to have your head straight," said Cox, who now lives alone in an apartment at Fort Hood. "You're trying to stay alive, but your mind goes to back home. Whatever problem you had before you left escalates, because you're not there. ... I just wish she would have talked to me."

Whether by accident or design, the Army encourages its soldiers to marry. The best housing goes to families, leaving single soldiers to share the barracks. Wages are higher for active-duty soldiers with dependents, and higher still for those sent overseas, when the pay is tax-free. Hazardous duty and family separation supplements can amount to several hundred dollars a month.

Soldiers tend to enlist young and marry young. Just 1 percent of the civilian population under 20 is married, compared with nearly 14 percent of military members in the same age group, said Shelley M. MacDermid, co-director of the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University.

"These early young marriages are not a great recipe for marital longevity," MacDermid said. "Research on divorce shows that. Add to that the anxiety associated with a dangerous job, and it doesn't bode well."

The deadline for going to war is among the most powerful incentives to rush a wedding. This time around, those unions are being tested by the longest and most recurrent deployments in the history of the volunteer military.

Married or not, soldiers are encouraged to assign powers of attorney to people they trust to monitor their finances while they are overseas. Some hand over their ATM cards and sign blank checks to people they hardly know.

"They come back, and their accounts are gone. It's not unique anymore," said Michael White, a leading family law attorney. Indeed, the Army recently instituted a program for single soldiers titled "How Not to Marry a Jerk."

Krystal Owen, 21, is the mother of two girls: Ashlynn, 4, and Avrie, 3. She grew up without a father in Academy, just outside of Fort Hood, and has left Texas only once, to visit her brother in a Louisiana federal penitentiary. Determined to graduate from high school, she received her diploma while pregnant.

Married at 18 to a young private and divorced at 20, Owen earns $7 an hour as a secretary in the quaint old house that White converted into a law office. More than half of the $231.58 she clears each week goes to child care, another $85 toward rent. Money is a constant worry. Her mother tries to lend a hand, but she has financial problems of her own.

Owen has straight, dark hair and a face like actress Lindsay Lohan. She frequents the nightclubs around Fort Hood, where soldiers take advantage of women — and women take advantage of soldiers. She has experienced both sides of that.

When her husband took up with a female soldier in Iraq, he restricted his bank account, leaving Owen to support the girls on her own. He later admitted in court that the money he withheld was spent on "strip clubs and partying," said White, who acted as her lawyer.

To girls who grew up around Killeen, or who land here courtesy of the Army, a soldier is considered an excellent catch — steady paycheck, health benefits, guaranteed housing.

Stability like that can be irresistible in a part of the country where earning $12 an hour is considered top dollar for a woman.

Still, when Owen met a young soldier two weeks before he deployed to Iraq in the spring, she declined his absurd marriage proposal — he was, after all, already married, and she'd had enough of that.

But when he asked her to handle his finances while he was off manning the gun on top of a tank, she agreed. He left her his ATM card, his pass code, a book of signed checks and instructions to spend some money on herself.

The thousands that accumulated in his account was irresistible, and she soon became the sort of woman she had seen so many others in Killeen become.

First, she went to Wal-Mart and bought her daughters a $400 motorized bicycle. That was followed by clothes for all three of them, a DVD player and a television set for the girls' room. She took one of the blank checks and paid her April rent. There were a few nights of $600 rounds of drinks for her friends at one of the local strip clubs. When the soldier's $10,000 re-enlistment bonus came through, there was no stopping her.

"I got caught up on my bills and bought clothes for me and my girls. It was nothing he didn't know about. He knew about most of it," she said, laughing weakly. "He knew I was taking money out of his account. He just didn't know how much."

Nearly $5,000 later, the soldier — who still is in Iraq and could not be reached for comment — caught on.

He called Owen at work to say he was cutting her off. She left the law office for lunch five minutes early, intending to withdraw all she could. When the machine spit the card back, she was furious.

"I was thinking to myself — and this is how these women think — I should have kept some in my own account so I'd have money," Owen said. "Because all of a sudden, that was it."

Having that money, she said, was like an addiction. To buy new quilts for the girls' beds, to drop steaks into the cart at the market, was glorious. Now back to living paycheck to paycheck, half of her brain tells her she did something terribly wrong, and the other half says to do it again if given the chance.

"I felt like if he was that stupid to have known me for two weeks and given me his ATM card, that's what he gets," she said, the tears in her eyes competing with the harsh words. "I tell myself I'm like a Good Samaritan, trying to get these soldiers to quit doing that. I know, it's monstrous."

Kristina Cox lasted all of two months in Killeen after her husband deployed. She packed up and went back to her mother in Oklahoma to have her baby. She declined to be interviewed, but her divorce attorney, Arthur South, described their 12-year marriage as another casualty of the war.

"She's finding out that she doesn't need him. That's what happens," said South, who has handled his share of military divorces. "The gals get married, they are kind of young, and all of a sudden the husband is gone for months. They find out they can write checks, mow the lawn.

"This is a real tragedy of war."

Deployment strengthens the strong marriages and breaks the weak, Army brass often say. But 4th Squad member Lance Fernandez and his wife, Emily, say it damages the strong ones too.

Watching his baby daughter grow up via webcam, he bounced between doubt and faith in Iraq, listening to his friends' despair and his wife's reassurances.

She sent him boxes of Fruity Pebbles and, once, a 12-pack of his favorite root beer that cost $30 to ship. The Army's separation and hazard pay barely covered the extra expenses of being apart. The root beer was shipped only because a stranger in line at the post office learned it was for a soldier and offered to pay the tab.

"This whole deployment really messed up a whole lot of marriages," Spc. Fernandez said. "I can see six or eight months — it has to be done. But anything longer than that takes too much out of the marriage. My little girl is still getting to know me."

Fernandez's marriage survived. Cox's is over. Garcia and Pekarek have forged a friendship; he has his ATM card back, she's engaged to someone else, and he's OK with that.

As for Hall, the voice of "Jody" on the phone that day still hurts. He's talking divorce; his wife, Airman First Class Melissa Hall, 22, is struggling to hold them together.

They married right out of Central High in Duluth, Minn. She says she tried to write or e-mail every day while he was in Iraq. But when the Air Force moved her to Randolph, near San Antonio, she had no friends, and he seemed very far away.

"I did kind of meet someone, but it was just friends. I needed emotional support," she said in a telephone interview. "I felt terrible that (Hall) was so hurt. It just tore him apart when he listened to the phone machine. He can't drop it now."

The day the men of the 4th Squad came home and the buses deposited them on the parade field at Fort Hood, families filled the bleachers while the soldiers assembled in their desert camouflage dress. Once dismissed, each side broke free in a tearful, joyous search. Fathers met their babies for the first time. Husbands nearly squeezed the breath out of their wives. Lance Fernandez held onto Emily as he never had before.

Standing in the euphoric chaos, Brent Cox was pretty sure Kristina wouldn't be there, but he searched anyway. Garcia knew no one would meet him and didn't bother to look.

But Melissa Hall would not have missed it. She drove down from San Antonio and searched for her husband in the crowd. He didn't hug her. They spent the weekend fighting.

Off-duty and back in the Killeen countryside one warm night, Ray Hall stood outside a bull-riding ring watching one of his buddies get bucked to the ground for $5 a try. He took another beer and thought back to the day he heard Jody's voice on the phone.

"I had to go out on patrol with Garcia and my sergeant. I was like, 'You can't think about this right now. That's when people get blown up.'"

Back then, he found a way to put it aside.

Now, he can't.

"Yep, old Jody boy," he said, shaking his head. "Home takin' care of the wife."

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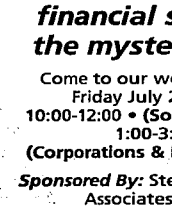

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# Bombing ignites fuel tanker

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber detonated explosives alongside a fuel tanker in a town south of Baghdad Saturday, setting off a powerful explosion that killed at least 60 people and wounded 85.

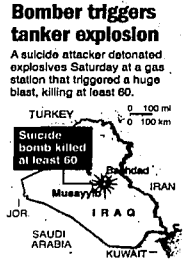
The bomber struck on the main street of Musayyib at about 8 p.m., just as store keepers were closing up, children were running in the street and Muslim worshippers were leaving a nearby Shiite mosque, said Capt. Muthanna Khaled Ali, a police spokesman.

The attacker, wearing a vest of explosives, apparently watched the fuel tanker roll down the street and detonated the bomb as it approached the mosque.

Apartment buildings collapsed, and sharp metal pieces of cars flew through the air, Ali said. Ambulance sirens still sounded at 11 p.m., and thick black smoke filled the air, he said.

## Bomber triggers tanker explosion

A suicide attacker detonated explosives Saturday at a gas station that triggered a huge blast, killing at least 60.

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The area lies about 40 miles south of the capital on the Euphrates River in the "triangle of death," where many Shiite travelers on their way to the southern holy cities of Karbala and Najaf have been kidnapped and killed.

In other violence in Iraq on Saturday, three British soldiers and two Iraqi translators working for them were among at least 16 people killed, the U.S. military and Iraqi authorities said. The day's deaths followed at least 10 suicide car bombs on Friday.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari embarked on a trip to Iran to rebuild ties between the two countries. It was the first trip by an Iraqi prime minister to Iran since the 1980-1988 war soured diplomatic relations.

Also Saturday, the U.S. military announced charges against 11 American soldiers suspected of assaulting seven men they captured during an attack on a power plant in Baghdad.

The U.S. troops facing assault-related charges are all from the same Task Force Baghdad unit of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division, said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, division spokesman. Charges were filed against the troops Wednesday, Kent said. A soldier from the unit reported the incident on June 20, he said.

The military did not identify the soldiers and released few details of the allegations.

Kent said the unit responded to an attack on the frequently targeted power plant in Doura, a south Baghdad district that's become a hotbed of insurgent activity in recent months. The alleged misconduct occurred "at the point of capture," not at a U.S.-run detention facility, Kent said. None of the seven detainees needed medical attention after the incident, he added. Only one of the men remains in U.S. custody.

The 11 soldiers — all men — were charged with dereliction of duty, Kent said. Some of them also were charged with maltreatment of a person under control, assault and making a false official statement. One soldier was charged with obstruction of justice.

# Indonesian government, rebels reach agreement to end fighting

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — The Indonesian government and separatist Aceh rebels reached a tentative agreement Saturday to end one of the world's longest-running wars, negotiators from both sides said.

The draft accord, which hinged on an agreement to allow the separatist Free Aceh Movement to form its own political party, will have to be approved by the Indonesian government before the two sides can initial it.

"We have worked out a mutually acceptable form of words on political parties" in the draft accord, said Damien Kingsbury, an Australian academic who is part of the Acehnese delegation at talks in the Finnish capital. "This should in principle finalize the negotiations."

Hamid Awaluddin, Indonesia's minister of justice, who is heading the government delegation at the talks, declined to disclose details about the draft agreement, saying it would be finalized on Sunday.

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# FBI bulletin outlines possible terrorist plot at Texas border

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Dirt roads trace pale lines across a desolate landscape of bald peaks and plunging canyons near Texas' Big Bend and bridge the international boundary at dozens of improvised crossings. For decades, these routes have been used to smuggle drugs and humans. Now there is growing concern they could become deadly conduits for terrorism.

The concern is buttressed by a confidential but unclassified FBI intelligence bulletin, obtained by The Dallas Morning News, that contains the vague outlines of a possible terrorist plot.

• Officials from both sides of the border downplayed the possible threat but acknowledged that it is the sort of scenario they have to guard against. The prospect of terrorists crossing the southern border has been a rising concern among officials in Texas and Washington.

The plot, according to uncorroborated information provided by an FBI informant, involves a man, described as an Arab, who goes by the nickname "El Espanol," and Ernesto Zatarin Beliz, also known as El Traca, a reputed Mexican drug trafficker and member of the Zetas, the feared enforcers of the notorious Gulf cartel.

• El Espanol is gathering truck drivers with knowledge of truck routes in the United States and explosive experts" in the state of Coahuila, according to the March 11 memo, which originated in the San Diego FBI office and was made available by a U.S. attorney's office. The informant "believes that the activity in Coahuila, Mexico, is terrorist related."

• In exchange for the Zetas' help in recruiting drivers, the memo says, the Arab — who barely speaks Spanish — promised to help them fund and execute a plan to free Gulf cartel leader Osiel Cardenas from prison. The Gulf cartel is embroiled in a bloody turf war with drug traffickers for control of Nuevo Laredo, a key drug smuggling route into the United States.

According to the FBI memo, Traca was attempting to recruit a security guard at a Mexican government explosives factory in Cuatro Cienegas, Coahuila, to assist with the Arab's plan. The region is known for producing nitric acid and ammonium nitrate, materials that are used for industrial and agricultural purposes and can also be ingredients for explosives.

The informant has "provided reliable narcotics intelligence in the past," the bulletin says, but adds that the informant also flunked two polygraph tests.

The San Diego FBI analyst who wrote the document declined to comment. The division's spokeswoman said publication of such sensitive information would undermine the bureau's mission.

"We are trying to protect national security," said Special Agent Ian Caldwell. "We can't do that when things like this are put in newspapers."

A senior Mexican intelligence official said the information in the memo had not been corroborated.

"The informant paved a road that led nowhere," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. He added that Mexican federal agents spent "literally weeks chasing down the information, only to come up empty-handed."

However, the Mexican intelligence official confirmed the identity of El Traca as Zatarin and said that El Espanol was a known human trafficker, specializing in smuggling Middle Easterners and South Americans, particularly Brazilians and Paraguayans.

Mexican authorities have been unable to track down El Espanol, the official said.

According to the March FBI bulletin, Mexican authorities arrested Zatarin in September 2003 and found an arsenal of assault rifles in his residence, described by Mexican authorities as a "bunker utilized by Los Zetas." Zatarin later escaped, however, and his picture and name are now on a poster listing Mexico's most wanted criminals.

"That's been the concern all along, that there would be a bargain struck between al-Qaida or some (other) terrorist organization and these organized crime networks that would allow terrorists to be smuggled into the country," U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in an interview. "I think that's a very real concern."

But law enforcement officials discounted the suggestion that terrorists would use the rugged Big Bend area to transport explosives — especially in a tractor-trailer that would glaringly stand out.

"I think there would be easier ways to get explosives inside the United States," said Benjamine Carry Huffman, assistant chief patrol agent for U.S. Customs & Border Protection in Marfa, Texas.

But the intelligence bulletin noted that the alleged terror plot, as relayed by the informant, was still a work in progress, leaving open the possibility that less conspicuous vehicles might be employed. And the FBI memo said that "one possible smuggling route Traca wanted to use was through Big Bend National Park."


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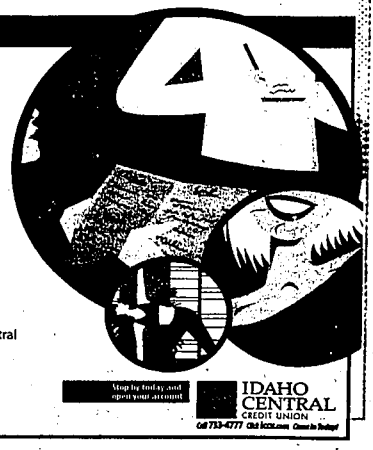

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# Racial tensions increase after rape

## Alleged assault on Caucasian girl by Hispanic man spurs fear, sparks violence

Rev. Eustaquio Recalde, left, and Demery Higgins, both ministers with the Living Waters Ministry, in Hamilton Ohio, talk about racial tensions in Hamilton, Friday. The men are standing in front of a home where a girl was allegedly raped by a Hispanic man. The home was later set on fire in a suspected arson, police said.

AP photo

HAMILTON, Ohio (AP) — It started with the spray-painted, misspelled "Rapest" on the house of a Hispanic man accused of sexually assaulting a 9-year-old white girl. Then the house went up in flames in a suspected arson.

Confrontations, name-calling and threats against Hispanics followed. Men roamed the streets wearing pillowcases with eye holes, and Ku Klux Klansmen in hoods and robes showed up to pass out pamphlets. There were rumors of assaults and beatings.

Now this small Ohio river city's booming Hispanic population is cowed, the streets in their neighborhoods nearly deserted.

Outside the office of the Living Water Ministry, which two months ago drew hundreds of people to its first Cinco de Mayo festival, there is still a smell of charred wood from the June 21 fire that gutted the house next door and caused damage to the outside of the ministry's office.

"Before, the street would be covered with people – people out all over the place," said Sasha Amen, community outreach coordinator for Living Water. "There's a lot of fear now. People are shutting themselves in their homes."

Hamilton has been a hotbed for Hispanic growth in a state that has lagged behind much of the nation in Hispanic population. The number of Hispanics here jumped fivefold in the 1990s, to 1,566, and is now estimated at 4,000 or more in a city of some 61,000.

For the most part, the immigrants had settled in without much controversy in Hamilton, whose mayor in the 1990s was of Cuban descent.

But life here was transformed on June 19, when a 9-year-old Caucasian girl was raped, allegedly by a Hispanic man who has apparently fled the city.

The next day, the house where the man was staying was spray-painted by angry residents and the next evening, the home "went up in flames. Threats were made, the Klansmen showed up and rumors of violence spread.

"Yes, there is fear," said Ramona Ramirez, who owns a corner dell-supermarket where she says business is off and her bread delivery man is now afraid to come. "They are attacking all the Hispanics, and it is only one person. We don't know what will happen."

Lupe Galvan, a Mexican-born woman who has been here five years, said some neighbors are talking about moving away.

City and community leaders are trying to heal the wounds, beefing up patrols and trying to calm the community. Mayor Don Ryan said Friday. Ryan said authorities are stressing that the rape was "strictly a random act of violence" and not racially motivated.

"We're continuing to be a melting pot in this country," he said. "Assimilating into our culture is tough; I firmly believe that it will take time."

While the anti-Hispanic backlash has stunned many of the immigrants, some say they've felt racial prejudice here before. The Rev. Eustaquio Recalde, a native of Paraguay, says he was often harassed and ridiculed while working a factory job as the lone Hispanic employee.

"I think it's been around," Recalde said. "This was an opportunity for a few people to express it."

Ezra Escudero, executive director of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs in Columbus, says Hamilton is not alone in feeling tension in a state where the Hispanic population has doubled to nearly 280,000 since 1990.

"The challenge for the community is whether the tragedy will bring out the best or the worst in people," he said.

Shelly Jarrett Bromberg, an assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American studies at Miami University in Oxford, has helped organize two community forums since the fire. She called the Hamilton unrest an important moment for local Hispanics, churches, police and public officials.

"I think everyone realizes that we need to have a dialogue ... to make the community feel safe and feel that they have a voice," Bromberg said. "I think there are a lot of people who want to make this work out."

# Feds probe role of pain relief patch in deaths

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are investigating about 120 reported deaths that may be linked to overdoses from a pain relief patch that administers a potent narcotic through the skin, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

Johnson & Johnson's Duragesic patch can provide up to three days' relief from severe chronic pain, such as that experienced by bone cancer patients. But fentanyl, its active ingredient, is highly dangerous. An overdose of the morphine-like drug can put a patient into a coma and shut down breathing.

Fentanyl gained international notoriety in 2002, when Russian authorities trying to end a hostage crisis at a Moscow theater pumped in a gas reportedly containing the drug, intending to put the hostages and their Chechen captors to sleep. Of the 750 hostages, about 120 died, nearly all from breathing the gas.

FDA officials said they are investigating whether the deaths among U.S. patients could be the result of unintentional fentanyl overdose. Such overdoses could come about if patients and doctors do not faithfully follow a series of precautions contained in the prescribing literature, or label, for the drug.

Other possible explanations include rare problems or defects with the patches themselves that would cause too much of the drug to be released into the body too quickly.

Doctors and patients should be aware of the signs of fentanyl overdose, which include trouble breathing or shallow breathing, tiredness, extreme sleepiness, inability to think, talk or walk normally and feeling faint, dizzy or confused, the FDA said. Patients experiencing these symptoms should get medical attention right away, the FDA said.

"The way people die is that it decreases the drive to breathe, so people will not breathe effectively" said Meyer. "It (can) make patients very sedated, or comatose."

FDA officials said the agency announced the investigation in keeping with its new commitment to give the public warning of possible problems with prescription drugs. The FDA has been strongly criticized for taking too long to respond to evidence of heart attack risks with Vioxx and other arthritis drugs, and to evidence of suicide risks for teenagers taking anti-depressants.

The fentanyl investigation is in its early stages, FDA officials said, and the agency has reached no decision on whether the patches should be recalled, or their use limited. But the FDA did issue a new public health advisory Friday underscoring the need for patients to follow precautions for using the drug scrupulously.

"Some of the cases would seem to involve an overdose," said Dr. Robert Meyer, who heads the FDA office that regulates painkillers. "We understand that labeling is not always understood or adhered to, and this is a way to re-emphasize that these important warnings should be heeded."

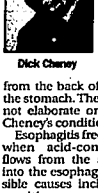
A spokesman for New Jersey-based Johnson & Johnson said the company always has stressed that Duragesic should be used with great care.

"Patient safety is our first priority and it has been for the many years we have sold the drug," said Doug Stokke. "We have consistently communicated to patients, care givers and health care professionals information regarding the safe and appropriate use of Duragesic."

Duragesic has been on the market since 1990, and the FDA said the 120 reported deaths span the entire period. Typically, the FDA's reporting system picks up only a fraction of serious drug reactions.

Mylan Laboratories, Inc. began marketing a generic version of the drug early this year.

# Cheney's physical reveals mild case of esophagitis



Dick Cheney

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney has a mild case of esophagitis and some small dilation of the arteries behind both knees, his office said Saturday after he completed a two-part annual physical.

Cheney, 64, was at George Washington University Hospital for a colonoscopy, an upper endoscopy and vascular screening. The procedures completed his yearly medical checkup.

In the first part of the exam last week, an annual heart checkup produced good news for Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, though none since he become vice president in 2001.

The latest tests found Cheney's colon, or large intestine, to be normal, according to a statement from his spokeswoman, Lea Anne McBride.

The endoscopy "indicated mild esophagitis" or swelling or irritation of the esophagus, the tube that leads from the back of the mouth to the stomach. The statement did not elaborate on the cause of Cheney's condition.

Esophagitis frequently occurs when acid-containing fluid flows from the stomach back into the esophagus. Other possible causes include excessive vomiting, surgery and some medications.

Cheney's vascular exam also "identified small, dilated segments of the arteries behind both knees."

The vice president "is awaiting final recommendations from his medical team," the statement said.

While no further information was available on the specifics of the Cheney case, a consumer information Internet site run by the Harvard Medical School says acid reflex is "by far the most common cause of esophagitis" and that it often can be prevented by "some very simple measures" such as avoiding heavy meals and is typically treated with anti-acid medications.

Likewise, it was not clear what his doctors would recommend regarding the small dilated segments of arteries, but his overall cardio health was judged good after the first part of his annual exam earlier this month that included a general physical exam, an electrocardiogram and a stress test.

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Members of the 5th Brigade of the Iraqi army check the ID of an Iraqi passerby as part of their training in Baghdad last month. One Iraqi said of the training: 'The first or second time, I was scared. After doing it again and again, we've become lions.'

# 5th Brigade of Iraq's army faces poor living conditions

By Ashraf Khalil
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The rank smell of sweat, stale cigarettes and garbage engulfs the cavernous aircraft hangar where hundreds of Iraqi men in khaki fatigues lounge on black metal bunk beds with bare mattresses. A door in the corner leads to the bathroom — a dozen or so metal cubicles reeking of human filth.

For many of the more than 2,000 men who make up the Iraqi army's fledgling 5th Brigade, this dank metal shed with sporadic electricity and no running water has been their home for the last six months as they prepare to take their place on the front lines against the country's insurgency.

U.S. politicians and military commanders hail the rapid development of Iraq's security forces as the key to ending the insurgency and speeding the homecoming of the nearly 150,000 American troops in Iraq. But a day spent with the 5th Brigade reveals the interlocking obstacles of logistics, bureaucracy and human nature that stand in the way of that goal.

Uncomfortable, unsanitary living conditions on this abandoned Baghdad airfield have eroded brigade morale, Iraqi officers say. Many soldiers have quit, and more say they plan to.

"We come home from training or patrols soaking in sweat and can't even wash," says one soldier who didn't want to be identified for fear of being punished. "Is this the way we should live?"

To a man, the soldiers say they're willing to face the dangers of an insurgency that kills dozens of police officers and soldiers every month. Most cite patriotism and economic need as reasons for joining: the approximately $300 monthly salary is one of the better incomes available in Iraq.

But that dedication is tempered by a mounting feeling of anger at having been neglected and left to stew in the hangar for six months. Says one soldier: "We don't need electricity. We don't need more money. We just need water."

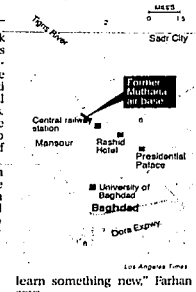
Despite the conditions, the men continue to train. In the midday heat, a squad of about 25 Iraqi soldiers fans out through the surrounding residential neighborhood. Three U.S. soldiers walk in the midst of the phalanx, checking up and down the line and offering discreet tips to the leaders.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Frodge turns to Sgt. Mohammed Abdel Amer and asks in heavily accented Arabic, "Zein?" Good?

"Yes, very good," Abdel Amer replies in equally accented English.

As the soldiers walk a several-block route past gated homes and clothing stores, Lt. Aamer Farhan rides herd over his patrol, instructing his troops to cover certain buildings for snipers or inspect parked cars, and yelling at those caught daydreaming or bunching too close together.

"Every day on the street, they learn something new," Farhan says.




Several soldiers adopt hard-boiled thousand-yard stares, but others make a point of greeting residents and passersby. Several groups of men stare blankly at the passing troops; some offer hearty greetings.

"Praise the Lord. God give you strength," says one middle-aged woman peeping over her driveway gate.

"The honorable citizens welcome us," Farhan says.

As for the not-so-honorable citizens, he shrugs. "There's nothing I can do to convince them."

The multiple daily patrols are the final step in the 5th Brigade's training, a real-life classroom exercise designed to test how the soldiers will react on the streets.

"The first or second time, I was scared," Pvt. Hamid Obeisi, 28, said. "After doing it again and again, we've become lions."

But the U.S. trainers are careful not to push their students too far too fast. Previous post-invasion incarnations of the Iraqi army were exposed in times of conflict as under-prepared and unreliable. In spring 2004, when simultaneous conflicts erupted with Sunni Muslim insurgents in Fallujah and the Shiite Muslim militia of populist cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, thousands of Iraqi soldiers and police officers either ran away, switched sides or refused to fight fellow Iraqis.

The 5th Brigade is scheduled to graduate this month, when it will assume partial responsibility for guarding the Green Zone, the heavily fortified swath of central Baghdad that houses most of the Iraqi government and the U.S. and British embassies.

Until then, U.S. instructors run them through daily patrols.

Iraqi officers say the Americans have taken pains not to come across as high-handed, and have worked hard to navigate the minefield of cultural taboos and the ever-prickly sense of Iraqi pride.

"They're very careful not to offend us," says Capt. Bahjat Khalil Ibrahim, the brigade's assistant operations officer. "They ask us to tell them if they make any cultural mistakes."

The soldiers are overwhelmingly Shiite, and the barracks is filled with portraits of Imam Ali, the original Shiite martyr, and al-Sadr, the anti-American cleric.

When asked about al-Sadr, soldiers eagerly begin pulling pictures of the portly, black-bearded cleric out of their wallets. Several speak with admiration of his long-standing opposition to the U.S. occupation.

Pvt. Ahmed Twair, 30, sheepishly admits that a year ago he was fighting Americans in Najaf as part of al-Sadr's Al Mahdi militia.

"It was different circumstances," he says. "At the time there was no elected government to get behind and support."

Still, Iraqi and U.S. officers acknowledge that the living conditions on the base have bred a palpable sense of discontent. Many troopers interpret the conditions as a sign of disrespect.

Soldiers complain bitterly that they are provided with 11/2 liters of bottled water per day to wash with and drink. Many trudge about half a mile to bathe and wash their uniforms at a broken water main on the base.

No one understands how a military as powerful and capable as America's could be unable to run a water pipe less than 1,000 yards over safe ground. Perhaps the only thing that has kept the soldiers' resentment from bursting into open revolt is the knowledge that their own leaders are suffering too.

"I'm an officer and I haven't been able to shower for three days," Ibrahim said. "It definitely affects the morale of the soldiers."

Since its formation in January, the brigade has lived and trained on a walled-off section of tarmac at the former Muthana air base in the heart of Baghdad. Massive concrete columns and rusting construction cranes tower over the training site, remnants of a structure that was to be the Saddam Mosque but was abandoned by then-President Saddam Hussein before the war.

For four months, the brigade languished unattended, practicing formation marching and military etiquette as negotiations dragged on for months over the formation of a new, elected Iraqi government.

When Maj. Chris Worrill, operations officer for the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry, arrived with his unit in April, members found the soldiers living amid piles of garbage and metal debris and rebar from the mosque construction site.

"As bad as it is now, it's 100 times better than it was in April," Worrill says. "I know it's still terrible. ... We're doing our best to improve living conditions, but it's just taking longer than we thought."

The reasons for the prolonged water outage are tied up in engineering realities and bureaucratic procedure, mixed in with a bit of a culture clash.

Worrill says the base was never meant to be occupied this long by this many soldiers, and there hasn't been a strong desire to pour money into renovating a temporary facility.

The majority of the soldiers are country boys from Iraq's rural Shiite south, Worrill says, and many don't know what to do with Western-style plumbing.

The base's contractor, Anis Dyi, says that running a line from the broken water main to the barracks is technically very simple. But the sewage system underneath is so backed up that doing so would immediately prompt an ecological crisis, and fixing the sewers is beyond his scope.

In the meantime, Worrill has moved two portable water tankers onto the tarmac for the soldiers to use. Dyi is building free-standing trailers holding 10 showers stalls each. Long, air-conditioned tents are being rapidly built inside a second hangar.

# Bomb explodes on bus in Turkish resort town

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A bomb destroyed a minibus Saturday near a popular Aegean Sea beach in western Turkey, killing five people, including tourists from Britain and Ireland, and wounding 13.

The British Foreign Office in London said one British citizen was killed and five others were injured. Separately, a regional governor said an Irish tourist and two Turks were killed in the blast in Kusadasi, 45 miles south of the port city of Izmir.

The Anatolia news agency reported that the device exploded in the lap of a female bomber. A police official in Kusadasi said preliminary evidence pointed to a Turkish female suicide bomber, whose body was torn apart by the force of the bomb. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because superior officers had not granted permission to speak publicly.

However, the deputy governor of Aydin province, Nurdogan Kaya, said the bombing was traced to a package planted on the minibus.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but Kurdish rebels recently have carried out bombings in Aegean resort towns. On April 30, a bomb hidden inside a cassette player killed a police officer in Kusadasi.

Leftist and Islamic militants also are active in the country, whose lucrative tourist industry was expected to welcome more than 20 million visitors this year.

Speaking shortly after the explosion, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey was taking anti-terror measures, but added that "it is not possible to stop it 100 percent, no matter how strict security measures you take."

A top Kurdish rebel commander, Zubeyir Aydar, condemned the attack to the Germany-based Mezopotamya News Agency, which often carries rebel statements.

The blast tore off the bus' roof and sides as it traveled through the town square, just a few yards from the shore. Civilians ran to the burning wreckage after the attack and carried away the injured.

The British Foreign Office said three Britons suffered serious injuries and two had minor injuries.

The British and Irish foreign ministers condemned the attack.

In London, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw described the blast as a "repugnant act."

"As always we stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Turkey in sympathy and in our refusal to allow terrorists to destroy our values and our liberty," he said.

In November 2003, terrorist attacks in Istanbul against the British Consulate-General and the local headquarters of London-based bank HSBC killed 58 people and injured hundreds.

"I am deeply shocked by this cruel and senseless act," said Dermot Ahern, Ireland's minister for foreign affairs. "Four people have lost their lives, including a young Irish woman. ... There can be no justification whatsoever for this atrocity."

Private NTV television reported that police suspect that C-4 plastic explosives were used in the attack, and authorities had information that an attack could occur in Kusadasi.

Turkish military and intelligence officials have said Kurdish rebels possessed hundreds of pounds of C-4 obtained from Iraq.

Earlier this month, a bomb hidden in a soda can wounded 21 people, including three foreign tourists, in the Aegean coastal town of Cesme.

A Kurdish guerrilla group calling itself the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons Organization or TAK claimed credit for the prior attacks in Cesme and Kusadasi, and vowed to maintain attacks against tourist areas.

Kurdish rebels have carried out several suicide bomb attacks since 1996. When six soldiers were killed in the eastern city of Tuncell.

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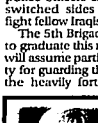
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# Israel conducts large-scale arrest raids

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops arrested more than 30 Palestinian militants in raids across the West Bank Saturday, while Egyptian officials prepared to travel to the Gaza Strip for talks aimed at ending a wave of violence that has left a 5-month-old Mideast truce in tatters.

Palestinian militants in Gaza, meanwhile, launched homemade rockets and mortar shells at Israeli targets throughout the day, with several rockets hitting the Israeli town of Sderot, the army said. No injuries were reported.

The violence threatened to intensify, with Israeli troops massed at two makeshift camps outside Gaza. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz told army commanders late Friday to plan for a ground operation in northern Gaza, though a raid would be delayed to give the Palestinians time to take action themselves.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said he feared the army was planning to create a buffer zone in the coastal strip ahead of Israel's planned pullout from the volatile territory next month. "The Israeli tanks around Gaza are very, very dangerous. I am afraid that this will create serious problems," he said.

Israel stepped up its operations against Palestinian militants after a suicide bombing Tuesday killed five people and a rocket attack on an Israeli town Thursday killed a 22-year-old woman.

Israeli airstrikes Friday, which signaled it had resumed its policy of targeted killings of militants, killed four Palestinian militants in a van filled with homemade rockets in Gaza and another militant at a hideout near the West Bank town of Salfit.

A militant also was killed in a follow-up raid on the hideout and another died Saturday of wounds suffered in the Salfit strike. An eighth Palestinian was killed by soldiers near Salfit in a stonethrowing incident, hospital officials said.

Israel said the targeted killings were intended to prevent imminent attacks by militants.

"Israel's policy is not to allow ticking bombs to reach their targets," Amos Gilad, a top Defense Department official, told Israel Radio on Saturday. "Every pinpoint attack saves lives."

As part of the ongoing series of raids, the army arrested more than 30 militants in the West Bank cities of Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus and Tulkarem on Saturday, the army said.

"Israel will not forfeit its basic right to self defense, especially in the face of a continued and persistent Palestinian refusal to prevent terrorist attacks against Israel," said David Baker, an official in Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office.

The violence also led to increased internal tensions among the Palestinians.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas had resisted U.S. and Israeli demands to crack down on the militants, preferring instead to persuade them to voluntarily end attacks on Israel and to sign on to the Feb. 8 truce deal.

However, Palestinian police, trying to stop the rocket firing, waged a gunbattle with Hamas militants in the streets of Gaza City on Friday that left two people dead.

In an effort to restore calm, Egypt will send Mustafa Bahary, a deputy to Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman, to Gaza on Sunday to meet with Abbas and Hamas leaders, according to Egyptian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of damaging the sensitive mediation effort.

Egypt, which shares a border with Gaza, has been a key mediator between Israel and the Palestinians and among the various Palestinian factions.

In a sign of concern, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice scrambled her schedule to squeeze in a trip to the region — expected next week — and a U.S. spokesman urged both sides to "seize the opportunity" to make Israel's scheduled Gaza withdrawal a success despite the recent violence.

After a meeting late Friday between Abbas and top security officials, Palestinian security chief Nasser Yousef said the government remained committed to restoring calm.

"We are going to continue to accelerate our efforts to implement law and order and to control the situation," he said.

However, the militants continued attacking Israeli targets, firing 23 rockets and mortar shells at Israeli towns and Gaza settlements Saturday.

Hamas said the attacks were retaliation for violence earlier this week, but the barrages also appeared aimed at sending a message to Abbas, underscoring their demands to share power in Gaza after Israel withdraws.

At a funeral for four men killed in a missile strike, Ismail Haniyeh, a Hamas leader, called for Abbas to fire Yousef and blamed the Palestinian Authority for the fighting Friday.

"We didn't start this. We didn't raise our weapons against Palestinians," he said Saturday. "The resistance can't be arrested, and fighters will not be jailed."

Palestinian security forces made a more subtle show of force Saturday when they filed through the streets of the West Bank city of Ramallah and told shopowners to ignore militants' call to strike in mourning for those killed in the airstrikes. In response, some storeowners reopened their stores.

Qureia said he was optimistic the split with Hamas would soon be resolved.

"I am completely assured that we will get back to our unity, if not today, then maybe tomorrow. We have nothing to disagree on," he said, adding that he believed the truce would continue.

AP photo

**An Israeli soldier carries an artillery round Saturday at an army staging area near Kibbutz Mefalsim, just outside the Gaza Strip. Israeli aircraft launched a series of airstrikes in Gaza City and the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis early Saturday, witnesses said. Two people were lightly injured in the attacks.**

# Abbas calls for Palestinian militants to return to truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas appealed to militant groups Saturday to halt attacks on Israel and return to the cease-fire deal that has been tattered by recent violence.

Abbas made his appeal during a speech broadcast on Palestinian television.

Throughout Saturday, Hamas militants launched mortar shells and homemade rockets against Israeli targets for the third straight day.

Abbas called on the militants to respect their previous agreement to honor the truce, but he blamed Israel for the recent outbreak of attacks.

"We hold the Israeli government fully responsible for the consequences of its policy, which reflects a step backward from what we had achieved ... and sabotaged any chance to maintain the truce," he said. "No one could expect the continuation of the truce from one side."

Mahmoud Abbas

Israelis soldiers killed a Palestinian police officer and a militant during sweeps in the West Bank following an Islamic Jihad suicide attack Tuesday that killed five Israelis in the coastal city of Netanya.

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## EDITORIAL

# Area's growth may require expanded law enforcement

Look at the numbers and it might frighten you enough to stick a "for sale" sign in the yard.

The Idaho State Police's annual 2004 Uniform Crime Report ranks Twin Falls County as having the highest crime rate per 100,000 people *in a grouped set of offenses* under the National Incident Based Reporting System.

That system categorizes Group A and Group B crimes by breaking them into three categories: Crimes against persons, crimes against property and crimes against society.

But if you're not convinced that the area is a haven for hard crime, you're not alone. The study actually has points that need to be factored into the long equation.

Much of the criminal activity is from property crimes — robbery, burglary, breaking and entering and theft offenses, just to name a few. Violent crimes — such as murder, rape, assault — are less frequent.

That divide, however, may not last forever. City police suspect that property crimes are related to drug use and the rampant methamphetamine problem in Idaho. When crimes involve meth, there's a looming risk those crimes could grow more violent.

The other variable not helping this high rating is the low ranking for officer staffing. At full staff, Twin Falls city averages 1.6 police officers per 1,000 people. The state average is 1.8 police officers per 1,000 people. Shortages are just as common, if not worse, for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The Twin Falls Police Department has seen a modest increase of 10 new officers over the past decade. But with 58 officers in a city with a population of 35,000 that grows almost 2 percent each year, the city may still need to keep up. Pocatello (population 53,000) has 88 officers by comparison.

The same trend exists at the county level as well, with few staffing increases and steady growth (1.9 percent for Twin Falls County in 2004) in the county population.

**Our view:** Twin Falls County's high crime rate by a state report has some factors that explain the growing crimes.

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

As a larger hub to the southern Idaho region, Twin Falls and the county also see the population swell as outside visitors come to work, shop, or visit. The same thing happens in Boise too, but that city also has more resources and larger suburban areas (Meridian, Nampa, Eagle) that help soften the hard impact of maximum density.

So in a sense, Twin Falls County's problem is a familiar one. But as the main urban area for this region of Idaho, it also faces its own distinct challenges.

When you look at all those factors together, the report's high crime ranking for Twin Falls County looks worse than it really may seem.

"A lot of the crimes appear to be somewhat preventable, if people could have known about tactics to defend themselves," said Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks.

The city's education campaign to increase community policing will definitely help citizens arm themselves with pro-active information. And Sheriff Wayne Tousley's heavy emphasis on fighting the methamphetamine problem is likewise a key way to stop property crimes from turning into violent crimes.

But along with that focus, city leaders, county leaders and all taxpayers, should still keep an eye on population growth. An expanding region will also need to keep up by expanding its law enforcement.


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## LETTER

### Sam Walton wouldn't recognize his own stores

What, if anything, is wrong with Wal-Mart?

Ironically, Sam Walton, a true-blue American, played right into the hands of the anti-American forces decades ago. Once an icon of American business, he played right into the hand of Communist imperialism. How'd it happen?

Sam was strongly anti-union at a time when unions reached an apex of power and arrogance. They flew too close to the sun and melted in the '70s. Walton's strict anti-union stance, which made sense then, is today akin to communist China's absolute intolerance for workers' rights. So much so that the Kingdom of Walton will close one store, or 10 or 100, rather than allow a single strand of unionization. Thus, Wal-Mart is un-American.

Sam believed early on in bringing value to the heartland of America, which didn't enjoy competitive pricing the way big cities did. His efficiencies of scale and buying power, cutting edge for his time, were notable and good for the heartland. By dealing small subsidies from his vast network, he could now literally kill any business — small or large — that dared take him on in a specific market. This unfair playing field he created makes Wal-Mart un-American.

Sam believed in globalization before most. He searched the world for value-added products, a good thing for Americans. Like the 49'ers, who trekked to California for cheap gold, Sam's buyers found in China, "cheap gold." A trickle turned to a stream, to a river, to a flood. American businesses by the thousands closed as a result. Wal-Mart had become anti-American.

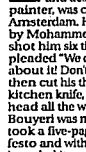
What was once good became bad. Why? Everything Sam did, Uncle Sam ratified. He did what the earlier anti-trust and pro-union and tariff laws of the nation were designed to protect against. He followed the law better than anybody else. More over, Wal-Mart is successfully un-American because so many of you (not me) shop there.

Unwittingly, the effect you are having each time you pay your bill there is to make a contribution to the communizing of this nation. I don't think folks stop and realize this. I'm not at all sure Sam himself would shop at his own stores if he could see what they have become.

PHIL AUTH
Berger

# Raging fight on terror grows silent

Last Nov. 2, Theo van Gogh, Dutch filmmaker and descendant of the painter, was cycling through Amsterdam. He was accosted by Mohammed Bouyeri, who shot him six times as Van Gogh pleaded "We can still talk about it! Don't do it!" Bouyeri then cut his throat with a kitchen knife, severing his head all the way to his spine. Bouyeri was not done. He then took a five-page Islamist manifesto and with his knife impaled it on van Gogh's chest.



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On trial now in Holland, Bouyeri is unrepentant. In court he turned to van Gogh's grieving mother, and with infinite cruelty said to her, "I do not feel your pain."

He feels instead glory. Van Gogh had made a short film about the oppression of Muslim women. Bouyeri was acting "purely in the name of my religion," championing his faith by butchering a filmmaker critical of it.

Bouyeri is no newly arrived immigrant. Nor is he, like the 9/11 hijackers, a cosmopolitan terrorist sent abroad to kill. He is native born and bred in Holland. As were three of the four London bombers, who were second-generation Pakistani Brits.

The most remarkable discovery is that Europe's second- and third-generation Muslim immigrants are more radicalized than the first. One reasonably non-political and non-radical Muslim activist, raised in the suburbs of Paris, explained himself (to The Wall Street Journal) as having "immigrated to France at the local maternity ward."

The fact that native-born Muslim Europeans are committing terror acts within their own countries shows that this Islamist malignancy long predates Iraq, long predates

Afghanistan and long predates 9/11. What Europe had incubated is an enemy within, a threat that for decades Europe simply refused to face.

Early news reports of the London bombings mentioned that police found no suspects among known Islamist cells in Britain. Come again? Why in God's name is a country letting known Islamist cells thrive, instead of just rolling them up?

British Islamists had spoken of a "covenant of security" under which Britain would be spared Islamic terror so long as it allowed radical clerics free rein. Sheik Omar Bakri Mohammed, for example, a Syrian-born, exiled Saudi cleric granted asylum 19 years ago, openly preaches jihad against Britain. He is sought by the press for comment all the time. And, a lovely touch, he actually lives on the British dole — even though he rejects the idea of British citizenship, saying, "I don't want to become a citizen of hell."

One of the reasons Westerners were so unprepared for this wave of Islamist terrorism, not just militarily but psychologically, is sheer disbelief. It shockingly contradicts Western notions of progress. The savagery of Bouyeri's act, mirroring the ritual human slaughter by Zarqawi or Daniel Pearl's beheaders, is a return to a primitiveness that we in the West had assumed a progressive history had left behind.

Our first response was, therefore, to simply sweep this contradiction under the rug. Put the first World Trade Center bombers on trial and think it will solve the problem. Even today, there are many Americans and even more Europeans who believe that after 9/11 the United States should just have done Afghanistan — depose the Taliban and destroy al-Qaida's sanctuary — and gone no further, thinking that would solve the problem.

But the problem is far deeper. It is essentially a civil war within a rival civilization in which the most primitive elements are seeking to gain the upper hand. 9/11 forced us to intervene massively in this civil war, which is why we are in Iraq. There, as in Afghanistan, we have enlisted millions of Muslims on the anti-Islamist side.

But what about the vast majority of European Muslims, the 99 percent who are peace-loving and not engaged in terror? They must also join the fight. They must actively denounce not just — what is obvious — the terror attacks, but their source: Islamist ideology and its practitioners.

Where are the fatwas issued against Osama bin Laden? Where are the denunciations of the very idea of suicide bombing? Europeans must demand this of all their Muslim leaders. They must also dismantle and destroy all "known" Islamist cells before trains and buses are blown up.

A modest beginning might be removing the likes of Sheik Omar — and Bouyeri — from the teat of the infidel taxpayer. "He (Bouyeri) had the time to plan this," van Gogh's mother told the court, "because for three years he was on unemployment benefits." Decadence is defined not by a civilization's art or music but ultimately by its willingness to simply defend itself.

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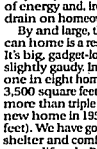
# Beware of the housing bubble burst

We Americans seem to be in the process of becoming wildly over-housed. Since 1970, the size of the average home has increased 55 percent (to 2,330 square feet), while the size of the average family has decreased 13 percent. Especially among the upper crust, homes have more space and fewer people. We now have rooms



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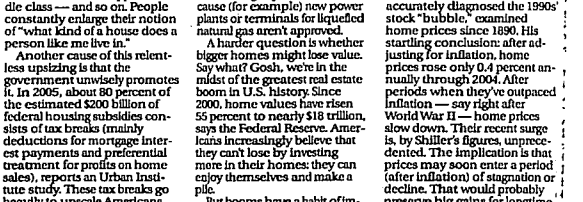
specialized by appliances (home computers, entertainment systems and exercise equipment). The long-term consequences of this housing extravaganza are unclear, but they may include the overuse of energy and, ironically, a drain on homeowners' wealth.

By and large, the new American home is a residential SUV. It's big, gadget-loaded and slightly gaudy. In 2001, about one in eight homes exceeded 3,500 square feet, which was more than triple the average new home in 1950 (983 square feet). We have gone beyond shelter and comfort. A home is now a lifestyle. Buyers want spiral staircases and vaulted ceilings. In one marketing survey by the National Association of Home Builders, 36 percent of buyers under age 35 rated having a "home theater" as important or very important.

Of course, homeownership (now a record 69 percent) symbolizes success in America. The impulse to announce more success by having more home seems to span all classes. In his book "Luxury Fever," Cornell University economist Robert Frank noted that Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen built a 74,000-square-foot house. According to Frank, that roughly equaled the size of Cornell's entire business school, with a staff of 100. Frank sees a "cascading effect" of imitation all along the social spectrum. The super-




wealthy influence the wealthy, who influence the upper-middle class — and so on. People constantly enlarge their notion of "what kind of a house does a person like me live in."

Another cause of this relentless upsizing is that the government unwisely promotes it. In 2005, about 80 percent of the estimated $200 billion of federal housing subsidies consists of tax breaks (mainly deductions for mortgage interest payments and preferential treatment for profits on home sales), reports an Urban Institute study. These tax breaks go heavily to upscale Americans, who are thereby encouraged to buy bigger homes. Federal housing benefits average $8,268 for those with incomes between $200,000 and $500,000, estimates the study; by contrast, they're only $365 for those with incomes of $40,000 to $50,000. It's nutty for government to subsidize bigger homes for the well-to-do.

But otherwise, why shouldn't Americans buy what they can afford? No good reason. The trouble is that freedom doesn't confer infallibility. With hindsight, some homeowners may regret sinking so much money into ever-grander houses. One possible problem is future operating costs. Suppose electricity or natural gas prices rise because (for example) new power plants or terminals for liquefied natural gas aren't approved.

A harder question is whether bigger homes might lose value. Say what? Gosh, we're in the midst of the greatest real estate boom in U.S. history. Since 2000, home values have risen 55 percent to nearly $18 trillion, says the Federal Reserve. Americans increasingly believe that they can't lose by investing more in their homes: they can enjoy themselves and make a pile.

But booms have a habit of imploding. The latest evidence that cheap credit and speculation have artificially inflated home prices comes from a study by the investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston. It finds that home buying is increasingly driven by purchases of investment properties and vacation homes. In 2004, these buyers accounted for 14.5 percent of all home sales, up from an average of 7.5 percent from 1998 to 2002. Cheap credit also abounds. Speculative booms usually end when some speculators cash in or when credit tightens.

Even if home prices don't collapse, their long-term performance may disappoint. In a new edition of his book "Irrational Exuberance," Yale economist Robert J. Shiller, who accurately diagnosed the 1990s' stock "bubble," examined home prices since 1890. His startling conclusion: after adjusting for inflation, home prices rose only 0.4 percent annually through 2004. After periods when they've outpaced inflation — say right after World War II — home prices slow down. Their recent surge is, by Shiller's figures, unprecedented. The implication is that prices may soon enter a period (after inflation) of stagnation or decline. That would probably preserve big gains for longtime homeowners, though perhaps not for the 22 million who purchased in the past three years.

As Shiller notes, home prices can't rise too much faster than average incomes for too long without excluding many buyers from the market. Among home builders, Realtors and economists, the dominant view seems to be that the housing market is basically sound. One way or another, Americans might want to reassess their passion for ever-bigger homes. Do we need to go from SUVs to Hummers? Maybe we should revert to sedans.

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# City of Twin Falls takes the flag in Great Race

GUEST COMMENTARY
**Hugh Hiott**

Santa — where are you? One was seen at the Park Ferme (car show) hosted by your local businesses in downtown Twin Falls for the Great Racers on July 6. He had black hair and mustache, a slight paunch and a light-colored Hawaiian shirt with red printed designs and, with his wife and daughters, was enjoying the Great Racers on display in the old downtown area.

And what an area! Nicely *curbed streets, beautiful shade* trees, vendors galore and people! What a job to be greeted by so many interested people. It really made the day's hot 400-or-so-mile drive from Rock Springs worth it. But I digress.

"Santa" — let's call him that — noticed that the exhaust header on our 1916 Studebaker Speedster (Car No. 9) was cracking at the No. 6 cylinder pipe-to-collector weld. Badly! "Santa" said "I can weld that." And he did.

He and his family came by our motel after the car show where he told us he would come back with his welding equipment. And he did. A beautiful job of repairing the cracked welds and collector, probably preventing catastrophic damage down the road. And without so much as a clatter, he was gone. No fanfare — no big production.

Back to "Mrs. Santa," whose birthday celebration was interrupted by this act of generosity, for which he would not accept payment, I might add.

Thank you, "Santa," for helping unknown strangers with your skills and generosity. You see, we have to call him "Santa" because we don't even know his name!

This may be partly blamed on Ted from Magic Valley Auto Parts in Twin Falls because he and I were in the car trailer discussing spark plugs and carburetor jets. You see, the Studebaker lives basically at sea level in Goose Creek, just outside of Charleston, S.C. The elevation changes affected Car No. 9's performance and the car was running too rich, fouling plugs.

Even though we had changed carburetor jets in Denver, we thought we still needed smaller ones. Our evening host on Shoshone was your local newspaper. Its representative, Kathie Scott, met us and offered assistance during our brief stay in downtown. We spoke about our search for carburetor jets and realized that we probably couldn't find anyone open at night that might have them. Kathie said she would think about the problem, so I gave her my cell phone number.

Sometime before 10, my phone rang and Ted, a complete stranger, asked if he had reached the people needing auto parts. Sometime later, Ted came to our "pit area" at the hotel, introduced himself and gave us several sets of Holley jets in various sizes. Product, formerly unobtainable, was now available. Wow!

Ted also wouldn't accept compensation for helping our team, none of which he had ever met before that night. He said the jets were a gift from Magic Valley Auto Parts and the town of Twin Falls as a token of their appreciation. Wow! What an ambassador of good will!

After we performed other *maintenance and changed the* carburetor jets, we test drove the 1916 Studebaker. Boy, it really ran well.

Congrats, Twin Falls, for a great evening stop on our westward journey. Our appreciation to "Santa," and Ted, for your crucial help in coaxing this old car to the finish line in Tacoma, Wash. The same goes to Kathie, for orchestrating the calls to find Ted and for your hospitality Wednesday evening. Your enthusiasm and willingness to help strangers has proven that the American spirit of unselfishness and generosity still lives.

*Hugh Hiott was a support member for the 1916 Studebaker Speedster "Spirit of America" (Car No. 9) in the Great Race, which passed through Twin Falls on July 6 and 7. Other team members were Don Banke and Lloyd Bursen, both support members; Bill Schaffer, navigator; and Dennis Barfield, owner. Their car received the Barney Oldfield Award, which is given to a car that requires a lot of maintenance during the race.*

# The 'growth' of a justice

PAUL ROSENZWEIG

Perhaps Sen. Charles Schumer should have taken the Quiet Car.

Here's what the New York Democrat reportedly was overheard saying the other day on Amtrak: "Even William Rehnquist is more moderate than they expected. The only one that resulted how they predicted (was) Scalia. So most of the time they've gotten their picks wrong, and that's what we want to do to them again."

Whether or not this quote from the Drudge Report is accurate, the sentiment is correct: The litany of conservative disappointments over Supreme Court appointments is a long one. Earl Warren, Harry Blackmun, John Paul Stevens, Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor, at least some of the time. David Souter (all of the time). President Eisenhower once said that appointing William Brennan to the bench was the biggest mistake of his presidency.

Why is that? Why do supposedly conservative justices so frequently disappoint the presidents who appoint them? And why is this disappointment so often a one-way ratchet, at least in modern times? After all, you rarely hear liberals complain about Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Some of our liberal friends might say, perhaps jokingly, that certain conservative justices have changed their leanings because they found wisdom and learned the error of their ways.

Those looking for a more plausible answer need to look deeper. Justices change their views because they are people, and, at the core, people want to fit in. They want to be respected and liked by those whose opinions they value. Supreme Court justices come to Washington from around the country — Arizona, Illinois, New Hampshire, etc. — and soon are immersed in, indeed overwhelmed by, the sea of Washington elites.

And let's be honest, today in Washington the elite norm is broadly liberal. Since the 1950s, America's major institutions — the media, the world of arts and letters, the academy and the legal profession — have become increasingly liberal. So if you want to fit in, in Washington, you usually fit in as a liberal.

The phenomenon is so common that frustrated conservatives even have a name for it. They call it the "Greenhouse Effect," named after The New York Times' influential court reporter, Linda Greenhouse, whose favorable coverage represents the mark of social acceptance in elite circles.

What Sen. Schumer instinctively understands is that there are *really* two types of conservatives. Some, like Sandra Day O'Connor, are conservative on particular issues, such as property rights. Their conservatism flows from cultural predilection. Others, though — Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas come most readily to mind — are philosophical conservatives, committed to interpreting the Constitution as written and resistant to the "politically correct" orthodoxy.

And that, at its core, is why conservatives are so focused on the next Supreme Court nominee: Because they know that only one type of conservative can resist the siren call of the Greenhouse Effect. They trust only conservatives of principle, those who have shown their ability to remain principled despite expediency. Conservatives like O'Connor, who are conservative by instinct alone without an underlying philosophy, often "grow" on the bench, to conservative consternation.

That's why conservatives want President Bush to nominate someone in the Scalia or Thomas mold. Conservatives have gotten their picks wrong before, and liberals want them to do it again.

You'll probably know who has carried the day as soon as the president names his selection. If it's an "instinctive" conservative, liberals will, once again, have lost the battle (when the nominee is confirmed) and won the war (when he or she "grows"). It takes only a little time in the nation's capital for the Greenhouse Effect to work its magic.

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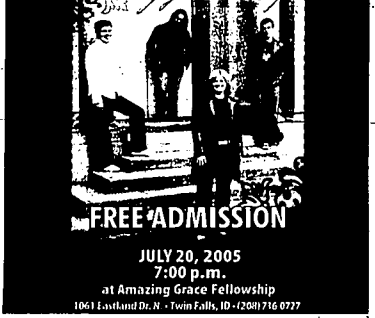


# LETTERS

### F&G policy starts with commissioners

I find that as we grow up that we seem to blame departments such as Fish and Game for policies that are under the controls of the Fish and Game Commission.

A letter written about the procedures used for licenses was out of order. Policy dictates and compliance is not one we like. It takes more than a letter to the editor to change.

Try the same letter to the Fish and Game Commission.

DAVID J. ADAIR
Gooding

### Critics stand by as threat of jihad grows

On July 3, two letters stated that President Bush claimed that Iraq was connected to the 9/11 attack. He has never stated that Iraq was involved in 9/11. This is just another fabrication by the biased media. The resolution to go to war, signed by the leaders of both parties, did not state that Iraq was involved in 9/11.

What we do know, as documented by the 9/11 report and numerous others, is that al-Qaida and Iraq have been partners in terrorism for many years.

The Third Jihad started with the overthrow of the Shah of Iran in 1979. The strategy for the jihad is first, the United States withdrawing from the region; second, taking control of the oil wealth in all Muslim countries, which have about 75 percent of the known reserves; third, using nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction to annihilate Israel.

Evidence of the awareness by the administration of the Third Jihad came after 9/11. President Bush shored up Pakistan and Egypt, which probably would have been on the next hit list for al-Qaida. We attacked al-Qaida in Afghanistan to break up a secure al-Qaida base. The war against terrorism in Iraq was to free Iraq, stop the killing of hundreds of thousands of his own people by Saddam Hussein and establish a U.S. presence in the middle of the Islamic world. This is what al-Qaida is afraid of and why anti-American groups here and abroad have mobilized to stop it. It is impossible to imagine the havoc the terrorists could reap upon the free world if they had 75 percent of the oil in the world to finance their operations.

Unfortunately, at this point in time, I have to include the leaders of the Democratic Party in the anti-American group. During World War II, these leaders would have been tried for treason for aiding and abetting the enemy. There are many ways to disagree without putting our troops in additional harm's way.

Between 1979 and 2001, there have been 11 attacks upon the United States by terrorists. Pulling out of Iraq will not stop the attacks. Spain has been attacked by al-Qaida since it caved and pulled out of Iraq. Thank the Lord we have an administration that understands what is at stake. The Democratic leadership also understands, but is too busy trying to regain power to accept it.

DARRELL HAMPTON
Twin Falls

### Bush lies have infected American people

Halle Selassie once said that history shows that the inaction of those who could have acted and the indifference of those who should have known better have made it possible for evil to triumph.

Thus the letter by the Bradleys and Ms. Vargas concerning Bush's critics is yet another frightening example of how far the lies of this administration have infected the American people.

Bush is a war criminal. Where is the outrage at his ignoring warnings about 9/11? Where is the outrage for the Downing Street memos. He thinks the number of wounded and dead American soldiers is "worth it." Obviously, he doesn't even consider the tens of thousands of Iraqi citizens who are dead or injured. And he still invokes 9/11 when talking about his war on terror. Not a word about the fact that there were no Iraqis involved and it is in no way related to this war.

As for Bush being elected; no, not the first time and very possibly not the second time either. Why do you think there are organizations like Black Box investigating voting anomalies in specific states that are outside mathematical chance?

What other White House would make an effort to "out" a CIA operative because they were mad that her husband defused one of Bush's many false claims about Iraq? Why do you think Judith Miller, one of the loudest voices supporting the run-up to war, would rather go to jail than reveal what member of the White House feeds her information?

If these people really researched the issues they talk about, they would realize that it is not the "contentious vicious people of America" who want everyone here to think the way they do. Look at your esteemed president's policies and actions; his Patriot Act, his giant tax cuts to the most wealthy, his war crimes, his astounding national debt.

Try looking up the state of America's infrastructure. Try figuring out why Halliburton keeps getting government contracts when it has not accounted for millions of dollars paid for services.

I will not now, nor will I ever, support an immoral, corrupt administration such as that which we now have.

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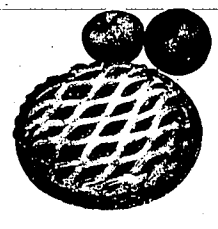
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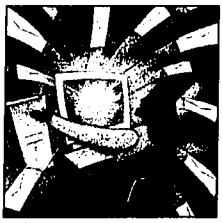
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# Search for evidence widens in London

## Blair speaks of 'evil ideology'

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair warned on Saturday that an "evil ideology" of Islamic extremism was bent on spreading terror through the West, and authorities on three continents widened investigations into the London terrorist bombings. The death toll rose to 55.

Tony Blair

Police in the northern city of Leeds searched an Islamic shop, the home of an Egyptian biochemist and a third address for more evidence after investigators reportedly found traces of explosives in the Egyptian's bathtub.

Also, police moved the twisted wreckage of the double-decker bus where one of the bombers and 13 other people died. The bus became a symbol of the capital's worst attack since World War II. Londoners and tourists stopped to watch as police used a flatbed truck to haul away the tangled wreckage for forensic testing.

Police also released an image captured by surveillance cameras showing all four bombers with backpacks entering the train station in Luton, north of London, on the morning of the July 7 attacks. Investigators say the four took a train from Luton to London's King's Cross station, where they split up to carry out the bombings.

The hunt for clues pointing to those who recruited, financed and supplied the four suicide bombers who blew up three underground trains and the bus focused on the men's ties to Pakistan. Authorities in Islamabad said they questioned students, teachers and administrators at one of two religious schools believed visited by one of the suspects.

Asad Farooq, a spokesman for the school, told The Associated Press that intelligence agents had been there Saturday but denied that the suspect, Shahzad Tanweer, had ever been at the school. British investigators say Tanweer, 22, carried out the bombing of the London Underground's Aldgate station.

Senior Pakistani intelligence officials said authorities were examining a possible connection between Tanweer and two al-Qaida-linked militant groups.

ABC television reported Saturday that the FBI was looking into possible ties between unidentified people in New Jersey and a Jamaican-born Briton, whom British authorities formally identified for the first time Saturday as Germaine Lindsay, 19.

Police said he died in the worst of the suicide attacks — a subway bomb that killed at least 26 people between the King's Cross and Russell Square stations.

# Congressman urges better transit security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's public transportation system is vulnerable to a terrorist attack and measures must be immediately taken to keep trains, subways and buses safe for million of Americans, Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., said Saturday.

"The subway and bus bombings in London once again caught the world's attention, but were unfortunately just another reminder that public transportation is a favorite target for terrorists," Menendez said in the Democratic Party's weekly radio address.

In the past four years, Menendez said, the federal government has spent about $9 per flying passenger, but only a penny per transit passenger. President Bush's "refusal to acknowledge this reality in his budget is putting the lives of Americans needlessly at risk," he contended.

# Propaganda hints at recruitment strategies

LEEDS, England (AP) — Amear Ali remembers how the film images clicked by in rapid-fire sequence to a soundtrack of pounding drums: dead Iraqi children, Palestinians under siege, Guantanamo prisoners, snippets of President Bush repeating the word "crusade."

"You could see how it could turn someone to raw hate," said Ali, recalling his brush last year with the hard-edged marketing of extremism at an Islamic bookstore operated by his brother-in-law.

"It even started working on me. Then I said to myself, 'Get out. This stuff is poison.'"

The shop was drawn deeper Saturday into the international investigation of the July 7 London bombings, and Ali's introductions into the militant messages could help explain the possible recruitment tactics used in the neighborhood where the suicide mission apparently took shape.

Attempts to discern the motives and mind-set of the suspected bombers remain among the murkiest parts of the probe. But Ali — a 36-year-old father of four boys — claims hardline Islamists had been quietly making contacts and spreading propaganda for years in the Beeston area, a hillock of one-room stores and red brick row houses dominated by families with roots in Pakistan.

AP photo

**Police officers stand outside the Iqra Learning Centre, a muslim bookshop in Beeston, Leeds, England, Friday. The property is being investigated in connection with last week's London bombings.**

Three of the four alleged bombers came from this seesaw world: born in Britain but influenced by the values and traditions of a motherland they barely know; watching new skyscrapers rise in central Leeds but feeling excluded from the opportunities in this former mill town.

"So someone comes along and says, 'Muslim are oppressed, Muslims are being killed by the West,' and so on," said Ali, whose late father emigrated to Britain from Pakistan. "For some young lads who are confused and feel alienated, it's a powerful thing to hear. If it happened with young Muslims here, it's happening everywhere."

Ali said he first noticed outsiders coming into Beeston in the late 1990s speaking about Muslim causes and identity. He said they were always well-spoken, fluent in English and often dressed in the traditional shalwar kameez, a loose tunic-and-trouser outfit common in Pakistan and across South Asia.

Ali said the men were always vague about their affiliations — never mentioning al-Qaida or any of the Muslim groups in Britain — and first offered only generalities about the importance of prayer and following Islamic codes.

"We used to joke that they were like the Muslim version of the Mormons or born-again Christians," said Ali. "They would ask if anyone wanted to attend lectures or just talk further. A few would go, but we didn't pay them much attention."

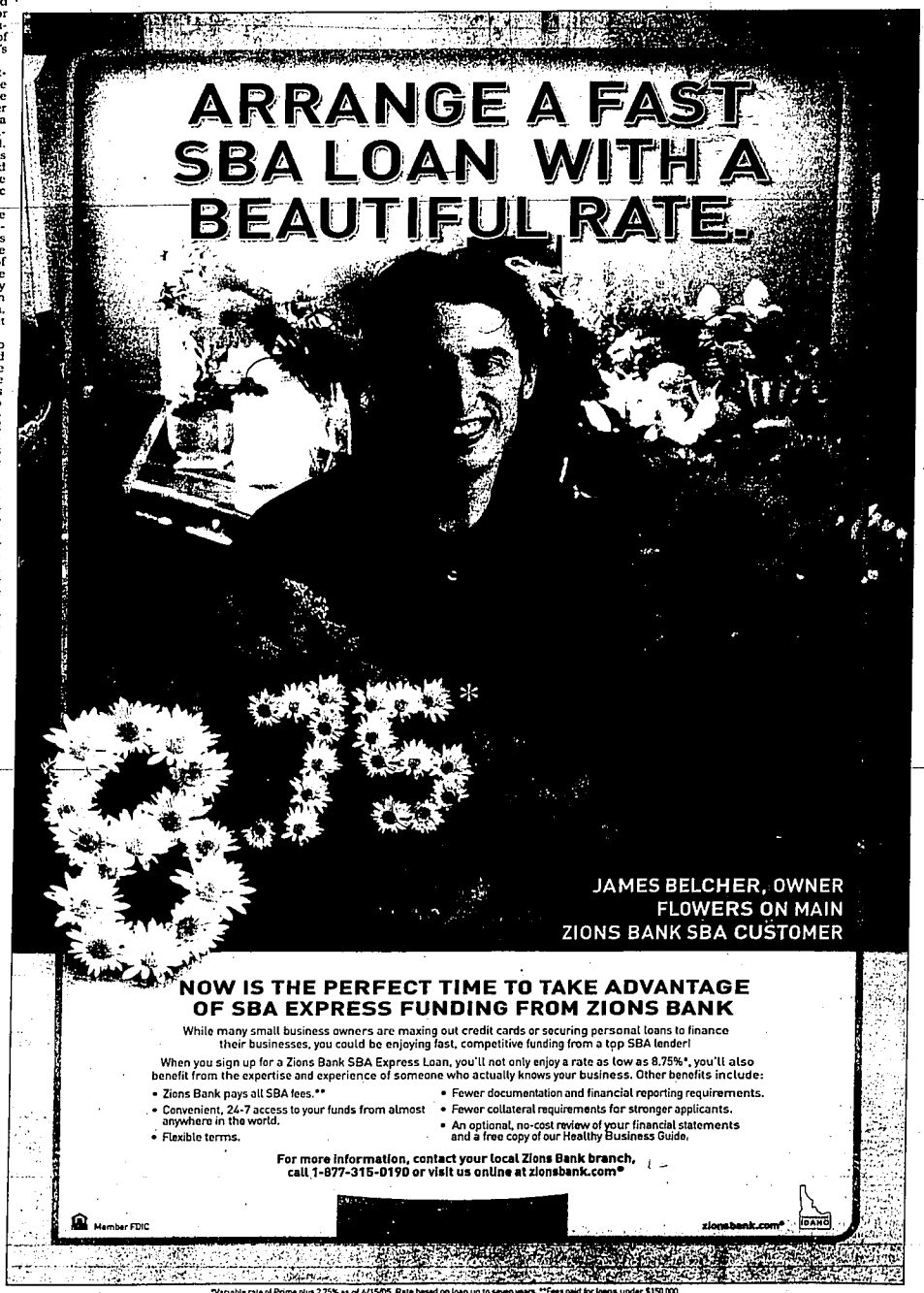
It began to change shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. His sister's husband, Mohammad Tafazil, 38, opened a corner bookshop with the idea of offering an alternative for young Muslims who were drifting into drug use and a gang culture, said Ali.

Gradually, Tafazil became more radicalized and aloof from his old Western-oriented crowd, said Ali. He grew a beard, became estranged from his wife and began allowing visiting Muslim speakers to use the shop — the Iqra Learning Center — for gatherings. The shelves increasingly included videos, DVDs and books outlining conspiracies against Muslims and denouncing the West.

Ali said Tafazil also had some financial links to a storefront site known as the Hamara Youth Access Point, where the suspected bombers also were known to meet.

Both the bookstore and youth site have been searched and sealed by police.

"They were always talking about the same thing: how the West is out to destroy Islam," said Ali.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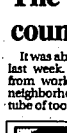
## The checkout counter blues

It was about 9:30 one evening last week. On my way home from work, I stopped by the neighborhood drugstore for a tube of toothpaste.



DON'T ASK ME
**Steve Crump**

There was a young couple ahead of me in line at the checkout counter. They had four or five items in their shopping cart, and they haggled with the clerk about each one.

They told her they had coupons for one item, then couldn't find them. They said another item was marked down and had a different price on the shelves than the clerk was trying to charge them at the register. The container of yet another item had a hole in it, they claimed, and they wanted a fresh box.

This went on for 20 minutes. Then they walked out without buying anything.

If you want to witness boorish behavior in Twin Falls, stand in a checkout line — any checkout line. I was in a queue at a local home-improvement store the other weekend behind a woman who kept running back and forth to the shelves for different-sized nails, leaving everyone behind her waiting.

A few days before that, I was in line at a supermarket behind a woman who was trying to pay for her groceries with a two-party check from South Carolina.

Look, nobody likes to wait, but it irks me when a total stranger helps him- or herself to my time for an extraordinarily selfish — or transparently dumb — reason.

And it's gotten worse since the advent of the debit card, a tool that in theory should speed up retail transactions.

That's because people go the store with $79.08 in their checking accounts and try to buy $141.13 worth of groceries.

If they're using a debit card, of course, the transaction is instantly disapproved, so the clerk at the checkout counter — who is probably being paid $7 an hour for the privilege — has to stand there and deduct groceries, item by item, from the customer's tab.

*("Take off the ice cream; no! keep the ice cream, take off the Brussels sprouts ...")*

I was standing behind a woman at the checkout counter at the grocery store recently who was trying to pay for her groceries with a credit card. The transaction was disapproved, but she stood there for 20 minutes complaining to the clerk that she'd paid her credit-card bill the day before.

Everybody has to deal with tight budgets from time to time, but if it were me having my credit problems discussed in front of 20 total strangers, I'd be embarrassed.

Still, it takes a lot to embarrass some folks nowadays. Maybe they need a dose of command economics.

I have a friend who grew up in Czechoslovakia during the 1960s. In Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe at the time, almost everything you wanted or needed to buy was in short supply.

One day when my buddy was about 16, word got around his neighborhood that a certain shop had gotten hold of a supply of Cuban-made bubblegum.

Within minutes, several hundred kids had lined up in the store, out the door and down the street. After two hours, my friend worked himself to the front of the line.

It was precisely 5 p.m. — closing time.

"Sold out," the young clerk standing behind the counter said, blowing a huge bubble from the wad of gum in his mouth.

My friend was outraged. "Comrade Dubcek (the reformed-minded Communist Party leader of Czechoslovakia at the time) says state-owned businesses should serve the people!" he said indignantly. "I insist that you supply me with bubblegum!"

Without missing a beat, the clerk behind the counter reached into his mouth, removed the wad of gum and stuck it on the counter in front of my friend.

"For you, comrade," the clerk said with a smile, "it's only three koruny (worth about 5 cents at the time)."

*Now that's* customer service.

# String of beatings raises alarm

## Victims have been attacked, robbed by four young men

By Troy Foster
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police are seeking help in identifying four young men wanted in connection with a string of beatings in recent days.

In three confirmed incidents around Twin Falls, the four men have gotten out of a vehicle and *severely beaten a young male* before robbing him. In the latest incident Friday, the victim was beaten with a baseball bat.

"They are younger males that are getting beat up," said Detective Chad Wigington of the Twin Falls Police Department. "They're usually alone, walking or riding a bike."

Wigington said the assailants are in their late teens or early 20s. So are their victims, who've had their wallets stolen after being beaten.

The attackers are described as wearing black jersey-style shirts. Two are believed to be Caucasian, one is described as Hispanic and the other black.

The victims have told police that the four arrive in a vehicle that's either dark blue or green. It's been described as a Honda or Volkswagen Jetta-style car with tinted windows and round taillights.

A woman also has been present during the beatings, although she has not taken part directly.

"Sometimes she's outside of the vehicle, sometimes she's in the vehicle," Wigington said. "But she's always there."

The beatings appear to be random robberies. But the assailants seem to pick their prey carefully, making sure their victims are alone.

"They come out of the vehicle, kind of surround them and then start in on them," Wigington said. "There's not too much verbalization exchanged."

The incidents — on June 28, July 1 and Friday — occured on Washington Street South, Blue Lakes Boulevard North and in the presidential streets area. Each occured during the late evening.

In addition to the three incidents, Wigington said the police department has received information that there may be more that have gone unreported.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department's non-emergency line at 311, or dial 735-4357.

# ICING ON THE CAKE

AMIE SMITH/The Times-News

**Children stare at a 4-by-4-foot, 70-pound cake as 'Happy Birthday' is sung as part of Burley's centennial celebration on Saturday in Storybook Park. The cake was brought to the park by a police escort and fed more than 500 people.**

## Burley wraps up its Centennial Week with a frosty spectacle

By Garrett Hylton
Times-News writer

BURLEY — What better way to celebrate a birthday than with a 70-plus pound cake?

That's just what Burley residents did at Storybook Park on Saturday, capping their Centennial Week with a musical performance by Colors and a giant piece of pastry.

The week was the main event of a year-long celebration commemorating a town that got its start because of the Miller Dam and a sugar factory.

Where dirt roads and covered wagons used to drive, now there's paved streets and commercial retail.

A picture posted at the park showed a few cabins rising out of the sagebrush in stark contrast to the city that's grown to be part of two counties.

"We've been able to maintain something in Burley they don't have everywhere," said Loretta Peterson, a teacher who also wrote a song commemorating the city's centennial.

Peterson said spirit and optimism are what's been maintained, fueling the citizenry and Saturday's celebration.

Several hundred people showed up for each night's events, and nothing was expected to change Saturday as Colors closed out the week.

"People who didn't come missed out on a really special thing," said Doug Manning, chairman of the Burley Centennial Committee.

Aside from the parents eyeing their kids running around the playground, natives who have been in the city for decades sat patiently in a park where they played as children.

"We've had a lot of fun listening to stories," said Bev Stone, a member of the centennial committee.

The giant cake was brought in by police escort at about 5 p.m., circling the park before coming to a stop for people to get a piece.

As the line grew, elder members gathered and joked to pass the time, treading on sidewalks that have been around since 1940, while today's kids ran around their feet eager for their piece of cake.

It was a happy birthday for Burley.

# Thousands expected for Jerome car show

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Approximately 12,000 visitors are expected to gather in Jerome next month for what event organizer Joe Skaug calls the largest one-day car show in the state.

The NAPA Auto Parts Joe Mama's 7th Annual Jerome Car Show, scheduled for Aug. 20, promises 600 entries, Skaug recently told the Jerome Chamber of Commerce.

About seven years ago city officials asked Skaug if he could attract six or seven cars to a city-sponsored event. Skaug brought in 50 cars. The next year the city asked if he couldn't duplicate that showing and Skaug brought 100. Then Wal-Mart opened it's doors and hosted the show with 200 cars showing up. The following year 300 cars came. Then 400, Skaug said.

Cars will come from all over the country, from Wisconsin to California.

"The crowd of spectators also grows by about 1,000 each year," Skaug said.

Skaug credits his ability to pull off such well-attended shows to the fact that he raced cars in the 1950s while he was in high school and again in the late 1960s when he was just out of college.

Skaug raced at tracks around Idaho and the Northwest, won a few dollars and a few trophies but had a wife and children to support and really couldn't afford the financial commitment car racing requires. So he quit racing cars but remained an avid car fan over the years.

During his years as a race car driver, Skaug made friends with other racers, promoters and race track owners. The friendships have proved valuable to Skaug in organizing Joe Mama's Car Show.

"The larger the show gets the more expensive it is," Skaug said. He said he likes to keep the show free to the public and to the entrants, so he has to find sponsors for the event. He now has about 25 sponsors for this year's show.

A $600 Best of Show purse goes to the first prize winner and more than $1,000 in door prizes will be given to the car entrants.

"This event is not just for car fans but for the entire community," Skaug said.

This year's show will feature many noteworthy activities:

• A Dr. Pepper NASCAR simulator will be available for the public. The simulator allows one person to pretend to drive a car in a race for three or four minutes at a time.

• A 200 mph nitro Harley bike will do a burnout in the park.

• Wisconsin's 300 mph jet-powered funny car will do a burnout and shoot fire from its engines.

• There will be funny cars, roadsters, dragsters, street rods, sports cars, muscle cars, Corvettes, Vipers, Cobras, oldies, antiques, low riders, imports, compacts and multi-engine tractor pullers on display for envious ogling and admiration.

• A live rock band will play in the afternoon.

Cars should be entered from 7 to 9:30 a.m. on the day of the show and the public can view them from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information, call Skaug at 324-8959.

# Police chase ends in crash; one man faces charges

By Garrett Hylton
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — A high-speed chase early Thursday morning resulted in a Rupert man being arrested on charges of driving under the influence and eluding arrest.

According to a police report, Nathan Ray, 20, eluded arrest after officer Dan Bristol attempted to pull him over for a traffic violation.

Rather than find a spot on the side of the road, Ray allegedly hit the gas in his 2000 Chevrolet Blazer and continued going east on 21st Street at a high speed.

After running several stop signs and swerving across the road, the vehicle turned north onto 200 West and then east on 200 South.

At one point during the chase, Bristol noticed his speedometer was about 90 miles per hour and the vehicle turned its lights off and drove into a field before heading towards a canal crossing at about 100 West.

The Blazer hit the canal crossing going fast enough to get his vehicle off the road, according to the police report.

When Bristol found the car, it was apparently high-centered on a haystack in a field on the east side of 200 South. Bristol observed Ray exiting the vehicle and running across the field, according to the report.

He was picked up at a nearby house about an hour later and taken to the hospital for an injury.

Ray claimed that there had been a different driver, and he was just a passenger.

Urine analysis revealed alcohol, THC and methamphetamine in Ray's system, according to the police report.

After being released from the hospital, Ray was placed under arrest.

# PTA president joins T.F. School Board

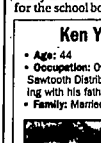
By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After seven years as an elementary school PTA president, Ken Young is moving on — to the Twin Falls School Board.

Young ran unopposed for the Zone 2 seat, which represents the southwest portion of the district. He's scheduled to join the board at its July 25 meeting. Young, the brother of Sherry Drummond, who ran for the Zone 5 seat and lost to Rob Atkins, said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs asked him to run for the school board.

**Ken Young**

- **Age:** 44
- **Occupation:** Owns Young's Sawtooth Distributing & Vending with his father.
- **Family:** Married and has one daughter who graduated from Twin Falls High School and is a freshman at Boise State University, a daughter in eighth grade at Robert Stuart Junior High and a son in sixth grade at Lincoln Elementary.
- **Twin Falls connection:** Has lived in Twin Falls since 1973.
- **Education:** Twin Falls High School graduate.



Young came to Twin Falls in 1973 after his father retired from the military and he graduated from Twin Falls High School. Young has been in the vending machine business for 24 years. He's even written some software to customize machines.

Young served on the Lincoln Elementary School Parent Teacher Association for two years as secretary and just finished seven years as president. Principal Beth Olmstead said he's been a regular at meetings and the school's family fun nights. He was also instrumental in making sure the school's scholarships go out. This year the school gave three $500 scholarships to graduates who were at Lincoln for at least four years.

A big project during his tenure as president was raising about $15,000 over several years for new playground equipment.

"He's good," Olmstead said. "He really cares about education, he really cares about how government works."

Young said school funding is really inadequate in this state.

"Idaho's a lousy place to educate your kids," Young said.

Still, Twin Falls is able to do a lot with a little and the supplemental levy did help. Young doesn't expect any relief from the Legislature.

Young has a similar view of the No Child Left Behind laws. They need adequate funding to function, otherwise, the laws are already having problems.

"I think it's a joke," Young said. He said as standards get tougher, he expects dropouts and other social problems to increase.

For Twin Falls, Young said a second high school would have a lot of benefits. He said converting to four-year high schools and middle schools that were grades six to eight make better age groupings of students.

Young said paying teachers more would help the district recruit and keep staff, but it would need help from the state to do so. He said merit pay might be a good idea.

As for working with other board members, Young said it's important to build consensus even if he doesn't agree with every individual decision.

Young said he wants to get up to speed with the issues so he can be an effective board member.

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## Heather Ann Erpenbach

BILLINGS, Mont. — Heather Ann Erpenbach, 28, of Billings, Mont., went to dance with Jesus on July 2, 2005.

She was born Nov. 20, 1976, in San Diego, Calif., the daughter of Larry D. and Christy Wilmot Erpenbach. Heather grew up in Billings and attended schools there. She loved music and dancing and she especially loved Jesus. Heather was a resident of Panner's Group Home in Billings for the last six years. She will be remembered as a sweet spirit who touched the lives of many.

She is survived by her mother, Christy Wilmot Erpenbach of Jerome; her father, Larry Erpenbach of Billings; her sister, Rachel Marie of Billings; and two brothers, Jason Matthew and Michael Alan, both of Jerome. She is also survived by her grandparents, Larry and Mary Wilmot of Jerome, Audrey Erpenbach of Helena, Mont., and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Art Erpenbach.

A celebration of life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005, at Lighthouse Assembly of God, 25 E. 100 S., Jerome, with Pastor Craig Wilmot officiating. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery. A memorial service in Billings, Mont., will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at the New Life Church, 3950 Temple Place, Billings, Mont., with Pastor Lester Hall officiating.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

## Virginia Carson

BURLEY — Virginia Carson, an 87-year-old longtime resident of Burley, died Friday, July 15, 2005, at her home, surrounded by her family, following an eight-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

She was born Feb. 24, 1918, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Parley Eugene and Florence Adelia Anderson. She married Earl Carson in 1935, and they raised three children, Gary Carson, Lamont (Colleen) Carson and Linda (Dennis) Wilcox.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters, one brother, and one great-grandson. Surviving are her three children, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Virginia lived in Burley for her entire life. The last 64 years have been in the same house that the family constructed in 1941. She enjoyed anything that involved being in the outdoors, especially when in the company of family and friends.

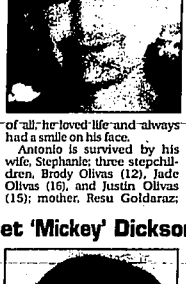
Virginia was a member of the LDS Church and enjoyed participating in Relief Society functions and other church activities. She was active in the Primary program and taught Primary classes for several years.

She spent many enjoyable vacations in the Sawtooth Mountains and the South Hills. She was an avid gardener, and maintained a large vegetable garden for several years after the death of her husband in 1984. Her family and neighbors enjoyed the harvest produced each year in her garden.

Her strong family ethics and her willingness to help anyone in need resulted in a very blessed and rewarding life for her. She has been especially blessed during the past several years as her health began to fail. Her family rallied around her and provided extensive love, care, and support. She was able to spend her last 10 years in her own home and at the home of her daughter, Linda Wilcox. She was also blessed with exceptional and devoted assistance from numerous other friends, family, and care givers. A special thanks goes to Elida Rivera and Linda Berry, who served as special care givers to Virginia, as her health began to fail.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Gerald Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

## Antonio Enrique Goldaraz Jr.



RUPERT — Antonio Enrique Goldaraz Jr., 32, of Rupert, passed away Friday, July 15, 2005, at home peacefully due to a prolonged illness.

He was born Nov. 5, 1972, in Rupert, to Antonio and Resu J. Goldaraz. He grew up and attended St. Nicholas Catholic School, graduating from Minico High School in 1990. He then attended the College of Southern Idaho, receiving a degree in business. For most of his life, he worked on his family's farm, Goldaraz Land and Livestock. He also worked for one year at the Amalgamated Sugar Company. In 2003, he married Stephanie Knopp. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He enjoyed doing many things, fishing and boating with his son, Brody, being in the mountains, and coaching his son's basket ball team. Most of all, he loved life and always had a smile on his face.

Antonio is survived by his wife, Stephanie; three stepchildren, Brody Olivas (12), Jade Olivas (16), and Justin Olivas (15); mother, Resu Goldaraz; sister, Maria (Robert) Goodenough; brothers-in-law, Cory (Sheri) Jones, Jeremy (Nikole) Jones and Jason (Ginny) Knopp; nephews, Kaden and Hunter Goodenough, Jordan and Chase Jones and Austin Knopp; and nieces, Makenzie and Kalee. He was preceded in death by his father, Antonio Goldaraz Sr., and grandparents, Juan Jose and Juana Goldaraz and Enrique and Victoria Goldaraz.

A rosary will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church. Mass of Christian burial will follow after the rosary, starting at 6 p.m. at the church, with Father Nondier Zuleta and Tony's Uncle, Father Jesus Goldaraz as celebrants. The burial will be at 9 a.m. Monday, July 18, 2005, at the Rupert Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

## Margaret 'Mickey' Dickson Olson

RUPERT — Margaret "Mickey" Dickson Olson, an 86-year-old Rupert resident, passed away July 16, 2005, at Minidoka Memorial Extended Care.

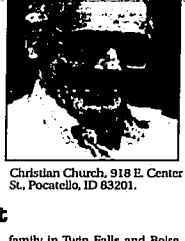
Mickey was born on March 29, 1919, in Pocatello, Idaho, the youngest of four children, to Elsa Haag and Lewis F. Dickson. She attended schools in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School in 1937, where she was active in dance, cheerleading, and excelled in gymnastics. As a young girl, Mickey worked at Boring Drug Store. In 1938, she married Elvin Olson. They were blessed with a daughter, Karin. They celebrated 57 years together before his passing in 1995. She worked for Wilson Bates, The Mode, and the state of Idaho.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church. Her hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles, and spending time with family. She had an easy smile and a great sense of humor.

Her survivors include two granddaughters, Lori (Doug) Gallagher and Susan McCauley, both of Gresham, Ore.; two great-grandchildren, Ryan Gallagher and Erin McCauley; two sisters, Delores Moller and Loueen Johnson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Katherine Carson, Louise (Glen) Allen, Jay (Maxine) Olson, LaMar (LaVerne) Olson and Larry Olson; many nieces and nephews; and longtime friends, Margaret Anderson of Gresham, Ore., and Judy Ogden of Rupert. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Karin, and a brother, Donald Dickson.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at the Rupert Cemetery, with the Rev. Nels D. Moller officiating. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

## William C. 'Bill' Bower



POCATELLO — William 'C. 'Bill' Bower, 78, of Pocatello, died Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

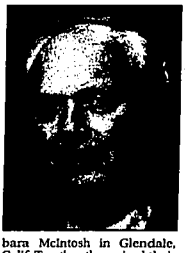
He was born April 24, 1927, in Twin Falls, the son of Curtis W. and Madge Atkin Bower. He attended schools in the Magic Valley and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1945. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his honorable discharge, he attended college in McMinnville, Ore., majoring in music. He moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where he was associated with the Pocatello Dental Lab for many years until his retirement.

He served as choir director for the Pocatello First Baptist Church for a number of years, and where he was featured tenor vocalist. He was later a member of the Central Christian Church in Pocatello.

He is survived by his sister, Fern Hamlett of Twin Falls; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Franklin T., Curtis D. and Leonard R. Bower.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials to Central Christian Church, 918 E. Center St., Pocatello, ID 83201.

## Bernard N. Schmidt



BOISE — Bernard N. Schmidt, 83, of Boise, died Thursday, July 14, 2005, at home of natural causes.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Bernard N. Schmidt was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Hampton, Va., the son of Otto and Helen Backer Schmidt. He moved to Boise at an early age and attended schools there. Bernard graduated from the University of Idaho, and later served honorably in the United States Army during World War II. He was assigned to the European Theater of Operations. On Nov. 5, 1949, Bernard married Barbara McIntosh in Glendale, Calif. Together, they raised their family in Twin Falls and Boise. Bernard was employed by Idaho Power for 32 years. He enjoyed traveling and camping.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Barbara of Boise; one son and his wife, Kent and Christene Schmidt of Twin Falls; one daughter, Kim Graham of Boise; a sister, Gerrie Monroe of Sedona, Ariz.; a brother, Dick Schmidt of Phoenix, Ariz.; his grandchildren, Sean Graham of Palm Desert, Calif., Jim Schmidt of Twin Falls and Jessica Schmidt of Boise; and two great-grandchildren.

His family suggests memorials be made to the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman, Boise, ID 83705, or to a favorite charity.

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# JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

## Misdemeanor arraignments

Jon Kent Campbell, 20; malicious injury to property; underage consumption of alcohol; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Wilma L. Courtade, 33; driving without privileges; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Leroy G. Dollesiager, 62; criminal contempt of court; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Steven Field, 20; carrying a concealed weapon without a license; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kenneth D. Jantz, 50; driving without privileges; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Nancy A. Loya, 21; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; exceeding the speed limit; pretrial conference July 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

## Misdemeanor sentencings

Christopher W. Glosser, 28; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; possession of a controlled substance; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ofelio Hernandez, 44; failure to provide proof of insurance; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Travis Andrew Aldridge, 27; reckless driving amended to inattentive/careless driving; $300 fine, $150 suspended, $63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 15 days in jail, 15 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jose Irene Carmona-Nava, 28; driving under the influence; $750 fine, $550 suspended, $78.50 court costs, $50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Fred Gene Crist, 24; possession of a controlled substance; $300 fine, $200 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served; one day eligible for work program; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Oscar Eudabe-Aguilar, 32; possession of a controlled substance amended to use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; $500 fine, $500 suspended, $75 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 364 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Court records

Benu J. Kemp, 22; battery — domestic violence; $300 fine, $300 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $75 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 74 suspended, 100 days discretionary, credit for six days served; violation of a no-contact order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Tiffany J. Moore, 24; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; $68.50 fine, $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

## Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Jose Perez-Garcia, 53; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence; judgment withheld for one year; $750 fine, $550 suspended, $78.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 148 suspended, 30 days discretionary, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Bruce W. Thompson, 18; aggravated battery amended to disturbing the peace; judgment withheld for one year; $300 fine, $150 suspended, $63.50 court costs, $35 probation fee, $75 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for two days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

## Misdemeanor dismissals

Jeffery I. Crivits Sr., 42; disturbing the peace; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jamie S. Tadrell, 37; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

## Felony arraignments

Rey Samano-Catajan, 22; possession of a controlled substance; status hearing July 25; District Judge John K. Butler.

Bobby Joe Willock Jr., 24; fraud — insufficient funds check; enhancement — persistent violator; pretrial conference Sept. 2. Separate case: three counts fraud — insufficient funds check; enhancement — persistent violator; pretrial conference Sept. 2; District Judge John K. Butler.

## Felony withheld judgments

John B. Henager, 21; forgery; judgment withheld for three years; $60.50 court costs, $250 public defender fee; three years supervised probation; 30 days discretionary jail time; District Judge John K. Butler.

## Civil

Jack's Excavating vs. Brett Peterson and Don Ford, doing business as Farm Irrigation Services. Seeking $11,882.95, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for excavation services and materials purchased on an open account.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Leonel Nolasco. Seeking $1,664.32, plus interest; $555 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.


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# Duncan always had friends, supporters

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) — Despite a lengthy record as a violent sexual predator of children, Joseph Edward Duncan III was always able to make friends who paid his bills and lobbied for his early release from prison, The Spokesman-Review reported Friday.

Duncan, 42, is jailed without bail on charges he beat three people to death in a scheme to kidnap two children for the purposes of sexual gratification.

The Spokesman-Review, working from more than 400 pages of state documents released under state public *records laws, reported Duncan* befriended people over the years, convincing them he was turning his life around.

"He is open, honest and eager to move on with his life," one such supporter, David Woelfert of Lynnwood, Wash., wrote to parole officials in 1993. "He is no threat to society whatsoever."

Woelfert loaned Duncan $3,000, paid his initial rent in a halfway house and reportedly became Duncan's lover, according to the documents.

"It is my intention to back him, support him, and help him in any way possible upon his release," Woelfert had written in 1991, shortly after meeting Duncan.

Woelfert did not return repeated calls, to his work and home, seeking comment.

Duncan is now in the Kootenai County Jail, held without bail for the killings of Brenda Groene, 40, Dylan Groene, 13, and her boyfriend Mark McKenzie, 37. Federal officials plan to charge him with kidnapping Shasta Groene, 8, and Dylan Groene, 9, and killing Dylan.

Duncan was arrested at his Tacoma home in 1980, one month shy of his 17th birthday, on a charge of raping a 14-year-old boy at gunpoint. He was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

After several years, Duncan started writing to state parole officials, saying he'd changed, the newspaper reported.

His mother, Lillian Duncan, wrote her son had overcome tremendous hurdles, from bedwetting to being spoiled by his father. The couple eventually divorced.

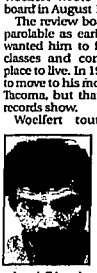
"I tried and tried to properly train him up in an authoritarian Christian manner, but his Dad had apparently been raised in a very liberal fashion," she wrote to the state Indeterminate Sentence Review Board in 1988.

On Jan. 2, 1991, Duncan started a pen-pal correspondence and later developed a relationship with Woelfert, a King County revenue officer, the records show.

"Mr. Duncan is filled with remorse for the act that he committed many years ago," Woelfert wrote to the review board in August 1991.

The review board found him parolable as early as 1987, but wanted him to first take more classes and come up with a place to live. In 1988, he wanted to move to his mother's home in Tacoma, but that was rejected, records show.

Woelfert touted Duncan's achievements in letters to the review board. Woelfert also paid his first *month's rent* at a halfway house, records show.



Joseph Edward Duncan

"Further incarceration of Mr. Duncan will serve no purpose whatsoever," he wrote in 1993.

Duncan was paroled in September 1994 and moved into the halfway house in Seattle.

Documents show he got a job as a phone solicitor for a publishing company; went to counseling and later got a second job with a small software company.

In September 1996, Duncan tested positive for marijuana during a routine urine test, and he was arrested, then released on parole again, records show. In March 1997, he again tested positive for marijuana use, records show. He disappeared with his girlfriend's car, according to parole reports.

When an FBI fugitive task force checked at the Kansas City, Mo., home of Duncan's half sister, Duncan answered the door and was arrested and sent back to prison, the newspaper reported.

In late September 1997, according to Duncan's Department of Corrections computer log, his parole officer got a call from Dr. Richard Wacksman, a North Dakota doctor who told her he'd met Duncan in a San Francisco coffeehouse.

Wacksman felt Duncan was honest and sincere, he told the parole officer.

Review board chairwoman Kathryn Ball, after meeting with Wacksman, wrote in a Feb. 2, 1998, memo that the doctor "feels that he can help Joe and his wife Dr. Wacksman's is in support of his efforts. He stated that he is bisexual."

Wacksman asked that the state parole Duncan to his home in North Dakota, where he lived with his wife and two kids, ages 8 and 11, records show.

The state said no, and Duncan's parole was revoked Dec. 12, 1997, during a hearing at the King County Jail.

# REMEMBERING DYLAN

## Hundreds gather on what would have been child's 10th birthday

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

POST FALLS — On what would have been his 10th birthday, kidnap-slaying victim Dylan Groene was remembered Saturday as an impish child who loved videogames, riding his bike and riding with his dad on his motorcycle.

Many mourners carried birthday balloons.

More than 700 people filled the Real Life Ministries building, where just a few weeks ago services were held for Dylan's mother, Brenda Groene, 40, and his brother Slade Vincent, 13. They died with Brenda's boyfriend, Mark McKenzie, 37, in a May 16 attack on the family home outside nearby Coeur d'Alene that authorities believe was carried out to acquire Dylan and his 8-year-old sister Shasta.

Shasta, rescued July 2 when she appeared at a local restaurant with convicted sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III, did not appear to be at the service.

But her rescue was noted by Pastor Jim Putman.

"I thank God for the miracle he gave us bringing Shasta back," Putman said during the hour-long service. "God has plans for that little girl."

The church is a few miles from the Kootenai County Jail, where Duncan is being held without bail in connection with the brutal crimes that have stunned the region. State prosecutors have charged Duncan with three counts of murder and kidnapping in the attack on the family home. All six charges can carry the death penalty. Federal prosecutors have said they will file charges in the abduction of the children and Dylan's death. The boy's body was found in Montana within days of Shasta's rescue.

"This is Dylan's 10th birthday," Putman told the mourners. "God is throwing a better party for him than you could ever possibly imagine."

In his only reference to the killer, he said: "God takes care of evil and I can trust him to do it. When he punishes he does it far better than I could ever do."

Among those at the service was Amber Deahn, the Denny's waitress who recognized Shasta with Duncan in the diner and stalled her milkshake order till police could arrive.

"One is gone, yet one remains to fill your heart and take the hurt away," she wrote on the paper banner signed by many in attendance.

The service included a video presentation with numerous photos showing Dylan with his parents and siblings. He was shown playing with Shasta and big brother Slade, attending family parties.

Lana Hamilton, principal of Fernan Elementary School in Coeur d'Alene, recalled Dylan's love of monster trucks, Hot Wheels toy cars and food in the school's cafeteria.

He was known to classmates and teachers as "Dilly Bar" and "DJ," she said.

"We love him and we'll miss him," Hamilton said.

Programs issued at the service said Dylan was born in Coeur d'Alene on July 16, 1995 and "passed in Montana in June 2005."

The date of his death is not known.

Putman read a note from the boy's father, Steve Groene, who thanked community members for their support and law enforcement for their efforts in the case. Dylan's two oldest brothers also attended the service — Vance, 20, and 18-year-old Jesse, who was released from jail to attend. He's serving a six-month service for burglary and says the family's overwhelming tragedy has turned his life around.

After the service, Steve Groene led mourners outside where he released the first of hundreds of red and blue balloons that floated up into the overcast sky.

"They have us as a family now, too," Deahn said of the Groenes. "This is like burying one of my own relatives."

Cindy House, a friend of Brenda Groene's, said the crime had been devastating for the community.

"This has affected everyone so much," said House, who added that she hoped the memorial service would help the area move on from the tragedy and start to heal.

During the service, Putman called for changes in sex-offender laws to better protect children — a plea made previously by Steve Groene and echoed after the memorial by one of his nieces, Jennifer Inwood of Tacoma.

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# Idaho town celebrates nuclear past

## INL looks to the future

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

ARCO — Surrounded by dog-eared newsclippings, Charles Pieper sits in his living room and remembers the night a half-century ago today when he helped usher in the age of nuclear power.

It was July 17, 1955, nearly midnight in the desert 20 miles south of this central Idaho town. The 33-year-old electrician's flip of a circuit breaker sent 2,000 kilowatts from the National Reactor Testing Station's boiling water reactor — Borax III — to Arco, making the city the world's first to be electrified by nuclear power.

"I don't think I grasped the significance of it all," recalls Pieper, now 83, of an event that lasted about an hour before the reactor was disconnected. "We were so tired, I didn't hardly notice anything."

As Pieper and the rest of Arco's 1,000 residents look back a half century during this weekend's "Atomic Days," scientists at what's become the Idaho National Laboratory are looking to the future: They're planning a new high-temperature, gas-cooled nuclear reactor they hope will produce both electricity and hydrogen for a new generation of clean-running cars.

INL officials also are part of a push to license a new nuclear power plant by 2010 under streamlined regulatory guidelines. Companies including General Electric and French state utility Electricite de France are in on the Department of Energy-backed bid.

"Nuclear is the only large-scale, nongreenhouse gas emitting energy source we have," said Kathryn McCarthy, INL's director of advanced nuclear energy systems integration. "It's an energy-security issue: We need to decrease our dependence on foreign sources."

It all began in 1949 when the site was known as Argonne-West, the government's first nuclear reactor proving ground. Deep in the sage-and-basalt desert, Cold War-era scientists could work far from prying eyes, and civilization was far away in case of an accident.

It was here where the first experimental breeder reactor was built. That reactor is now a museum and the only place on the site visitors can see without a background check. Some 8,000 tourists come annually.

Fifty-two reactors were built on territory almost as big as Delaware, including prototypes of reactors that fire the Navy's nuclear submarines.

Today, the INL's centerpiece is the Advanced Test Reactor, where scientists eventually hope to test fuels and metals slated for use in the planned new reactor. The facility currently performs tests for the Navy and the nuclear industry, including scrutinizing how different alloys withstand neutron bombardment.

"Our part is providing a place to do the research," said John Dwight, who oversees the 38-year-old Advanced Test Reactor.

There are now slightly more than 100 nuclear power plants in the United States, a quarter the world's total. But a license hasn't been issued for a U.S. plant since 1973, and skeptics want it to stay that way. America, they say, should focus on renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, because a new generation of reactors would prove too costly for real-world use.

The industry also lives in the shadow of terrifying and dangerous accidents including Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania in 1979 and Chernobyl, the 1986 Ukrainian disaster. The INL site has its own tragic history: In 1961, three workers died when a power surge in a test reactor caused water surrounding its core to explode.

In recent years, much of the work at INL has been court-ordered cleanup of tons of radioactive and hazardous waste. New reactors will mean new waste, some worry.

"Why should we set ourselves up with thousands of reactors that we'll have to deal with 100 years from now?" asks Jeremy Maxand, executive director of the Snake River Alliance, an Idaho nuclear watchdog.

Still, nuclear power has won surprising allies.

Patrick Moore, a founder of Greenpeace in 1971, now believes nuclear plants, along with wind and geothermal power, would safely help the U.S. reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and keep pace with rising energy demand.

"There's no getting away from the fact that 6 billion people wake up every morning with a need for food, material and energy," Moore said. "If we don't move forward on this, we're going to end up buying nuclear technology from the Chinese."

Meanwhile, in Arco, Clay Condit, 75, a physicist who developed reactors for the Navy, is trying to assemble mothballed buildings moved from INL to a city park to create a "mini-INL" for tourists. He remembers the days when nobody but the workers knew their job titles, for fear outsiders could compromise national security.

"I couldn't tell my kids what I did," Condit said. Now INL officials are fighting for recognition and federal dollars.

"The nuclear industry hasn't done a good job of educating the public," said the INL's McCarthy. "As we work toward getting an order for a plant in the U.S., that's where we need public support."

Idaho National Laboratory workers perform maintenance Monday on the Advanced Test Reactor, a 38-year-old reactor located south of Arco, that officials expect to use to test fuels to see whether they're suitable for use in the next generation of nuclear power plants that INL wants to build.

AP photo

This photo provided by the U.S. Department of Energy shows the complex housing the experimental nuclear power plant, known as 'BORAX,' for 'Boiling Reactor Experiment' that briefly powered Arco on July 17, 1955, making it the first city in the world to be electrified by nuclear power.

# Wolves blamed for cow's death

LEWISTON (AP) — A wolf pack that already has killed six hunting dogs likely killed an adult cow last week, officials said.

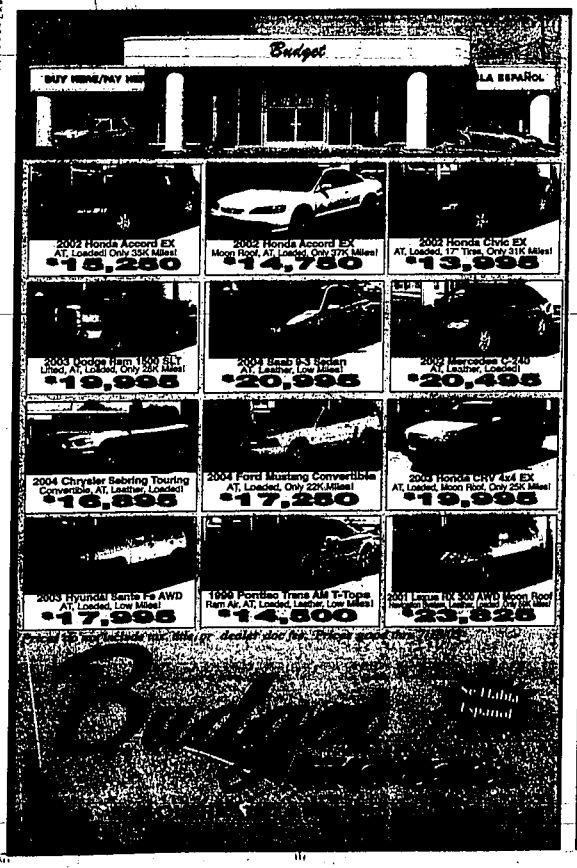
But the dead cow cannot be positively linked to wolves, so federal wildlife officials say no action can be taken against the pack, which is active between Elk River and Dworshak Reservoir.

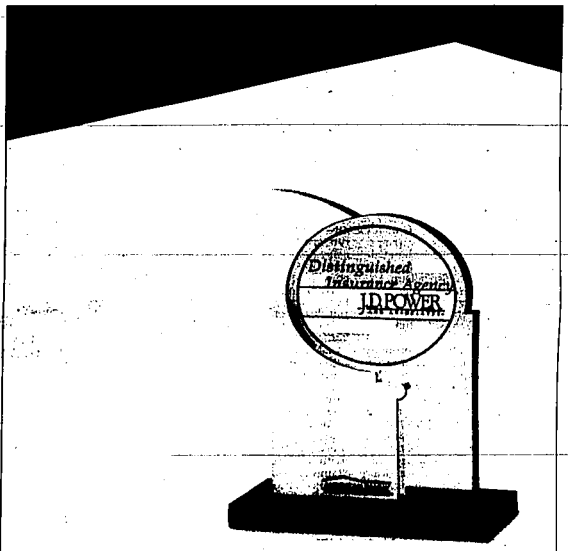
Still, said Carter Niemeyer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, action will be taken if more livestock deaths are linked to the pack.

"That pack was confirmed to be a problem last year. We would probably engage in some incremental removal of the pack if they are confirmed to be a problem this year," Niemeyer said.

Rancher Suzanne Beale found the dead cow Monday and saw a wolf run from it as she approached.

She called Wildlife Services Agent Dave Thomas to investigate, and though Thomas found it probable that wolves killed the cow, the carcass had no tooth puncture marks — which meant it was impossible to say for certain that wolves were responsible.

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# Second man dies after being jailed in meth case

POCATELLO (AP) — A resident of a Pocatello suburb is the second Idaho man to die in three weeks after being jailed in a methamphetamine investigation.

Bo Stout, 26, of Chubbock was pronounced dead by paramedics Thursday afternoon at the Bannock County jail.

He'd been arrested for investigation of meth possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest and jailed at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. After observing erratic behavior, police said they placed Stout in a separate cell where they could monitor him more closely.

When a nurse checked him at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, he had no pulse, Sheriff Lorin Nielsen said, adding that two detectives from neighboring Bingham County spent all day Friday investigating Stout's death. Nielsen said the detectives interviewed all officers who were in contact with Stout between the time of his arrest and when the body was found.

"He was in his cell for only four hours. It didn't appear to be a suicide," said the sheriff, who didn't indicate how many times jail workers checked on Stout.

On June 25, a prisoner at the Boundary County jail in northern Idaho died after apparently ingesting a quarter-ounce of meth to conceal it from law enforcement agents who had found other doses of the drug in his clothing.

Dale Allen Young, 42, died at Boundary Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry, where he'd been transported from the jail in this small logging community about 25 miles from the Canadian border. Doctors recovered a baggy from Young's stomach.

Idaho State Police were called to investigate that death. They've said it could take until late July for results of an autopsy to be complete.

# Disneyland's first paying guest marks anniversary at home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Dave MacPherson won't be at Disneyland's 50th anniversary. He wasn't invited, even though he holds lifetime privileges to Disney parks and a special honor: "First Paying Guest."

MacPherson, 72, will mark Sunday's celebration in Anaheim, Calif., from 750 miles away at his southern Utah home, but he holds no grudge and proclaims himself Disneyland's biggest fan.

"The first of 515 million visitors," the retired journalist said with pride and awe by telephone from Monticello, Utah.

Disneyland officials said they were trying to keep Sunday's celebration simple and didn't extend MacPherson an invitation. The company plans to hold a modest ceremony before setting fans loose inside the park, spokesman John McClintock said. A bigger celebration was held May 5.

In 1955, MacPherson was a 22-year-old student at Long Beach State College taking summer courses to complete an English degree. He was watching televised coverage of the opening of Disneyland for the media and invited guests on July 17, 1955, a day before the park opened to the public.

"I said, 'Boy, I sure would like to go out there,'" said MacPherson, who figured he might draw a prize for standing first in line.

He drove his Simplex motorbike to Anaheim, arriving shortly before 1 a.m. to take his place in line an hour before anyone else showed up. Workers still were putting finishing touches on the park and testing jungle noises for an exhibit on speakers.

The crowd steadily grew overnight to about 6,000 people, and MacPherson made sure no one got in front of him. When the admission booth opened, a photographer for the Long Beach Press-Telegram captured him buying the first ticket.

Looking at the photo years later, he realized he had his own camera but didn't use it.

"Why didn't I shoot some pictures?" he wonders. "I even forgot to ask Walt (Disney) for his autograph. I must have been balmy or something" after staying up all night.

AP photo

Dave MacPherson is shown in Monticello, Utah, on July 12, in this photo provided by his wife, Wanda MacPherson. MacPherson won't be at Disneyland's 50th anniversary.

Turning around to campus for a class, MacPherson didn't have time for even one ride. Instead, he visited the restroom and left without as much as a souvenir. A few weeks later his mail produced a lifetime pass for four to Disneyland and other Disney parks as they opened.

"I was the most popular guy at the college," he quipped.

He's taken full advantage of it scores of times, especially when he lived in California. Usage dwindled after he moved to Kansas City, Mo., to work for newspapers and radio. But being closer to California has made it more useful, and he last made the trip a year ago with his wife, Wanda.

# City of Lapwai in danger of losing insurance

LAPWAI (AP) — This small northcentral Idaho city is in danger of losing its insurance Aug. 1 amid turmoil that includes the departure of its police chief in January and resignations of its city attorney and two clerks over the past couple weeks.

Lapwai gets its insurance through the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, a cooperative of local governments which covers property and casualty losses, including employment, police and auto-accident related claims. It also covers officials for on-the-job errors.

Following the departure of the two city clerks this past week and the attorney the week before that, a sign on the Lapwai City Hall door Friday read: "Closed until further notice." That comes after administrators with the insurance program told the city in a July 1 letter that the situation had grown untenable.

"You have participated in activities which increase liability to the other members of the ICRMP pool," according to the letter from Boise-based Richard Ferguson, the insurance program's executive director. "Therefore, effective Aug. 1, 2005, your insurance coverage ... will cease."

In an interview with the Lewiston Tribune, Ferguson didn't provide specifics on the alleged activities that prompted the decision to drop coverage.

He did say this is the first time the program has ever considered terminating a member.

Without the clerks, Jeanne Calkins-Greiner and Lois Sonnen, Lapwai doesn't have enough employees to keep its offices running, City Councilor Edmund Berry said of the office closure.


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# Health officials warn of youth 'fainting game'

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — State health officials warned last week of a dangerous fainting game that is gaining popularity among children.

The game is also known in Montana as suffocation roulette, space monkey, passout, knockout or flatliner. It can cause brain damage, disability and even death, said Wilda McGraw, a public health nurse consultant with the state Department of Public Health and Human Services.

"This game isn't new," she said. "It's been around for decades and is fairly popular with risk-taking kids who think they can control the outcome."

Two children in Idaho are believed to have died in recent months while playing the game. Most recently, a 10-year-old boy apparently hanged himself from a tree last week, the Ffemont County sheriff's office said.

"Strangulation deaths can be the all-too-tragic result, since no one is around to come to the rescue if the player miscalculates," McGraw said.

McGraw, who heads the state's Fetal, Infant and Child Mortality Review team, said at least one county coordinator who is part of the review team has reported children as young as 10 to 12 years old playing the game at slumber parties.


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# OBITUARY

## Anita N. Lowry

RUPERT — Anita Noemi Lowry, 43-year-old recent Rupert resident, died Friday, July 8, 2005, at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

She was born April 3, 1962, in Guayaguil, Ecuador, the daughter of Victor M. Alvarado Pena and Teresa Arteaga Delgado Pena. When Anita was 6 years old, she moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she graduated from Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. She attended and graduated from Burdett Executive Secretary School. She worked as a legal secretary for five years. Anita married Richard Lowry on June 27, 1987, in the Logan Temple. Together, they had three beautiful daughters, Sarah, Jennifer and Melissa. Her family was her life. They enjoyed sharing hobbies together, running, swimming, hiking, cooking, and they especially loved going shopping. She loved to sing with her twin sister, Anna, and she passed her talent onto her daughters. Anita and her family lived in various parts of the country.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served in the Young Women's, Primary, and in the Relief Society. She was also an excellent missionary.

Anita was diagnosed with cancer in March of 2005 and fought valiantly and courageously with faith and vision. Though she lost her battle with cancer, she left a great legacy behind for those who watched her endure it well. She is now in a better place preparing a way for her husband and daughters. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; three daughters, Sarah, Jennifer and Melissa, all of Rupert; eight brothers and sisters, Caesar (Laura) Delgado, Esther Mostafa, Carlos (Linda) Delgado, Teresa (Anthony) Giordano, Angelo (Damaris) Pena, Pearl (Kleber) Colombo, Victor (Mecha) Pena and her identical twin, Anna (Les) Harriman; her father and mother-in-law, Lee and Mary Lowry of Rupert; and several brothers and sisters-in-law, Linda (Mike) Murray, David (Lynette) Lowry, Tamara (Steve) Barnes, Margaret (Doug) Coombs and Michelle (Garth) Searle. She was preceded in death by her parents and two nephews, Aaron Giordano and Chase Searle.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Rupert 4th Ward Chapel, 26 S. 100 W., with Bishop Roger Bagley officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

# SERVICES

**Eleanor J. Edwards**, formerly of Boise, service at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral, 518 N. Eighth St., Boise. A graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

**Evalin Mary Felton Korsen** of Paul, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Joy A. Croft** of Heyburn, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

**Verla Feigh Noble Butler** of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Acequia 2nd Ward building. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

**Jeff Scott Lemke** of Wendover, Nev., and formerly of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Salmon Falls Dam.

**Diana Lynn Bridwell** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Doris Arlene Liggett** of Horseshoe Bend, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Ladies Club Hall in Horseshoe Bend (Potter Funeral Chapel, Emmett).

# DEATH NOTICE

## Karla J. Edwards

HOLLISTER — Karla J. Edwards, 47, of Hollister, died Saturday, July 16, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

# Fire causes Highway 93 delays

CONTACT, NEV. — A brush fire started by lightning Friday burned several outbuildings and abandoned cars near Contact on Saturday.

No homes burned in the small community between Wells and Jackpot, but U.S. Highway 93 was closed intermittently due to the blaze.

The latest reports to Elko County dispatchers had the contact fire consuming about 1,200 acres.

As of 10 p.m. Saturday night, dispatch had no estimation of when the fire would be contained.

## Construction will close portion of Tiger Drive

JEROME — City crews will be resurfacing Tiger Drive between Third Street East and 16th Street East starting Monday.

The road work means Tiger Drive will be closed to traffic, so residents are advised to plan to use alternate routes.

The project will involve grinding up old asphalt, widening the street and installing new asphalt.

## Crews will seal coat road in Burley today

BURLEY — Road crews will seal coat a two-mile section of U.S. Highway 30-Idaho Highway 27 south of the Overland Bridge in downtown Burley today, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

## Magic Valley in brief

Motorists are encouraged to use side streets as alternate routes through the construction zone.

Delays of 10 to 15 minutes can be expected while flaggers and pilot cars direct motorists through the work zone. The speed limit will be reduced in some sections depending on surface conditions. The project is expected to be completed today.

Motorists are reminded to drive slowly and keep a safe following distance from other vehicles to reduce risk of windshield damage.

Seal coat projects begin with a layer of asphalt followed by a cover coat of gravel. The surface is rolled and later broomed to remove excess gravel. Two to three days later, a light oil spray is added to seal the surface and temporary lane markers are placed.

Kloepfer Inc. of Paul is the contractor for this project.

### Fire in Hagerman claims garage; crews save home

HAGERMAN — A fire in Hagerman on Thursday destroyed a private garage.

Hagerman firefighters were dispatched to Spring Avenue at a little past 3 p.m. after the fire was reported by a neighbor.

The owners of the building were not home at the time, but have since been notified.

Fortunately, fire crews from Hagerman and Bliss were able to save their home.

The crews were on the scene for almost four hours, but it was too late to save the garage, which also serves as a workshop and a guest house.

### Party set for retiring Twin Falls police chief

TWIN FALLS — A retirement dinner for retiring Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Turf Club.

For further information, call Alice DeLeon at 735-7209.

### Final kayak pool session is Monday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The final summer kayak pool session conducted by the College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor Program will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Kayakers with some experience are invited to bring their equipment and perfect their roll technique. Beginners are welcome to rent equipment from the Outdoor Program. The clinic will be held at the Beach and Grill pool on Wendell Avenue next to Robert Stuart Junior High School.

The cost of instruction is $12, and the pool fee is $7.

For more information, contact Stacey Ward at 736-6696 or sward@csi.edu.

— compiled staff reports

# Victim sees thief drive by in stolen car while giving report to Boise police

BOISE — Boise Police Officer Mike Nance was interviewing a man whose pickup had been stolen when the victim noticed something that made the investigation a whole lot easier.

The missing pickup was driving by.

"I was just talking to (the victim) in the driveway when I saw him get a funny look on his face, and said, 'That's my truck. That's my truck!'" Nance said.

Nance jumped in his patrol car and a few minutes later arrested the driver.

Matthew D. Dickert, 32, was charged Wednesday with grand theft.

Dickert didn't say anything when he was arrested about why he drove the truck right by the crime scene, Nance said.

"The only thing he said was 'I want my lawyer,'" Nance said.

## Idaho in brief

Ammon Mayor Bruce Ard said he could not comment on the lawsuit because he has not yet seen it.

"We just want it resolved," Ard said. "We all need to use the same map."

Ammon leaders are trying to settle the matter outside of court, and have asked the Idaho State Tax Commission to help define the sewer district boundaries.

Both Ammon and the sewer district began reporting boundaries to the commission in 1972, when the taxing agency began keeping records of district boundaries. That meeting is set for Wednesday in Ammon City Hall.

"We'll simply provide the information that was transmitted to us back in 1972," said Gregory Cade, the agency's property appraisal bureau chief.

— compiled from wire reports

## Sewer district sues city of Ammon over fees

IDAHO FALLS — The Iona-Bonneville Sewer District is suing the city of Ammon over money the city allegedly owes for new sewer customers and connection and service fees.

The district filed the lawsuit in 7th District Court last week, asking for $53,000 that Ammon allegedly collected from the new customers.

The city and the district disagree over boundaries between Ammon and the Iona-Bonneville Sewer District. In the past, Ammon would collect money from new sewer district customers and pass that money onto the district.

But now the city and the district apparently disagree over whether 70 properties are inside or outside of the district. The district is asking the courts to confirm the accuracy of the map used to determine district boundaries.

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# County hopes to use racketeering law to recoup immigration costs from employers

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — Faced with the costs of coping with illegal immigrants, one county is looking to the courts for help — by filing a racketeering lawsuit against the businesses that hire these workers.

The legal theory: that a pattern of immigration violations by employers is costing Canyon County millions for law enforcement, education and social services.

"Their presence lowers the labor wage for American citizens and removes employment opportunities," county Commissioner Robert Vasquez, an ambitious politician who just started a bid for Congress, said of the illegal workers. "Certainly it uses tax dollars to provide them with educational services, medical care, unemployment compensation for those that are injured on the job. They are a drain on the taxpayers of Canyon County, the state of Idaho and the U.S. in general."

The county's attempt to recoup its expenses would be filed under the federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, commonly called the RICO Act, which has been used against targets ranging from organized crime to Internet spammers.

It would be the first time that a government has sued a business under RICO, enacted in 1970, legal experts say.

The county signed a contract Tuesday with a RICO specialist, Chicago attorney Howard Foster, and Vasquez said the lawsuit was expected to be filed soon.

"There is no such lawsuit ever in American history," Foster said. "I don't know if around the country other county commissioners or governments are really as interested as they should be to protect the rights of their citizens."

Idaho may seem a strange stage for an immigration test case. The state has just 19,000 illegal aliens, and ranks 35th among the states, just above Rhode Island, according to estimates from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Canyon County is just southwest of Boise, against the Oregon line.

But Vasquez has developed a reputation as a staunch opponent of illegal immigration. He has tried to bill the Mexican government for the cost of dealing with illegal immigrants from that country, and he tried unsuccessfully to have Canyon County declared a disaster area for what he claims is an impending "invasion" of illegal immigrants.

Carl Rusnok, a Dallas-based regional spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said he didn't have any specific comments on Canyon County's case.

Vasquez won't say which businesses will be sued until the actual lawsuit is filed. He estimates the county has spent at least $2 million on costs related to illegal aliens.

Employers say the lawsuit could spell the end of many labor-intensive businesses that rely on immigrant labor, or at least drive up the cost, said Arin Bates, executive director of the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association.

"We do our best to be sure that they are legal, but the laws restrict you as to what you can ask," Bates said. "We hope that someday somebody really understands that if we lose our labor force, they lose."

If Canyon County succeeds, the case could create a legal structure for other governments concerned about undocumented workers.

"Right now people say there's no money in enforcing the law, but now there might be for attorneys and trial lawyers. It could create a vested interest in enforcement," said Steven Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C, which supports immigration restrictions.

The RICO Act does offer a tempting prize, since winners can be awarded triple damages.

On the surface, Canyon County seems to have a solid case, said G. Robert Blakey, one of the authors of the RICO Act and a law professor at the University of Notre Dame.

"If people are knowingly bringing in and exploiting undocumented immigrants, they are creating a federal crime," Blakey said. "What this suit raises is just whether the government units — federal, state and local — can sue for the damages they suffer."

However, Blakey notes that some federal courts have already ruled that governments can't try to recover the cost of being a government.

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# Boise homeless shelter gets one bid at auction

BOISE (AP) — Only one organization bid on a Boise homeless shelter during a city-held auction Friday — the shelter's previous operator.

The city took over Community House in February 2004 after the nonprofit Community House Inc., which had been running the shelter, ran out of money. Since then, the city has been trying to find a new operator to take over the shelter.

But Community House Inc. was the only bidder during Friday's auction, and the group paired its bid with a federal lawsuit against the city, claiming mismanagement of the shelter.

The bid was not exactly the $2.5 million minimum cash offer that the city expected. Instead, Community House Inc. board President Sue Cobley offered $2.5 million in "equitable interest," the money the group claims it has already spent while running the shelter for much of the past decade.

"We've already paid it," Community House Inc.'s attorney, Howard Belodoff from Idaho Legal Aid, told city officials. "We believe (the equitable interest) exceeds the $2.5 million."

The city's Planning and Development Services Director, Bruce Chatterton, accepted the bid but said it will be up to the city council to decide whether to approve the offer.

"City Council doesn't have to accept it," he said.

The lawsuit, brought by Community House Inc. and three current and former Community House residents, claims that Mayor Dave Bieter, the city council and other city officials violated the federal Fair Housing Act by selling the shelter without adequate plans to relocate displaced tenants.

The lawsuit also claims the city failed to repair and maintain Community House as required by the contract with Community House Inc.

"They have totally mismanaged it," Belodoff said. "They're forcing them (people) on the streets."

A spokesman for Bieter said he could not comment on the lawsuit because city officials were still reviewing it.

The contentious relationship between the city and Community House Inc. goes back for years. When the organization was operating the shelter under a city contract, city officials claimed the group was violating several requirements for U.S. Housing and Urban Development grants.

Shelter officials, meanwhile, claimed some of the violations were because the city was failing to maintain the shelter building as agreed in the original contract.

## Crafter turns camel hair into clothing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The tangles of camel hair sometimes seen piled on the sand at the Tautphaus Park Zoo are gold to Pat Day Hartwell.

Dusty and weed-infested, the hair sometimes smells of urine, which the camels flick onto their fur with their tails to attract mates. On the ground, the hair's tough and bristly, occasionally slobbered on and wet with camel spit.

"It's wonderful stuff," Hartwell said.

Zookeepers said they're happy to get rid of it. Hartwell, with help from zookeepers, collects that hair, most of which is brushed off the camels. She transforms it into sweaters, socks and whatever else she wants to make.

It takes lots of cleaning, and the final products look nothing like the gunk from the ground. The fabric Hartwell makes is soft like cashmere, warm like down and smells like any other garment made from yarn.

Hartwell and other members of the Snake River Weavers and Spinners Guild have been doing it for about a decade, but they don't think they've perfected the process. That will probably never happen — they're always new twists and knots in making the perfect camel-hair sweater.

Here's how Hartwell does it: She lugs the camel hair from the zoo to her washing machine, packs it inside and soaks it in soapy water. She knows not to set the machine on the "agitate" mode — that snarls the hair into knots.

The washer spins the water out, and the hair is soaked and spun, soaked and spun, soaked and spun until the smell is gone.

From there, Hartwell either mails the hair to Michigan, where a machine plucks the coarse hairs. Or she yanks the coarse hairs out herself. In that process, she pulls out twigs, seeds, bugs and anything else that's lodged itself in the hair. Then she combs the hair with brushes.

From there, a spinning wheel twirls the hair into yarn, which is twisted again and again into thicker and thicker lines. The yarn, sometimes dunked in dyes, is hung onto needles and knitted into cloth.

When not using camel hair, Hartwell uses wool her husband shears off their 70 sheep or one llama. Hartwell's home in north Bonneville County is draped with stuff she's made: rugs, shawls, blankets and bags.

Now she's practicing for a "sheep to shawl" competition, seeing how fast she can turn a pile of wool into a garment.

Yes, it's fun, the 57-year-old said, but the work isn't for sissies. The Weavers and Spinners Guild meetings have attracted a firefighter, a police officer and a mathematician.

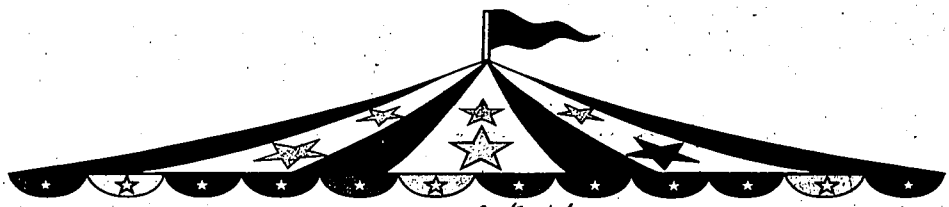
## Police suspect boys of firing at air tankers

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — Police confiscated a rifle from three boys suspected of firing shots at air tankers after another boy sparked a brush fire with fireworks.

The pilots had enough on their hands flying under hazardous conditions without being fired upon, said David Boyd, spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Strip office.

Boyd said the BLM dispatched three single-engine air tankers, a helicopter and other air support Thursday to help put out a 28-acre fire before it could grow larger.

Hildale Mayor David Zitting said the three juveniles denied a witness' account that they were firing shots at the airplanes but that police took their rifle anyway. It wasn't immediately clear if any of the planes were hit. Zitting said Hildale police and the Bureau of Land Management were looking into the matter.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

"If nothing else, (Jason) Bay should win a year off from all steroid testing."

**— Jerry Greene of the Orlando Sentinel, on the Pittsburgh Pirates' Bay being blanked in the Home Run Derby preceding the All-Star game**

### TRIVIA

QUESTION:

During an 18-year span at the British Open, this player won three times, was second seven times, and never finished lower than 12th. Who is he?

*...answer below*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Legion baseball**

Twin Falls A at Meridian Tournament

### IN BRIEF

## Burley GC offers couples event

BURLEY — The Burley Golf Course will host a Couples Day & Night Golf, featuring glow in the dark golf on Saturday, July 23 starting with nine holes from 6-8:30 p.m. After a dinner break for pizza, play resumes with glow-in-the-dark golf for nine holes starting at 9:45 p.m. Entrants must play in both sessions. The fee is $40 per couple includes everything but greens and cart fees. The field is limited to 28 couples.

Call to register at 878-9807.

## Venable cards hole in one

TWIN FALLS — Dorrene Venable hit a hole in recently at the Canyon Springs Golf Course on Hole No. 5. She used an 8-iron to score from 100 yards away. The witness was Bernice Howa.

## Volleyball officials camp is July 23

BOISE — Boise High School will host a state volleyball training clinic from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. The cost is $10, which includes lunch.

Anyone interested in officiating junior or senior high school volleyball needs to attend this training clinic. Those attending should bring officiating bags with red and yellow cards and lineup cards. Participants should register by July 18.

For more information or to register, call Michelle Spell at 884-5577 or e-mail at spellion@aol.com or call Velma Jean Mabey at 678-7252 or e-mail at sideoutve@safelink.net.

## Area schools hold football camp

Jerome, Filer and Buhl High School football teams will host a padded football camp Monday, July 18, through Thursday, July 21, lasting from 6-8:30 p.m. each night.

On Monday, teams will meet at their respective fields; Tuesday, all teams meet in Filer; Wednesday, all teams meet in Jerome and Thursday, all teams meet in Buhl. Gear check-out times for Filer is July 18 at 2 p.m. and Jerome's is July 18 at 5:30 p.m. for varsity and 6 for junior varsity and freshmen.

For more information, call Jerome coach Jerry Diehl at 308-8215, Filer coach Jaxon Schweikert at 308-6356 or Buhl coach Stacy Wilson at 308-6170.

## Oakley offers 3-on-3 hoops tourney

OAKLEY — A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held Friday, July 22 in Oakley as part of Pioneer Days.

Ages 14 and under will begin at 8 a.m. and costs $25 per team. Open division will start at 1 p.m. and costs $40 per team.

For more information, call Scott Arnell at 431-3360 or Dave Critchfield at 300-3414.

**Compiled from staff reports**

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jack Nicklaus.

# T.F. splits with Reds

ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

**Twin Falls pitcher Nick Carr delivers a strike during the second inning of the Cowboys' 3-2 extra-inning victory in Game 1 of Saturday's doubleheader. Carr pitched nine innings and struck out 14, but got a no decision in the 11-inning win over the Idaho Falls Reds.**

## Cowboys squeak out 11-inning win in Game 1

**By Eric Larsen**
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — It took a little extra effort to prove it, but the Twin Falls Cowboys are still the team to beat in Area C.

The Cowboys gutted out a 3-2 win over the visiting Idaho Falls Reds in 11 innings of the top half of Saturday's American Legion Class AA doubleheader at Skip Walker Field on the College of Southern Idaho Campus.

With the game tied at two in the bottom of the 11th, Nick Carr led off the inning with an infield single to third. After first baseman Bo Folkinga flew out to Reds relief pitcher Nick Thiros, left fielder Matt Sherman laced a one-out double to right-center, moving Carr to third.

David Ryan came up with a chance to win the game, but his attempt at a sacrifice fly only made it to shallow center. With Carr halfway down the third base line, Reds center fielder Jake Gendron tried to get a throw to third before Carr could tag.

Good idea, poor execution.

Gendron's toss sailed wide of the bag and into the Reds' dugout, automatically sending Carr home for the 3-2 win in an exhausting game.

"It seemed like we were going to score on them every inning, and when we didn't, it was like, 'What the hell is going on?'" Cowboys shortstop Tim Mealer said.

After the Reds gained a 2-0 lead on RBI hits from Cody Lawrence and Kory Jorgensen, Carr helped out his cause in the bottom of the fourth. The pitcher took a 1-2 pitch from Jorgensen and pasted it some 340 feet over the left field fence to score both himself and Paul Gerrish, who previously walked. Carr put in another dominating performance on the mound, pitching nine innings of two-hit ball, and striking out 14 batters on 148 total pitches.

"The first game was a little rough on us," Reds head coach Chris Lawrence said. "I felt we came out and played well. I don't think our guys are intimidated by Carr, but they respect him and I think they came out and did a good job against him."

Matt Sherman earned the win for the Cowboys, pitching two scoreless innings and finishing 2-for-5 with a double at the plate. Mealer led the 29-8 Cowboys at the plate, finishing 3-for-5 with two doubles and a stolen base.

"I think the first game drained us a little bit," Mealer said. "I don't want to make excuses, but the kid they threw in the second game was better than the first."

Game 2 didn't go as well, as the Cowboys fell to 17-3 in the Area C standings by way of a 7-0 shutout. The Reds saved efficient ace Angel Chapa for the game, and the move paid off, as Chapa pitched a one-hitter and struck out five.

The 25-5-1 Reds remain in second place in the Area C standings at 15-5. Gendron led them in Game 2, going 2-for-4 with a RBI double and a run scored. Mealer singled in the second to record the Cowboys' lone hit.

Though Twin Falls' big week ended with a loss, they are still happy with how they performed against the Reds, Pocatello, and Minico.

"Hey, we had a good week, going 5-1," Mealer said. "I'm pretty sure we still have the best record and we're definitely the team to beat. We feel we can match up our No. 1s and play with anybody."

The Cowboys head to Rupert to take on Minico on Monday.

**Game 1**
**Twin Falls 3, Idaho Falls 2, 11 innings**

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Kory Jorgensen, Nick Thiros (8) and Cody Lawrence; Nick Carr, Matt Sherman (10) and Drew Bernhard. W — Sherman. L — Thiros. Extra-base hits — 2B: Twin Falls, Tim Mealer 2, Idaho Falls, Lawrence. HR: Twin Falls, Nick Carr (fourth, 2 RBI).

**Game 2**
**Idaho Falls 7, Twin Falls 0**

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Angel Chapa and Lawrence; Sean Lindsey and Bernhard. W — Chapa. L — Lindsey. Extra-base hits — 2B: Idaho Falls, Jake Gendron, Shane Mokes.

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## Twin Falls Pioneers claim state Cal Ripken title

**By Diane Philbin**
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — The final competitors for all three title games at the State Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament at South Park Saturday were identical as Meridian and Twin Falls were opponents in each of the three championship games.

"It is a real compliment to our program for three teams to be in the championship games at state," said Twin Falls Nationals coach Rob Ellis.

At tournament end, the Twin Falls Pioneers are the champions for the 10-year-old division and Meridian won the 11-and 12-year-old divisions.

The Twin Falls Pioneers picked up the 10-year-old state title with a game shortened to four innings due to the 10-run rule as they beat Meridian 10-0.

**Cal Ripken Baseball state tournaments**

**Saturday's results**
**Age 12 division**
Meridian 12, Twin Falls 9, championship
Twin Falls 6, Madison 5, semifinal
Meridian 11, Gem County 0, semifinal
**Age 11 division**
Meridian 11, Twin Falls 1, five innings
**Age 10 division**
Twin Falls 10, Meridian 0, four innings, championship
Meridian 6, Emmett 5, semifinal
Twin Falls 8, Moscow 1, semifinal

"This team first started out as 9-year olds and competed against 10-year old kids," said Pioneers coach Marty Hurd. "Six or seven of the kids played together last year and came back this year. They work real well together. There is no doubt that our goal was to contend for the state championship this year. Now we have lots of work to do to get ready for regionals in British Columbia."

Thomas Corr and Kyle Miley only allowed one Meridian hit and the Pioneers offense had 13 hits.

"Our pitching the last two weeks has been phenomenal," said Hurd.

Jason Byce led Twin Falls going 3-for-3 including a double with four RBIs and K.C Merrit connected on three singles.

### Age 11 championship

Meridian claimed the age-11 division title with a five inning 11-1 win over Twin Falls.

"Meridian is tough," said Twin Falls coach Rocky Eller. "We needed to play our best. We came out and made some errors and gave them some extra outs. Maybe we ran out of gas or lost our energy. The kids played good all weekend. We just have to get back to work to get ready for regionals in two weeks in West Lynn, Oregon."

Trevor Maughan pitched a complete game for Meridian as he recorded seven strikeouts and allowed only one Twin Falls run.

### Age 12 championship

Despite two home runs by Jayson Welker and late rallies in the fifth and sixth innings, Twin Falls Nationals came up short as Meridian defeated the Twin Falls Nationals 12-9 for the 12-

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## Tiger tumbles in third round but still in charge at St. Andrews

**The Associated Press**

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tiger Woods hit the ball so hard that he felt the shaft in his putter flex ever so slightly. Standing 50 paces away on the 18th green, his caddie removed the flag, backed away from the cup, then turned and raised his fist in a rare celebration Saturday at the British Open.

The ball stopped inches away for a birdie that allowed Woods to break par.

Better yet, it gave him a two-shot lead going into the final round, a position that looked to be in doubt during a surprising struggle at windswept St. Andrews.

"I'm very happy to be in the lead," Woods said. "The conditions got a little bit difficult today. To have the lead all day, and actually end up with the lead, it's pretty sweet."

A pivotal par save on the Road Hole, followed by his tap-in birdie on the 16th, gave Woods a 1-under 71 and left him two shots clear of Jose Maria Olazabal.

AP photo

**Tiger Woods of the United States plays from just off the 4th fairway during the third round of the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland Saturday.**

But on a day when the cheers were for everyone else — Woods even heard some throaty booing while paired with Scottish hero Colin Montgomerie — he brought an elite list of players back into the picture.

Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion, holed a 15-foot birdie on the 18th for a 68.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen went out early before the wind arrived and shot 66, leaving him three shots behind with Montgomerie (70). Another shot back was Sergio Garcia (69) and Brad Faxon (70), the favorite American tourist at St. Andrews after coming over to qualify.

And don't forget U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell (68) and three-time major winner Vijay Singh (71); both lurking five shots out of the lead if Woods slips on Sunday.

"The game's on a little bit now," Goosen said.

Woods failed to turn this into a runaway, as he did five years ago at St. Andrews when he built a six-shot lead going into the last day. For most of the afternoon, he was a model of futility.

Twice, he reached into the prickly gorse to retrieve his ball

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## Shakin' up the pastime

There are too many Major League Baseball teams and I have a plan to weed them down from 30 to 20.

Go with me on this one.

First, any city with more than one team has to drop one. Good bye Mets, White Sox and to solve the Los Angeles/Anaheim debate, good bye Angels. But don't think that I don't have my reasons.

BAMA BLITZ
**Brad Guire**

Love them or hate them, in the Big Apple the Yankees have bags more tradition and brand recognition than the Mets ever will. Besides, if there's no Yankees-Red Sox feud, the Associated Press writers may think that I disbanded all of professional baseball.

Same goes for Chi-town. The Cubs, whether suffering from "lovable loser" syndrome or actually contending for the NL Central division, has more to offer baseball than the White Sox. Who doesn't love the seventh inning stretch (even if Harry Carey is dead)?

As for the West Coast, the Dodgers have owned L.A. since they moved from Brooklyn and the Angels' continuing identity crisis is annoying. It's Anaheim, no, California, no Anaheim, no Los Angeles, no Anaheim of Los Angeles. Drop the team, problem solved.

Seven to go.

It's a given that Tampa Bay and Detroit are jokes, along with Kansas City. These overgrown cities don't need teams. As far as I remember, they've always been mediocre at best. They need teams as much as Twin Falls needs a Wal-Mart. (Not that I care one way or another about a Super Wal-Mart, but I needed a way to keep everybody's attention. Nothing like throwing a little gas on the fire.)

In truth, my reason to dislike the Royals is because of Bo Jackson. He went to Auburn or "The Barn" as many call it. "War Eagle! Fly down the field/Never to conquer/Always to yield!" Or at least those are the lyrics I learned in Tuscaloosa.

Four to go.

Toronto should be sacked from league, not relocated like the Expos. A Canadian team in the American League has always sounded awkward. Maybe send them to the Can-Am League and get them and the Japanese in on a true World Series. While they're at it, they can get crazy and have a Montreal team again.

Cleveland is out. Only one Native American-name team can stay, and last time I asked Ted Turner, Atlanta was "Ameda's Team." Take that, Chief Wahoo!

As for Texas, there's only two things that come out of Texas ... the Rangers and the Astros. With these two teams, just pick one to oust and there won't be a big difference. But I'm ousting Texas.

San Francisco? Bye bye. Barry Bonds' antics will kill this team without my help eventually.

So, I've rid Major League Baseball of one-third of its teams, but what did it get us?

Fewer teams that must compete for better players, hopefully meaning better ball games. The Pirates shouldn't be able to beat Tampa Bay by more than a dozen runs. Depending on whether they play in Pennsylvania or Florida, it's not legal.

If anything, chopping down 10 teams will strengthen the minor leagues, forcing the clubs to really use them to develop the next generation of talent.

Above all else, it reduces the number of people playing a game for highly irrational sums of money. But don't get me started on salary caps.

Another league overhaul I want: get rid of the designated hitter. Make the pitcher hit. It'll toughen him up. If he gets beaned in his pitching arm and has to be replaced, it'll make for a more interesting game. Some of the most interesting batting situations involve two pitchers, especially if they're psychopaths, like Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson.

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SPORTS

AP photo

Martin Truex Jr. celebrates his victory in the NASCAR Busch Series New England 200 by burning rubber in front of the fans at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H., on Saturday.

# Truex wins New England 200

NASCAR

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Points leader Martin Truex Jr. held off Carl Edwards on the final lap for his fifth victory of the season in a caution-filled NASCAR Busch series race Saturday at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Truex, who started seventh, led only the last 13 laps in the New England 200. The victory extended the reigning series champion's points lead to 142 over 16th-place finisher Clint Bowyer.

"Maximum points, that's what we're here for," Truex said. But he wasn't so sure he would be the winner.

"We had two tires, and one time with about 40 or 50 to go we started to back up," Truex said. "At the end it just worked out in our favor."

It was the 11th career victory on NASCAR's second-tier circuit for Truex, who will move up to the Nextel Cup series next year for Dale Earnhardt Inc.

His Chevrolet beat the Ford of fast-closing Edwards by two car-lengths, with Truex winning a two-lap dash in a race extended a lap for a green-flag finish following the final caution.

"I saw him coming, and I figured if I stayed on the bottom I had him beaten," Truex said.

Edwards said he had no choice in his plan of attack.

"I knew that the outside was going to be the best for our car, but I didn't want to show him my hand until the end," he said. "We finished better than we probably should have."

Rookie Denny Hamlin was third in a Chevy, followed by the Ford of Elliott Sadler and Jamie McMurray's Dodge.

Hamlin was in front because he stayed out on the track after a late caution. Truex passed him on the 189th lap.

"We were out there for so long, we just couldn't overcome those tires," Hamlin said.

The winner averaged 92.093 mph in a race slowed for 49 laps by 13 cautions flags. There were six lead changes among six drivers.

J.J. Yeley, Paul Menard, pole-sitter Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth and Stanton Barrett completed the top 10.

Harvick dominated the first half of the event, and wound up leading twice for 90 laps. Hamlin led for 67 laps.

The race was red-flagged twice for repairs and track cleanup, the last time with 18 laps remaining.

# Gordon isn't looking for scapegoat in worst season

**Nextel Cup**
**New England 300**
**TV: noon, TNT**

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Jeff Gordon is in the midst of his worst season, and hardly has the look of a contender for NASCAR's Nextel Cup championship.

But he isn't seeking a scapegoat, and if he were it wouldn't be crew chief Robbie Loomis. One of the most common remedies for problems in NASCAR is to fire the man responsible for setting up a failing car. Gordon has no intention of doing that.

"As long as Robbie wants to be the crew chief, he's going to be the crew chief," Gordon said at New Hampshire International Speedway, where he'll race Sunday in the New England 300. "He works so well with this race team. We brought him here for a reason."

That reason wasn't to stand a career-worst 15th with only eight races remaining until the field is reduced to the top 10 drivers and any others within 400 points — an unlikely scenario — of the leader. Gordon is 502 points behind pacesetter Jimmie Johnson and 126 out of 10th place.

Despite being saddled with six points-robbing failures to finish in 18 starts, the four-time series champion won't blame Loomis.

"At no time have I doubted Robbie," Gordon said. "There have been times when I've doubted myself. But I know we've got the right people in place and the right team and the resources we need."

Still, Gordon has no answers in a season that probably will end without him being part of the big show. The worst career finish in his first 12 years on NASCAR's elite circuit was 14th in points in his rookie campaign of 1993.

The failures have been so rampant — including five recent finishes of 30th or worse — that Gordon isn't even in position to make a run at the top 10 without those immediately in front having consistent problems from now until the cutdown for the Chase for the Championship. The elite field will be finalized after the race Sept. 10 in Richmond and begin its run here the next week.

Gordon said his problems — among them being crashed out a few times by others — are varied.

"The weeks that we have run good, I felt like we've run into some bad luck," he said. "And then we've had weeks where we've just run badly and either also have bad luck or just ran bad and finished bad.

"There is no doubt that it gets frustrating. You wonder when it's going to stop and when we're going to get it turned around."

Gordon, who qualified 21st Saturday, is now faced with needing extremely strong runs and no bad finishes if he's to make the cut.

# Cal

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year-old division title.

Meridian pitcher Tony Luchi scattered only two Twin Falls hits and allowed three runs going into the fifth inning when the Nationals bats appeared to catch some fire. Twin Falls put together a pair of hits, a walk and an error to score two runs and Kyle Garvin relieved Luchi. The Nationals tallied two more runs in the inning making the score 12-7.

With one out in the sixth, TJ Ellis hit a one-out double. After a strikeout, Welker hit his second home run of the game making the score 12-9 but Garvin got Marcus Lively to hit into a ground out to end the game.

The Nationals took an early 1-0 lead as Welker connected on his first home run in the first inning.

But Meridian came on strong in the second inning putting eight runs on the board off of seven hits as Meridian sent 12 batters to the plate.

"The turning point of the game was in the second inning when we gave away eight outs," said Twin Falls coach Rob Ellis. "The kids did show a lot of character to stay in the game."

The Nationals now head for regionals in Meridian.

**Age 12 division title game**
**Meridian 12, Twin Falls 9**

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| Meridian | 080 040 — | 12 | 13 | 0 |
| Twin Falls | 101 140 — | 9 | 7 | 3 |

Tony Luchi, Kyle Garvin (5) and Jordan Deck, Kassidy Garvin and Jayson Welker. W — Luchi. L — Garvin. Extra-base hits — 2B, Twin Falls, Connor Newman, TJ Ellis. HR, Twin Falls, Jayson Welker (2)

**Age 11 division title game**
**Meridian 11, Twin Falls 2, five innings**

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| Meridian | 304 02x — | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Twin Falls | 102 00x — | 1 | 3 | 2 |

Travis Maughan and Colton Sale, Eric Hart, Zayne Sisson (3) and Bo Fedanco. W — Maughan. L — Hart. Extra-base hits — 2B, Meridian, Boyd Lanham, Colton Sale, Isaac Anderson (2). HR, Meridian, Isaac Anderson.

**Age 10 division title game**
**Twin Falls 10, Meridian 0, four innings**

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| Meridian | 000 0ss — | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Twin Falls | 133 3ss — | 10 | 13 | 0 |

Russell Huber and Collin Sale, Thomas Cox, Kyle Miley (3) and Fuzzy Frank. W — Cox. L — Huber. Extra-base hits — Twin Falls, Jason Boyd, Kyle Miley

# Tiger

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and take a penalty stroke. He hung his head when a flop shot sailed from one end of the 16th green to the other. He dropped to his knees and flipped his putter like a baton. And the most emotion he showed was for a putt that fell for par.

But he didn't lose his grip on his bid for a 10th major. Woods was at 12-under 204, and the numbers that mean just as much are his 31-3 record when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead, including a 9-0 mark in the majors.

"I know, as well as everyone else knows in this field, that Tiger has probably had his hiccup today," Montgomerie said. "And he got around under par."

Asked the last time he beat Woods head-to-head in a major, Montgomerie replied with a smirk, "Not many have."

"I don't think I have, no," he said. "If you have 150 players up here, they'll give you the same answer."

But not on Saturday. Goosen was walking down the 16th fairway as Woods teed off on No. 3 and saw that the world's No. 1 player had already made bogey.

"It's not easy out there, some holes," Goosen said. "You can make mistakes quickly."

The last time Montgomerie played in the final group at a major with Woods seems like a lifetime ago. It was the third round of the 1997 Masters, and Woods put on a clinic with a 65 that sent him to a 12-shot victory and kicked off his remarkable career. This time, Monty held his own.

"I gained one shot today, and I've got to gain another three at least tomorrow," he said. "I've got an opportunity here to win a major, and I can't afford to leave any putt short."

# Class A Cowboys advance

The Times-News

MERIDIAN — Twin Falls jumped out to a 5-0 lead over Redmond, Ore. and cruised to a 7-2 win Saturday, garnering a spot in the JB's Meridian-Kuna Wood Bat Shootout at noon Sunday at Storey Park in Meridian.

The Cowboys are 5-0 in the tournament and have won 12 of their last 13 to improve to 20-17 on the season.

"We jumped on them early and coasted in," said coach Devin Kunz. "Hopefully we'll bring home some hardware (on Sunday)."

Kasey Jeroue hit a double to spark the Cowboys offense.

Twin Falls (10-12 Area C) returns home Tuesday for a conference twin bill against Burley at 5 p.m. at Bruin Field.

**Twin Falls 7, Redmond 2**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Twin Falls | 500 002 — | 7 | 10 | 1 |
| Redmond | 010 001 0 — | 2 | 6 | 1 |

Cade Hansen, Remington Pullin (6) and Lane Reeves, Smith and Towers. W — Hansen. L — Smith. Extra-base hits — 2B, Twin Falls, Kasey Jeroue.

## Local sports

## Upper Valley sweeps the Buhl Tribe

BUHL — Upper Valley set itself up well for the Area C Class A American Legion Baseball tournament later this month by sweeping Buhl Saturday.

Upper Valley won 7-4 and 15-5 in six innings.

Errors hurt Buhl all day long.

"We gave up eight outs when we should have dropped fly balls or didn't get grounder. We just didn't play well defensively," said Tribe coach Allyn Reynolds. "They had one earned run out of their seven (in Game 1).

"They're a good club but we beat ourselves in the first game."

Buhl (22-8, 20-5) next plays at Pocatello Tuesday at 5 p.m.

**Game 1**
**Upper Valley 7, Buhl 4**

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| Upper Valley | 010 040 1 — | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| Buhl | 020 100 0 — | 4 | 6 | 4 |

Farley and Rhodehouse, Perry Hamilton and Will Chavers. W — Farley. L — P. Hamilton. Extra-base hits — 2B, Buhl, P. Hamilton; Upper Valley, Arnold.

**Game 2**
**Upper Valley 15, Buhl 5, six innings**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Upper Valley | 708 002 — | 15 | 14 | 0 |
| Buhl | 302 000 — | 5 | 9 | 4 |

Weeks and Patterson, Trent Cramer, Gaige Green (4) and Will Chavers. W — Weeks. L — Cramer. Extra-base hits — 2B, Upper Valley, Farley 2, Weeks 2, 3B, Upper Valley, Hodge, Evans.

# U.S. advances to title game in Softball World Cup

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Vicky Galindo hit a grand slam, Stacey Nuveman homered and drove in two runs and the United States advanced to the championship game of the World Cup of Softball with a 7-0 win Saturday night against Japan.

Galindo, at 5-foot-4, the smallest player on the U.S. roster, lined a 3-1 pitch from Naoko Sakamoto to straightaway center to put the Americans ahead 5-0. She rounded the bases and clapped her hands as her teammates mobbed her at home plate.

Nuveman, who also homered in the Americans' 11-3 win against China earlier in the day, hit a towering shot to left-center field in the second inning. She had an RBI single in the first inning.

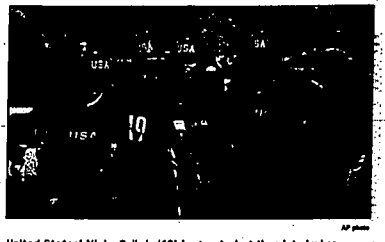
The game ended after 4.5 innings because of the mercy rule.

Jennie Finch struck out eight and allowed only two hits in five innings. She also hit two batters.

The U.S. does not yet know who it will face in the championship game. China (1-2) faces Canada (1-2) and Australia (2-1) plays Japan (1-2) on Sunday on the final day of round-robin competition.

Australia will advance to the championship game with a win against Japan.

In other action Saturday, Australia beat Canada 5-0 and then defeated China 4-2.



AP photo

United States' Vicky Galindo (19) is greeted at the plate by her teammates after a grand slam in the first inning against Japan in a World Cup of Softball game in Oklahoma City, Saturday.

## U.S. 11, China 3

Jessica Mendoza and Stacey Nuveman homered and Vicky Galindo drove in three runs for the United States.

Mendoza's was a three run shot and Nuveman's a two-run homer as the U.S. broke out of an offensive slump with 11 hits in a game stopped after 4.5 innings by the mercy rule.

The U.S. scored only once in its loss Thursday to Canada, which broke an 85-game international winning streak.

It scored its three runs against Australia on Friday without a hit, taking advantage of four walks and two wild pitches.

The Americans took control by scoring five runs with two outs in the second inning.

Galindo tripled to make it 2-0. Natasha Watley followed with an infield single to score Galindo, and Caitlin Lowe also reached on an infield chopper. Then Mendoza's homer gave the U.S. a 6-0 lead.

Galindo added a two-run double to make it 8-0. After the Chinese scored three runs in the top of the fourth, Nuveman's pinch-hit homer in the bottom of the inning put the U.S. in place for the mercy rule win.

# U.S. men's soccer advances at Gold Cup

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — DaMarcus Beasley provided the offense and the United States moved within two wins of taking its third CONCACAF Gold Cup.

The speedy midfielder scored two goals and added an assist to lead the United States over Jamaica 3-1 Saturday in the quarterfinals.

"We played well today. This was our best game of the tournament," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "I thought we were sloppy in the second half with dealing with the game, but at the end of the day a 3-1 win is an excellent result."

The United States plays Honduras on Thursday at East Rutherford, N.J., in the semifinals of the tournament, the championship of soccer's North and Central American and Caribbean region. Honduras beat Costa Rica 3-2 in the opener of the doubleheader.

The U.S. team last won the Gold Cup in 2002 and also won it in 1991, the first year the tournament was played.

In Sunday's quarterfinals at Houston, defending champion Mexico plays Colombia and Panama meets South Africa. Colombia and South Africa were invited to the tournament as guests.

Josh Wolff gave the Americans a 1-0 lead in the sixth minute, deflecting Beasley's shot into the net for his first goal of the tournament.

Beasley doubled the lead in the 42nd minute. Landon Donovan split the defense with a pass to Beasley, who broke behind two defenders and beat goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts from inside the 6-yard box. Beasley added a goal in the 83rd minute off a pass from Chris Armas.

"We had a lot of chances. It was crazy that we didn't score more than three goals. We could have had four, five, maybe six goals," Beasley said.

Ricardo Fuller cut the U.S. lead to 3-1 in the 88th minute, and Donovan missed a penalty kick in injury time after John O'Brien was pulled down in the penalty area.

Jamaica had a penalty kick in the eighth minute, but U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller made a diving save on the shot by Andrew Williams.

"In the first half, we were somewhat lethargic," Jamaican coach Wendell Downswell said. "The two goals we gave up in the first half you could call soft goals."

American defender Steve Cherundolo was taken off on a stretcher in the 21st minute with a possible sprained knee after being kicked by Damion Stewart. Stewart was given a yellow card on the play.

Ben Olsen received a red card in the 58th minute for pulling down Fuller in front of the U.S net and is suspended for the semifinal. Khari Stephenson almost brought Jamaica within 2-1 on the ensuing free kick, but his shot bounced off a post.

Jamaica's Jermaine Taylor was given a red card for taking out Beasley with a wild tackle in the 66th minute.

# Taylor takes split decision over Hopkins

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jermain Taylor was, indeed, ready for Bernard Hopkins, and he ended Hopkins' record middleweight title winning streak with a split decision Saturday night.

Hopkins had won 20 consecutive defenses, but he started slowly and only got to Taylor late in the fights. By then, the undefeated challenger had built up a big enough lead on two judges' scorecards to take the crown.

Taylor, 26, has won all 24 of his pro fights. It was the first loss for Hopkins, 40, since Roy Jones defeated him 12 years ago.

Judge Jerry Roth scored the fight 116-112 for Hopkins, but judges Duane Ford and Paul Smith both had it 115-113 for Taylor. The AP scored it 114-113 for Hopkins.

Hopkins started very slowly, and the pro-Taylor crowd ate it up. With many in the crowd of 11,992 at the MGM Grand making the trip from Arkansas — Taylor wore Razorbacks red trunks and Arkansas written across the back — the fans had lots to cheer about in the first three rounds.

But the chants of "JT, JT" stopped in the fourth when the action slowed, and in the fifth Taylor was cut on the top left side of his head by an accidental butt. It bled for much of the remaining rounds and seemed to slow Taylor for a while.

Hopkins never really opened up Taylor until the 10th, when he followed a series of exchanges with a pair of huge rights. Taylor stumbled into the ropes and held on, and Hopkins looked ready to end it.

But he couldn't, even though he was on the attack in the last two rounds. At the end, Hopkins saluted the crowd by standing on top of the ropes as Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace joined him in his corner.

But, like Wallace's Pistons last month, Hopkins lost his title moments later.

# Blitz

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So, what should define one league from another? Nothing. The AFC and NFC are virtually identical, there's no reason to have a different batting rule.

Of course, it'll also require a reorganization of the divisions, but that's a small matter. In my New MLB, the National League represents the East (Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago Cubs, Florida, Milwaukee, New York Yankees, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington) while the American League represents the West (Arizona, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, Los Angeles Dodgers, Minnesota, Oakland, San Diego, Seattle, St. Louis).

Also of note, get rid of the artificial turf fields with the patches of dirt around the bags. It looks dumb, always has, always will.

Of course, these modifications are just the kind of thing that sank the XFL.

*Times News sports writer Brad Guire probably shouldn't be MLB commissioner, but you can berate his new league at 1-800-658-3883, Ext. 229, or bguire@magicvalley.com.*

# Scores and Stats

## Baseball

### AL Boxes

**WHITE SOX 7, INDIANS 6**

CHICAGO ab r h bi / CLEVELAND ab r h bi
Podsdnk lf 5 1 1 0 | Sizmore cf 5 0 1 2
Rwand cf 5 3 3 0 | Crisp lf 5 0 2 0
CEvrtt dh 5 1 2 1 | Hafner dh 0 0 0 0
Konrko 1b 4 1 2 1 | Gerut dh 3 0 0 0
Przyns c 5 0 1 2 | Jhrndz 1b 4 0 1 0
Dye rf 3 1 0 1 | JhPlta ss 4 0 0 0
Crede 3b 4 0 1 1 | Blake rf 2 2 0 0
WHarrs 2b 4 0 1 0 | Blliard 2b 3 2 1 0
Uribe ss 4 0 0 0 | Boone 3b 4 1 1 2
 | Bard c 3 0 0 1
 | VMrtnz ph 0 0 0 0
Totals 38 7 11 6 | Totals 33 6 6 6
Chicago 012 030 100—7
Cleveland 000 020 003—6
E—Belliard (8) LOB—Chicago 7, Cleveland 6 2B—CEverett (13), Konerko 2 (13), Pierzynski (9), Crede (13), Crisp (22), Belliard (15) SB—Rowand (12), Dye (8)

IP H R ER BB SO
Chicago
Buehrle W,11-3 7 3 2 2 0 6
Cotts 1 1 0 0 0 0
Takatsu 2-3 1 3 3 2 1
LVizcaino 0 0 0 0 1 0
Marte S,3 1-3 1 0 0 0 0
Cleveland
Westbrk L,6-12 5 7 6 4 1 3
Tadano 4 4 1 1 0 1
LVizcaino pitched to 1 batter in the 9th
HBP—by Buehrle (Blake), by Westbrook (Dye), by Buehrle (THafner)
Umpires—Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Bill Hohn; Second, Gerry Davis; Third, Doug Eddings
T—2:46 A—27,114 (43,405)

**YANKEES 7, RED SOX 4**

NEW YORK ab r h bi / BOSTON ab r h bi
Jeter ss 5 0 1 1 | Damon cf 4 0 1 0
Cano 2b 5 0 3 0 | Renteria ss 5 1 1 0
Shfield rf 5 1 2 0 | DOrtiz 1b 5 0 0 0
ARod 3b 4 2 1 2 | MRmrz lf 4 2 2 2
Matsui lf 3 1 0 0 | Millar rf 3 0 1 1
JaGbi dh 3 1 2 0 | Varitek c 3 0 0 0
BWllms cf 5 1 1 1 | Mrbelli dh 2 0 1 0
TMrtnz 1b 3 1 0 0 | Nixon dh 1 0 0 0
Flaherty c 4 0 1 2 | Mueller 3b 4 0 1 0
 | Bllhorn 2b 3 1 1 1
 | Olerud ph 1 0 0 0
 | Cora 2b 0 0 0 0
Totals 37 7 11 6 | Totals 35 4 6 4
New York 006 000 100—7
Boston 001 120 000—4
E—Martinez (4), DOrtiz (2) DP—Boston 2 LOB—New York 8, Boston 8 2B—Sheffield (22), JaGiambi (9), Flaherty (3), Renteria (15), MRamirez (18) HR—ARodriguez (25), MRamirez (23), Bellhorn (7) CS—Matsui (1)

IP H R ER BB SO
New York
RaJhnsn W,10-6 6 1-3 8 4 4 3 10
Gordon 1 2-3 0 0 0 1 0
MMyers S,22 1 0 0 0 0 1
Boston
Clement L,10-3 2 2-3 5 6 6 5 4
Gonzalez 3 1-3 3 1 1 1 0
Embree 1 1 0 0 0 1
Timlin 1 2 0 0 0 2
Schilling 1 0 0 0 0 1
Gonzalez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
WP—Clement Balk—Embree
Umpires—Home, Bruce Froemming; First, Jerry Meals; Second, Hunter Wendelstedt; Third, Mike Winters
T—3:34 A—34,094 (35,095)

**RANGERS 10, ATHLETICS 8**

TEXAS ab r h bi / OAKLAND ab r h bi
DDlucci dh 4 0 1 1 | Kendall c 4 1 2 1
MYong ss 4 1 2 1 | Kotsay cf 5 0 1 1
Teixra 1b 5 0 0 0 | Crosby ss 5 0 0 0
Blalock 3b 5 4 4 1 | EChavz 3b 3 0 2 0
ASrano 2b 4 2 1 0 | Mlhuse ph 1 1 1 0
Mench lf 5 1 1 3 | Kielty rf 4 1 1 0
Mathws cf 3 1 1 1 | Payton lf 4 1 2 1
Hidalgo rf 4 1 1 2 | Swisher 1b 4 1 1 0
SAlmr c 4 0 1 1 | KGinr dh 4 1 1 2
 | MEllis 2b 3 2 1 1
Totals 38 10 12 10 | Totals 37 8 12 8
Texas 011 104 300—10
Oakland 000 012 005—8
E—Blalock (3), Matthews (3) DP—Texas 3, Oakland 1 LOB—Texas 6, Oakland 4 2B—Blalock 2 (27), Hidalgo (9), Kendall (16), Melhuse (3), KGinter (3) HR—MYoung (15), Blalock (17), Mench (18), Payton (7)

IP H R ER BB SO
Texas
Rogers W,11-4 7 6 3 2 1 1
Loe 1 1-3 2 2 2 1 1
BShouse 0 3 3 3 0 0
FCordero S,21 2-3 1 0 0 0 0
Oakland
Blanton L,5-6 5 1-3 6 5 5 2 5
Calero 1-3 1 2 2 1 0
JKennedy 2-3 2 2 2 1 0
Duchscherer 2-3 1 1 1 0 2
Yabu 1 2 0 0 0 1
Street 1 0 0 0 0 0
BShouse pitched to 3 batters in the 9th
Umpires—Home, CB Bucknor; First, Phil Cuzzi; Second, Ed Rapuano; Third, Jerry Crawford
T—2:54 A—22,826 (43,662)

**DEVIL RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 5**

TAMPA BAY ab r h bi / TORONTO ab r h bi
Gthrght cf 5 1 3 1 | Jhnson lf 4 1 1 0
Crwfrd lf 5 1 2 3 | Ctnotta lf 1 0 1 1
Lugo ss 5 0 1 0 | Rios rf 5 1 3 2
Cantu 3b 4 0 1 0 | VWells cf 4 1 1 1
Huff rf 5 2 2 1 | Hlnbrnd 1b 5 0 2 1
Hollins rf 0 0 0 0 | AHill 3b 5 0 0 0
Gomes dh 3 0 0 0 | Mnchno dh 4 0 0 0
TLee 1b 4 1 2 0 | Hinske ph 1 0 0 0
THall c 4 1 1 1 | OHudsn 2b 2 0 0 0
NGreen 2b 3 0 0 0 | Hnby c 3 1 1 0
 | Zaun c 1 0 0 0
 | Adams ss 1 1 0 0
Totals 38 6 12 6 | Totals 35 5 8 5
Tampa Bay 031 200 000—6
Toronto 003 002 000—5
E—Lugo (16), Huckaby (1) DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 1 LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 10 2B—Johnson (10), Rios 3 (18), Hillenbrand 2 (22) 3B—VWells (2) HR—Crawford (10), Huff (9) SB—Gathright (5), Crawford (28), Lugo (25) S—[illegible]

IP H R ER BB SO
Tampa Bay
Hndrck W,4-6 5 1-3 7 5 4 3 3
Harper 1 2 0 0 1 0
TMiller 1 0 0 0 2 0
Borowski 2-3 0 0 0 0 0
DBaez S,15 1 0 0 0 0 0
Toronto
Towers L,6-8 4 10 6 6 0 1
Downs 2 1 0 0 1 1
Speier 1 1 0 0 1 0
Frasor 1 0 0 0 0 2
MBatista 1 0 0 0 1 2
Umpires—Home, Chad Fairchild; First, John Hirschbeck; Second, Wally Bell; Third, Jim Reynolds
T—2:54 A—24,601 (50,598)

**TIGERS 5, ROYALS 3**

KANSAS CITY ab r h bi / DETROIT ab r h bi
DJesus cf 4 1 1 1 | Inge 3b 4 1 2 3
Gotay 2b 4 0 0 0 | CGillen ss 5 0 0 0
MSwny dh 4 1 2 1 | Shltn 1b 5 0 2 0
Stairs 1b 4 0 2 0 | MOrdz rf 4 0 2 0
Long rf 3 0 0 0 | RoWhte dh 3 0 1 1
Berroa ss 4 0 0 0 | IRdrgz c 4 1 1 0
Teahen 3b 4 1 1 0 | Monroe lf 2 2 1 0
Costa lf 4 0 0 0 | Hooper 2b 2 0 0 0
ACastillo c 3 0 1 1 | Logan cf 3 1 1 0
Totals 34 3 7 3 | Totals 32 5 10 4
Kansas City 110 010 000—3
Detroit 010 202 00x—5
E—Long (3), Berroa (10), Teahen (13), Gobble (2) DP—Kansas City 1 LOB—Kansas City 5, Detroit 11 2B—Stairs (17), Teahen (15), Inge (18), RoWhite (17) HR—DeJesus (8), MSweeney (17) S—Hooper 2, Logan SF—Inge

IP H R ER BB SO
Kansas City
Howell 4 1-3 6 3 2 2 2
MWood L,3-4 1 2-3 3 2 2 2 2
Gobble 2 1 0 0 0 1
Detroit
JJohnson W,6-7 8 7 3 3 1 4
Farnsworth S,3 1 0 0 0 0 3
WP—JJohnson
Umpires—Home, Troy Fullwood; First, Marty Foster; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Dana DeMuth
T—2:44 A—29,482 (40,120)

**TWINS 5, ANGELS 4**

LOS ANGELES ab r h bi / MINNESOTA ab r h bi
Figgins cf 5 1 0 0 | Punto ss 5 0 0 0
Erstad 1b 4 0 0 0 | BBoone 2b 5 0 1 1
VGuerrero rf 4 1 0 0 | ShStewrt lf 4 0 1 0
GAndrsn lf 4 1 1 0 | Mauer c 4 1 2 0
BMolina c 4 0 1 0 | THnter cf 3 1 1 0
DVnon pr 0 0 0 0 | JJones rf 2 1 1 1
JRivra dh 4 0 1 1 | Mrneau 1b 3 0 0 1
OCbera ss 4 1 3 1 | MRyan dh 3 1 2 2
Smith 3b 3 0 0 0 | LRdgz 3b 4 1 1 0
SFinley ph 1 0 0 0 | JCastro 3b 0 0 0 0
AKndy 2b 3 0 1 1 |
Totals 35 4 7 3 | Totals 33 5 8 5
Los Angeles 300 100 000—4
Minnesota 000 500 00x—5
E—Sorensen (1), Morneau (4), LRodriguez (2) DP—Minnesota 1 LOB—Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 9 2B—OCabrera (14), AKennedy (12), JJones (12) 3B—LRodriguez (2) HR—MRyan (1) SB—OCabrera (6), ShStewart (8) SF—Morneau

IP H R ER BB SO
Los Angeles
Colon L,11-6 5 8 5 5 3 5
Yan 2 0 0 0 1 1
JoPeralta 1 1 0 0 0 1
Minnesota
JoSantana W,6-5 7 5 4 1 0 3
JRincon 1 0 0 0 0 1
Nathan S,26 1 2 0 0 0 1
WP—Colon 2, JoSantana
Umpires—Home, Brian Gorman; First, Mike DiMuro; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Joe West
T—2:50 A—34,009 (46,564)

### NL Boxes

**PHILLIES 10, MARLINS 5**

FLORIDA ab r h bi / PHILA ab r h bi
Pierre cf 5 1 1 0 | Rollins ss 4 1 1 1
LCstillo 2b 5 0 1 0 | [illegible] 3b 4 1 1 0
CDlgdo 1b 4 1 2 1 | ToPerz 3b 1 0 1 2
MCbra lf 5 1 2 0 | BAbreu rf 4 2 1 0
JEncrn rf 4 1 1 3 | Burrell lf 4 1 1 2
LDuca c 4 0 2 0 | Fultz p 0 0 0 0
Lowell 3b 4 0 1 0 | Utley 2b 5 1 2 3
AGnzlz ss 3 0 0 0 | Michels cf 4 2 3 0
Olsen p 0 0 0 0 | Howard 1b 2 1 1 0
Bump p 2 1 1 0 | Pratt c 5 1 3 2
Mssngr p 0 0 0 0 | Lieber p 3 0 0 0
Conine ph 1 0 0 0 | Madson p 0 0 0 0
Mota p 0 0 0 0 | Lofton ph 1 0 0 0
Easley ph 1 0 0 0 | Urbina p 0 0 0 0
Resop p 0 0 0 0 | Chavez cf 1 0 0 0
Totals 39 5 11 4 | Totals 38 10 14 10
Florida 001 003 100—5
Philadelphia 330 000 31x—10
E—CDelgado (9), AGonzalez (10) DP—Florida 1 LOB—Florida 8, Philadelphia 11 HR—JEncarnacion (12), Utley (12), Pratt (5) SB—Pierre (26), Rollins (22), BAbreu (22) CS—BAbreu (5)

IP H R ER BB SO
Florida
Olsen L,1-1 1 2-3 5 6 3 1 1
Bump 2 1-3 5 0 0 3 0
Messenger 1 0 0 0 1 2
Mota 2 2 3 0 1 3
Resop 1 2 1 1 1 1
Philadelphia
Lieber W,9-8 6 9 4 4 0 3
Madson 1 2 1 1 0 2
Urbina 1 0 0 0 1 1
Fultz 1 0 0 0 0 1
Bump pitched to 2 batters in the 5th
HBP—by Fultz (CDelgado) WP—Messenger, Madson
Umpires—Home, Brian O'Nora; First, Bill Welke; Second, Gary Cederstrom; Third, Tim Welke
T—3:14 A—33,268 (43,826)

**PIRATES 3, CUBS 0**

PITTSBURGH ab r h bi / CHICAGO ab r h bi
Lawton rf 4 0 1 1 | Hrst Jr cf 4 0 1 0
Mckwk 3b 4 0 0 0 | TWalkr 2b 4 0 2 0
Bay cf 4 1 1 1 | DeLee 1b 4 0 0 0
CWilsn lf 0 0 0 0 | ARmrz 3b 4 0 0 0
TRdmn cf 3 0 1 0 | Murton lf 3 0 1 0
Ward 1b 4 0 0 0 | Greve ph 1 0 1 0
Castillo 2b 4 0 0 0 | Burnitz rf 3 0 0 0
Cota c 4 1 1 0 | Cedeno ss 3 0 2 0
JWilson ss 3 1 1 0 | Novoa p 0 0 0 0
Duke p 2 0 0 1 | HBlanco c 2 0 0 0
Mesa p 0 0 0 0 | NPerez ss 1 0 0 0
 | Maddux p 2 0 1 0
 | Barrett c 0 0 0 0
Totals 32 3 6 3 | Totals 31 0 6 0
Pittsburgh 110 000 100—3
Chicago 000 000 000—0
E—TWalker (2) DP—Pittsburgh 4 LOB—Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 6 2B—Lawton (26) HR—Bay (17) SB—TRedman (3) SF—Duke

IP H R ER BB SO
Pittsburgh
Duke W,2-0 8 6 0 0 2 4
Mesa S,22 1 2 0 0 0 0
Chicago
Maddux L,8-7 8 5 3 2 1 8
Novoa 1 0 0 0 0 0
HBP—by Maddux (CWilson)
Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, Paul Nauert; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, Larry Poncino
T—2:17 A—39,700 (39,538)

**CARDINALS 4, ASTROS 2**

HOUSTON ab r h bi / ST LOUIS ab r h bi
Tveras cf 4 0 0 0 | Eckstein ss 3 0 1 0
Biggio 2b 4 0 1 0 | Edmnd cf 4 1 1 1
Brkmn 1b 2 1 2 0 | Pujols 1b 3 1 2 0
Ensbrg 3b 4 1 1 2 | LWalkr rf 3 1 2 3
Lane rf 3 0 1 0 | Rolen 3b 4 0 0 0
OPlmro ph 1 0 0 0 | Mabry lf 4 0 0 0
AEvrtt ss 4 0 0 0 | Isrnghs p 0 0 0 0
Burke lf 3 0 1 0 | Grdzln 2b 4 0 2 0
JVzcno ph 1 0 0 0 | Mhony c 4 0 0 0
Ausmus c 4 0 0 0 | Mrquis p 3 1 1 0
Oswalt p 1 0 0 0 | Tguchi lf 0 0 0 0
Bmdett ph 1 0 0 0 |
Burns p 0 0 0 0 |
Totals 32 2 6 2 | Totals 32 4 6 4
Houston 200 000 000—2
St Louis 000 040 00x—4
E—Ensberg (9), Pujols (7) DP—St Louis 2 LOB—Houston 6, St Louis 7 2B—Biggio (26), Lane (20), Pujols (21), Marquis (5) HR—Ensberg (25), LWalker (11) S—Eckstein

IP H R ER BB SO
Houston
Oswalt L,12-8 6 8 4 4 1 4
Burns 2 1 0 0 1 1
St Louis
Marquis W,9-8 8 6 2 2 2 2
Isrnghsn S,26 1 0 0 0 0 0
HBP—by Marquis (Oswalt)
Umpires—Home, Tim McClelland; First, Mike Everitt; Second, Tim Timmons; Third, Chuck Meriwether
T—2:14 A—48,034 (50,345)

**DODGERS 6, GIANTS 4**

SAN FRAN ab r h bi / LOS ANGELES ab r h bi
Tucker rf 4 0 1 1 | Robles 3b 4 1 2 0
[illegible] 4 0 1 0 | Izturis ss 4 0 1 1
Feliz 3b 4 0 0 0 | JKent 2b 3 0 0 0
Alou lf 4 1 1 0 | JPhllps c 5 0 1 1
Drham 2b 4 0 1 0 | Choi 1b 3 2 1 0
DCruz ss 4 2 2 1 | Edwrds lf 4 1 2 0
Snow 1b 4 0 1 1 | Werth rf 4 0 1 1
Ellison cf 3 1 2 1 | Repko cf 3 0 2 2
Tomko p 0 0 0 0 | Ledee ph 1 0 0 0
Christn p 0 0 0 0 | OPerez p 1 0 0 0
Munter p 0 0 0 0 | Perez ph 1 0 0 0
Hwkns p 0 0 0 0 | Carrar p 0 0 0 0
ASnchz ph 1 0 0 0 | Schmll p 0 0 0 0
TyWlkr p 0 0 0 0 | Saenz ph 1 0 0 0
 | CChen pr 0 1 0 0
Totals 33 4 9 4 | Totals 34 6 10 5
San Francisco 020 101 000—4
Los Angeles 012 000 003—6
Two outs when winning run scored
E—Durham (10) DP—San Francisco 2 LOB—San Francisco 7, Los Angeles 9 2B—Torrealba (7), Alou (12), DCruz 2 (7), Izturis (13), Choi (8) S—Tomko 3, OPerez

IP H R ER BB SO
San Francisco
Tomko 6 6 3 3 2 4
Christiansen 1-3 1 0 0 0 0
Munter 2-3 0 0 0 0 0
Hawkins 1 0 0 0 0 1
TyWalker L,2-2 2-3 3 2 2 2 1
Los Angeles
OPerez 6 9 4 4 3 2
Carrara 1 0 0 0 0 0
Schmoll W,2-0 2 0 0 0 0 3
HBP—by Tomko (Choi) WP—OPerez PB—JPhillips
Umpires—Home, Terry Craft; First, Adam Dowdy; Second, Rob Drake; Third, Alfonso Marquez
T—3:01 A—48,490 (56,000)

**BRAVES 3, METS 0**

ATLANTA ab r h bi / NEW YORK ab r h bi
Furcal ss 4 0 2 0 | Reyes ss 4 0 0 0
Jhnson lf 5 0 2 2 | Cmeron rf 4 0 1 0
MGiles 2b 4 0 0 0 | Beltran cf 4 0 1 0
AJones cf 3 1 0 0 | Floyd lf 4 0 1 0
LaRche 1b 4 0 0 0 | Wright 3b 4 0 1 0
Lngrhn rf 4 0 2 1 | Mntkw 1b 4 0 2 0
McCnn c 3 0 1 0 | RCstro c 3 0 0 0
Btemit 3b 4 0 1 0 | Cairo 2b 2 0 1 0
THudsn p 3 1 1 0 | Zmbrno p 1 0 0 0
Brower p 0 0 0 0 | Heilmn p 0 0 0 0
Kolb p 0 0 0 0 | MrAnd ph 1 0 0 0
Orr ph 1 1 1 0 | Graves p 0 0 0 0
Rfsnr p 0 0 0 0 |
Totals 35 3 10 3 | Totals 31 0 6 0
Atlanta 001 100 001—3
New York 000 000 000—0
E—Furcal (7), Cameron (4), Floyd (2), Graves (2) DP—Atlanta 2, New York 2 LOB—Atlanta 10, New York 8 2B—Langerhans (8), THudson (1), Cairo (7) CS—Furcal (6) S—Zambrano

IP H R ER BB SO
Atlanta
THudson W,7-5 6 5 0 0 0 1
Brower 1 0 0 0 0 1
Kolb 1 0 0 0 0 0
Reitsma S,9 1 1 0 0 0 1
New York
Zambrano L,4-8 7 6 2 2 4 6
Heilman 1 1 0 0 1 0
Graves 1 3 1 1 0 0
HBP—by THudson (Cairo)
Umpires—Home, Bill Miller; First, Ed Hickox; Second, Derryl Cousins; Third, Jeff Nelson
T—2:21 A—36,078 (57,369)

**NATIONALS 6, BREWERS 3**

WASHINGTON ab r h bi / MILWAUKEE ab r h bi
Wilsn 1b 4 0 0 0 | BClark cf 4 0 1 0
Byrd lf 3 0 0 0 | Weeks 2b 3 0 0 0
Church lf 1 1 1 0 | Ovrbay 1b 3 0 0 0
Vidro 2b 5 1 1 1 | CaLee lf 4 0 0 0
JGillen rf 4 0 2 2 | Jenkins rf 4 2 2 0
PrWlsn cf 3 2 0 0 | BHall 3b 4 0 2 0
Castilla 3b 3 0 2 2 | DMiller c 4 1 1 1
GBnntt c 4 0 1 0 | Hardy ss 3 0 1 1
CGzmn ss 3 0 0 0 | Mgrder ph 1 0 0 0
Carroll ss 0 0 0 0 | Cpuano p 3 0 0 0
Loaiza p 2 0 0 0 | Bttco p 0 0 0 0
Baerga ph 1 1 1 0 | Helms ph 1 0 1 0
Majwski p 0 0 0 0 | Evland p 0 0 0 0
WCdero ph 1 0 0 0 | JuSntna p 0 0 0 0
Stanton p 0 0 0 0 |
CCrdro p 0 0 0 0 |
Totals 34 6 8 5 | Totals 33 3 8 2
Washington 010 101 200—6
Milwaukee 020 001 000—3
DP—Washington 2 LOB—Washington 8, Milwaukee 5 2B—Castilla 2 (25), BClark (21), Hardy (13) 3B—Church (3) HR—Vidro (5) S—Weeks

IP H R ER BB SO
Washington
Loaiza W,6-5 6 7 3 3 1 4
Majewski 1 1 0 0 0 0
Stanton 1 0 0 0 0 0
CCordero S,32 1 0 0 0 0 0
Milwaukee
Capuano 6 5 3 3 4 5
Bottalico L,2-2 1 2 2 2 1 2
Eveland 1 2-3 1 0 0 2 2
JuSantana 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
WP—Loaiza 2, Bottalico
Umpires—Home, Paul Schrieber; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Mike Reilly; Third, Bob Davidson
T—3:04 A—43,079 (41,900)

**REDS 7, ROCKIES 6**

COLORADO ab r h bi / CINCINNATI ab r h bi
Miles 2b 4 1 1 0 | FLopez ss 5 1 1 0
LuGnzl ss 4 1 2 1 | Aurilia 2b 2 1 1 2
Helton 1b 5 1 2 1 | Casey 1b 2 0 0 0
Atkins 3b 5 0 0 0 | Grf Jr cf 4 1 1 1
Byrnes lf 4 0 2 2 | Randa 3b 4 0 0 0
Mohr cf 4 1 2 0 | Dunn lf 2 2 1 0
Sllvan cf 1 0 0 0 | WPena rf 4 1 2 2
Spilbrgh rf 4 0 2 1 | LaRue c 3 1 1 0
Ardoin c 3 0 0 0 | Milton p 1 0 0 0
Francis p 2 1 1 0 | Mchado ph 1 0 0 0
Piedra ph 1 0 0 0 | Coffey p 0 0 0 0
Day p 0 0 0 0 | JaCruz ph 1 0 0 0
DeJean p 0 0 0 0 | Belisle p 0 0 0 0
[illegible] ph 0 0 0 0 | Stnrdge p 0 0 0 0
Miceli p 0 0 0 0 | Olmedo ph 1 0 1 1
 | Mercker p 0 0 0 0
 | Wthers p 0 0 0 0
Totals 37 6 12 6 | Totals 30 7 9 7
Colorado 000 311 100—6
Cincinnati 000 311 02x—7
DP—Colorado 2, Cincinnati 1 LOB—Colorado 8, Cincinnati 6 2B—LuGonzalez 2 (15), Byrnes (1), FLopez (19), Dunn (19), WPena (13), LaRue (15), Olmedo (4) 3B—Mohr (3) HR—Aurilia (8), Griffey Jr (19) SB—Byrnes (1) CS—Mohr (1) S—LaRue

IP H R ER BB SO
Colorado
Francis 5 5 4 4 3 5
Day 1 1 1 0 1 1
DeJean 1 0 0 0 2 0
Miceli L,0-1 1 3 2 2 0 0
Cincinnati
Milton 5 7 4 4 1 5
Coffey 1 2 1 1 0 0
Belisle 1 1 1 1 0 0
Stndrdge W,1-0 1 1 0 0 0 0
Mercker 1-3 1 0 0 0 0
Weathers S,5 2-3 0 0 0 1 0
HBP—by Standridge (Garabito), by Belisle (LuGonzalez), by Coffey (Ardoin) PB—Ardoin
Umpires—Home, Tim Tschida; First, Ron Kulpa; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, Dale Scott
T—3:04 A—28,951 (42,271)

### Friday's Late AL Boxes

**ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 2**

TEXAS ab r h bi / OAKLAND ab r h bi
Mathws cf 3 1 1 0 | Kendall c 4 0 2 0
MYong ss 4 0 1 1 | Kotsay cf 4 1 1 0
Teixra 1b 3 0 0 0 | Crosby ss 4 1 1 0
Blalock 3b 4 0 0 0 | EChavz 3b 4 2 1 3
ASrano dh 4 0 0 0 | Hatteberg dh 3 1 1 1
Mench lf 4 1 1 1 | Payton lf 4 1 1 2
Hidalgo rf 3 0 0 0 | DJhnsn 1b 3 0 0 0
Barajas c 3 0 1 0 | Swisher rf 3 1 1 1
DeRosa 2b 2 0 0 0 | Scutaro 2b 3 0 0 0
Totals 30 2 4 2 | Totals 32 7 8 7
Texas 000 000 011—2
Oakland 043 000 00x—7
E—MYoung (8), Blalock (2), Barajas (5) DP—Texas 1, Oakland 1 LOB—Texas 4, Oakland 2 2B—MYoung (19), Barajas (15), Hatteberg (13) HR—Mench (17), EChavez (14), Payton (6), Swisher (12)

IP H R ER BB SO
Texas
Wasdin L,0-1 2 6 7 6 0 1
Benoit 4 1-3 2 0 0 0 5
Ramirez 2-3 0 0 0 0 0
FCordero 1 0 0 0 1 0
Oakland
Zito W,7-8 8 2 1 1 2 5
Witasick 0 2 1 1 1 0
RRincon 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Calero 2-3 0 0 0 0 2
Wasdin pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd, Witasick pitched to 3 batters in the 9th
Umpires—Home, Jerry Crawford; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Phil Cuzzi; Third, Ed Rapuano
T—2:23 A—22,423 (43,662)

**ORIOLES 6, MARINERS 3**

BALTIMORE ab r h bi / SEATTLE ab r h bi
BRbrts 2b 5 0 1 1 | ISuzuki rf 4 0 2 0
SSosa dh 5 0 3 1 | Bmqst 2b 3 0 1 0
Mora 3b 5 2 2 1 | Ibanez dh 3 1 1 0
Tejada ss 4 0 1 0 | Sexson 1b 4 2 2 1
RPlmro 1b 4 1 2 1 | Beltre 3b 4 0 1 1
Gibbons rf 5 0 2 1 | Reed cf 4 0 1 1
Matos cf 4 1 1 0 | Morse ss 4 0 1 0
Bigbie lf 4 1 1 0 | Snlling lf 3 0 0 0
Fasano c 3 1 1 1 | Winn ph 1 0 0 0
 | Olivo c 3 0 0 0
 | JoLpez ph 1 0 0 0
Totals 39 6 13 6 | Totals 34 3 8 3
Baltimore 120 020 010—6
Seattle 010 002 000—3
DP—Baltimore 1 LOB—Baltimore 10, Seattle 8 2B—Mora (20), Tejada (31), RPalmeiro (11), Gibbons (21), Beltre (18) HR—Mora (16), Fasano (8), Sexson (19) SB—ISuzuki 2 (22) CS—Ibanez (2)

IP H R ER BB SO
Baltimore
RLopez W,8-5 8 1-3 8 3 3 1 3
Byrdak 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Grimsley 1-3 0 0 0 0 1
Julio 1 1 0 0 1 1
Ray 1 0 0 0 0 1
BRyan S,21 1 0 0 0 0 0
Seattle
Pineiro L,3-5 5 9 5 5 2 4
Hasegawa 1 2 0 0 1 2
Thornton 1 1-3 1 1 1 0 3
JeNelson 2-3 1 0 0 0 2
Villone 1 0 0 0 0 2
Hasegawa pitched to 2 batters in the 7th
HBP—by Pineiro (Fasano)
Umpires—Home, Fieldin Culbreth; First, Tom Hallion; Second, Larry Young; Third, Eric Cooper
T—3:03 A—39,044 (47,447)

### Friday's Late NL Boxes

**CARDINALS 4, ASTROS 3, 13 innings**

HOUSTON ab r h bi / ST LOUIS ab r h bi
Tveras cf 6 0 3 0 | Eckstein ss 3 1 0 0
Biggio 2b 5 0 0 0 | Edmnd cf 6 0 1 0
Brkmn 1b 4 0 0 0 | Pujols 1b 5 1 1 2
Wheelr p 0 0 0 0 | RSndrs lf 0 0 0 0
Lidge p 0 0 0 0 | LWalkr rf 4 0 1 0
Brntlett ph 1 0 0 0 | Rolen 3b 5 0 0 0
Sprngr p 0 0 0 0 | Grdzln 2b 5 1 3 1
Hrvlle p 0 0 0 0 | Tguchi rf 5 0 0 0
Ensbrg 3b 5 0 2 0 | EDiaz c 5 1 2 1
Lane rf 6 0 1 0 | Mulder p 1 0 0 0
AEvrtt ss 4 0 1 0 | Mabry ph 1 0 0 0
JVzcno ss 1 0 0 0 | Isrnghs p 0 0 0 0
Burke lf 3 1 1 0 | Nunez ph 1 0 0 0
OPlmro lf 2 2 1 0 | Tvarez p 0 0 0 0
Ausmus c 3 0 2 0 | AReyes p 1 0 0 0
Pettitte p 3 0 0 0 | King p 0 0 0 0
Qualls p 0 0 0 0 | Thmps p 0 0 0 0
Gallo p 0 0 0 0 |
Lamb 1b 2 0 1 2 |
Totals 45 3 12 2 | Totals 42 4 8 4
Houston 000 010 001 000 1—3
St Louis 010 000 010 000 2—4
One out when winning run scored
DP—Houston 3, St Louis 3 LOB—Houston 14, St Louis 7 2B—Ensberg (20), OPalmeiro (9), Edmonds (21) HR—Pujols (23), Grudzielanek (5), EDiaz (1) SB—Taveras (23) CS—LWalker (1) S—Ausmus 2 SF—Lamb

IP H R ER BB SO
Houston
Pettitte 7 4 1 1 3 3
Qualls 2-3 1 1 1 2 0
Gallo 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Wheeler 2 2 0 0 0 3
Lidge 1 0 0 0 0 2
Springer 1 1-3 0 1 1 1 2
Harville L,0-1 0 1 1 1 0 0
St Louis
Mulder 6 6 1 1 3 3
Isringhausen 1 2 1 1 1 1
Tavarez 2 0 0 0 2 0
Al Reyes 1 2-3 0 1 1 1 1
King 0 2 0 0 0 0
Thompson W,1-0 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Harville pitched to 1 batter in the 13th, King pitched to 2 batters in the 13th
HBP—by Tavarez (AEverett) WP—Mulder
Umpires—Home, Chuck Meriwether; First, Tim McClelland; Second, Mike Everitt; Third, Tim Timmons
T—4:23 A—48,420 (50,345)

**PADRES 10, DIAMONDBACKS 7**

ARIZONA ab r h bi / SAN DIEGO ab r h bi
Cunsell 2b 3 0 1 0 | DRbrts cf 3 1 0 1
Aquino p 0 0 0 0 | Jkson 2b 4 1 2 3
Crmer p 0 0 0 0 | BGiles rf 3 0 2 2
Almnza p 0 0 0 0 | Klesko lf 4 1 1 2
Koplove p 0 0 0 0 | [illegible] p 0 0 0 0
McCrcn ph 1 0 0 0 | Otsuka p 0 0 0 0
Vlverde p 0 0 0 0 | Nady lf 0 0 0 0
Cintron 3b 5 0 0 0 | MaSwy 1b 4 2 3 1
LGnzlz lf 5 1 1 0 | Hrndz c 4 1 2 0
ShGren rf 3 2 2 1 | Brghs 3b 4 0 1 0
Tracy 1b 5 0 2 0 | KGreen ss 4 2 2 1
JoCruz cf 3 1 1 1 | WWlms p 2 1 0 0
Clayton ss 3 1 2 1 | CHmnd p 0 0 0 0
CSnyd c 2 0 0 0 | Linbrink p 0 0 0 0
TClark ph 1 0 1 1 | Fick ph 1 1 0 0
Snell c 2 1 1 0 | Adkins p 0 0 0 0
Webb p 1 0 1 0 | Hllmn p 0 0 0 0
Glaus 3b 2 1 1 3 |
Totals 38 7 13 7 | Totals 33 10 13 10
Arizona 000 005 101—7
San Diego 300 125 00x—10
E—CSnyder (2), Webb (1), Klesko (2) DP—Arizona 2, San Diego 1 LOB—Arizona 10, San Diego 3 2B—Counsell (23), Snell (1) HR—ShGreen (15), Glaus (20), Klesko (15), MaSweeney (7) SB—DRoberts (15) S—Webb, DRoberts SF—JoCruz, Clayton, BGiles

IP H R ER BB SO
Arizona
Webb 5 8 8 3 1 3
Aquino L,0-1 1-3 2 2 2 0 0
Cormier 1-3 3 3 3 1 0
Almanza 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Koplove 1 0 0 0 0 1
Valverde 1 0 0 0 0 3
San Diego
WWilliams 5 2-3 6 3 3 3 2
CHammond 0 1 1 1 0 0
Linebrink W,4-1 1-3 2 1 1 0 0
Quantrill 1 2 1 1 0 0
Otsuka 1 1 0 0 0 0
Adkins 1-3 1 1 1 1 0
Hoffman S,26 2-3 0 0 0 1 1
CHammond pitched to 1 batter in the 6th
WP—Hoffman
Umpires—Home, Greg Gibson; First, Brian Runge; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third, Angel Hernandez
T—2:47 A—43,555 (42,445)

**GIANTS 6, DODGERS 0**

SAN FRAN ab r h bi / LOS ANGELES ab r h bi
Tucker rf 5 2 4 1 | Robles 3b 3 0 0 0
Vizquel ss 5 1 1 0 | Izturis ss 4 0 0 0
Niekro 1b 3 1 0 0 | Saenz 1b 4 0 0 0
Snow 1b 2 0 0 0 | JPhllps c 4 0 1 0
Alou lf 5 1 3 0 | Perez 2b 3 0 0 0
Drham 2b 5 0 4 4 | Edwrds lf 3 0 0 0
Feliz 3b 4 1 2 1 | Werth rf 2 0 0 0
Mthny c 3 0 0 0 | Repko cf 3 0 1 0
Ellison cf 4 0 0 0 | DLowe p 1 0 0 0
Lowry p 4 0 1 0 | Carrar p 0 0 0 0
Eyre p 0 0 0 0 | CChen ph 1 0 0 0
 | Ercksn p 0 0 0 0
 | Choi ph 0 0 0 0
 | Snchez p 0 0 0 0
Totals 40 6 15 6 | Totals 28 0 2 0
San Francisco 113 010 000—6
Los Angeles 000 000 000—0
E—Feliz (5) DP—San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 1 LOB—San Francisco 9, Los Angeles 4 2B—Durham 3 (20), JPhillips (17) HR—Tucker (4), Feliz (17) CS—Robles (5)

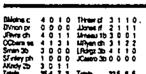
IP H R ER BB SO
San Francisco
Lowry W,8-9 7 1-3 2 0 0 3 7
Eyre 1 2-3 0 0 0 0 0
Los Angeles
DLowe L,5-10 4 2-3 10 6 6 0 2
Carrara 1-3 0 0 0 1 1
Erickson 3 4 0 0 0 2
Sanchez 1 1 0 0 0 2
HBP—by Erickson (Matheny)
Umpires—Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Terry Craft; Second, Adam Dowdy; Third, Rob Drake
T—2:28 A—51,057 (56,000)

## What's on T.V.

### Auto racing
- Nextel Cup, New England 300, **TNT, noon**
- American Le Mans, Grand Prix of Sonoma, **CBS, 1 p.m.**
- CART, Grand Prix of Edmonton, **SPEED, 1 p.m.**
- Speed Touring Car Championship, **SPEED, 4 p.m.**
- NHRA, Mile-High Nationals, final eliminations, **ESPN2, 7 p.m.**
- FIA World Rally, Rally Argentina, **SPEED, 9 p.m.**

### Baseball
- Braves at Mets, **TBS, 11 a.m.**
- Pirates at Cubs, **WGN, 12:10 p.m.**
- Orioles at *Mariners*, ***FSNP*, 2 p.m.**
- Yankees at Red Sox, **ESPN, 4 p.m.**

### Basketball
- WNBA, Connecticut at Minnesota, **ESPN2, 4 p.m.**



### Cycling
- Tour de France, stage 15, **OLN, 5:30 a.m.**

### Golf
- British Open Championship, final round, **TNT, 4 a.m.**
- British Open Championship, final round, **ABC, 6 a.m.**
- American Century Championship, final round, **NBC, 1 p.m.**
- PGA Tour, B.C. Open, final round, **USA, 1 p.m.**
- Nationwide Tour, Scholarship America Showdown, final round, **TGC, 3 p.m.**

### Horse racing
- NTRA, Delaware Handicap and Leonard Richards Stakes, **ESPN2, 3 p.m.**

### Soccer
- Mexico vs. Colombia, **UNIV, 1 p.m.**

### Softball
- World Cup, U.S. vs. Japan, **ESPN, 11 a.m.**

## Golf

### British Open
Saturday
At St. Andrews, Old Course
St. Andrews, Scotland
Purse: $7.3 million
Yardage: 7,279; Par: 72
(a-amateur)
Third Round

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|---|---|---|
| Tiger Woods | 66-67-71—204 | -12 |
| JoseMaria OlazDabal | 68-70-68—206 | -10 |
| Retief Goosen | 68-73-66—207 | -9 |
| Colin Montgomerie | 71-66-70—207 | -9 |
| Sergio Garcia | 70-69-69—208 | -8 |
| Brad Faxon | 72-66-70—208 | -8 |
| Michael Campbell | 69-72-68—209 | -7 |
| Vijay Singh | 69-69-71—209 | -7 |
| SHoren Hansen | 72-72-66—210 | -6 |
| Maarten Lafeber | 73-70-67—210 | -6 |
| Darren Clarke | 73-70-67—210 | -6 |
| Kenny Perry | 71-71-68—210 | -6 |
| Sandy Lyle | 74-67-69—210 | -6 |
| Sean O'Hair | 73-67-70—210 | -6 |
| Bernhard Langer | 71-69-70—210 | -6 |
| Tim Clark | 71-69-70—210 | -6 |
| John Daly | 71-69-70—210 | -6 |
| Bart Bryant | 69-70-71—210 | -6 |
| Scott Verplank | 68-70-72—210 | -6 |
| Adam Scott | 70-71-70—211 | -5 |
| Trevor Immelman | 68-70-73—211 | -5 |
| Geoff Ogilvy | 71-74-67—212 | -4 |
| a-Lloyd Saltman | 73-71-68—212 | -4 |
| Bob Tway | 69-71-72—212 | -4 |
| Stuart Appleby | 72-68-72—212 | -4 |
| Richard Green | 72-68-72—212 | -4 |
| Bo Van Pelt | 72-67-73—212 | -4 |
| Fred Couples | 68-71-73—212 | -4 |
| Tim Herron | 73-72-68—213 | -3 |
| Nicholas Flanagan | 73-71-69—213 | -3 |
| Mark Hensby | 67-77-69—213 | -3 |
| Greg Norman | 72-71-70—213 | -3 |
| Nick Faldo | 74-69-70—213 | -3 |
| Ian Poulter | 70-72-71—213 | -3 |
| Nick O'Hern | 73-69-71—213 | -3 |
| Simon Dyson | 70-71-72—213 | -3 |
| Fredrik Jacobson | 71-70-72—213 | -3 |
| Phil Mickelson | 74-67-72—213 | -3 |

### B.C. Open
Saturday
At En-Joie Golf Course
Endicott, N.Y.
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 6,974; Par: 72
Third Round

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brendan Jones | 67-64-66—197 | -19 |
| Arjun Atwal | 65-68-65—198 | -18 |
| Jason Bohn | 64-68-66—198 | -18 |
| Ryan Palmer | 67-64-67—198 | -18 |
| David Hearn | 68-67-64—199 | -17 |
| John Rollins | 67-68-64—199 | -17 |
| J.P. Hayes | 67-68-64—199 | -17 |
| David Edwards | 66-63-70—199 | -17 |
| Matt Hendrix | 63-67-69—199 | -17 |
| Michael Bradley | 70-66-64—200 | -16 |
| Jim McGovern | 68-68-64—200 | -16 |
| Mathias Gronberg | 65-67-68—200 | -16 |
| Chris Smith | 65-69-67—201 | -15 |
| Michael Allen | 72-67-63—202 | -14 |
| Carlos Franco | 69-67-66—202 | -14 |
| Joey Sindelar | 69-67-66—202 | -14 |
| Jay Delsing | 70-64-68—202 | -14 |
| Mike Springer | 64-69-69—202 | -14 |
| Ben Crane | 64-69-69—202 | -14 |
| D.A. Points | 71-68-64—203 | -13 |
| Doug Barron | 71-66-66—203 | -13 |
| Brad Dugley | 67-70-66—203 | -13 |
| John Huston | 68-69-66—203 | -13 |
| Hunter Mahan | 70-66-67—203 | -13 |
| Bradley Hughes | 67-67-69—203 | -13 |
| Glen Day | 63-71-69—203 | -13 |
| Kevin Stadler | 71-68-65—204 | -12 |
| Arron Oberholser | 72-67-65—204 | -12 |
| Steve Stricker | 70-67-67—204 | -12 |
| Todd Fischer | 64-69-67—204 | -12 |
| Spencer Levin | 68-69-67—204 | -12 |
| Omar Uresti | 65-71-68—204 | -12 |
| Mario Tiziani | 69-66-69—204 | -12 |
| Roland Thatcher | 66-68-70—204 | -12 |
| Mark Wilson | 65-69-70—204 | -12 |

### BMO Financial Group Canadian Women's Open
Saturday
At Glen Arbour Golf Course
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,285; Par: 72
a-amateur
Third Round

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Janice Moodie | 66-69-72—207 | -9 |
| Angela Stanford | 69-69-70—208 | -8 |
| Dorothy Delasin | 71-69-69—209 | -7 |
| Il Mi Chung | 69-68-72—209 | -7 |
| Meena Lee | 73-66-69—210 | -6 |
| Katherine Hull | 72-70-69—211 | -5 |
| Emily Bastel | 67-74-70—211 | -5 |
| Christina Kim | 70-69-73—212 | -4 |
| Lela Lindley | 71-71-71—213 | -3 |
| Lindsey Wright | 75-69-70—214 | -2 |
| Beth Bader | 70-72-72—214 | -2 |
| Brittany Lang | 69-73-72—214 | -2 |
| Nancy Scranton | 72-68-74—214 | -2 |
| Johanna Head | 69-71-74—214 | -2 |
| Young A Yang | 70-68-76—214 | -2 |
| Jamie Hullett | 73-72-70—215 | -1 |
| Emilee Klein | 72-73-70—215 | -1 |
| Brittany Lincicome | 71-74-70—215 | -1 |
| Patricia Baxter-Johnson | 72-72-71—215 | -1 |
| Dana D'Alessio | 70-74-71—215 | -1 |
| Soo-Al Lim | 73-70-72—215 | -1 |
| Karen Weiss | 70-73-72—215 | -1 |
| Young Jo | 72-73-71—216 | E |
| Michelle Estill | 72-73-71—216 | E |
| Cathy Johnston-Forbes | 69-75-72—216 | E |
| Tina Fischer | 72-71-73—216 | E |
| Meg Mallon | 70-72-74—216 | E |
| Kim Saiki | 71-68-77—216 | E |

## Sports in Brief

### Jerome Babe Ruth fund-raiser is today

JEROME — A Northside Babe Ruth baseball team will hold a car wash fund-raiser for its trip to the state tournament July 18-23 in Pocatello from 2-5 p.m. today on the Wal-Mart parking lot.

### Jones tops cluttered leaderboard at B.C. Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Australian rookie Brendan Jones shot a 6-under 66 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead after the third round of the B.C. Open.

Jones, whose best PGA Tour finish this year was a tie for 14th at the Zurich Classic, finished at 19-under 197, one shot off the tournament record for 54 holes set in 1982 by Calvin Peete and matched two years ago by Steve Lowery.

One shot back were Ryan Palmer (67), Jason Bohn (66) and India's Arjun Atwal (65), who had a chance to tie Jones but missed a 4-foot birdie putt at 18.

John Rollins, Canadian David Hearn, and J.P. Hayes began the day tied and finished the same way as each carded 64 to finish at 17-under 199. They were even with second-round leader David Edwards (70) and Matt Hendrix (69), who each rallied on the back side after faltering early.

### Riley insists a coaching change not imminent

MIAMI — Attempting to quell a flood of speculation about Stan Van Gundy's future with the Miami Heat, team president Pat Riley insisted Saturday that no coaching change is imminent — while again saying he hasn't completely ruled out a return to the sidelines in the future.

"I would quit my job before I would dismiss Stan Van Gundy as the head coach simply because I wanted to coach," Riley said in a call with the team's beat writers. "Period. That's not me. Anybody who knows me know that I wouldn't do that for the sake of me wanting to get back into the job."

### Moodie holds on to lead in Canadian Open

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — Janice Moodie patiently worked her way through tricky wind conditions at picturesque Glen Arbour.

The 32-year-old Scot topped the Canadian Women's Open field for the third straight round Saturday, shooting an even-par 72 for a one-stroke lead over Angela Stanford.

Coming off a sixth-place tie Sunday in the English Open, Moodie had a 9-under 207 total. Stanford birdied the final hole for a 70, and Dorothy Delasin shot a 69 — matching the best round of the day — to join South Korea's Il Mi Chung (72) at 7 under.

### Ogden, who beat Wie, wins men's Publinx

LEBANON, Ohio — Clay Ogden, who beat Michelle Wie in the quarterfinals of the U.S. men's Public Links Championship, won the title Saturday with a 1-up victory over Martin Ureta.

Ogden, a junior at Brigham Young, earned the invitation to next April's Masters that had been coveted by the 15-year-old Wie, who was trying to become the first female in the tournament.

Ogden and Ureta, a junior at North Carolina, both earned exemptions into this year's U.S. Amateur.

Ogden, who lost in a quarterfinal to eventual champion Ryan Moore in last year's Public Links, trailed for most of Saturday's 36-hole final at Shaker Run Golf Club.

The 20-year-old did not take the lead until the 34th hole — the 441-yard 16th — when he hit a pitching wedge to 2 feet from 118 yards and made birdie. Ureta couldn't catch up.

### Lee defeats Chudy to win women's Publinx

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eun Jun Lee of South Korea rallied from five holes down and defeated Tiffany Chudy with a par putt on the 37th hole Saturday in the first-ever playoff at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links championship on Saturday.

Chudy, a sophomore at Florida, was up by one going into the 36th, but missed a 4-foot putt for par that could have clinched a victory.

### Smashneva, Garbin reach WTA final

MODENA, Italy — Fifth-seeded Anna Smashnova reached the final at the Modena International tournament on Saturday, beating Flavia Pennetta of Italy 7-5, 6-3.

Smashnova will try to win her 10th WTA title on Sunday when she meets Italy's Tathiana Garbin.

Garbin beat rising star Agnes Szavay of Hungary 6-3, 6-0 in the other semifinal on clay at Club La Meridiana.

### Yankees trade for Leiter and put him in rotation

BOSTON — The New York Yankees acquired left-hander Al Leiter from the Florida Marlins and scheduled him to start Sunday's series finale against the Boston Red Sox.

The Yankees are desperate for pitching help with four starters on the disabled list. Torre said Kevin Brown, who has been on the DL since June 16 with a back strain, will return to start on Monday.

The Marlins designated Leiter for assignment on Thursday after he went 3-7 with a 6.64 ERA this season.

### Williams: 'There was evidently a mistake'

Roy Williams said he made a "mistake" when he approved gifts to graduating players and others who had used up their eligibility while coach at Kansas, but denied there was any intentional wrongdoing.

"We wanted a program that would positively represent the university and the integrity of our basketball program was always very important to me," Williams said in a statement Saturday. "I am deeply saddened to say there was evidently a mistake."

Williams — now the coach at North Carolina — issued the statement to respond to a report by Kansas outlining NCAA rules violations in its athletic department. Williams was out of town and was unavailable for further comment, said Steve Kirschner, a spokesman for North Carolina.

After conducting an internal review, the school said Williams — who won the national championship last April in his second season in Chapel Hill, N.C. — approved payments made by three representatives of the university's "athletics interests."

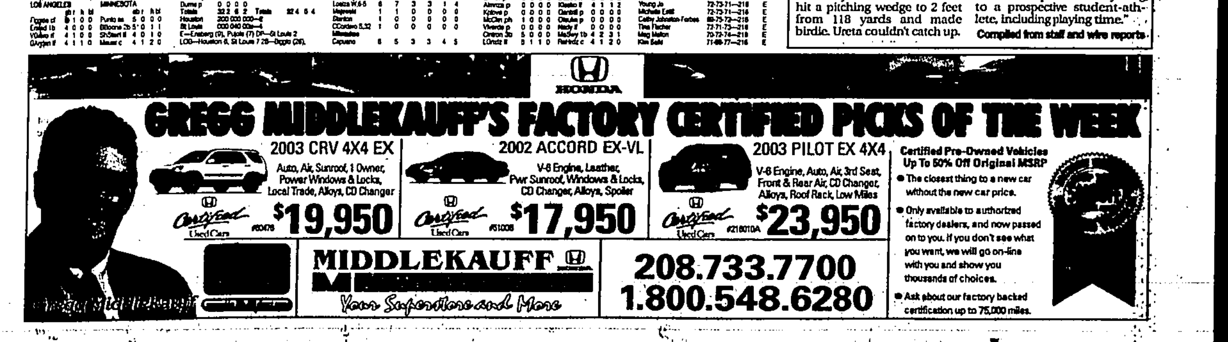
The school said Dana Anderson, Joan Edwards and Bernard Morgan gave cash and clothing to graduating players and others who had exhausted their eligibility. Payments went back as far as 1998, though no player was said to have received more than $400.

Williams said there was a "communication problem" with the school's compliance department, leading him to believe a gift was permitted. The violation falls under the NCAA's "extra benefit" rule and specifies that once athletes enroll, they are barred for life from receiving gifts from fans.

"I did not know the rule that once you're a student-athlete, you are a student-athlete until death," Williams said.

"Kansas never gained a recruiting or competitive advantage — the students had completed their eligibility and it was seen as a graduation gift. I have never promised anything to a prospective student-athlete, including playing time."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Terrible Tampa Bay tests manager's patience

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella measured his words, trying to find a diplomatic way to say his last-place Devil Rays are not very good.

The team with baseball's lowest payroll stumbled into the All-Star break on pace to lose a franchise-record 111 games — a prospect that hardly entered Piniella's mind when he walked away from a pennant contender in Seattle to take over his hometown team less than three years ago.

The Devil Rays' 28-61 record was second worst at the break in the club's eight seasons and included one of the worst road marks (8-35) since the majors adopted a 162-game schedule 44 years ago.

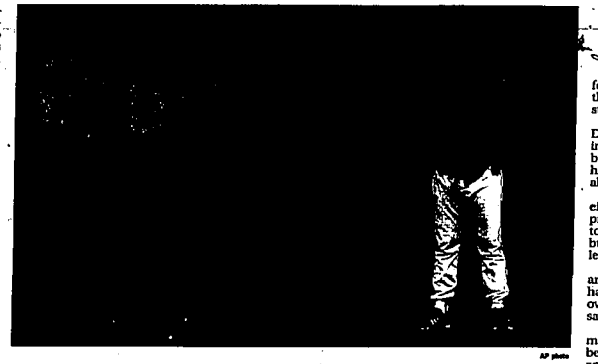
A pained look gave way to a smile when Piniella was asked if he'd like to forget everything that went wrong in the first half.

"Me, I'll probably learn from it. I don't want to forget it. There are too many memorable things not to forget," the manager said.

"I mean that in a joking kind of way. But we've had a lot of things that have happened here that if you weren't here, they would be hard to believe. ... You've got to find a little humor out of this because if not, you'd cry a hell of a lot."

The zaniness began with three offseason additions — Roberto Alomar, Danny Bautista and Marty Cordova — deciding to retire rather than play for the Devil Rays.

A fourth veteran brought in to bolster a young roster, Alex Sanchez, became the first player suspended for violating baseball's new policy on performance-enhancing drugs. A fifth, Charles Johnson, walked into Piniella's office two days after signing and requested a leave of absence to handle a personal matter.



AP photo

Tampa Bay Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella watches his team take batting practice before their game with the Milwaukee Brewers, June 25, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sanchez was hitting .346 when he and Johnson were released to make room for younger players last month.

Even more curious was opening-day starting pitcher Dewon Brazelton going into hiding for three weeks after being demoted to the minors, and managing general partner Vince Naimoli making news by ordering a visiting scout to leave Tropicana Field for using the restroom in Naimoli's private suite.

Piniella even got into the act, criticizing the team's new owners for being more concerned with the future than trying to make the team competitive now.

"Lou, like all of us, gets frustrated," general manager Chuck LaMar said.

Piniella is especially disappointed because he felt the team took a significant step by winning a franchise-best 70 games and finishing out of last place in the AL East for the first time last year.

Tampa Bay lost 14 of 16 heading into the All-Star break and matched Colorado for the longest losing streak in the majors by dropping 10 straight from June 28-July 8.

Opponents outscored the Devil Rays 92-28 in the eighth inning before the break, and the bullpen blew a major league-high 16 saves — six more than all of last season.

The team took leads into the eighth 10 times and lost, prompting Piniella at one point to joke he was going to start buying steak dinners for scoreless eighths.

"You can't be last in pitching and last in defense. ... We don't have the type of offense to overcome that," the manager said.

The pitching staff allowed a major league-worst 553 runs before the break, including 13 in an inning twice at Yankee Stadium.

If that sounds goofy, consider this: Seven of Tampa Bay's 28 victories before the break came against the Yankees, and the Devil Rays were a surprising 4-2 at New York, compared to 4-33 elsewhere on the road.

"It's definitely been tough. You definitely have to have thick skin," left fielder Carl Crawford said. "You've got to play mind games with yourself and realize it's just for a short period of time, hopefully."

Injuries have been a factor. Center fielder Rocco Baldelli tore a ligament in his left knee while playing with his younger brother in the backyard of his home in Rhode Island. He seemed on track to return by the end of July until he hurt his throwing arm and had season-ending Tommy John surgery.

"Probably the most disappointing thing, outside of the record, is not getting Baldelli back," Piniella said. "We're just going to do the best we can with what we have."

The Devil Rays began the season with a payroll of just under $30 million — lowest in the majors — and there's no guarantee it will be much higher next season.

Piniella's frustration has fueled speculation that he wants out, although the manager said last month he intends to honor the remainder of a $13 million, four-year contract that runs through next season.

LaMar has said there have been no discussions about a possible buyout.

Meanwhile, Piniella vows not to give up.

"You can accept this and keep getting your butts kicked or you can get in the middle of the ring and throw some punches yourself and win a few more baseball games. We'll see what happens," Piniella said.

"I myself would rather stand in the middle of the ring toe to toe, as opposed to get rope-a-doped on the ropes," he said. "There's a long way to go. A lot of things can happen. That's the only approach."

# Yankee pitcher Johnson stymies Red Sox

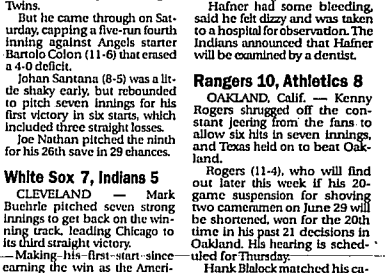
BOSTON (AP) — Randy Johnson struck out 10 in 6 1-3 innings to rescue the injury-depleted Yankees rotation, and Alex Rodriguez homered to lead New York to a 7-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday.

One day after the Yankees lost 17-1 in a game they were forced to promote Tim Redding from Triple-A Columbus to start, Johnson (10-6) won his third straight start to help New York pull within 1.5 games of Boston in the AL East.

Rodriguez followed Gary Sheffield's double with a homer over the Green Monster to start a six-run third inning.

Tom Gordon got five outs, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 22nd consecutive save. Robinson Cano had three hits for the Yankees, who won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Boston All-Star Matt Clement (10-3) lasted just 2 2-3 innings, allowing six runs on five hits and five walks. Johnny Damon singled in the sixth to extend his hitting streak to 28 games — the longest in the majors this season and tied for fourth-longest in Red Sox history.



AP photo

New York Yankees' pitcher Randy Johnson pitches to Boston Red Sox' David Ortiz during the first inning at Fenway Park in Boston Saturday.

## Twins 5, Angels 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Bret Boone's first hit for the Minnesota Twins was a big one.

Boone was hitless in his first 10 at-bats — 0-for-16 overall — with the Twins, when he flisted a single to center in the fourth inning that lifted Minnesota to a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday night.

The Twins acquired Boone from Seattle in a trade during the All Star break. He has struggled mightily at the plate this season, so he fits right in with the — offensively — challenged Twins.

But he came through on Saturday, capping a five-run fourth inning against Angels starter Bartolo Colon (11-6) that erased a 4-0 deficit.

Johan Santana (8-5) was a little shaky early, but rebounded to pitch seven innings for his first victory in six starts, which included three straight losses.

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 26th save in 29 chances.

## White Sox 7, Indians 5

CLEVELAND — Mark Buehrle pitched seven strong innings to get back on the winning track, leading Chicago to its third straight victory.

Making his first start since earning the win as the American League's starter in Tuesday's All-Star game, Buehrle (11-3) gave up two runs and three hits, striking out six without a walk. He also hit two batters, including Travis Hafner in the cheek in the first inning.

Hafner had some bleeding, said he felt dizzy and was taken to a hospital for observation. The Indians announced that Hafner will be examined by a dentist.

## Rangers 10, Athletics 8

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kenny Rogers shrugged off the constant jeering from the fans to allow six hits in seven innings, and Texas held on to beat Oakland.

Rogers (11-4), who will find out later this week if his 20-game suspension for shoving two cameramen on June 29 will be shortened, won for the 20th time in his past 21 decisions in Oakland. His hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Hank Blalock matched his career high with four hits, including a homer and two doubles, as the Rangers ended a three-game road losing streak. Kevin Mench added a three-run homer and Michael Young also connected.

Jay Payton hit his second home run in two games, but Joe Blanton (5-8) allowed five runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings as the A's five-game winning streak ended.

## Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 5

TORONTO — Carl Crawford homered and drove in three runs in his new spot in the order, and Tampa Bay held on to beat Toronto.

Manager Lou Piniella decided Friday to drop Crawford from the leadoff spot to second. Joey Gathright went 3-for-5 as the leadoff hitter. Aubrey Huff also homered for the last-place Devil Rays.

## Tigers 5, Royals 3

DETROIT — Brandon Inge drove in three runs and the Detroit Tigers took advantage of four Kansas City errors to beat the Royals 5-3 Saturday night.

With the game tied at 3 in the sixth, Nook Logan, considered one of baseball's fastest players, led off with a single off Mike Wood (3-4). He scored from first when right fielder Terrence Long allowed Inge's single to get past him.

After a flyout, Chris Shelton singled and Magglio Ordonez walked to load the bases. Rondell White made it 5-3 by beating out a possible double-play grounder.

Jason Johnson (6-7) improved to 4-1 at Comerica Park, allowing three runs and seven hits in eight innings. Johnson has a 1.95 ERA in 10 home starts this year.

Kyle Farnsworth struck out the side in the ninth for his third save.

# Cardinals' dominance over Astros continues

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jason Marquis pitched eight sharp innings to earn his first victory in more than a month, and Larry Walker hit a three-run homer to help the St. Louis Cardinals continue their dominance of the Houston Astros at Busch Stadium with a 4-2 win Saturday.

Dating back to Game 1 of last year's National League championship series, the Cardinals have beaten the Astros nine straight at home. St. Louis has won eight of 10 against Houston overall this year.

The loss snapped Houston right-hander Roy Oswalt's six-start winning streak. Oswalt (12-8) had not lost since dropping a 3-1 decision to the New York Mets on June 7. He had an ERA of 0.96 in his previous six starts. Oswalt gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings Saturday.

Marquis (9-6) won for the first time in six starts dating to June 10. He allowed two runs on six hits and two walks.

Jason Isringhausen pitched a scoreless ninth for his 26th save in 29 chances.

## Phillies 10, Marlins 5

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley hit a three-run homer and Jon Lieber earned his first win in seven starts, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Florida Marlins 10-5 Saturday night.

Todd Pratt added a solo homer and an RBI single for the Phillies, who have scored 30 runs in the first three games of this series and have won four of six.

Lieber (9-8) allowed four runs and nine hits with no walks and three strikeouts in six innings. He was 0-4 in six starts since beating Texas on June 7.

Juan Encarnacion hit a three-run homer for Florida, which has lost five of six. The Marlins committed two errors that led to a pair of big innings and six unearned runs for the Phillies.

## Pirates 3, Cubs 0

CHICAGO — Zach Duke out-pitched Greg Maddux for eight innings, allowing six hits.

In his third career start, Duke (2-0) struck out four and extended his scoreless innings streak to 17. The 22-year-old left-hander lowered his ERA to 1.23.

Jason Bay ended an 0-for-18 slump with a homer as the Pirates snapped the Cubs' five-game winning streak. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 22nd save in 25 chances.

Maddux (8-7) was nearly as sharp, allowing five hits in eight innings.

## Dodgers 5, Giants 4

LOS ANGELES — Jason Phillips hit a two-out, RBI single to cap a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Dodgers to their first win in seven games.

The Dodgers entered the ninth with only one hit since the third, and Tyler Walker (2-2) retired the first two batters before pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz drew a four-pitch walk. Oscar Robles followed with a single to center, and Cesar Izturis grounded an 0-2 pitch off the first base bag and into the right-field corner for an RBI double to tie it.

Jeff Kent was walked intentionally to set the stage for Phillips, who grounded a full-count pitch into right field.

## Braves 3, Mets 0

NEW YORK — Tim Hudson pitched five-hit ball for six innings and scored a run in his first start in over a month for Atlanta.

Kelly Johnson had two hits with two RBIs for the Braves, who has won two straight following a three-game losing streak.

Hudson was activated from the disabled list before the game and was on the mound for the first time since June 13, when he was forced out after 2 2-3 innings by a strained muscle in his left side.

Victor Zambrano (4-8) allowed fewer than three earned runs for the 16th time in 17 starts but he is 0-2 in his last three outings. He scattered six hits, striking out six and walking four.

## Reds 7, Rockies 6

CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena doubled home the tying run in the eighth inning and Ray Olmedo followed with a pinch-hit double, rallying the Reds past Colorado.

The Rockies blew four leads in a back-and-forth game between the NL's two worst teams, falling to 7-35 on the road — worst in the majors. The Rockies have yet to win a series on the road.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit a solo homer for the second consecutive game, leaving him with 520 for his career.

## Nationals 5, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Jose Guillen's two-run single in the seventh inning snapped a tie, and Washington ended a four-game losing streak.

Jose Vidro homered and Vinny Castilla added two run-scoring doubles for the Nationals, who won for just the third time in 10 games and remained 1.5 games ahead of Atlanta in the NL East.

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 50 | 40 | .556 | – | 4-6 | L-1 | 25-16 | 25-24 | 12-8 |
| Baltimore | 49 | 40 | .551 | .5 | z-6-4 | W-4 | 27-20 | 22-20 | 8-10 |
| New York | 48 | 41 | .539 | 1.5 | z-8-2 | W-1 | 29-19 | 19-22 | 11-7 |
| Toronto | 45 | 46 | .495 | 5.5 | z-4-6 | L-1 | 23-19 | 22-27 | 8-10 |
| Tampa Bay | 30 | 62 | .326 | 21 | 3-7 | W-1 | 20-26 | 10-36 | 3-15 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 60 | 29 | .674 | – | 6-4 | W-3 | 30-15 | 30-14 | 12-6 |
| Minnesota | 49 | 40 | .551 | 11 | z-4-6 | W-1 | 27-20 | 22-20 | 8-10 |
| Cleveland | 47 | 44 | .516 | 14 | z-2-8 | L-4 | 21-22 | 26-22 | 15-3 |
| Detroit | 44 | 45 | .494 | 16 | 7-3 | W-2 | 21-23 | 23-22 | 9-9 |
| Kansas City | 31 | 59 | .344 | 29.5 | 5-5 | L-2 | 19-27 | 12-32 | 9-9 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 54 | 37 | .593 | – | 4-6 | L-1 | 26-19 | 28-18 | 12-6 |
| Texas | 47 | 42 | .528 | 6 | 5-5 | W-1 | 27-16 | 20-24 | 9-9 |
| Oakland | 46 | 44 | .511 | 7.5 | z-7-3 | L-1 | 29-17 | 17-27 | 10-8 |
| Seattle | 39 | 50 | .438 | 14 | z-8-4 | L-2 | 20-24 | 19-26 | 10-8 |

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 53 | 38 | .582 | – | 3-7 | W-1 | 30-13 | 23-25 | 12-6 |
| Atlanta | 52 | 40 | .565 | 1.5 | z-7-3 | W-2 | 29-14 | 23-26 | 7-8 |
| Philadelphia | 47 | 45 | .511 | 6.5 | z-6-4 | W-1 | 28-20 | 19-25 | 7-8 |
| Florida | 45 | 44 | .506 | 7 | 3-7 | L-1 | 25-22 | 20-22 | 10-5 |
| New York | 45 | 46 | .495 | 8 | z-5-5 | L-2 | 26-20 | 19-26 | 5-10 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 58 | 32 | .644 | – | z-9-2 | W-3 | 29-16 | 29-16 | 10-5 |
| Chicago | 45 | 45 | .500 | 13 | 5-5 | L-1 | 23-22 | 22-23 | 6-9 |
| Houston | 44 | 45 | .494 | 13.5 | z-7-3 | L-2 | 30-14 | 14-31 | 7-8 |
| Milwaukee | 44 | 47 | .484 | 14.5 | z-8-4 | L-1 | 25-17 | 19-30 | 8-7 |
| Pittsburgh | 40 | 50 | .444 | 18 | 5-5 | W-1 | 21-22 | 19-28 | 5-7 |
| Cincinnati | 37 | 53 | .411 | 21 | 6-4 | W-2 | 26-22 | 11-31 | 7-8 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 49 | 42 | .538 | – | z-5-5 | W-1 | 28-17 | 21-25 | 7-11 |
| Arizona | 44 | 48 | .478 | 5.5 | z-4-6 | L-1 | 25-23 | 22-23 | 8-10 |
| Los Angeles | 41 | 50 | .451 | 8 | z-3-7 | W-1 | 23-22 | 18-28 | 5-13 |
| San Francisco | 39 | 51 | .433 | 9.5 | 5-5 | L-1 | 20-26 | 19-25 | 6-12 |
| Colorado | 31 | 58 | .348 | 17 | 3-7 | L-3 | 24-23 | 7-35 | 6-9 |

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**Friday's Late Games**

Oakland 7, Texas 2
Baltimore 6, Seattle 3

**Saturday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 4
Texas 10, Oakland 8
Detroit 5, Kansas City 3
Bahimore at Seattle, late
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 5
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 5
Minnesota 5, L.A. Angels 4

**Sunday's Games**

Kansas City (R.Hernandez 6-9) at Detroit (Maroth 7-9), 11:05 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 13-4) at Cleveland (Elarton 6-3), 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay (McClung 0-5) at Toronto (Walker 3-2), 11:07 a.m.
L.A. Angels (Lackey 6-4) at Minnesota (Mays 5-3), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (C.Young 8-5) at Oakland (Haren 7-7), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 7-7) at Seattle (Meche 9-6), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Leiter 0-0) at Boston (Wakefield 8-7), 4:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Friday's Late Games**

St. Louis 4, Houston 3, 13 innings
San Diego 10, Arizona 7
San Francisco 6, L.A. Dodgers 0

**Saturday's Games**

Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 0
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 4, Houston 2
Washington 5, Milwaukee 3
Philadelphia 10, Florida 5
Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 7, Colorado 6
Arizona at San Diego, late

**Sunday's Games**

Atlanta (Hampton 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (P.Martinez 10-3), 11:10 a.m.
Cincinnati (Lam.Wright 5-6) at Cincinnati (Ra.Ortiz 4-6), 11:15 a.m.
Florida (Willis 13-4) at Philadelphia (Padilla 4-8), 11:35 a.m.
Washington (Drese 3-1) at Milwaukee (Ohka 5-4), 12:05 p.m.
Houston (Clemens 7-3) at St. Louis (Carpenter 13-4), 12:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 6-4), 12:20 p.m.
Arizona (Halsey 5-7) at San Diego (Stauffer 3-4), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hennessey 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Weaver 7-8), 2:10 p.m.

AP photo

Overall leader Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, rides down the Pailheres pass during the 14th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Agde, southern France, and Ax-3 Domaines, Pyrenees mountains, Saturday.

# Fear, resistance from Armstrong in epic Tour de France contest

**Stage 15**

**TV:** 5:30 a.m., OLN (DIRECTV, Channel 608, Dish Network, Channel 151)

AX-3 DOMAINES, France (AP) — As the Pyrenean peak loomed, the assault Lance Armstrong was bracing for finally came. Here, the six-time champion knew, was a Tour de France moment of truth.

"It's scary," he admitted later.

Emotionless behind their wraparound shades, Armstrong's pink-shirted rivals from the German T-Mobile squad raced into the steep ascent at full pelt. The tactic was simple: Isolate Armstrong by riding so hard that his teammates would be unable to stay with the pace.

It worked. By the time T-Mobile's racers were spent, Armstrong's support crew were strewn down the road and his long-tormented challengers, including T-Mobile leader Jan Ullrich, finally had him were they wanted him — alone on a climb. Now, it was man-to-man.

"In that situation you either fight back or you run away," Armstrong said.

He fought, and end result was familiar: Armstrong came out on top of his main challengers in an epic stage 14, taking another step toward a seventh consecutive Tour victory.

Even without his teammates who usually lead him up mountains, Armstrong fended off Ullrich, Italian Ivan Basso and others, and dealt out punishment of his own by beating them to the ski station of Ax-3 Domaines, extending his overall lead.

Armstrong placed second, 56 seconds behind Georg Totschnig, the first Austrian since 1931 to win a stage. But he is not a challenger in the overall standings.

Basso, who is, stayed with Armstrong up to Ax-3 Domaines but couldn't follow his finishing sprint, placing third.

Ullrich was fourth, dropped by Armstrong's acceleration toward the end.

Overall, Armstrong's lead over Basso grew to 2 minutes, 46 seconds and to 4:34 over Ullrich. Those advantages could carry Armstrong to victory in Paris on July 24 if he keeps riding as he has.

Closest overall remains Mickael Rasmussen. But the Dane lost 63 seconds to Armstrong, placing eighth. For now, he trails Armstrong by 1:41 but that will likely grow dramatically in a time trial on the Tour's penultimate day. Armstrong excels in clock-races; Rasmussen often struggles.

Armstrong's already comfortable lead over Ullrich going into the stage placed the onus on the German to try to make up time. The best hope of doing that was "to make Lance's team explode," said T-Mobile rider Alexandre Vinokourov.

T-Mobile made their move by sprinting into the toughest ascent, a 9.4-mile climb over the Port de Pailheres. It peaks at 6,565 feet and is so hard that it is classified as "hors categorie" — or unrated.

Armstrong knew he was being set up for a fall.

"It's scary when you see five kilometers before the bottom the entire team go to the front and start riding as hard as they can," Armstrong said. "You see what is going to happen, the order they are in, you see what they are setting up for, so that naturally gives you fear."

Only Armstrong, Ullrich, Basso and a few others — none of them the American's teammates — matched the pace. With Armstrong alone, the challenges began.

Basso accelerated, and was followed by Ullrich and Vinokourov.

But Armstrong handled the pressure.

Over the pass they rode, and then raced down the descent into a final climb to Ax-3 Domaines. There, sweat-glistening on his arms, Armstrong turned the tables, dancing out of his saddle from side to side.

Neither Basso nor Ullrich could match him — and in the end, he left both behind.

Afterward, Armstrong praised T-Mobile's move as "the right thing to do."

But "I felt good at the time," he added. "I was motivated to not necessarily be put down by such strong tactics."

Basso, who rides for Team CSC, said Armstrong was "untouchable."

"I tried my utmost to see if I could push him to the limit but it wasn't possible," he said.

The brutal 137-mile trek was raced under a scorching sun. Riders poured water over themselves to cool down.

"The heat, the distance, it was hard, it was a very hard day," Armstrong said.

But the riders are getting no relief. On Sunday comes what Armstrong called "the hardest day of the Tour" — a relentless 127.7-mile route from Lezat-sur-Leze that has a succession of five climbs before an "hors categorie" uphill finish to Saint-Lary Soulan.

# Hachem wins World Series of Poker

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The sun set, the sun rose and still they played, caution trumping bravery, adrenaline fighting off fatigue, rare moments of drama breaking through the tedium, the chip lead shifting for nearly 14 hours at the 36th World Series of Poker — the longest final table in tournament history for the richest prize.

Nine players had started Friday afternoon, the survivors among the 5,619 who entered the $10,000 buy-in No Limit Texas Hold 'em tournament last week, and only two remained Saturday morning — Australian chiropractor-turned-pro Joseph Hachem and American amateur Steven Dannenmann in the first World Series for both of them.

The big shots of the poker world were long gone, though some sat enviously in the black-draped room at Benny's Bullpen in Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel, watching along with hundreds of frenzied fans as Hachem and Dannenmann faced off one last time.

The $7.5 million first prize lay piled high in everyone's view, thick $50,000 bundles of $100 bills guarded by security men wielding shotguns.

At 6:44 a.m., on their sixth head-to-head duel and the 232nd hand of the night, Hachem claimed the fortune and the priceless championship bracelet when his seven-high straight beat Dannenmann's pair of aces with all $56 million in chips pushed into the pot.

It was a theatrical finish to a plodding night that had been filled with smart moves and goofy ones by pros and amateurs exhausted by some 90 hours of poker each over six brutal sessions.

Dannenmann raised before the flop and Hachem called. A six-five-four came out and Hachem checked. Dannenmann bet another $700,000, Hachem mised to $1.7 million.

The turn card was an ace and Hachem tossed $2 million more into the pot. Dannenmann hesitated, studied the table and Hachem, then mised to $5 million. Hachem went all-in with more than $30 million and the small crowd still packed in the Bullpen roared as Dannenmann instantly called.

Hachem flipped over his cards — a seven and three for a straight — against Dannenmann's ace-three. Dannenmann needed a seven on the river to chop the pot with an equal straight. A four came out instead and Hachem was the champion.

The first Australian to win the poker World Series, Hachem hugged Dannenmann, then wrapped himself in an Australian flag while his many compatriots and fellow poker players in the room chanted "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!" as they had through the night.

"Thank you, America," Hachem shouted in delight.

Little known before now, the 39-year-old Hachem realized immediately that his life would never be the same.

"A million dollars changes my life, let alone $7.5 million. It changes everything," said Hachem, a native of Lebanon who moved to Australia with his family in 1972. He gave up a 13-year chiropractic career three years ago to play poker for a living and vowed now to succeed last year's champion, Greg Raymer, as a worthy ambassador for the game.

He pulled out his cell phone to call his wife in Melbourne and spoke to her briefly, he said, "just before she fainted."

All the money he won, Hachem said, was secondary to capturing the title of World Series champion and the diamond-studded, white gold bracelet that he can take into every tournament in the future.

"The money's great," he said. "I'd be lying if I said it's not. But the bracelet is the thing. It's an honor and a privilege to wear it."

While several other players had held the lead in the chip count at different times through the night, Hachem had trailed for 11.5 hours until 4:20 a.m. but never lost sight of his goal or his strategy to concentrate on winning small pots. Nor did he let himself get distracted by the grand prize.

"I never stopped thinking about being the winner, but I never once thought about the money," he said.

Dannenmann, a 38-year-old accountant and mortgage banker from Severn, Md., won the $4.5 million second prize and took the defeat cheerfully. He said he couldn't wait to go fishing with his friends.

"I got tired," he said. "I was bored of it. I was trying to make moves."

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# Titans have share of off-field problems

NASHVILLE (AP) — Jeff Fisher probably has gone through a case of aspirin during the off-season.

The Titans coach has had to deal with one off-the-field headache after another in 2005. The most recent came when top draft pick Adam "Pacman" Jones surrendered to police Wednesday on charges of assault and felony vandalism following a nightclub fight.

Jones' agent, Michael Huyghue, wants people to believe Jones is being picked on because he is a celebrity, saying, "There are certain individuals out there who are opportunists, who prey on professional athletes for financial gain, and unfortunately, this is one of those incidents."

But the Titans must think there is something substantial to the matter. In a statement, the team said Jones "is going to have to conduct himself responsibly in all aspects of his life on a consistent basis."

They have reason to be concerned about the sixth overall pick out of West Virginia.

Club owner Robert Gaddy said in a court appearance that Jones hit him and broke his necklace after Gaddy asked three of Jones' friends to leave the club. Gaddy told police Jones' friends "were smoking drugs."

In April, Georgia authorities investigated a report that Jones was involved in a nightclub fight near Atlanta, but no charges were filed.

His was just the latest mess Fisher and the Titans have had on their minds. Three other Titans have gotten into trouble during the offseason: receiver Tyrone Calico, left tackle Brad Hopkins and safety Tank Williams.

Former Titans cornerback Samari Rolle also was arrested on a domestic violence charge in February, while he was still with the team. Rolle signed with Baltimore after the Titans cut him in a salary-cap move.

Calico, in his third season with the Titans, was cited for public indecency for having sex with a woman in his sport utility vehicle. Hopkins pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife, and Williams was charged with driving under the influence.

Though there always are a few players who get into trouble every year, the Titans have had more than their share in just a few months. They cannot afford to have early troubles with Jones, in whom the Titans will invest not only money but the future of their secondary.

Add this to everything else the rebuilding Titans have gone through — surgery for quarterback Steve McNair, hiring Norm Chow to replace offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger, cutting high-priced veterans in a salary-cap purge — and this year hasn't started too well for Tennessee.

• **ALWORTH'S TRIBUTE:** The San Diego Chargers will retire receiver Lance Alworth's number during a halftime ceremony Nov. 20.

Alworth, the first American Football League player inducted into the Hall of Fame, is still one of the most popular athletes in San Diego history. His No. 19 joins Dan Fouts' No. 14 as the only two retired numbers in the team's 46-year history.

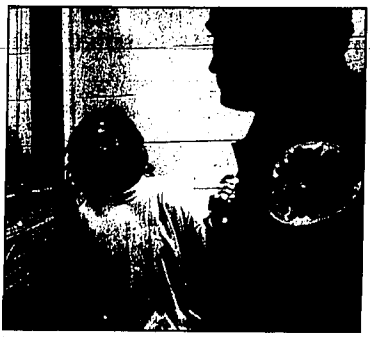
Fouts' number was retired in 1988.

"Lance Alworth played a significant role in the initial success of the Chargers and the American Football League," said team president and CEO Dean Spanos. "His play on the field became a trademark for this team and an entire league. I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

Alworth, nicknamed "Bambi" for his speed and graceful leaping ability, embodied the old wide-open attack of the AFL that is the basis of the West Coast offense.

He began his career with the Chargers in 1962, and still holds team records for most career touchdowns (81); most consecutive game with a touchdown (nine); and most career yards (9,584). He also was selected as AII-AFL seven times from 1963-1969.

Alworth finished his 11-year career with 542 receptions for 10,266 yards and 87 touchdowns, averaging 19 yards a reception. He ranks among the NFL's receiving leaders in seven categories, including an NFL-record five career 200-yard games.



AP photo

Tennessee Titans top draft pick Adam 'Pacman' Jones, left, is seen in night court in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, after surrendering to police on charges of assault and felony vandalism stemming from a fight at a nightclub. Jones posted a $7,000 bond and was released from custody shortly before noon.

## NFL Notebook

# Red Sox pitcher Arroyo hopes for hits with debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Athletes want to be rock stars, and rock stars want to be athletes, Bronson Arroyo gets to be both.

The Boston Red Sox pitcher came out this week with "Covering the Bases," his debut album of '90s cover songs. It's a mix of grunge ("Black" by Pearl Jam, "Plush" by Stone Temple Pilots) and other modern rock ("Slide" by the Goo Goo Dolls, "Pardon Me" by Incubus), songs the 28-year-old loved listening to and teaching himself to play on the guitar.

Teammates Johnny Damon, Kevin Youkilis and Lenny DiNardo help out on Arroyo's version of The Standells' "Dirty Water," the song that blasts from the Fenway Park speakers after every Sox victory. And general manager Theo Epstein, a fellow guitarist, plays on Toad the Wet Sprocket's "Something's Always Wrong."

Before this, Arroyo's best-known hit came during Game 6 of last year's American League championship series, when Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees slapped the glove off his hand to try to avoid being tagged.

Arroyo found time to record the disc after the Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

Arroyo, who already has the lanky look of a rock star at 6-foot-5 and 180 pounds, discussed his blossoming music career over a barbecue lunch and camera-phone photos of his pug, Bizkit (named for Limp Bizkit, of course).

**AP:** Are you an athlete who plays music or a musician who happens to be an athlete?

**Arroyo:** I'm definitely an athlete who has a hobby playing music. I've been doing baseball since I was 5 or 6. It's the only thing I've ever thought of really my whole life, and music came into my life actually in '99, playing and singing. It's definitely been the only hobby I've had that I can't put down.

**AP:** And yet you've said you get more nervous performing on stage than pitching at Yankee Stadium. Why is that?

**Arroyo:** Just from doing baseball for so long, from having the mind-set of being a baseball player my entire life and being nervous, being 7 years old and standing on the mound, listening to the national anthem and being so nervous — way more nervous than I was pitching in the World Series. I just grew accustomed to that lifestyle and I grew accustomed to being on the mound and that being my comfort zone. With music, I'm comfortable singing to people but I'm not that comfortable playing the guitar. So doing both, I have to think about what I'm doing.

**AP:** When did you realize your hobby could be something more?

**Arroyo:** Probably this offseason when they asked me to make a record. I always envisioned myself sitting in a little bar, a dive, with 40 people listening to you play cover songs.

**AP:** A lot of athletes have released albums that haven't been taken very seriously. How do you avoid that?

**Arroyo:** I think just listening to the record, having people realize that it's not just a novelty thing, that I'm pretty serious about it. Also the musicians who played on the record are such established musicians — so I think that brings some credibility to it. And then also, I don't mind getting up in front of people and playing — singing by myself, as raw as it comes, with nobody else helping me out, which shows that you have a little bit of talent.

## Hits and misses

Athletes take the hits and make some of their own as musicians Boston Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo is just the latest pro athlete to moonlight as a musician. A list of some other hitmakers — and some misses:

• **Shaquille O'Neal.** The Miami Heat center is also the biggest name among all the athletes posing as rappers. Shaq has released five albums — one of which is a greatest-hits collection.

• **Bernie Williams.** The New York Yankees center fielder's instrumental jazz guitar disc, "The Journey Within," was a best seller and earned positive reviews in 2003.

• **Waymon Tisdale.** After 12 years as an NBA power forward, Tisdale has recorded five albums as a R&B and jazz bassist and performed on the Dave Koz and Friends concert tour.

• **Mike Reid.** The former Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle earned a Grammy for best new country song for writing "Stranger In My House," a hit for Ronnie Milsap in 1983. He's also written for Bonnie Raitt and Bette Midler.

• **Jack McDowell.** "Black Jack," as the former American League Cy Young winner was known, named his rock band Stick Figure as a reflection of his 6-foot-5, 180-pound frame. Musical friends include Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder.

• **Tony Conigliaro.** The late, great Tony C. whose promising career as a Red Sox outfielder was derailed in 1967 by a beanball to his face, recorded several 45s in the mid-1960s. He also sang on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" and "The Merv Griffin Show."

• **Allen Iverson.** The 76ers superstar didn't earn any new fans among women and gays after recording his rap CD — which was never released — in 2000.

• **Kobe Bryant.** His upper middle-class background didn't exactly give him street cred when he tried to launch a rap career a few years ago. (Just one more example of Shaq coming out on top.)

• **Ron Artest.** The Indiana Pacers forward asked for time off to work on his rap album — and he got it when he was suspended for most of last season for his role in the November brawl with the Detroit Pistons and their fans.

• **Deion Sanders.** The NFL star who likes to refer to himself as "Prime Time" shows his softer, more sensitive side with hip-hop ditties such as "Must Be the Money" and "Y U NV ME?"

• **Roy Jones Jr.** The boxer's 2002 debut rap album, "Round One," includes songs titled, appropriately enough, "Who Wanna Get Knocked Out" and "Invincible."

• **Carl Lewis.** Do a Google search for "Carl Lewis" and "music video" and you'll find an event that the nine-time Olympic gold medalist definitely didn't win. Lewis looks vaguely like Grace Jones as he sings while pumping iron in the gym.

• **1985 Chicago Bears.** They're not here to cause no trouble. They're just here to do "The Super Bowl Shuffle," one of the most insanely catchy one-hit wonders.

# YOURSPORTS

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## Minico Spuds take home medals

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Minico Spuds Special Olympics team recently returned from summer games held in Pocatello. The team brought home two gold medals in the softball throw earned by Charlie Rawlings and Fred Studer. Mat Braden brought home second place. Lacie Beitia and Rolando Martinez both brought home fourth place ribbons for the team.

Lacie Beitia ran an exciting race in the 100 meters. In the last 10 meters, she passed the leader just before they crossed the finish line, gamering a gold medal. Charlie Rawlings got her second gold of the day in the 100 meters also.

Fred Studer and Rolando Martinez both brought home bronze medals and Mat Braden brought home a fourth place ribbon.

The 4x100m relay was one of the most exciting of the day. One of the team mates uses a walker and the team was far behind at the start of the race. Each of the other team mates gave it everything they had, pulled up from far behind and the anchorman, Mat Braden crossed the line grasping third place for the team. The team showed excellent team work.

Phillip Lee was the only Minico Spud participating in the bike races. He brought home a gold in the 1K and a fourth place ribbon in the 5K bike races.

The Minico Spuds are now preparing for Fall Games and will be participating in bowling. The team is open to qualifying athletes at East Minico Middle School and through various developmental agencies.

All photos courtesy of DEBRAH ROUNDY

The Minico Spuds line up for opening ceremonies at the Pocatello State Games. In the front row is Charlie Rawlings. In the second row is Fred Studer, Rolando Martinez and coach Shane Holly. In the back row is coach Becky Grimm, local program coordinator Debrah Roundy and athletes Phillip Lee, Lacie Beitia, and Mat Braden.

Phillip Lee with his coach DaNell Lee and his silver medal.

Rolando Martinez gave it all he's got in the softball throw.

Charlie Rawlings with her gold medal.

Fred Studer took home gold in the softball throw.

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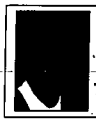
## Bowling lessons may help your game



LET'S GO BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

We've had two weeks of what you can learn taking bowling lessons. This week let's meet some bowlers who are taking lessons and how they feel about it.

When they first start they are video taped, problems are pointed out and then they work on what changes need to be made.

Najean Dutry had this to say: "The lessons have been great! The way I was delivering the ball was totally wrong. After seeing the video, I made a complete change. Too much excess arm motion was my big problem. Going over my head before starting the back swing. I wasn't close enough to the foul line and was dropping the ball. I also learned where to stand to pick up my spares."

Ed Dutry: "I learned the right position to better pick up spares. Hold the ball lower and not hold it up so that my body was ahead of the ball. When I pick up my ball I tell myself to slow down, hit my mark, and follow through"

Rhonda Hanson: "Proper techniques like approach, delivering the ball and the proper way to hold the ball. I use to go over the foul line and now I've learned to keep my foot straight. Concentrate on a spot, not the pins."

Ralph Hann: "I've learned to do what I'm suppose to do. It's hard to remember what to do. The ball does not listen so I need to make it do what I want it to. It's good exercise and the people are so wonderful"

Pat Kleinkopf: " I had to start all over. I've been bowling for 40 years. Started on the wrong foot. This new way is more natural. I don't keep my left arm so close to my body. The lessons have truly helped my game."

Betty Jeppesen: "I've changed my position where I start, holding the ball differently, not bringing it up in front of my face and how to make the proper arm swing."

Scott Davis: "I've been bowling for 10 years and have finally learned how. Redid my approach and my delivery. Basically changed everything. I was a 160 average before these lessons and feel if I do what I've learned, that average will improve immensely."

Jim Davis: "Came to class to learn to better my approach and to pick up my spares. These lessons have kept me with the game during the summer."

Sondra Hill: "I was not following through and had no idea where to stand. I was releasing the ball way ahead of the foul line. I've learned timing, timing and timing."

These bowlers are truly looking forward to the fall season which will be starting toward the last of August.

Upcoming at the Bowladrome in August is the Team Con Paulos Hart Memorial Senior Games for bowlers 50 years of age and older. It features team, singles and doubles events. The dates are August 26-28. Flyers will be coming in the mail if you bowled last year or they will be available at your local bowling center. Sign up now and "Let's Go Bowling!"

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## YOURSCORES AND STATS

### BOWLING

Here are the scores reported from the area bowling centers for the current week.

**BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS**

TUES. NO TAP

MEN'S SERIES: Maury Miller 833, Dick DeBoche 704, Bill Freeman 698, Craig Brock 663

MEN'S GAME: Bill Freeman 300, Maury Miller 278, Craig Brock 278, Dick DeBoche 266

LADIES SERIES: Joan Lee 760, Jeanie Miller 648, Jean McClure 612, Betty Wertgow 607

LADIES GAME: Joan Lee 264, Jeanie Miller 263, Vicki Koepp 243, Sandy Schroeder 238, Linda Cline 234

THURS. NO TAP

MEN'S SERIES: Craig Brock 788, Cory Moore 748, Rich Frederiksen 738, James Allen 721

MEN'S GAME: Cory Moore 300, Bill Perrelli 278, James Allen 278, Dick Whatcott 278, Craig Brock 278

LADIES SERIES: Leslie Wheeler 765, Anne Linch 729, Jeannine Barnett 701, Dee Gerber 646

LADIES GAME: Leslie Wheeler 300, Anne Linch 263, Dee Gerber 261, Jeannine Barnett 251

**MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS**

YOUTH ADULT

MEN'S SERIES: Bobby Crawford 627, Russ Thompson 580, Peter Jaeger 498, Dan Churchman 458

MEN'S GAME: Bobby Crawford 255, Russ Thompson 217, Andrew Meeker 187, Peter Jaeger 157

LADIES SERIES: Paula Walsley 485, Kathy McClure 453, Tina Thompson 508, Cherie Weir 360

LADIES GAME: Paula Walsley 189, Kathy McClure 178, Tina Thompson 182, Cherie Weir 144

BOYS' SERIES: Duane Reach 580, Paul Jaeger 483, Trevor Walsley 468, Kevin Walsley 586

BOYS' GAME: Duane Reach 208, Trevor Walsley 183, Paul Jaeger 172, Kevin Walsley 145

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MEN'S GAME: Ed Davis 211, John Hasby 197, Don Hull 172, Willy Gotham 157

LADIES SERIES: Carla Hasby 484, Elda Hull 410, Carol Davis 399

LADIES GAME: Lena Hasby 194, Elda Hull 159, Carol Ruhter 134

## Rally for the Cure tournament is Aug. 4

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will hold the "Rally For A Cure" golf tournament on Aug. 4. The cost to enter is $15 plus green fees and cart if needed. The entry fee includes a subscription to Golf For Women magazine, continental breakfast, cake, champagne, and closest to the pin prize. The proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start. To enter, please contact Patty Lee at 731-2321 or 733-0683.

### T.F. muni women announce scores

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played a Texas Scramble August 14. Two teams tied for first place with a 76. Colleen Adams, Swede Jones, Sondra Hill, Cathy Harrison, and Barbara Frith made up one team, and Carolyn Beaver, Najean Dutry, Barbara Short and June Florence were the other winning team.

### YourSports in brief

### Burley Boosters hold golf scramble in August

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club's annual Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Sign-up for the golf scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Golf Scramble funds provide support for Burley High School student athletic activities. Community support and participation is needed to help the Burley High School Booster Club continue its mission of encouraging youth sports activities that develop physical, mental, social, and emotional growth, organizers say.

Businesses can make donations or sponsor a team. Teams or individuals can register to participate at Donnelley Sports or by contacting Gaylea Hando at 431-3903, Don Knopp at 431-3589, or Dennis Claunch at 678-2411.

### Burley ladies announces winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association announces winners for Wednesday, July 13.

The nine-hole winner was Joyce Westfall. The 18-hole winners were, first flight first, Jean Mallory; second, Kathleen Hawkins; and third, Roberta Merrill. In second flight, winners were, first, Jane Becker; second, Ruth Baker; and third, Carla Haag.

The association plays each Wednesday at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

### Rupert Country Club hosts golf scramble

RUPERT — The Mark Moorman Memorial Golf Scramble will be held Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Rupert Country Club with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Teams are still available. There will be prizes, food and more.

For more information, call the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793.

# South Jersey mud a baseball tradition

By Randy Pennell
Associated Press writer

AP photo

**Jim Bintliff gently shovels mud from a small creek into his buckets, June 30, in southern New Jersey.**

DELRAN, N.J. — The tide was out and there was nobody around, so Jim Bintliff stepped into the narrow gully and sank down to his ankles, in imminent danger of losing a sneaker to the muddy bottom. A couple of steps later, he was hidden from view in the nameless creek — knee-deep in dirty, wet and absolutely top-secret baseball goo.

He took care filling his buckets, gently skimming only the tiniest bit of mud from the top of the bank with his shovel. Too deep, he said, and it would smell really bad.

"My younger brother was always in a hurry," he said. "He'd dig down. My father had a fit."

When he was done and had escaped with sneakers intact, he carted his buckets full of mud under a half-fallen tree, past the old fishing hole and along a narrow path that wound through the woods and back to his truck.

After six or eight weeks of aging, it'll will be ready for the playoffs.

Mud — gritty, silty, South Jersey mud — is serious business in the Bintliff family.

Like his father and his father before him, Bintliff is baseball's Mud Man, the supplier of top-notch South Jersey sludge to every major league team in the country. And their minor league affiliates. And the independent teams. And don't forget the college and high school squads. In all, he shipped 1,500 pounds of mud last year.

Why? Because there's nothing else like it. Anywhere.

Before every game, an umpire (or, more likely today in the majors, a team equipment manager) must rub up several dozen new baseballs with mud to get them ready for play. A new ball straight out of the package is slick and glossy, making it harder to grip. But the right mud will take off the shine without turning the ball into a heavy, soggy mess.

"It just buffs the polish off. It's not abrasive enough to scratch the leather so it doesn't damage the cover," he said. "It dries right to a powder so it doesn't get gummed in the laces. And since you only use a tiny bit the leather doesn't get soaked in water."

Bintliff, 47, has been harvesting mud for more than 20 years for the Lena Blackburne Baseball Rubbing Mud company, which traces its roots to the dark ages of 1938 — when infield dirt, shoe polish or even tobacco juice was used to prep balls for play. After an umpire complained to Russell Aubrey "Lena" Blackburne, third base coach for the Philadelphia Athletics, he went on a search for the perfect mud and found it near a place he used to go fishing as a boy.

The mud was ideal: a smooth texture not unlike instant pudding, but with the slightest grit that dries to a fine, powdery dust.

It's simple enough to use. Put a little mud in your palms, maybe add a little tap water, and start massaging the ball — working the mud evenly around the ball's cover.

Phillies assistant equipment manager Dan O'Rourke has a specific technique for the six to eight dozen he must prepare for each game. He slaps a dollop of mud on each ball in a box of a dozen then goes back and works it in, tossing each finished ball into a large rectangular ball bag. He goes through the 30-minute process a few hours before game time. There's nothing special about his method, though.

"Mostly, I just try to get it done as fast as possible," he said.

But even if those who use it today don't treat it with reverence, it took the league by storm in the late 1930s.

Soon after its introduction, the entire American League was using Blackburne's mud. It wasn't until the 1950s that Blackburne — a die-hard American Leaguer — sold his stuff to the National League. After his death, his boyhood friend John Haas — Bintliff's grandfather — took over the business.

Today, Bintliff is the president and his wife, Joanne, is the business manager. Their two-person operation has gone global. Last year, they shipped mud to Arizona so a group of touring players from Korea could take it home. You can even pick some up on their Web site, www.baseballrubbingmud.com. One small container will do about a dozen balls.

Each major league team gets a three-pound tub that will last for the regular season. Teams that hit lots of home runs tend to go through more.

"When I'm watching a game and I see a foul ball or a ball hit the dirt, I just go like, 'cha-ching,'" joked Bintliff, who refused to divulge how much he makes from the business, although he did say it pays for a nice vacation every year. His mud has such market saturation, though, he figures he could quit his regular job at a printing company if he wanted to jack up his prices. He just doesn't see the need.

He can't say what makes the mud — dubbed "Baseball's only LEGAL foreign substance" by the company — so special, but the Army Corps of Engineers, once examined a sample and concluded it contained a large amount of feldspar — a general name for a group of crystalline minerals common in soil.

But there's nothing like it anywhere else. Rawlings made its own mud for sale along with its baseballs, but it didn't last. Mechanical methods haven't produced good results, either. Bintliff has even scouted other locations for use in the unlikely event his mud mine dries up. But nothing seems to come close.

The mud's location isn't so much a secret as it is a sacred family shrine, closely guarded by the faithful. Only a few outsiders have seen it — nearly all of them taken there while blindfolded and sworn to secrecy.

If someone is around when he arrives at the mud hole, Bintliff goes home. If someone were to somehow stumble upon him, he might tell them he is collecting water samples for the state.

Hosing himself off in his backyard after returning from the harvest, Bintliff said his secretive father, Burns, didn't grant interviews, let alone welcome visitors.

"If my father saw me talking to you, he'd kill me," he said, getting ready to rush a container to Boston for the Toronto Blue Jays, who were to pick it up while in town for a series against the Red Sox.

Bintliff's mud is enshrined in Cooperstown. He's participated in a panel discussion during the Hall of Fame induction and tries to hand deliver mud each year for the Hall of Fame game at Doubleday Field.

"I like to go to Cooperstown and say, 'We're here,'" he said. "That, more than the money, is why I do it."

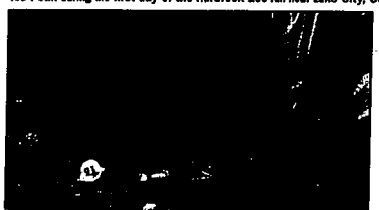
# Pushing the limits

## Mountain-filled ultramarathon tests body, mind

By John Marshall
Associated Press writer

AP photo

**Brett Sublett of Durango, Colo., runs through American Basin after topping out on the 14,048-foot Handies Peak during the first day of the Hardrock 100 run near Lake City, Colo., July 8.**



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**Dennis Drey, 53, of Albuquerque, N.M., (left) rests during the second day of the Hardrock 100 ultramarathon run after crossing Mineral Creek near the end of the course in Silverton, Colo. Drey's pacer, Kurt Coonrod, also of Albuquerque is at right.**

SILVERTON, Colo. — The legs come in wobbly, weary and occasionally sturdy, many striped with scrapes and scratches, most caked in dirt. The faces are contorted in pain or glowing with joy, most raining sweat, some streaming tears.

The shoulders tell a story, too, *drooping from exhaustion* or thrust back in pride, each rolling to a different cadence.

But the eyes are where the truth of The Hardrock Hundred lies.

Narrowed in determination, never wavering from the finish line, the eyes of those who finish the Hardrock are like portals into the soul of someone searching for a higher spiritual plane through physical and emotional exhaustion. Getting to that finish line is the only verification they need to know it's worth the anguish.

"I've always sort of thought that at Hardrock you sort of live your entire life in a single day," said Roch Horton, a five-time finisher. "You'll be the happiest you'll ever be in your entire life, whenever that was, here at Hardrock. And the most ragged, lowdown, just desperate, decrepit, degenerate, sore — you're going to feel that, too, in one day, all in one continuous experience.

"I don't know anything quite like this."

Because there isn't.

There are plenty of 100-mile races and many are in the mountains, but few match the Hardrock's brutality.

Steeper, over more rugged terrain and at a higher altitude than any other ultramarathon, the Hardrock is a diabolical combination of physical fitness, mountaineering, wilderness navigation, stamina and willpower.

The race starts here in Silverton at 9,305 feet and climbs from there, covering nearly 66,000 feet of elevation change — 32,992 up and the same distance down. There are 13 passes of at least 12,000 feet — 14,048-foot Handles Peak is the high point — and much of the course is above timberline, on the bare rock (and snow) of the southern Colorado Rockies.

The runners run, walk, crawl and sometimes limp along cliffs, through forests, over avalanche debris and snowfields, across fast-moving creeks and rivers, and up slopes that would give mountain goats fits.

Think of it as a stage in the Tour de France, only there's 13 straight Category 1 passes, all in little over a day, all on foot.

"When you're 56 miles into a race, are you really happy?" asked Karl Meltzer, who won this year's race in 28 hours, 29 minutes. "You kind of are, if you're feeling good. If you aren't, you're feeling miserable."

The race begins at 6 a.m. with a gym full of alpha personalities smiling, joking and taking pictures. After a few hugs and kisses and plenty of pats on the back, the runners take off down the gravel streets of Silverton as dawn glows off the craggy, snow-speckled peaks, then breaks over the Animas River Valley.

But serenity has a short shelf life at the Hardrock.

After clearing the outskirts of town and a short jaunt along the river, the race course punches the runners in the gut with a seven-mile, 4,000-foot climb to Dives-Little Giant Pass. The runners descend 2,000 feet from there, go up to Buffalo Boy Ridge at 13,000 feet and do it over and over again until sanity starts to fizzle in the thin air.

"Pretty soon there's these little demons starting to crawl all over you telling you, 'You really don't have to do this, just quit right now,'" Horton said. "Then the sun is coming up and you get a little energy from that, and then the stomach starts to go and you realize you still have a marathon to go. That's when your head really starts playing tricks on you."

How difficult is the Hardrock? The race manual warns runners that the course is "DANGEROUS." Half the field usually "bonks" out before the finish, including 54 of 125 this year — 30 before the halfway point.

Meltzer, a three-time winner and the course record holder, has failed to finish twice. Even race founder Gordon Hardman, who's completed nearly three dozen 100-milers, has quit six of the 13 times he's started, including this year.

"The thing to do is to quit before you die. That's always the smart move," said Hardman, who twice had to be taken to the hospital during the race.

The race has produced its share of broken fingers and arms from falls, plenty of runners have passed out from exhaustion and rapid-fire vomiting is not unusual.

There's also a problem with sleep deprivation, particularly for those who need the full two days to complete the course, meaning runners might have to decide if that's really an elk in a cowboy hat or just a hallucination.

But the biggest dangers come from dehydration and altitude sickness.

One of the keys to finishing the Hardrock is making sure to take in enough fluids, which isn't always as easy as it seems. There are 14 checkpoints and runners are loaded down with water bottles and hydration backpacks, but there still have been a few cases of kidney failure.

Then there's the altitude. A combination of hypoxia — lack of oxygen in tissue — and leaking capillaries can cause swelling of hands and feet, and some faces puff up to the point that the runners appear to be having an allergic reaction.

Exertion in extreme altitudes also can cause irritation in the airways and lead to pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), a potentially fatal condition that reduces oxygen intake and can lead to respiratory failure. At least two or three runners are treated for pulmonary edema each year and a handful have been airlifted from the course.

No one has died while running the Hardrock — one runner died two days after the 1998 race because of a brain aneurysm — and the biggest danger comes from lightning strikes on the peaks.

"There's a huge physical burden," Horton said. "It's very tough to get around this course regardless how you do it. Whether you're the first place or the last place, everyone's suffering equally."

A link to history makes the pain worth it.

The course loops through the four mining towns of the San Juan Mountains — Silverton, Lake City, Ouray and Telluride — winding past huge piles of unproductive rock, old smelters and mining camps along the same trails miners and burros used to carry loads of gold and silver over the jagged passes.

Though the tipples and chutes are empty now, the runners feel a sort of kinship with the Old West miners, almost as if ghosts are pushing them to finish the Hardrock.

"It blows my mind that the miners at the turn of the century were carrying giant loads over the same passes we're doing for sport," Horton said. "For them, it was a way to keep their family fed and I have a huge respect for this town and all these little trails and roads and all the history that goes with it.

"It's sort of an honor just to be out there to celebrate that heritage."

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# Contract dispute threatens fall season for 14 Pennsylvania schools

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. (AP) — College football season is six weeks away and workouts start early next month, but a contract dispute at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities threatens to sideline all fall sports — potentially paralyzing the Division II Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Labor disputes are all-too-common in professional sports, but union negotiators, school system administrators and PSAC and NCAA officials say they know of no other such situation in the country involving colleges. The coaches' bargaining unit is thought to be the only such union representing college coaches.

"It's very new territory for everybody," said PSAC commissioner Steve Murray, who is based in Lock Haven. "There's nobody we can go to ask for ideas on how to best handle this situation."

Last month, nearly 94 percent of the union's roughly 360 non-faculty coaches voted to authorize a strike. That gives the union's executive council the ability to call a strike if recommended by the coaches' negotiating team.

The coaches have been working without a deal since June 2004. No deadline has been set, though some coaches see mid-to-late August as a possible target date for a strike. Murray said he is optimistic a deal between the union and state officials soon can be worked out. The PSAC and NCAA say they are monitoring talks, but have steered clear of the negotiations.

Penn State and Pitt garner far more attention during college football season in Pennsylvania, but PSAC football still attracts a loyal following. The schools are scattered mostly in small towns across the state.

Pennsylvania's four state-related universities — Penn State, Pitt, Temple and Lincoln — are not in the PSAC system and are not affected by the contract dispute.

"Just like any sport, when you have a strike, the only people that would suffer are the fans and players," said Tim Payne, owner of a sporting goods store in Mansfield, home of the conference's Mansfield Mountaineers. "Nothing good ever comes out of it."

The league has produced several NFL players, including New Orleans Saints coach Jim Haslett and former Buffalo Bills wide receiver Andre Reed.

PSAC teams have excelled in other sports as well. Last year, Bloomsburg won its third straight NCAA Division II field hockey championship, and California University of Pennsylvania won the women's basketball crown.

Several coaches say they don't think administrators realize the amount of time coaches spend on the job, especially while teams aren't playing.

For instance, practice times and travel schedules must be coordinated, not to mention the actual coaching during games. Then there are duties such as monitoring academic progress and acting as a parental figure *that go beyond a 9-to-5 day, said* Lock Haven softball coach Kelley Green.

"I don't want to live paycheck to paycheck anymore. I don't think that's fair," Green said. "It's just a little bit, and I feel that coaches deserve a lot more for what we put into the university."

Meanwhile, coaches are running summer camps, recruiting and performing other duties with the expectation there will be a season. Officials from both sides say there has been progress in recent weeks.

"I'm more optimistic now ... but we still have to plan to take a job action," said Shippensburg football coach Rocky Rees, a top union negotiator. "Hopefully, it will be a waste of time."

System spokesman Tom Gluck said the union's strike vote was expected. The coaches' union also represents teachers at the universities, who have threatened to strike in the past.

Health care costs are one of the biggest stumbling blocks in negotiations. Administrators originally proposed a 10 percent medical copay similar to the one in the faculty contract, but union officials have said the copay could eat up the entire raise for some coaches making less than $40,000 a year.

The system now is asking the coaches to pay one-half of 1 percent of their gross salary to cover health costs, with the share increasing to 1 percent in 2007.

"We have had tough negotiations because of a very tight budget situation facing state universities," Gluck said. The system faces a $20 million increase in paying for health care costs next year, though it is expected to only get a $10 million budget increase from the state, he added.

Pay raises and performance evaluations are other key issues. Coaches have issued a counter-proposal, Rees said.

Caught in the middle are student-athletes such as Jahri Evans, a 6-foot-4, 340-pound left tackle at Bloomsburg with dreams of a pro career.

Evans says he will back his head coach, union member Danny Hale, even if it means losing his last year of eligibility.

"It will be totally difficult for me. I will be highly disappointed," Evans said after bench pressing 225 pounds without breaking a sweat inside a desolate Bloomsburg weight room.

But Evans said he is trying to stay positive.

"I think it will be settled," he *said. "I think there's a whole* bunch of politics and stuff like that."

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| Lock Haven | |

Note: Pennsylvania's four state-related universities — Penn State, Pitt, Temple and Lincoln — are not affected by the contract dispute.

Danny Hale, left, Bloomsburg University football coach, Jahri Evans, center, team captain and left tackle and Jay Collins, fullback, talk during an interview in Bloomsburg, Pa., June 30.

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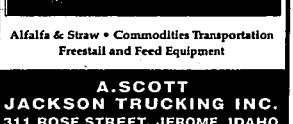

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## McDougal Crowned MV Dairy Days Scholarship Princess

Got brains, talent, and beauty along with milk? That is exactly what this year's Magic Valley Dairy Days offered by way of the 2005 Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess contestants.

Ten area high school young women competed in June for scholarship money and the title of Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess during Wendell's annual community tribute to the local dairy industry. Top honors along with $7,225 of scholarship money went to Jennifer McDougal of Gooding.

"I feel happy no wait, ecstatic," McDougal said shortly after the announcer crowned her as this year's Dairy Days Princess. "This was a tough competition and the other contestants were wonderful. Mary Heida and all of the coordinators worked extremely hard to put this contest together and I can't thank them enough."

The Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess Program was a new spin on an old idea. The princess contest was once part of Magic Valley Dairy Days. The idea behind the contest was to create a program that helped raise awareness about the area's dairy industry and its positive impact on surrounding communities. The competition was also designed to provide contestants with scholarship money to help offset upcoming higher educational costs. Award money for the competition was generated through the sale of advertising in the Dairy Days program booklet and Princess contestants were charged with the task of selling the ads.

Over the years, the Dairy Days festival grew and the scholarship program continued but without the princess contest. To date, the program has awarded 352 scholarships totaling $105,600 to deserving Magic Valley students. This year, Dairy Days event organizers were feeling a bit nostalgic for days past decided it was time revive the scholarship princess contest.

Mary Heida coordinated the first princess contest and she was more that happy to step up to the plate again. With the help team members Charleen Stouder, Gayle Aardema, Jenny Rocha, and Jill DeVries, along with Tami Gorzeman heading up sales and Sharon Sacco managing and judging, the Scholarship Princess contest was a success.

Contestants started working early; meeting in April at a tea where they learned what was expected. Each applicant would be judged on ad sales, a written paper on the "Value of Dairy in a Healthy Diet," and a commercial about dairy products that would be presented on stage at Dairy Days.

Contest organizers planned to award $3,000 to the first place winner, with second and third place contestants receiving $1,500 and $500 respectively. In addition, the applicant with the highest amount of ad sales would receive $1,000 and all contestants would take home 10 percent of the ads they sold.

"Each of the girls was a winner today," said event organizer Heida. "The contestants sold $36,000 worth of ads so we had a bit more money to give away to help with educational costs."

To the delight of the contestants and the committee members, each girl received an extra $1,000. However, the giving did not stop there. A fourth place winner was added at the last minute and Denise M. Gaalswyk of Castleford received $500. Nicole Hovey from Twin Falls took home third place honors and $1,000, while Wendell's Cali Thatete was awarded second place and $2,500, and $5,000 was presented to McDougal.

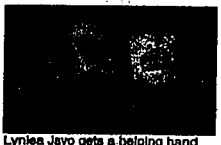
As the 2005 Magic Valley Dairy Scholarship Princess, McDougal will represent the dairy industry for the next 12 months. As the dairy industry's ambassador, McDougal will attend various functions and representative Idaho's dairy farm families including participating in Western Days Parade and Wendell Dairy Days Parade.

"I'm up for the task," McDougal said. "My father owns and operates Magic Valley Breeding and Consulting so the dairy industry has been very good to my family for many years. I'm excited to hit the road and let everyone know just how important dairy is to everyone in the Magic Valley."

*Information provided by the United Dairymen of Idaho.*

Lacey Lemmon kicks up her heels as an "imitation" Dolly Parton during her commercial.

MV Dairy Days Scholarship Princess, Jennifer McDougal receives congratulations from contest MC Johnny Urrutia and contest coordinator, Gayle Aardema.



Lyniea Jayo gets a helping hand from her mom, Karrie, as she presents her dairy commercial.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Administration holds Web Chat

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Small Business Administration will present a Web Chat Series on "Entrepreneurship: Innovative Strategies for Small Business Growth" from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday.

Scott Plank, chief administrative officer of Under Armour Performance Apparel in Baltimore, will share a story of helping to build a multimillion-dollar business and provide insight into the successes and challenges of entrepreneurship, the SBA said. He will answer questions for about an hour.

Participants can join the live Web chat by going online to www.sba.gov and clicking "Your Small Business Voice Live On-line." Questions for Plank may be posted before Thursday by visiting app2.sba.gov/live-Plank/intro.cfm.

The Web chats will provide business owners an opportunity to have an exchange on business issues with real-world industry leaders and successful entrepreneurs, the SBA said.

Under Armour Performance Apparel originated a line of moisture wicking micro-fiber clothing that pulls perspiration away from athletes' skin.

### CSI sponsors Career Planning Workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering two-part Career Planning Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Individuals interested in learning more about the labor market, training programs and wage potential are invited. Participants will identify their interests, investigate careers and make a plan for success.

Admission is free. Registration deadline is Monday. For information or to sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6680.

### Realtors committee will hold annual picnic

TWIN FALLS — The Realtors Political Action Committee will hold its 12th annual picnic and auction from 5:30 p.m. until dark Tuesday at Twin Falls' City Park.

A Dutch oven dinner featuring chicken or tri tip, potatoes and dessert will be served. Activities include a playground for the children and a dunk tank. Auction items donated by businesses and individuals include gift certificates, retreats, craft items and home accessories.

Members may bring their families and co-workers.

### Women Realtors will hold monthly luncheon

TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Aztlan restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Chris Stevenson will discuss marketing and advertising.

For information, call Tonya Backus at 280-1360 or Nikki Boyd at 308-1429.

### A Taste of Idaho planned for Aug. 27

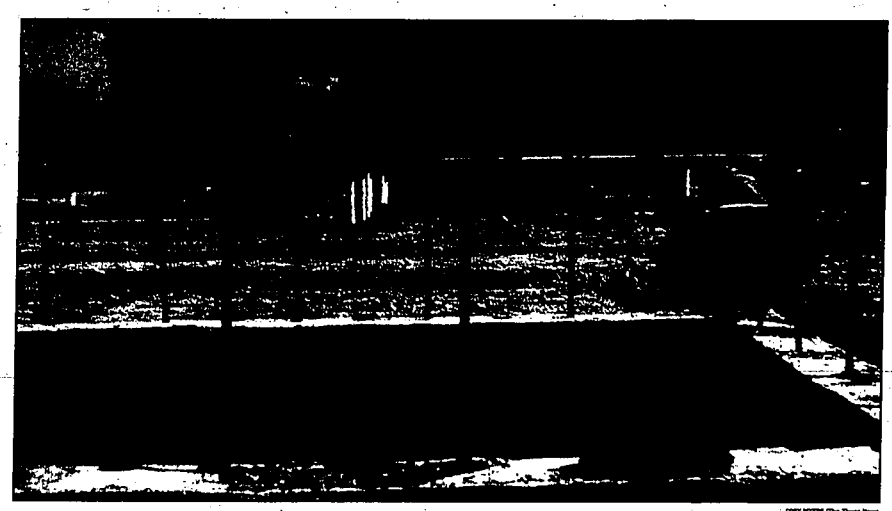
BOISE — A Taste of Idaho show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

The event is a cooperative effort by Albertsons, Sysco Foods, Clear Channel Communications, Idaho Preferred and Buy Idaho, with many co-sponsors.

Taste of Idaho will showcase the Idaho food and beverage industry to Idaho consumers. The focus of the show will be its vendors — Idaho farmers, food producers and culinary companies sampling and selling their products. It will feature Idaho's best chefs competing in an American Culinary Federation-sanctioned competition, event organizers said. On-stage cooking demonstrations throughout the day will highlight vendors' products. And a room just for children will feature kids' dairy products and food-related activities.

Early registration for booth space is past, but vendors can still sign up through Friday by calling Tom Raffetto at (208) 344-6363.

— compiled from staff reports



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Darren Hall Construction employee Eduardo Almental works on the new D.L. Evans Bank location at the corner of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

# First-half construction tops 2004

By Megan Hinds Myers
and Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — New apartments, new banks and another hefty batch of home starts in June sent the city's construction values soaring.

Twin Falls saw June values shoot up 76.6 percent from a year earlier. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated $9.56 million for combined construction types. That's $4.15 million more than in June 2004.

That huge gain is no fluke. Year-to-date construction values are up by 67.4 percent from the first half of 2004, propelled by Twin Falls' rapid building of new houses and apartments.

Twin Falls issued 42 permits for new single-family homes inside the city limits last month, averaging about $98,980 each in estimated value. That compares with the 42 permits for new single-family homes of a year ago and the 53 of June 2003 — all far above the city's 10-year average for June home starts.

Building permit lists also provide a window into local business investment. Highlights from June follow:

### More apartments near the college

In April, Utah-based Paramount Development broke ground on an $11 million student housing project at the corner of Falls Avenue West and Washington Street North, directly across the street from the College of Southern Idaho.

When completed, the Campus Park student housing complex will have seven apartment buildings, each with 12 six-bedroom, 1,800-square-foot apartments. The development also will have a community clubhouse and a pool.

The first two apartment buildings are slated to be ready for students this fall.

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In June, Paramount secured permits for two more of the seven buildings, each valued at $1.07 million, as well as the community center. The center has a city-estimated value of $468,720. These buildings are scheduled to be completed by winter.

### Prominent corner takes shape

Motorists on Blue Lakes Boulevard North have watched the busy intersection of Falls and Blue Lakes Boulevard North undergo a metamorphosis throughout the last few months.

D.L. Evans Bank in November announced its plans to purchase the former Weston Inn property at 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in order to build a new banking center. D.L. Evans will combine its commercial and mortgage loan operations in the new building, which also will hold a full-service bank. The new bank will have 35 to 50 employees, with some of those workers transferring from other area branches.

The city building department estimated a value of $982,339 for the new Blue Lakes branch, but D.L. Evans' total investment is "above and beyond" that, said Chad Hamilton, D.L. Evans' facilities manager.

The building is scheduled to be finished by January, Hamilton said.

### WestPark gets a new dentist

A new dental office will become part of the WestPark development near the Snake River Canyon rim.

Local dentist Dr. David Wilkes will build an office with lease space at 236 River Vista Place. The building will house Wilkes' private practice, Wilkes said.

"For most of my dental career, I've leased dental space," he said.

The two-story, 10,444-square-foot building has a city-estimated value of $424,950. Wilkes' total investment is more than $700,000, he said.

Wilkes, a general dentist that specializes in cosmetic dentistry, is now sharing office space with Dr. Craig Rencher. Wilkes said he hopes to move into the WestPark office by the end of the year.

### A new bank near the mall

Growth on the city's north side has spurred Magic Valley Bank, now a division of Sandpoint-based Panhandle State Bank, to build a new full-service branch near Magic Valley Mall.

The new 4,773-square-foot bank, at 1715 Pole Line Road E., will mean six new employees for the company, said Regional President Phil Bratton. Magic Valley Bank is in the process of hiring and training those workers now.

The new branch has a city-estimated construction value of $351,292, but the company's total investment is $1.2 million to $1.5 million, Bratton said. Construction on the new branch should commence in early fall, with scheduled completion early next year, he said.

### Elsewhere in town

Twin Falls' other June building permits of note included:

- **Orthopro** of Twin Falls' tenant improvement of a space at 762 North College Road, No. C., valued at $180,000.
- **Valley House's** three-unit housing complex at 507 Addison Ave. W., valued at $70,640.
- **T-Mobile's** tenant improvement at its store at 1485 Pole Line Road E., No. 235, valued at $70,000.
- **Rehab Authority's** tenant improvement at its facility at 1411 Falls Ave. E., No. 105, valued at $54,000.
- **Edge Wireless LLC's** cell phone tower at 1469 Pole Line Road E., valued at $40,000.
- **Allest Cellular's** new Magic Valley Mall kiosk at 1485 Pole Line Road E., valued at $34,000.
- **Living Word Christian Book Store's** remodeling of a space at 233 Main Ave. E., valued at $30,000.

### The June report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in June from Twin Falls city:

| Type | June '05 | June '04 | June '03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| New single-family homes: | $4,157,161 | $3,860,790 | $4,876,578 |
| New multifamily units: | $2,134,367 | 0 | $1,717,024 |
| New commercial projects: | $2,442,395 | $990,169 | 0 |
| Commercial alterations/additions: | $408,000 | $371,611 | $920,580 |
| **Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations and additions and signs):** | **$9,559,175** | **$5,411,722** | **$7,923,701** |

Source: City building department

### Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

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|---|---|
| • June '05 | up 77 percent |
| • May '05 | up 18 percent |
| • April '05 | up 110 percent |
| • March '05 | up 59 percent |
| • Feb. '05 | up 173 percent |
| • Jan. '05 | up 7 percent |

# Twin Falls changes building permit policy

TWIN FALLS — Call it a case of growing pains.

The city of Twin Falls, faced with booming residential growth, recently made some changes to its policy that determines when building permits may be issued for houses in certain subdivisions.

The city's building department will no longer take building permit applications in subdivisions that haven't had city inspections completed on city systems like sewer lines, fire hydrants, potable water lines and pressure irrigation lines.

Traditionally, subdivisions generally have most inspections completed before homes are built. As the home market has expanded rapidly, homes have been built in subdivisions that aren't quite completed.

That means the city has seen problems arise in some subdivisions where houses have been built but some basic city systems aren't in place when occupants move in, said Marianne Barker, building official for the city of Twin Falls.

"Building construction has overtaken the development of subdivisions," Barker said. "When homes and subdivisions are built concurrently, you have these issues — like you put in a lawn and the pressure irrigation isn't finished.

"We're saying that subdivisions need to be further along before homes can be permitted."

One subdivision affected is Villa Vista on the city's south side. City inspections on the subdivision are nearly complete, Barker said, but no new permits will be issued until then.

Doug Strand of Strand Construction Inc., who is part-owner of the subdivision, said builders are waiting to construct eight to 10 homes in Villa Vista's seventh and eighth phases.

"We're waiting minute by minute to get the city's approval," Strand said. "It's all in — we're just waiting for the right person to sign the right piece of paper."

The city's policy change took effect in early June, and it doesn't appear that building growth has been affected thus far, Barker said. New home building permits in July are strong, she said.

"We've already issued 20 permits this month," she said Friday.

—Megan Hinds Myers

### Twin Falls subdivisions where building permit applications are not currently accepted by the city:

- Candleridge East
- Canyon Trails No. 4
- Cedarpark No. 9
- Eastwood Phase 5
- Field of Dreams
- High Plains Estates
- Magic Valley Ranch Phases 7 and 8
- Park View Estates Phase 4
- Shoshone Meadows Phase 1
- Rock Creek Trail Estates
- Suntera
- Villa Vista No. 7
- Villa Vista No. 8
- West Haven

Source: City building department

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## CAREER MOVES

### Kevan Varin

GOODING — Kevan Varin joined Trinity Transport Inc.'s dispatcher team.

Varin will work out of Trinity's Western Region Service Center in Gooding. His duties include carrier marketing, carrier relations, scheduling and matching transportation to customers needs. He can be reached at 934-4333, ext. 0.

Varin has a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He lives in Gooding and has three grown children.

Trinity Transport provides shippers and receivers with truckload and less-than-truckload carriers and multimodal service throughout the United States.

### Diana Troglia

HAILEY — Diana Troglia was named manager at Wells Fargo's Hailey branch on Main Street.

Diana Troglia

Troglia began working for Wells Fargo right out of high school in Montana. Her husband's career brought them to Twin Falls, where she continued to work for the bank. She has been with Wells Fargo for 28 years.

She and her late husband owned The Bread Box, a local bakery. She recently purchased a home in Hailey.

### Brian Messmer

JACKPOT, Nev. — Brian Aaron Messmer, principal at Jackpot Combined High School, was among 500 of the nation's top public high school principals attending the fourth annual Summer Institute of the Principals' Partnership, a professional development project sponsored by Union Pacific Railroad.

During the four-day conference, Messmer heard sessions on brain-based learning, improving literacy, smaller learning communities, leadership in an age of accountability, closing the achievement gap and using data to improve schools, among other topics.

The Principals' Partnership this year received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The partnership involves public high school principals from Union Pacific communities in 16 states.

### Jimmi Sommer

TWIN FALLS — Technology Law Group LLC promoted Jimmi Sommer to director of public and legislative affairs.

Since March 2004 and prior to her promotion, Sommer worked as a business intelligence analyst with TLG, where she conducted research on high-tech companies, primarily focused on the Far East.

As director of public and legislative affairs, Sommer manages the firm's public relations plan and will oversee its press relations, its participation in state and regional technology forums and its Web site. She will coordinate TLG's activities regarding intellectual property-related legislation in the 2006 session of the Idaho Legislature.

Sommer has a bachelor's degree in international studies from George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., and a master's degree in public administration from Boise State University. She is a native of Twin Falls and a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

### Education leaders

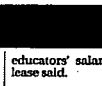
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Education Association announced its executive council for the 2005-06 school year.

New officers are **Kathy Uhrig**, president; **Peggy Hoy**, vice president; **Maureen Evans**, secretary; **Jeni Taylor**, treasurer; **Maggi Fortner**, Region 4 representative; and **Brady Dickinson**, past president.

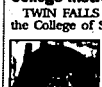
In other news, Uhrig, an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, attended the 143rd Annual Meeting of the National Education Association, July 1-6 in Los Angeles. She was among 9,000 voting delegates who discussed issues vital to public education in the United States. The meeting mobilized members around an NEA agenda focused on closing the achievement gaps for all students, reaching out to minority communities and improving educators' salaries, a press release said.

### College instructors

TWIN FALLS — Students at the College of Southern Idaho selected Gordon "Gordy" Kolox as 2005 Technical Teacher of the Year and Jayson Lloyd as 2005 Academic Teacher of the Year.


Gordon 'Gordy' Kolox

Kolox joined the CSI faculty in 2000, creating the state's first college-based paramedic program. He has had 20 years of clinical and teaching experience in Florida, Michigan and Idaho in emergency medicine. He has a bachelor's degree in allied health from Ferris State University in Michigan and is working on a master's degree in educational technology from Boise State University. He and his wife, Kim, have one son.


Jayson Lloyd

Lloyd has been a biology professor at CSI for the past two years. He joined the CSI faculty to teach math in the schools Academic Development Center, then moved into the Life Science Department as a sabbatical replacement instructor. He is a native of Twin Falls and has bachelor's and master's degrees in zoology from Brigham Young University. He teaches anatomy and physiology and summer biology classes. He and his wife, Tierra, have two children.

### Craig Neilsen

TWIN FALLS — Former Twin Falls resident **Craig H. Neilsen**, president and chief executive of Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc., will be honored at the 17th annual Gaming Hall Fame Charity Dinner and Induction Ceremony to be held Sept. 15 in Las Vegas, 2005. The event benefits the National Center for Responsible Gaming.

An executive in gaming, real estate development and construction for more than 25 years, Neilsen has served as the principal officer of Ameristar Casinos since the company's public inception in 1993. He previously led the privately held casino hotel organization, consisting of Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino, which were the foundation of the current Ameristar business.

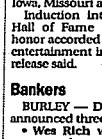
In 2000, Neilsen orchestrated the purchase of properties in Kansas City and St. Charles, Mo., doubling Ameristar's annual revenues. Ameristar has grown to include seven properties in Nevada, Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri and Colorado.

Induction into the Gaming Hall of Fame is the highest honor accorded by the gaming-entertainment industry, a press release said.

### Bankers

BURLEY — D.L. Evans Bank announced three staff changes:

• **Wes Rich** was appointed mortgage loan officer for the real estate department at the Burley branch at 397 N. Overland. He is an Idaho native raised in Dietrich. He attended the University of Phoenix, where he pursued a degree in business management. Banking experience includes serving as a senior loan officer for Citigroup and assistant manager for Wells Fargo. He and his wife and son live in Burley.


Wes Rich

• **Kevin T. Smith** was promoted to senior vice president, senior lender by the D.L. Evans Bank board. He is a native of Oakley and graduate of Brigham Young University. He began his banking career with First Security Bank of Utah. He returned to this area and worked for Key Bank of Idaho managing the Valley Bank office. He joined D.L. Evans when the South Burley office opened eight years ago. His office is in this branch. He and his wife, Trina, and their three children live in Oakley.

Kevin T. Smith

• **Kaylyn Peterson-Jones** was promoted to assistant vice president and manager for the South Burley branch. She joined D.L. Evans Bank as a loan secretary in November 1982. She was promoted to assistant manager in 1993 and was instrumental in opening the first Twin Falls branch, where she worked until returning to Burley in 1997 to help open the second Burley branch.

Kaylyn Peterson-Jones

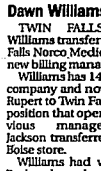
Peterson-Jones graduated in 2003 from the Washington State University Western Agricultural Banking School, has taken several American Institute of Banking classes and is continuing her education through the College of Southern Idaho. While in Twin Falls, she obtained an Idaho insurance license for all lines of insurance. She is a native of Mini-Cassia, and she and her husband, Kendall, live in the Burley area.

### Dawn Williams

TWIN FALLS — Dawn Williams transferred to the Twin Falls Norco Medical store as the new billing manager.

Williams has 14 years with the company and now travels from Rupert to Twin Falls for her new position that opened when previous manager Michelle Jackson transferred back to the Boise store.

Williams had worked in the Burley branch as a claims processor and supervisor. She now oversees nine other employees in the billing department. Her duties include training, answering questions and helping customers with their bills. The billing department is responsible for processing claims arising from the sale and rental of durable medical equipment, such as oxygen, wheelchairs and items such as sports braces.


Dawn Williams

Williams has experience in medical billing, including finishing an at-home training program and various seminars given through the company. She processed claims at home for about three years.

Norco Medical is at 573 Addison Ave.

### John Harrison

TWIN FALLS — John Harrison joined Snake River Pool and Spa as the new sales manager.

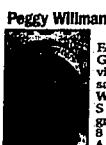
John Harrison

Harrison comes here from Idaho Falls. He has a bachelor's degree in business management from Memphis State University (now called University of Memphis) and background in sales and customer service. He has been involved in the spa and billiard industry for five years.

Harrison and his wife, Monica, will live in Twin Falls, where she plans to develop a pet therapy and puppy kindergarten business.

### Peggy Willman

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy said Peggy Willman of Shoshone graduated July 8 with a Class A commercial driver's license with endorsements.


Peggy Willman

### Schoolteachers

CALDWELL — Several Magic Valley teachers are among 30 from around the state attending the Idaho Humanities Council's 2005 week-long summer institute, "Nothing but the Truth: Survival and Celebration in Native American Literature," this week at Albertson College of Idaho.

The institute will explore works that scholars consider "new classics" of contemporary American Indian literature, a press release said. Led by five scholars, teachers will study five major writers as representative of the emergence of contemporary Native writing. Their texts will serve as touchstones to the larger issues and traditions of American Indian literature. These five texts are works by writers from different tribes, exploring different geographies and historical periods, and perspectives and voices of male and female narrators.

Magic Valley teachers scheduled to attend are **Judy Chandler** and **Karen Christenson**, both from Burley High School; **Darlene Dyer** from Wood River High School in Hailey; **Amy Lykins** from Richfield Elementary School; **Ken Meckam** from Carey High School; and **Marie Miller** from Buhl High School.

### Sylvia McBurney

TWIN FALLS — Sylvia McBurney retired June 30 after 30 years in real estate.

Sylvia McBurney

McBurney was a licensed real estate broker and was an associate broker with Century 21 at the time of her retirement. She has been president of the Twin Falls Board of Realtors and past chairman of the Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service. She plans to travel with her husband.

### Ben Skenderovic

TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School announced the July 1 graduation of Ben Skenderovic, who obtained his Class A commercial driver's license with tankers, doubles-triples and hazardous materials endorsements.

Ben Skenderovic

### Roy Robison

TWIN FALLS — Roy Robison graduated from Jensen Jewelers' Mastery Jewelry Salesman program.

Robison completed the eight-week course and received certification. The course involved training in fulfilling customer needs in diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making and repair.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

■ The Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education said U.S. Bancorp Foundation contributed $15,000 to the Finally Home! Home Buyer Education program to assist with educational contract expenses, program administration, textbooks and other class materials. U.S. Bank, a contributor since 2000, has given a total of $100,000 to the program.

Cindy Williams, U.S. Bank vice president and community development manager, serves on the IPHBE board, and several U.S. Bank loan officers are volunteer instructors in the Finally Home! program.

■ State Farm partnered with the American Red Cross and singer Tim McGraw to promote blood drives across the nation.

In Twin Falls, State Farm agent Matt Stokes volunteered at the blood drive held July 5-7. Luena Harbert, service specialist at Stokes' office, volunteered by answering telephones, answering questions and handing out literature about donating blood.

Every donor during the Twin Falls drive received a "Neighbors Give Life" wristband. Hourly drawings were held for T-shirts provided by State Farm and CDs by Tim McGraw.

Stokes estimated State Farm's contribution in Twin Falls to be about $500.

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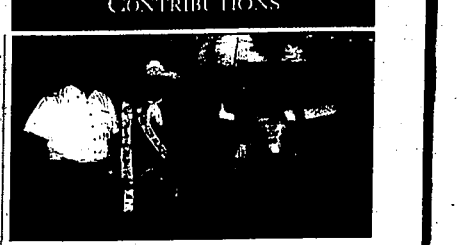

Kallie O'Neal, Rupert's Fourth of July Queen for 2005, shows off the new saddle she received for being named rodeo queen. Sponsors for the saddle were D.L. Evans Bank and Valley Wide Cooperative. Pictured at left is Dan Lloyd, manager of the Rupert branch of D.L. Evans Bank. O'Neal also received several other gifts from various sponsors.

First Federal Bank presents a $4,000 check to the Buhl Centennial Commission. The money will help fund upfront costs for the town's centennial celebration next year. So far, First Federal has given more than $75,000 to centennial celebrations around the valley. Pictured from left are Carl Kaster, Buhl branch manager; Buhl Mayor Barbara Gietzen; Holly Langdon, centennial commission chairwoman; and Jim Barker, centennial committee member.

## MILESTONES

Master gardener Sharon Buckle and John Wagner plant seeds in Center for Independent Living's community garden plot.

### Center for Independent Living has garden

TWIN FALLS — The Center for Independent Living has a program designed to teach skills to individuals with various types of developmental disabilities.

About two years ago, developmental specialist Neal Miller spearheaded a project to start a garden at one of the rental plots available from the College of Southern Idaho. The first two years, the project almost fizzled because participation and access to the plot was difficult or impossible for many of the center's clients, the center said in a release.

This year, CSI helped the center get a plot close to the access road and put down material around the border to make it easier for severely handicapped individuals to get to the garden, the center said. Kelly Garden Center donated seeds, and master gardeners from the University of Idaho helped plan the garden. Pipeco gave the center a discount on material to set up an irrigation system that can be used for years.

Plans are in the works to have raised gardens so more clients can physically participate next year.

### Blue Cross announces winner of challenge

TWIN FALLS — Blue Cross of Idaho announced winners of its WalkingWorks Challenge, its first statewide walking competition featuring 13 Idaho companies. The six-week competition began May 23 during National Employee Health and Fitness Week. The 13 participating companies representing different regions of Idaho competed to see who could walk the most steps/miles.

Team Con Paulos placed fifth in the competition, with 7,756 miles walked by its members.

### Business becomes member of Index

TWIN FALLS — Spokane, Wash.-based WestCoast Hospitality Corp. said it became a member of the new Russell Microcap Index when Russell Investment Group reconstituted its family of U.S. indexes June 24. Russell posted a membership list for the Russell Microcap Index at www.russell.com/US/Indexes.

The Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls is part of WestCoast Hospitality Corp.

Russell indexes are used by investment managers and institutional investors for index funds and as benchmarks for both passive and active investment strategies. More than $2.5 trillion in assets are benchmarked to them, said a statement from WestCoast. Investment managers who oversee these funds purchase shares of member stocks according to that company's weighting in the particular index.

WestCoast Hospitality Corp. is a hospitality and leisure company primarily engaged in ownership, management, development and franchising of hotels under its Red Lion and WestCoast brands.

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## MILESTONES

### Bargain Hunters opens doors in Buhl

BUHL — Brian and Tyann Koning opened Bargain Hunters at 212 1/2 Broadway Ave. in Buhl.

Bargain Hunters offers an array of new and slightly used clothing at reasonable prices, owners say. The selection ranges from baby clothing and girls' and boys' wear to adult clothing in all sizes, and even maternity outfits.

Brian Koning

"You will also find brand-name clothing here like Mossimo, Roxy and Lucky," Tyann Koning said. "I think that Buhl will enjoy that."

Tyann Koning

The Konings moved to Buhl to open the store from Pomona, Calif., where they also had a shop.

"We thought that the store here would be more successful, and so far it has," she said. Brian had lived in Buhl for about a year and half in the past and liked the area.

The store gets in a fresh stock of clothing once or twice a month, depending on when the couple travels to California to pick it up.

Bargain Hunters is open from about 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Konings can be reached at 543-6150.

### Koning offers animal products in Buhl

BUHL — Brian Koning, who recently moved to Buhl, is offering Royal Milk products and CAL Tags. His shop, which is shared with his Bargain Hunters store, is at 212 1/2 Broadway Ave. in Buhl.

The animal identification tags come in many sizes and colors. The CAL Tags offered are "guaranteed never to fade," he said.

Koning has been involved in selling Royal Milk's animal milk replacer for about a year after answering an ad for a salesperson while living in California.

"I grew up on dairies, a dairy brat from Chino," Koning said. "This fit me."

Royal Milk also offers other animal health products such as lagoon treatments and an assortment of microbials.

The products are available through dealer inquiry at 543-6150 or by stopping by between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### IdaCorp receives national recognition

BOISE — The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve said Boise-based IdaCorp — parent of Idaho Power Co. — was selected to receive a National Freedom Award for support given to men and women serving in the reserve forces.

Freedom Awards are presented annually by the president to companies that have gone "above and beyond" in their support of all reservists.

Nominations for the Freedom Award are made by a guard or reserve member who is employed by the company. A family member of a guard or reserve member also may submit a nomination.

Nominations are reviewed by the state or territorial ESGR committee where the company is located. Each of the 55 committees is allowed to forward three nominations for further consideration — one each of large and small companies and public sector organizations. For information, visit the ESGR Web site at www.esgr.mil.

The 2005 Employee Support Freedom Awards will be presented Oct. 15 in Washington, D.C.

# Potato Growers of Idaho completes policy revisions

The Times-News

BLACKFOOT — Potato Growers of Idaho has completed revisions to its "Best Management Practices & Integrated Pest Management Standards Checklist for Quality Potatoes."

The program was developed in 2004 as a way for growers to score their pest-management practices and promote environmentally sound practices that reduce reliance on pesticides, PGI said. The checklist addresses potato management decisions sequentially through pre-planting, planting, the growing season and harvest. Practices related to scouting, field management, weeds, insects, disease, soil and water management and storage are addressed in the manual.

A grower using the manual scores higher points for practices that reduce potatoes' impact on the environment, such as longer rotations, green manure crops, proper scouting and many other sound potato production management practices.

For the 2005 edition, Keith Esplin, PGI executive director, worked with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to address issues required for the Conservation Security Program, which pays growers for practices they have already been using on their farms for two years. In the IPM Standards, practices that might be required to meet CSP minimum standards — are — listed — with — a — C. Practices that might be eligible as "enhanced practices" with a higher payment level are marked with an E.

Sign-up for the CSP is scheduled only every eight years on a rotating basis across the state. Because the program can potentially pay growers up to $45,000 per year for 10 years for good conservation and IPM practices, PGI is working to prepare growers to be eligible when the sign-up arrives in their area.

To receive a free copy of the manual, growers can call the PGI office at (208) 785-1110 or send e-mail to pgiks@cableone.net. Growers who return the manuals to PGI at the end of the season will receive $50. The top three scoring growers also will receive cash prizes. This program is funded through a grant from the American Farmland Trust.

# Buy Idaho will hold annual corporate membership meeting

The Times-News

BOISE — The Buy Idaho annual corporate membership meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel on Main Street.

Reservations for the lunch will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mike Adkins, president and chief executive of MPC Computers, will be the keynote speaker. Participants will be able to network with a hundred other Idaho business leaders, Buy Idaho organizers said.

Cost is $35 per person. To make reservations, call Barbara at (208) 343-2582.

## TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

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MONEY

# Groups draw lines on CAFTA-DR

## Official: Agreement would threaten U.S. immigration laws

AP photo

U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman, left, and his Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, right, talk before a meeting Tuesday in Dalian, China. Delegates from 30 WTO members met hoping to bridge disagreements in time for a December ministerial meeting in Hong Kong. Back in the United States, a vote looms in the House on the CAFTA-DR. Included in the agreement are issues some say belong in WTO negotiation.

TWIN FALLS — If the Central American Free Trade Agreement- Dominican Republic gets a thumbs up from the House of Representatives it could bring opportunity or threats, depending on who you talk to.

"These (CAFTA-DR) markets are open to U.S. beef exports, but they are saddled with tariffs as high as 40 percent," said Jim Peterson, a Montana cattleman and chairman of the Beef Committee of the U.S. Meat Export Federation. "Meanwhile, beef imported into the United States from these countries is completely duty-free up to certain tariff rate quotas. These quotas *have never been filled, so we are* playing on a very lopsided field."

But Representative Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., said CAFTA-DR would do more than just "open new markets."

Tancredo said buried in its 1,000 pages, CAFTA-DR gives people in Central America a de facto right to work in the United States. Defined as "cross-border trade in services" he said the trade agreement is a "thinly disguised immigration accord."

He explained that "cross-border trade in services" means "a party national" in one territory can supply a service in the "territory of another party."

"What that means is that under CAFTA, a foreign company could challenge the validity of our immigration laws in international tribunals that would overrule U.S. immigration limits, visa and licensing requirements and zoning rules as 'unnecessary burdens to trade' that act as 'restrictions on the supply of a service," Tancredo said.

"In reality, CAFTA is about expanding a growing body of international law that supersedes our own," he said.

### CAFTA-DR faces uphill battle in House

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House probably has enough votes to defeat the proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement-Dominican Republic, but that could change, said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

"Today there is; tomorrow, I don't know," Simpson said. "The administration is working on it pretty hard."

The proposed pact, which American sugar producers fear could be the first step in putting them out of business, would allow another 120,000 U.S. tons of duty-free sugar to be sold in America each year from six Latin American nations. Countries included in the deal are Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

A House vote was originally expected the week of July 18, but that could be delayed.

The Senate has already approved the pact. But if CAFTA-DR is ultimately defeated, it might discourage the administration from including sugar in other planned regional free trade pacts, according to Simpson.

### Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

### Ag Department back in charge of food lab

TWIN FALLS — With proven scientific protocols in place, the Idaho Department of Agriculture is back in charge of the Food Quality Assurance Institute located on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The lab, which was established in 1993 to test crops for chemical residue, has a bit of a rocky history. It was closed in 1996 when scientists brought in to review operations found problems with testing procedures, quality control and reporting. Then in 1997, it reopened with the University of Idaho in charge.

Now, with staffers routinely following a set of solid scientific standards, "we thought it would be more efficient to give it back to the Department of Ag," said Rep. Darrel Boltz, R-Nampa, who is chairman of the institute board.

"The University of Idaho will continue to monitor the lab and make sure we still have quality control," Boltz said.

### USDA reports are mixed bag for grain growers

IDAHO FALLS — With harvest nearing in southern Idaho, the combination of government reports that shows production is up — and consequently prices expected to head down — is hardly comforting.

Looking at just one report — the July 12 world supply and demand report — was a mixed bag in itself.

On one hand, world production was forecast to be down a bit, 2 percent from July 2004, and use was projected to be up 1.9 percent from the previous year, leading to a 4.2 percent drop in world-ending stocks for the current marketing year.

But the negative news was found in the U.S. portion of the world report. While winter wheat production was forecast to be down 20 million bushels from the June estimate because of greater than expected abandoned acreage in the Wheat Belt, spring wheat production is projected to be up 89 million bushes thanks to excellent growing conditions.

"It's a mixed report," said Paul Patterson, extension grain economist with the University of Idaho in Idaho Falls. "Yields will be up, but the consequences of good production news is bad price news."

# A PIERCING QUESTION IN THE WORKPLACE

## To tattoo or not to tattoo

By Jan Norman
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Ed Santos isn't your average-looking employee. His left arm is covered in tattoos, his lower lip is pierced, and his earlobes have holes the size of half dollars.

Does his employer care?

Santos is art director at Wahoo's Fish Tacos in Santa Ana, where one of the owners, Ed Lee, has tattoos on his upper arm of his children's names and faces and a prayer. Another owner, Lee's brother Wing Lam, wanted a tattoo and even designed the artwork for a fish tattoo, but decided not to get it because he'd have to skip surfing for three weeks while it healed.

But that doesn't mean they don't care what their employees look like.

"Even Eddie doesn't have tattoos on his neck or face," Ed Lee said of Santos. "We expect him to dress up and be respectful of others."

One in 10 Americans has a tattoo, compared with one in 100 three decades ago, according to the Alliance of Professional Tattooists in Annapolis, Md.

A poll by Harris Interactive puts the number at one in three among Americans between ages 25 and 30.

As body art becomes more common and the labor market tightens, more employers accept workers with tattoos and body piercing, said John Challenger of the executive search firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"Some employers are having trouble finding skilled workers. They are not going to let some body art get in the way of hiring the best-qualified candidate."

Many California employers agree, to a point.

"If (the employee) didn't meet the public, it wouldn't matter," said insurance broker Dennis Pollman. "But 90 percent of my customers are conservative and wouldn't appreciate tattoos and multiple piercings."

He has written into the company personnel manual that tattoos and piercings must be covered. "If they couldn't be covered up, it would influence whether I would hire the person or not."

Pollman is not alone. In a recent survey, career Web site www.Vault.com found that more than half the managers surveyed would be less likely to hire an applicant with visible tattoos and body piercing, and 10 percent had disciplined workers because of tattoos or body piercing.

A job applicant with little or no experience ought to be conservative in appearance, even at a casual company, said Barbara Hubert, director of career development at Chapman University. "You never have a second chance to make a first impression. And interviews are serious events and should be taken seriously."

Employers agree.

If a job applicant had tattoos on the face or neck or studs in the nose or tongue, "we probably wouldn't hire them in the first place, and if they added (piercing) after hire, we would ask them to take (studs) out during work hours," said Ken Jacobs, president of JMG Security Systems, a commercial alarm company.

Bill Hall, partner at Action Mold in Anaheim, Calif., has different attitudes, depending on the job. He probably wouldn't hire heavily tattooed people to be sales and customer-service employees who meet the public. But he recently hired a skilled toolmaker "with enough body art to fill a wing at the Bowers Museum."

That toolmaker, Hank Gayle, got his first tattoo when he was 18 and every year adds to his "collection." He has tattoos on one arm, his back and legs. The artwork has never hindered his career.

He had many different jobs and concluded that he wasn't an office or customer-service type.

"I couldn't sit at a computer all day; I'm a shop type of person," Gayle said. "I didn't get a tattoo below the sleeve until I decided my career. Then I decided it was OK to be tattooed."

Santos at Wahoo's agrees that his artistic career makes his tattoos more acceptable.

"I've worked in the surf industry since right out of high school," he said. "I knew anywhere I applied, piercing would be no problem."

Before landing the Wahoo's job, Coca-Cola recruited Santos to manage its concert events. Before going to the interview, he described his tattoos and piercings. "They totally dig it. They were more interested in what I could do for them. But if they didn't know, I'm sure there would be culture shock when I showed up," he said.

His boss, Ed Lee, got his tattoo only a year ago. His wife and kids thought he was crazy.

"I told them that, for the rest of my life, they will always be near my heart," Lee said. "I'm happy I got it (the tattoo) but I've had my regrets.

"I warn kids the world still judges you by the outside. If they want a tattoo, they should get it where it can be covered up," Lee said. "If you go into a bank and ask for a million-dollar loan, what are they going to think of your tattoo? The kids want to say it doesn't matter, but they know it does."

While most local employers say they prefer their employees who deal directly with customers to cover their tattoos and piercings, they add that they try to judge employees by their work performance.

"In the end, if you can do the job, you show up on time, and you take responsibility for your work, then you're going to be considered a good employee, regardless of body art," said Hall of Action Mold.

"Just because someone has a character tattooed on his body doesn't make him a bad character."

### Tips for job-seekers who have tattoos or body piercings:

**In** general, strive for a conservative appearance, even if the company is casual.
**Wear** slacks or long sleeves to cover up tattoos.
**Take** out body jewelry other than earrings; wear pearl- or diamond-stud earrings instead of large, dangling ones.
**Before** the day of a job interview, visit the business, if the public is allowed in, or sit in the parking lot and observe whether employees have visible tattoos and body piercings.
**Don't** close career doors. If an employer offers travel and training that are your career goals, but forbids body piercing, seek a compromise.

Source: Barbara Hubert, director of Career Development Center, Chapman University

### Tips for employers about tattoos and body piercing among employees:

**Federal** anti-discrimination laws don't protect tattoos and piercings, so companies may have policies prohibiting them. But base any policy on business-related reasons, such as the company's public image or health-and-safety standards.
**Tie** any prohibition of tattoos and piercings to an overall requirement for an appropriate, well-groomed appearance.
**Communicate** the policy in the employee handbook and/or a memo to all employees.
**Apply** the dress-code policy uniformly to all employees. You can't allow a good worker to have tattoos and then use tattoos as an excuse for firing a lazy worker.

Sources: HR Networking Inc., www.Salary.com

# A beef over beef

## Cattle group stakes its place amid fight over Canadian cattle

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Over two years ago, R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America was a tiny cattlemen's group, written off in some quarters as fringe and radical, focused on what many in the industry considered a nonissue — Canadian beef imports.

But three cases of mad cow disease in Canada have propelled the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund from bit player to ringleader in an ongoing trade dispute that some see as the biggest and most divisive issue to confront the cattle industry in recent memory.

R-CALF, a ranchers' group based at a Billings auction yard, led the fight to keep Canadian beef and cattle out of this country indefinitely, in the name of protecting consumer health and cattlemen's herds. It's a cause that R-CALF's leaders say struck a nerve, attracting thousands of new members and giving the group newfound respect and credibility.

"The influence we are having is reshaping the direction of the U.S. cattle industry itself," chief executive officer Bill Bullard said.

But some in the industry see R-CALF as protectionist and anti-trade — more of a disruptive force than a major player. Packing interests and even some cattlemen's groups wonder whether the group's argument against fuller trade with Canada has been undercut — along with its credibility — by the recent discovery of mad cow disease in Texas.

"They're kind of in a box with their argument," said Andy Gottschalk of the agribusiness research company HedgersEdge.com.

Still, some packer and industry groups admit that R-CALF — and its success so far in the courts on the border issue — cannot be ignored.

"We do not underestimate what the R-CALF people can accomplish," said Stan Eby, president of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

In the past year, R-CALF scored two big legal victories, both of which were awarded by a federal judge in Billings.

The first, in the spring of 2004, kept the federal government from expanding beef trade with Canada.

The second, in March, delayed the resumption of limited cattle shipments just days before the U.S. Department of Agriculture had planned to let cattle trucks back into the country for the first time since May 2003, when Canada reported its first case of mad cow disease.

AP photo

**Dennis McDonald leans against a fence on his ranch near Melville, Mont., on July 10. McDonald, a member of R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America, says allowing cattle into this country from Canada isn't a good idea yet.**

But R-CALF lost a key court fight Thursday, when a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that preliminary injunction. An attorney for R-CALF called it a "sad and sorry day for cattle producers," and it came about two weeks before that federal judge in Billings, Richard Cebull, had planned to hear arguments on R-CALF's request to block all beef and cattle trade with Canada until USDA takes a closer look at the issue.

Bullard said R-CALF still hoped to have an opportunity to make that case.

Mark Dopp, senior vice president for regulatory affairs and general counsel with the American Meat Institute, a meatpackers' group, said the discovery of mad cow disease in a U.S.-born cow in Texas makes R-CALF's argument for continuing to keep out Canadian cattle shaky, at best.

A cow in Washington state turned up with the brain-wasting disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, in December 2003, but the animal had come from Canada.

"The fact that we've, unfortunately, had a domestic case here just undercuts the credibility of their arguments of trying to identify cattle raised on this side of the border versus that side of the border," Dopp said.

Dennis McDonald, an R-CALF member and rancher near Melville, Mont., said the Texas case has raised too many as-yet unanswered questions and that conflicting test results also should raise concerns.

"For the life of me, I don't know how it follows that, because we've had one case, they should be allowed to import live cattle into this country," he said. "That logic escapes me."

Leo McDonnell, an R-CALF founder and rancher, put it this way: "With any disease, just because you have it doesn't mean you relax your standards."

Canadian officials, who have been pushing for fuller trade, didn't immediately impose sanctions against the United States after the Texas case. Darcy Undseth, a senior veterinarian with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, said that after Canada discovered an initial case of mad cow disease officials began planning for the possibility that the disease would be found in the United States because of the openness of the North American market.

Undseth called mad cow a "very manageable" disease and said science suggests that trade could be restored without major problems.

"I believe that special interest groups are looking at other *things, other than the science* behind BSE," he said.

The drawn-out dispute has caused deep divisions within the industry and even among cattle interest groups.

"I haven't seen an issue that's divided our industry bigger than this one," said Wade Moser, executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. When producers should be celebrating high prices, there is tension, he said — even hatred. "Neighbors hate their neighbors over this issue anymore."

Jack Field, executive vice president of the Washington Cattlemen's Association, which is affiliated with both R-CALF and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said he's concerned that the border issue is "tearing us apart and weakening us as a whole."

Morgan Paisley, an analyst and trader with Alaron Trading Co., said the handling of the Canadian border issue, starting with USDA and continuing with the ongoing courtroom battles, has been "a debacle, to say the least."

Though R-CALF can be shrill in making some of its points, the group has raised valid questions and deserves credit for providing ranchers with representation on the Canadian border issue, he said.

"I have a lot of respect for them for that reason," Paisley said.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome of the trade fight, R-CALF's leaders say they believe the group's membership and political stock will continue to rise. R-CALF says its membership has more than doubled in the past year alone, to more than 18,000.

And they say they don't regret having gotten involved in the dispute.

"We're keeping our focus on doing what's right," McDonald said. "If you're doing what's right, it doesn't matter if you lose."

# BEFORE SAYING 'I DO'

## Know your partner's credit history

By Eileen Ambrose
Baltimore Sun

If personal ads were pragmatic, you might see a pitch like this: Single female with 820 credit score seeks single male with 800-plus score who enjoys moonlit walks on the beach.

But in matters of the heart, people are rarely practical. It's not unusual for financial opposites to attract, where someone with a good credit history marries a bad credit risk. Often these differences go undiscovered until the two try to buy a house and are denied a loan — or at least one with favorable terms — because of a partner's poor money management.

"Unfortunately, we don't always talk about financial issues. It's so unromantic," said Sheryl Garrett, a Kansas financial planner and author of "Just Give Me The Answer$."

But romance can be quickly extinguished, too, if one partner's financial troubles spill over onto the other. David Diggs, a family lawyer in Baltimore, said money is the root of 80 percent of the divorces he handles.

The key to preventing money troubles from damaging a marriage is to talk about finances before walking down the aisle. Only after finding out that credit histories are incompatible can couples begin to take the necessary steps to improve one partner's weak record while preserving the other's good credit.

Broaching the topic of finances isn't always easy.

Some financial planners and divorce lawyers recommend that couples exchange credit reports and credit scores before marriage. A score is typically a three-digit number used to predict the likelihood that a consumer will default on bills. It affects whether or not credit is extended to a consumer and under what terms. Top scores are usually in the 800s.

Looking at credit reports annually is a good idea, anyway, to discover any inaccuracies that could negatively affect how creditors look at you, said Holly Hunter, a financial planner in Portsmouth, N.H.

The big three credit bureaus — Experian, (888) 397-3742; Equifax, (800) 685-1111; and TransUnion, (800) 888-4213 — sell credit reports. A new federal law will entitle consumers to one free credit report a year.

Granted, it's not romantic to study your significant other's credit history. "It's much more romantic than having a divorce two years later," said Ryan Sjoblad, a spokesman for myFICO.com, which sells the widely used FICO credit score.

"A lot of couples go into marriage having no idea of what baggage the other person is carrying with them," said Sjoblad, who jokes that scores someday might appear in personal ads.

But other financial experts say that requesting a credit report can put a partner on the defensive.

Instead, they recommend couples ease into the topic by discussing goals and how they can financially achieve them. Also, couples can attend financial seminars and classes together, or both can read and discuss the same financial book. Garrett recommends Ruth Hayden's "For Richer, Not Poorer — The Money Book for Couples."

What if one of you has a good financial track record and the other's is wanting?

State laws vary on the financial obligations of married partners and on the division of property and debts in divorce. Couples with serious financial differences should seek the help of a professional. But here are some general guidelines for dealing with mismatched credit histories:

- Keeping separate accounts. At least initially, maintain separate bank and charge accounts, and work on building up the spouse's weak credit record, advised Barry J. Dalnekoff, an Annapolis, Md., lawyer and chair of the family law section of the Maryland State Bar Association.

"If the husband had a bad credit history and he was significantly in debt to the point that creditors were threatening collection, they couldn't touch the wife's accounts," he said.

- Improving a credit record. Credit scores often are lowered by late payments, so paying bills on time can do a lot to improve a score. To get a partner in the habit of meeting bill deadlines, both spouses can set up a time each month where they stay home, order a pizza and sit down to review and pay bills, Hunter suggested.

Couples, too, can open a joint charge account with a low credit limit and pay off balances each month to rebuild the weaker credit record, Dalnekoff said.

Within two years, someone could see a noticeable improvement in their credit score, experts said.

- Buying a home. This is when credit problems often come to light.

When one spouse is not credit-worthy, lenders often will try to see if the spouse with the good credit record can qualify alone for a mortgage. Both names, though, can be put on the title. For psychological reasons, it's often better for spouses to take out a mortgage loan together, even if they have to pay a higher rate because of one partner's weak credit score, Garrett said.

With on-time mortgage payments, the poor credit record will eventually improve. And when that happens, the couple can refinance to get better terms, Garrett said.

# You may need to look far and wide for budget hotels

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Lodging can be the most expensive part of a vacation.

Knowing where to look and how to search are the keys to getting the lowest rates, according to David Downing, travel columnist for Fodors.com, the Web site of one of the largest English-language guidebook publishers.

To get the best hotel rates, review the following:

First, check online for discount hotel rates. There are numerous Web sites offering deals on hotel rates, even for last-minute reservations.

Then check the hotel's Web site. You can often get good rates directly, Downing said. Before hotels had the capability to offer bookings online, they would hand off all the overstock rooms — and the great rates — to the discount travel Web sites. "That's not the case anymore," he added.

The hotel may offer perks such as loyalty points, room upgrades or a free breakfast to customers who book rooms directly through the hotel. It may also have so-called Web-only deals on its own site.

Finally, try calling the hotel itself — not the chain's toll-free number — and ask for the best rate. Chain agents at the toll-free number might not know much about individual hotels, but you can bet the hotel's staff will know about all the latest deals. You may find out about special promotions or discounts, such as those for AAA members or for people belonging to specific professional associations.

Some people go as far as calling the hotel and asking it to match the low rate found online. It seems bold, but hotel managers may be tempted to give in. Managers are rated by their hotels on occupancy. Downing said, so booking rooms at low rates is more beneficial than leaving them empty. "Sometimes it's not about money," he elaborated.

No matter how you reserve your room, be sure to find out before you pay, what is included in the rate and what is extra. Hotels in cities may have only valet parking, or may also offer free or lower-charge parking in a separate lot. Rates listed on Web sites also may not include room taxes and other surcharges.

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# REDISCOVERY

## Sabbatical proved to couple what they need: Each other

By Joe Guy Collier
Knight Ridder News Service

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Bert and Theresa Sherman sit at the kitchen table in their Grand Rapids home — Domino's pizza spread across the counter; their dog Shadow, a Lab mix, sprawled out on the linoleum floor.

"He goes everywhere with me," Theresa says. "If I'm in the car, he's in the car."

A few years ago, the Shermans, now both in their 30s, were too busy to take care of a dog. Bert was running his own engineering company. As a manager at Ford Motor Co., Theresa was gone most weeks visiting car dealerships.

With the stresses of daily life mounting, the Shermans decided to take a break. They quit their jobs, sold their house and hit the road, with no set agenda, in a Ford pickup truck and 19-foot camper. They created a sabbatical from work and real life.

"I wanted to get my priorities straight," Theresa says. "I wasn't really happy. I loved Bert. I loved success. I loved doing well. But I was never with my husband. I thought, 'I don't want to do this for the rest of my life.'"

The Shermans aren't the only ones who needed a break. Formal sabbaticals are rare outside the academic sector, but experts say more people in the business world are seeking time to reassess their lives.

They're working longer hours, moving up in their careers and not feeling satisfied, says Mary Lou Quinlan, author of "Time Off for Good Behavior" (Broadway Books, $23.95). The book tells the stories of 37 women who took time off from work.

"In this modern world, what we're talking about is a remedy so you can get your mojo back," Quinlan says.

When the Shermans decided to take their sabbatical, friends and family told them they were crazy. People said they would last three months, six months tops, away from the corporate world.

The Shermans held out for 16 months. Today, three years after the trip, their lives are still affected by the time away. They learned how to get by on less money, make more time for each other and slow down long enough to enjoy what's around them.

"Our quality of life right now is 100 times better than it was before," says Bert, who wrote a book about the journey with his wife, "Goodbye Careers, Hello American Adventure" (iUniverse, $14.95).

In 2000, before their adventure, life looked good for Theresa and Bert. Both Michigan State University graduates, they met in East Lansing in 1994 and married four years later.

They had good starts on successful careers. They had moved to the Kansas City area and bought a house.

Bert ran his own one-man engineering consulting firm. Theresa was in charge of retail development at Ford for about 200 Kansas City-area Lincoln-Mercury dealerships.

The couple was so busy, they seldom saw each other.

"There were plenty of weeks where Monday morning would come, she'd leave and I wouldn't see her again until Friday night," Bert says.

In March 2000, over dinner one random Friday night, Bert suggested they take a sabbatical. His father, a Michigan State English professor, had taken a sabbatical when Bert was a child. Why couldn't they do the same thing?

"I just started laughing," Theresa says. "I thought he was joking."

But in a few weeks, they were convinced it was something they needed to do. They told their families about their intentions over Easter weekend.

On May 1, they put their home up for sale; it sold the same day. They bought a camper and adopted 5-month-old Shadow from a neighbor. They had wanted a dog before but hadn't had time to take care of one.

They set aside $25,000 for travel; they would go as far as that would take them.

In June 2000, they pulled out of Overland Park, Kan. Not long into the trip, reality returned. At the first stop, about 150 miles into the trip, Bert returned to the truck cab, stunned by rising gas prices. They'd spent $45 and barely gotten into Missouri. He told Theresa he wasn't sure if they had thought this trip through.

"I about fell out of the truck," Theresa says.

Their concerns soon eased; their lives wound down. They kept journals. They chatted with locals and fellow travelers. They took Shadow on walks through the woods. They have scrapbooks and albums filled with mementos and photos of their journey — prairie dogs in Nebraska, elk in South Dakota, whales off the Alaskan coast.

They traveled cheaply and simply — stopping at grocery stores to stock up on food and camping mostly at state and national parks. They learned that Wal-Mart parking lots also provide a friendly place for overnight stays.

Along the way, they visited friends all over the United States — Ohio, Michigan, Montana, Alaska and North Carolina. Before the trip was over, the Shermans had crisscrossed North America, heading first up to Alaska, then south along the West Coast. They crossed the continental United States to Florida and drove along the East Coast for fall.

"Every day we would wake up and say, 'Where do you want to go?'" Theresa says.

After a year on the road, the Shermans landed in Wyoming and decided it was time to find work again. "We felt fulfilled," Theresa says. "We were ready to come back."

They also were running out of money in their travel fund.

In the fall of 2001, Bert applied for a job at a Grand Rapids engineering firm, where he still works.

Theresa landed a job in marketing and customer service with a furniture maker in Grand Rapids. Three months after getting the job, she quit.

"It was structure and I didn't like that," Theresa says. "I wanted to be outside. I wanted to be with Shadow."

On a typical day now, Theresa takes Shadow for a walk, cleans the house, goes to the grocery store and prepares their meals. She takes care of the errands that used to fill their weekends and weeknights.

She also takes art lessons from a neighbor and attends a weekly scripture and current affairs class at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Theresa does temp work at times, but the Shermans decided they could get by on one full-time salary.

Before the trip, they had a combined six-figure income. They're making half what they were before, but they say they enjoy their lives more.

They spend less money. They drive used cars, a 1997 Mercury Villager and a 2001 Ford F150. They live in a smaller house, a 1,900-square-foot Cape Cod-style home, in a smaller city, Grand Rapids. And they don't bother keeping up with the latest fashion trends.

"I wear a lot of T-shirts and sweats," Theresa says. "Jeans is dressing up for me."

The Shermans spend more time together. Bert comes home for lunch most days. Theresa makes them cold-cut sandwiches. She usually has dinner in the oven when Bert comes home from work, so they have time for an evening walk. They order pizza at least once a week, although Theresa has become picky lately about toppings: She's in the early stages of pregnancy with their first child. Now a plain cheese pizza is most palatable to her.

A pot of fresh flowers sits on their kitchen table. Bert brought them home the other day as a pick-me-up.

The Shermans say they're glad they took the sabbatical. "Now, just having a roof over my head and having a wife and dog and a baby on the way, that's all I need," Bert says.

Theresa says she never thought she'd want to be a stay-at-home wife or mom, but she's changed her outlook on life. "I don't want to go back to the high-stress, fast-paced world," she says. "Now, my goal is to do what makes us happy."

### A short respite from work may be what you need

**A long leave** of absence isn't necessary, but many experts suggest two weeks away is the minimum needed. Here is some advice on how to use that time wisely.

**Negotiate:** If your company doesn't have a formal sabbatical program, talk with your employer about creating your own. Consider stacking existing vacation time or taking an unpaid leave. Quitting your job should be the last option.

**Get back to nature:** Take a hike through the woods. Check into a spa. Immerse yourself in a natural environment. Nature has a soothing affect.

**Meditate:** Make time each day to clear your mind. A half-hour of quiet time can help relieve stress and give you a new perspective.

**Exercise:** The burned-out feeling isn't all in your mind. Your body is suffering, too. Regular exercise will improve your physical and mental health.

**Keep a journal:** Write down your thoughts each day. Be honest about what you're feeling and going through.

**Disconnect:** Turn off the cell phone. Don't check e-mail. Get rid of the noise in your life. The company will survive without you for a couple of weeks.

**Reconnect:** Take time to visit with friends who've been pushed out of your life by a busy work schedule. Surround yourself with positive people.

**Prioritize:** Make a list of the things you like to do. Make a list of the things you don't like to do. Make a promise to do more of the things you like and less of the things you don't like.

**Keep it going:** You don't have to figure out your whole life. The sabbatical is simply a way to move in the right direction. Once the sabbatical is over, make time on a regular basis to reassess your life and career.

# Time off, small steps can reveal your true happiness

By Joe Guy Collier
Knight Ridder News Service

In an overworked, fast-paced world, many employees are yearning for time off.

"I think there is pent-up frustration," says Mary Lou Quinlan, author of "Time Off for Good Behavior" (Broadway Books, $23.95). "There's a huge appetite. The economy of the last few years has kept people in jobs they hated."

Quinlan and others suggest a short sabbatical could be what many people need to renew their zest for life. With the new year started and vacation days still left, this may be the prime time to plan a getaway, they say.

Sabbaticals are typically thought of as part of the academic world. A seasoned college professor might take a semester off from teaching. Sabbaticals, though, aren't just for academics. Workers in all fields are taking time away from their jobs to travel the world, hike the Appalachian Trail or relax at a spa.

Few businesses offer employees formal sabbatical programs. Only about 2 percent of U.S. companies have them, according to an annual survey conducted by Hewitt Associates, a global human resources consulting and outsourcing firm based in the Chicago suburbs.

Companies have stayed away from sabbaticals because it's difficult to cover the work of an employee on extended leave, says Jon Van Cleve, a time-off and work-life consultant with Hewitt. However, more companies are asking how to create sabbaticals or give employees extra time off to unwind, he says.

In the new five years, Van Cleve expects these programs to grow.

Companies are finding that time off can be an important benefit for attracting and retaining employees, especially in high-stress fields such as information technology, legal services, accounting and consulting. Companies also are finding that a rested employee is a more productive employee.

"When that employee returns, they get a newly recharged employee where their mind is clear and they're ready to embrace new ideas and concepts," Van Cleve says.

Formal or not, experts say people can create their own sabbatical programs. They can stack vacation time together or ask for an unpaid leave. If the time is used wisely, a few weeks away from work can make a big difference.

Six years ago, Quinlan took five weeks off from her job as an advertising executive to sort out her life. She eventually left her job as CEO of a large New York advertising company and started her own smaller marketing firm, Just Ask a Woman.

Her book chronicles the stories of 37 other women who took some type of sabbatical. The experiences varied but they had common bonds, Quinlan says.

Sabbaticals aren't a time to sit on the couch, watch soap operas and eat chocolates, she says. Most of the women used the time off to exercise and meditate. They spent time outdoors and started a journal. In her time off, Quinlan took up salsa dancing and visited the classroom of a friend who teaches poetry to elementary-school children.

Before a sabbatical is over, Quinlan suggests that people make two lists: one filled with what they love to do and what they're good at; a second filled with what they hate to do and what they're not so good at.

"Be honest with yourself and think beyond your day-to-day job," Quinlan says. "You might find there are some passions or talents that you've had for a long time and put aside."

On a daily basis, the staff at Lake Austin Spa Resort in Texas tends to clients looking for a renewed outlook on life. Most people don't take enough time to slow down and think about their lives, says Deborah Kern, the spa's executive director of lifestyle enrichment.

A few days away from work can help people relax, but at least two weeks off is necessary for lasting change, Kern says. "It takes people about three or four days just to wind down," she says.

Spending time in nature is an important first step, Kern says. Natural settings have a calming affect.

She often encourages guests to keep a journal, writing with the nondominant hand. It forces them to take their time and think about what they're writing.

Yoga also is a useful activity, allowing people to clear their minds and move their bodies. "Stress is not just in people's minds," Kern says. "Stress is also in their bodies."

When they go back home, Kern suggests clients simplify their lives. Clean out the garage, cut down on activities and quit watching so much television, she tells them.

"They start looking at what they could cut out that's not necessary," she says. "Before they came, they thought everything was necessary. ... They find that if they just turn off the television, it gives them more hours each day."

Even if someone can't get away to a spa, people can start taking small steps to refresh their lives, says Pamela Ammondson, author of "Clarity Quest: How to Take a Sabbatical Without Taking More Than a Week Off" (Fireside, $15.95).

For starters, learn how to get away from work, Ammondson says. Stop checking company voice mail and e-mail from home. If someone can't afford a vacation, they can just tell everyone they're leaving town and stay home for a weekend, she says.

During the sabbatical, Ammondson instructs people to identify the activities in their lives that drain their energy and those that replenish their energy. They then need to make a conscious effort to spend more time on those activities that give them positive energy.

Once people get back to work, she encourages them to find ways to keep the sabbatical going. Every three or four months, they should set aside a day or weekend to renew themselves.

On a daily basis, she also encourages people to take what she calls "seven-minute sabbaticals." Use a short break at work to listen to soothing music or put up a poster with a calming image.

Instead of eating lunch at their desk, people should get up and take a walk. "You could go to a flower shop, art gallery or museum — some place that transforms your frenzied mind into a place of serenity," Ammondson says.

If people take time out, they'll be more productive and make better decisions, she says. "They may decide to pursue a new career or position, but many find they simply need a new outlook on the job they already have.

# Contrary to public opinion

## An easier financial life is not as unlikely as it might seem

By Pamela Yip
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — That impenetrable pile of checkbooks, bills and brokerage statements on your desk is trying to intimidate you.

You know your finances are too complex and that efficiency would save time and money. But the pile likes being a pile, and it's telling you to back off.

Don't give in. If you can take control of your finances, your investment of time and money will return dividends in both for decades to come.

It's all about simplifying.

With technology — such as automatic bill-paying, direct deposit and computerized budgets — you can take a lot of the drudgery out of your financial chores.

By working with an adviser to develop a comprehensive financial plan and by reducing the number of accounts you have, you can gain a better picture of your situation so that all your efforts keep you moving in the right direction.

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> – Lance Alston, certified financial planner

The pile wants you to think it's always working in your best interests. But that's not so, either.

Take investing, for example. Studies show mutual funds that simply follow an index do better on average than more complicated, managed funds.

"Society seems to view those who have a simple, nonhectic life as people who are not successful, retired, or frankly, just not motivated to improve their lives," says Bryan Clintsman of Clintsman Financial Planning in Southlake, Texas.

That's just the pile talking.

Simplifying your financial life isn't rocket science, but you shouldn't throw up your hands and think that things will somehow fall into place.

"Simplifying is not a quick task," says Lance Alston, a partner and certified financial planner at JWA Financial Group in Dallas. "There's analysis and research, and most people don't have the patience or the disposition it requires to get to the end result."

But it can be done. You have to actively set out to simplify your financial life. Here are ways to get started:

Have a financial plan.

You'd be surprised at how much it will simplify your finances. Lay out your current resources, your goals and what steps you will take to achieve them.

"The easiest way to simplify your financial life is to figure out what your priorities are," says Lawrance. "Then behave like they're your priorities."

Alex Booras can attest to that.

"By setting financial goals, we were able to keep fairly good control over what we did," says Booras, who with his wife, Jane, have taken steps to cut the fat out of their financial life.

Setting financial targets can also make hitting nonfinancial targets possible.

"We have two finite resources: time and money, and we're going to run out of one or the other," Alex Booras says.

For the Boorases, Plano, Texas, business owners, simplifying their financial life meant defining their priorities in the social, mental, physical, spiritual and financial arenas.

"How much time can we allocate to family stuff?" Alex Booras says. "What do we do to bring income up to speed to get where we want to be? It's not really complex stuff. It's simple."

The Boorases decided to buy a stationary bicycle instead of spending money on health club dues.

That's part of their plan to maintain their physical health, as well as their financial health.

"Have we saved money? Yes," Alex Booras says. "Have we saved time? Yes."

Take a financial inventory.

That includes looking at your *income, expenses, bank and retirement accounts* and Social Security benefits.

"Do you have a will? Do you have a living will?" Alex Booras asks. "Do you have long-term care insurance?"

Use debit cards to pay bills.

They're quicker than writing a paper check. Just make sure you have sufficient funds in your bank account and record the debit so you're not overdrawn.

Automate financial transactions.

Pay your routine bills by having the money automatically drafted from your bank account.

Again, make sure you have the money in your account and that you record the transactions.

The Boorases like using online bill-paying.

"We can preprogram 75 percent of our recurring bills and transfer money to the account that pays the bills when and as it's necessary to do so," Booras says. "That way, we keep our cash flow balance manageable."

Reduce your accounts.

"One major credit card is all anyone needs, and this also reduces the chances of your identity being stolen and improves your credit score," says Clintsman.

Consider bundling.

Think about combining services, such as local and long-distance phone service, Internet and cable TV.

Organize your personal papers.

"Set up an organization structure for your important papers," Clintsman says. "Most people develop a paper clutter in their homes because they don't have a proper place to file important papers as they come in the mail."

Set up folders for all accounts.

Get rid of the documents you don't need.

Many people keep bills, bank statements, receipts and canceled checks and other documents far longer than necessary.

"It's reasonable to keep your deposit, credit card, ATM and debit card receipts until the transaction appears on your statement and you've verified that the information is accurate," according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Save credit card and bank account statements for about a year if they don't have tax or other long-term significance, the FDIC says.

"The rest you should maintain up to seven years," the agency says.

If documents involve the purchase or sale of investments, keep them for as long as you own the investment.

Be sure to shred unwanted documents containing personal information.

Use direct deposit for your paycheck, pension or Social Security benefits.

You'll get your money faster and you won't have to worry about thieves stealing your check.

Put savings on auto-pilot.

Arrange to have a certain amount automatically transferred each month to a bank or investment account. That will save you from having to write a check and fosters savings discipline.

Consider keeping your budget on a spreadsheet.

"For several years, I have been developing spreadsheets that are customized to my finances," says

Rich Hatcher, a retired electrical engineer in Plano, Texas. "The main reason is that I understand exactly what is in these, and I can modify them for my needs."

# Rise of the pod people

## Internet audio craze spurs a 'narrowcasting' land grab

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The runaway popularity of blogging, which has turned everyday people into online news outlets, caught the media establishment off guard. The industry is trying not to make the same mistake with podcasting — which lets nearly anyone "broadcast" on the Internet.

Everyone from Disney to Newsweek to National Public Radio is now offering podcasts, and Apple Computer, late last month made it a whole lot easier to find them and download them to iPods.

While profits remain elusive, there's a bigger prize out there — the company that manages to become the go-to Web site for podcasts could gain enough leverage to strike favorable deals with proven content providers, and generate cash by charging for subscriptions and advertising.

Podcasts are recorded audio files, distributed via Internet download. They can be stored on computers or digital music players and played back whenever the listener chooses. Like bloggers, podcasters can sound off on whatever they please — from politics and religion to gladiolas and glass-blowing.

For now, podcasts are mostly talk — the complexities of the music-licensing business make it exceedingly difficult to legally include songs in the audio files. Podcasting isn't likely to explode in popularity until companies figure out how to guarantee that music owners get paid.

But as tens of thousands of podcasters seek audiences, a growing number of companies are trying to make sense of what's out there and become magnets for the best of it. They include not just Apple but also Podcastalley.com, Podcast.net and as of last weekend, another startup — Odeo.com.

In Odeo's newly renovated loft across the street from the Giants' ballpark, Evan Williams and his first nine employees have hustled to launch the beta version, which creates directories of podcasts for downloading and provides studio-quality sound tools for podcasters to use.

Odeo encourages podcasters to upload their shows on its site. Recognizing that one of the main complaints about podcasting is the difficulty of finding them, Odeo organizes the shows by genre. Odeo's headings includes arts, food, religion, sex, and technology. There is even one called "weird."

To help listeners discover new shows, Odeo employees scour the site for the best and display their recommendations on the "Featured Channels" page.

### Podcasting radio your way

Podcasting, the distribution of radio-style content over the Internet usually by MP3, is quickly gaining notice. Podcasts, which derive their name from Apple's popular MP3 player and varying widely in quality, are downloaded and listened to later.

**Podcasting audio**

**Record and publish** A compressed audio file, such as MP3, is recorded and posted to the Internet using a language called RSS*

**Subscribe Users** subscribe to RSS feeds through Apple's iTunes or a news aggregator

Files are automatically downloaded when updated

**Listen** audio files are loaded onto an MP3 player or heard through the computer's speakers

* Really Simple Syndication; any file type can be enclosed including video, MP3 is ideal for downloading audio because of its small file size

SOURCES: iPodder.org; Apple Computer Inc. AP

Williams, who co-founded Blogger.com before selling it off to Google three years ago, is enough of a believer in podcasts to bankroll Odeo out of his own pocket. And while he won't say exactly how he plans to make a profit, he says charging for premium content or for access to digital recording tools is a possibility.

Gaining legal access to popular music may be what's needed for podcasting to become profitable. Without music, skeptics doubt there is any money in it.

"There is no easy way to license music legally for podcasts," says Fred von Lohmann, an attorney for the online civil liberties group Electronic Frontier Foundation. "You have to clear the rights, one song at a time, from record labels and artists and that's a painful process."

> "The explosion for podcasting hasn't happened yet. It takes off the second that someone gets the music rights."
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> **– Ruth Seymour, general manager for radio station KCRW in Los Angeles**

Williams, however, is optimistic: "If podcasting finds a large enough audience, the money will come."

Already, some podcasters are willing to pay for superior tools, according to Matt Galligan, who hosts a podcast called "The Spotlight" that promotes music from unsigned and little-known artists.

"If you don't have good audio quality, people won't listen to you," he said.

Podcast Alley is a typical Internet bootstrap operation, prized by fans of Internet "narrowcasting" not just for its podcast selection but also for free tools and tips.

Launched in November and featuring 4,100 podcasts, it has just one employee: founder Chris McIntyre, a 26-year-old programmer from Nashville, Tenn.

McIntyre says the number of podcasts has tripled in the past three months on his site and he's already begun selling enough ads to cover his expenses.

"Podcasts appeal to niche markets that can help advertisers zero in on their target audience," he said, adding that a podcast dedicated to endurance sports has received money from Gatorade for plugging the sports drink during the show.

In another sign that podcasting is attracting advertisers, Toyota has agreed to underwrite all the podcasts for Los Angeles-based radio station KCRW for six months in exchange for a 10-second mention in each of the shows, said Ruth Seymour, KCRW's general manager.

If anyone is positioned to win big on podcasting, it's Apple, which added an iPod directory that features more than 3,000 podcasts to the company's iTunes music-download site on June 28. Apple said more than a million podcasts were downloaded in the first two days the service was active.

With its marketing muscle and customer base — 16 million iPods sold — Apple has the clout and connections to strike deals to obtain music rights and collect licensing fees from podcasters wishing to become Web disc jockeys.

But it had better act fast.

NPR is negotiating with the music industry for podcasting rights as are other media companies, according to Seymour, whose station receives some of its programming from NPR.

She is eager for such a deal. Without one, KCRW is prevented from recording podcasts for shows that include music. That means fans of the popular "Morning Becomes Eclectic" must wait until music rights are obtained.

"The explosion for podcasting hasn't happened yet," said Seymour. "It takes off the second that someone gets the music rights."

AP photo

Evan Williams, founder and CEO of Odeo, poses with a screen showing his company's site at his offices in San Francisco, June 30. 'If podcasting finds a large enough audience, the money will come,' said Williams, co-founder of Odeo, a San Francisco-based podcast directory expected to launch this month.

AP photo

Podcaster John Wall, displays his personal data assistant he uses as he records 'The M Show' during his commute to work July 5 in Natick, Mass. Dozens of major companies now offer podcasts, and Apple Computer, Inc. has just made it easier to hear them on portable music players – generating more than a million downloads in just two days.

## You, too, can be a podcaster

**Product review**

BOSTON (AP) — My introduction to podcasting — the convergence of iPods, broadcasting and the time-shifting that TiVo popularized — came when Apple's iTunes recently began making podcasts available for download.

I realized that nearly anybody can make and distribute a podcast. Got the moxie to upstage Howard Stern? Outrap Eminem? Scoop Nina Totenberg?

All you really need to record and offer the public your own podcast — after all, it's just an audio file — is a computer, a microphone and the Internet. Digital voice recorders are optional.

You also should probably have something to say.

I'm 22, just out of college, and don't expect to be the next Garrison Keillor. But I was intrigued by the idea and sampled the menu of podcasts out there. Some sounded as if they'd been recorded on a walkie-talkie, others like they came out of professional studios.

Podcast topics range from the latest in gadgets to fine wines. There's some incredibly polished scripted entertainment and storytelling, and traditional media is now jumping in on the genre.

I started simple. I'd do a two-minute podcast about making a podcast.

OK, but how?

Theoretically, the process is simple: record a sound file and upload it to the Web. After that, anyone can download your podcast for listening on a computer or portable music player.

First you have to capture the audio. I used my two-year-old Dell laptop, though the recording equipment used by podcasters varies widely. Some spend hundreds on high-end microphones and sound editing software.

I spent $13 for a basic microphone.

Ten minutes after I got home with it, the mike was plugged into my computer's audio input jack and I was ready to start talking.

But with no sound-editing program on my personal computer, I had no way of saving the words.

I'd lately been consorting with podcasters, who recommended podcastalley.com. It's got comprehensive lists of podcasts and resources. I checked out ipodder.org and podcast.net, too. Both had plenty of podcasts listed but few resources for novices like me.

Sure enough, podcast alley.com had the best tips for beginners, including a link to free sound-editing software I could download.

Audacity, the best free program I could find, worked seamlessly with my mike and offered lots more features than I would need, including the option of using mulidple tracks (in case I wanted to fade music in and out, for example). Audacity is available for both Windows and Mac OS X.

I also needed a way to distribute my podcast to the world — at no cost to me — once I was done recording it.

Several free hosting options exist, but some I tried either didn't load reliably or looked unprofessional.

I settled for podblaze.com. It has a simple design, quick registration and the uploading was a breeze.

Now all I had to do was record my podcast.

Two minutes later, I had a sound file. My $13 microphone produced astoundingly good sound quality.

Audacity had automatically formatted the sound in a file type unique to the program. It took some maneuvering to convert the file to MP3, the industry standard. I had to download a small file so that Audacity could handle the task.

After that, I was set and transferred to file to the Web.

Three minutes later, my podcast was on podblaze.com. I coerced a friend in New York to listen, just to make sure everything was working. It was. I even earned a compliment for my "on-air voice."

I had started small.

Podcasters seeking more exposure can submit podcasts to iTunes or Odeo.com and get listed in their directories of shows. The more ambitious can also automate the upload process if they want to make a regular habit out of this.

As for me, I'm not sure I have enough to say to become a serial podcaster.

Shall I return the $13 mike?

## New computer? Turn the old one into a charitable donation

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — If a new computer is on your wish list this holiday, you might think about donating your old model to charity.

Making a noncash computer donation allows you to reclaim some value from older electronic equipment and take a deduction on your income taxes. But like other noncash donations, giving up your computer isn't as easy as hauling your hardware to the nearest Goodwill. Here are some guidelines to follow:

Before you donate, assess the value of your computer. You can find the value by checking Internet auction Web sites or even computer manufacturer Web sites. You can also pay $4 for an appraisal by Orion Blue Book, an industry authority on market values, at www.orionbluebook.com.

Deductions are valid only for gifts to a recognized charity, meaning it has IRS approval to register as a tax-exempt organization. Before you donate, check out the charity at www.charitynavigator.com.

> Be sure to get a receipt for your donation from the charity. You'll need it to take the deduction come tax time.

You might also check out The Used Computer Mall at www.usedcomputer.com. The Web site lists charities that accept new or used computer equipment. It also provides recycling guidelines in case your computer is a real dinosaur — too old to go anywhere but the recycling bin.

Remember to erase all the files from your computer's hard drive before you donate. At best, others will laugh at the poetry and e-mails you saved. At worst, you could be a victim of identity theft. Look for so-called disk-cleaning software, which will clear your computer's hard drive.

Be sure to get a receipt for your donation from the charity. You'll need it to take the deduction come tax time.

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# More Generation Xers supervise older workers

By Jordan Robertson
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The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Visitors to Starwood Montessori School in Frisco, Texas, might mistake 27-year-old Anita Khandpur for one of its energetic, young teachers.

But her youthful appearance belies her credentials. Khandpur is the entrepreneur who founded the school five years ago and now directs its 40-member staff and 300 students.

"The hardest thing about working with so many people and being so young is that you always need to prove yourself," she said. "In my mind, I'm 40."

*An axiom of business* has been that authority comes with age. But that's changing.

Employees too young for wrinkles or midlife bulges are joining the management ranks and supervising workers who may have been born decades before them.

Demographics and cost-cutting are at the heart of the role reversal.

As the first of 76 million baby boomers leave the work force, either because they retire or are laid off in favor of younger and cheaper employees, businesses are beginning to stem the brain drain by grooming younger workers for management.

Other boomers have no plans to settle into rocking chairs and are launching second careers. When they do, they may find themselves reporting to someone as young as their children.

"Demographic changes are the biggest employee-relations issue today, and generational issues are very high on the list," said Keith Greene, a spokesman for the Society for Human Resource Management.

Experts say workplace conflict is almost unavoidable.

"It's going to be hard for older workers to adjust," said Alex Ramsey, president of LodeStar *Universal, a Dallas-based management consulting company.* "They truck along for years. Then suddenly, someone younger is over them. They worry they'll be tossed aside."

Younger bosses may feel frustrated and anxious.

Many young people are entering the work force with high expectations about how quickly they will reach the top of an organization.

Flush with ambition and opportunities, some start their own businesses. Others job-hop until they get the promotion they believe they deserve.

When they reach the corner office, they worry older workers won't take them seriously, Ramsey said.

Yet few companies are coaching younger bosses on managing older workers, says Mel Fugate, an assistant professor of management at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business.

"They're horribly behind on this," he said.

Fugate teaches professional MBA students in their late 20s and early 30s who are already supervising older workers. He also speaks from personal experience, having been a manager in his 20s.

"Working for someone younger will become quite common," he said. "The trends are clear."

Experts say some companies shy away from the topic out of concern they'll appear to be discriminating based on age. Other businesses don't see a need yet for formal training programs.

Terry Howard, Texas Instruments' diversity director, said that he sees "more evidence" of younger bosses managing older workers but that it's not a pressing issue at the company.

Employees bring up generational issues only in casual conversations, he said.

Still, a cottage industry of generational consultants is betting just the opposite.

"This is as white-hot as a business topic can get," said Chuck Underwood, president of the Generational Imperative, which counsels companies on managing age differences.

For the first time, he says, four generations are active and critical to the American work force — the Silent Generation (ages 60 to 72), baby boomers (ages 40 to 59), Generation Xers (ages 25 to 39) and Millennials (24 and under).

Each brings its own values to the job that employers need to recognize and account for, he said.

"It's imperative that companies understand these generational differences so they can be bridged," Underwood said. "Businesses that get it will flourish — those that don't will flounder."

Generational consultant Claire Raines expects sparks to fly as more boomers begin working for thirtysomething bosses.

She says boomers define themselves by their work and tend to put in long hours. Generation Xers, by contrast, want a better balance between work and the rest of their lives. When they arrive on the job, it's not the time put in that matters, she said. It's the results.

"Generation X bosses won't be impressed by boomers' long hours — they'll be looking at what their employees produce," Raines said. "Meanwhile, boomers won't understand why their younger bosses are leaving the office at 5 o'clock."

On the other hand, she said she expects Millennials to have no difficulty supervising boomers when they reach the management ranks in the next decade.

"Both generations have positive attitudes — they should get along just fine," Raines said.

Many young bosses suggest that acknowledging the age gap forthrightly and embracing older employees' experience are crucial to supervising older workers.

"Mutual trust and respect is key," said James Appleton, 27, executive vice president of the Dallas office of Mad River Post, a national video post-production company. He manages a staff of nine producers and assistants, most of whom are older than he is.

"They have to trust that I'll listen to their suggestions and try to make calculated decisions accordingly," he said. "And I have to respect that they're experts in their field."

Khandpur, who has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in education, says her advice for young bosses boils down to two simple tips: Get *your credentials and know what* you're talking about.

"Doing those two things will move the conversation past age pretty quickly," she said.

It worked when Manuela Behm, 47, applied for a teaching job at the Montessori school. She says she was startled to learn that her boss would be 20 years younger.

"When I met Anita for my interview, I said to myself, 'I'm going to be led by a child!'" Behm said. "But after listening to her, I concluded she was very mature for her age."

Judy Stark, a 62-year-old employee at the State Bank in Carrollton, Texas, says older workers with younger bosses sometimes develop a chip on their shoulders.

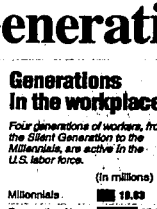
"Their defeatist attitude then turns into a self-fulfilling prophecy," she said. "They'd be better off if they just had an optimistic outlook about work."

Stark says she enjoys working for and with younger employers because it keeps her on her toes. At the same time, she says, she feels as though she's teaching them.

"I've had a lifetime of experiences with people, and that helps in dealing with customers," she said.

## Generations In the workplace

*Four generations of workers, from the Silent Generation to the Millennials, are active in the U.S. labor force.*

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## The generation gap

By Jordan Robertson
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Boomers and Xers don't see eye to eye:

Boomers say Xers: Aren't loyal; have no work ethic; aren't committed; are self-centered; have no respect.

Xers say boomers: Are too political; don't practice what they preach; are workaholics; need validation; are self-righteous.

*How the generations can* bridge the gap:

Xers should: Show respect for boomers' experience; take some time and get to know boomers as people; call boomers by name and check in with them ("How was your ski trip?"); choose face-to-face conversation when possible.

Boomers should: Get to the point (Xers prefer a straightforward approach); avoid cliche and hyperbole; use e-mail when it's appropriate.

*Source: Claire Raines Associates*

## Some traits of each generation

**Silent Generation:** 49 million, born between 1933 and 1945

**Formative events, trends:** Great Depression and World War II

**Personality traits:** Disciplined, self-sacrificing, cautious

**Boomers:** 77 million, born between 1946 and 1964

**Formative events, trends:** economic prosperity, stay-at-home moms, the Vietnam War

**Personality traits:** Optimistic, driven, team-oriented

**Generation X:** 59 million, born between 1965 and 1980

**Formative events and trends:** Watergate, Iran-contra scandal, latchkey kids

**Personality traits:** Skeptical, unimpressed with authority, self-reliant

**Millennials:** 80 million, born after 1980

**Formative events, trends:** End of Cold War, rise of Internet, child-centered families

**Personality traits:** Confident, hopeful, goal-oriented, civic-minded, inclusive

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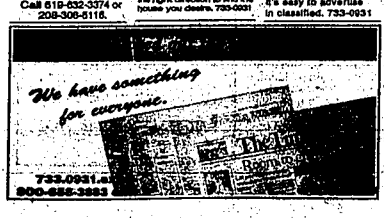


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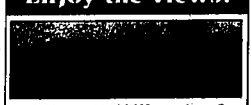

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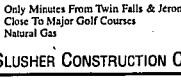

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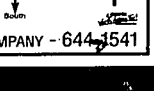


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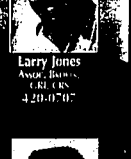

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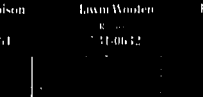

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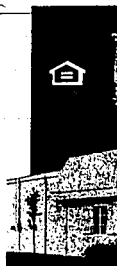

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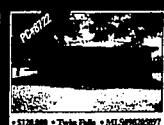

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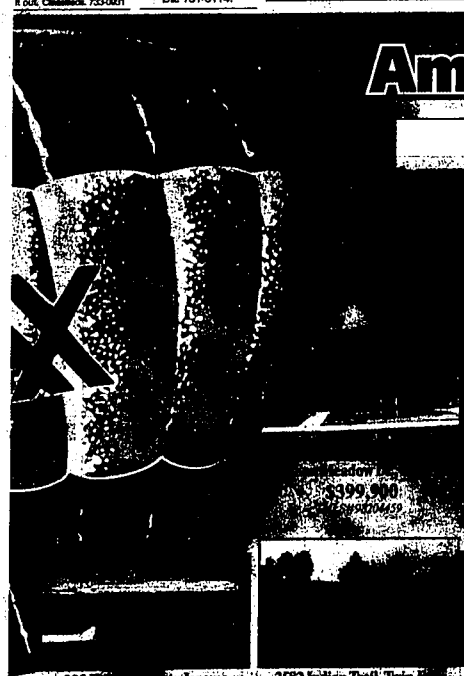

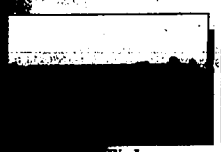

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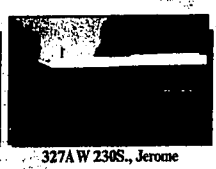

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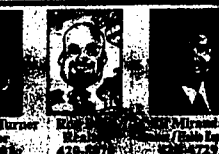

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PUBLISH: July 7 and 17, 2005

**NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE**

United States of America, Plaintiff vs Theron Griffin, et al,
Civil No. CV-04-062-E-BLW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of August 2005, at 10:00 AM of said day, on the front steps of the Minidoka County Courthouse, Rupert, Idaho, the United States Marshal will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described chattel property (contact Farmers Home Administration for a complete list) to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of 10% of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $44,830.00 with the market value of $71,700.00. If you have any questions, contact Farm Service Agency, at (208) 436-4777.

PUBLISH: July 17, 24 and 31, 2005

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T.S. No. 200403872-23461 Loan No. 5029830 On 10/11/2005 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Exhibit A Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 13; Beginning at the Northeast corner of the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 13; thence West along the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 485 feet; thence South parallel with the East line of the NE1/4SE1/4 1000 feet; thence East 485 feet parallel with the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 to a point in the East line of said NE1/4SE1/4; thence North 1000 feet along the East line to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom: A Parcel of Land described as all that portion of NE1/4SE1/4, Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, lying Northerly from the centerline of the Twin Falls Canal Company's Lateral No. 10. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 4431 North 900 East, Buhl, Idaho 83316 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robert L. Scovel and Karen M. Scovel, husband and wife, as grantors, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Norwest Mortgage Inc. now know as Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 07/15/1999, and recorded on 07/22/1999, as Instrument No. 199901370?, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 07/15/1999. The monthly installments for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of 843.94, due per month for the months of 9/1/2004 through 1/26/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is $102,014.48, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from 08/01/2004. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Meimet Default Services fka The Law Offices of Steven J. Meimet, 1820 E. First Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705 Sale Information: 916-387-7728, Reinstatement and Payoff requests: 714-543-8373 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 6-1-05 First American Title Insurance Company By: Kathleen M. Mayerle, Asst Sec ASAP707751

PUBLISH: July 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2005

**NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE**

**United States of America, Plaintiff vs Theron Griffin, et al.,**
Civil No. CV-04-062-E-BLW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of August 2005, at 10:00 AM of said day, on the front steps of the Minidoka County Courthouse, Rupert, Idaho, the United States Marshal will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following described real property (approx. 124 acre farm) to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of 10% of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid with 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be $141,083.00 with the market value of $170,000.00. If you have any questions, contact Farm Service Agency, at (208) 436-4777.
Legal Description: TBS, R24E, BM
Tract No. 1: Sections 20 and 21: That part of Farm Unit C, Tract C, which lies in Section 21 of the Northside Pumping Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho.
Tract No. 2: Sections 20 and 21: That part of Farm Unit C, Tract C, which lies in Section 20 of the Northside Pumping Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho.

PUBLISH: July 17, 24 and 31, 2005

**NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE**

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Civil No. CV-04-062-E-BLW

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Legal Description: TBS, R24E, BM
Tract No. 3: Lot 2 in block 3 of the Countryside, Inc., addition to the City of Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho.

PUBLISH: July 17, 24 and 31, 2005

**FOUND** Dog in South Hills. Young, red, male, hound. Call 208-423-6304.

**LOST** puppy, Border Collie 4 month old black female. 3400 N. 2300 E. South of Filer. Call 208-326-4659.

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**LOST** Dog at East Magic Reservoir on Monday 7-11. Have you seen me? Answers to "Petey". Mom and dad are very sad. Substantial reward offer. Call 208-481-2323, 208-481-1304 or 208-788-0022 ask for Leonard.

**LOST** Cat, all gray neutured male, 6 years old, in vicinity of Oregon Trail Elementary. 732-5829 or 733-2946

**LOST** cat, Siamese male, 500 East, Rupert area. 431-6869.

**LOST** Chihuahua, black, female, white belly, missing rear. Maiden Pizza. Call 208-732-8486

**LOST** dog, 2 year old male Cocker Spaniel on 2nd St. in Rupert. Answers to "Rowdy". Has reddish-brown, leather collar. Special friend, please help us find him. Call 208-436-4428, 431-8322 or 431-4428.

**LOST** Glasses in green case, prescription trifocals, vicinity of First Federal on Kimberly Rd. Reward! Please call 733-9239.

**LOST** gray water tank from a motor home between Jerblige and Rogerson. Call 208-543-2200.

**LOST** Ferret near Eden & 4th Ave. West. If found please call 208-734-0387.

**LOST** Pomeranian, white, wearing blue collar, recently shaved, blind in one eye. Vicinity of Wisemen Ave. 736-8010.

**LOST** Schnauzer/Shih-Tzu X, tan colored, male, young pup. Call 948-9191 or 733-0739

**LOST** turtle on Adell St. in Filer on Wed. 7/06. Cal 308-6252.

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Attn: HR; or mail: American Red Cross, 404 S. 8th St, Suite 232 Boise, ID 83702. EOE
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**CHOOSE A CAREER WITH US**
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Be a Correctional Officer and make a difference working with offenders to help them succeed. As a Correctional Officer you will safely manage offenders, provide opportunities for offenders to change, participate in treatment programs, and foster dignity and respect to successfully return these individuals to their communities
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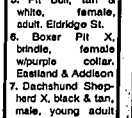

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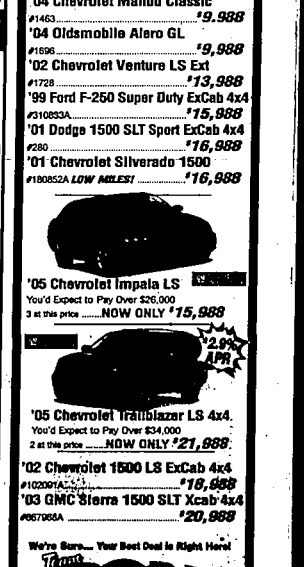

**CUSTODIAN**
Filer school district is taking applications for two full-time Custodians. Experience desired. There is a 60 working day probation period, upon completion you are entitled to the following benefits; health insurance, vacation (10 days per year) and sick days(on per month). Starting pay is $8.34/hr DOE. Closing date for these positions will be open until filled.
To apply contact
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Filer School Dist #413
700 B. Stevens Ave.
Filer, ID 83328 or
208-326-5981

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The Times-News has an opening for a
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This posting must be able to handle multiple responsibilities.
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**CUSTOMER SERVICE**
Must have office, phone and computer skills. Bilingual preferred. Fax resume to 208-734-2299.

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**DENTAL**
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**DRIVERS**
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Must have experience in farm pickup & delivery. *Send resume to PO Box 137 Jerome, ID 83338*
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**DRIVERS**
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**EDITOR**
Magic Valley Publishing has an opening for a full-time editor at the *North Side News* in Jerome. Must be available to work some evening and weekend hours. Writing experience necessary. Will cover local news and events in Jerome County. Salary will be based on experience. Excellent benefits package available. Send resume to 133 East Main, Jerome Idaho 83338 or email norma@mvtrib.com

**EDUCATION**
Filer School District announces the following vacancy for the 2005-2006 school year:
**Assistant Volleyball Coach-**
Filer High School.
The required method of applying is a formal application available at the Filer District office and three letters of reference. This position will be open until filled. To apply contact Sandra Roberts, Filer School District, 208-326-5981.

**DRIVERS**
**OTR Drivers needed.** Wages DOE. Fuel and Safety Bonuses benefits available
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**EDUCATION**
Preschool Teacher position avail. in Ketchum for 05-06 school year. Early Childhood or teaching degree & exp. req. Competitive pay. Call Amanda at 725-0545

**EDUCATION**
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Wage commensurate with education and experience. Apply at 324 Hansen St. Twin Falls, Closes July 20, 2005 EOE.

**EDUCATION**
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**Middle And High School Math**
Full-time The position would include working with small group and whole classroom instruction. Bilingual preferred, some Spanish a must.
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Must be able to do high school curriculum.
An application may be requested by contacting the District Office at 208-829-5333.
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

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**Full-time.**
**$17.25/hr starting**
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Requires State certification as a licensed electrician including four years as a journeyman electrician and the ability to obtain certification as an electrical inspector within 12 months of appointment.
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EOE/AA Employer.

**ELECTRICIAN**
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**FORKLIFT**
Full-time forklift operators needed for swing and grave shifts. Must have a valid drivers license and at least 2 years experience operating in a warehouse environment. Apply in person at American Staffing, 1025 Shoshone Street #3, or call 734-6452 for more information.

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**FARM**
Experienced irrigator & farm laborer. Call 326-4545 or 539-9473.*

**FEEDLOT**
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**GENERAL**
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**HOUSEKEEPING**
Housekeeper for Amber Inn. Apply in person Exit 182, Eden

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**
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To apply go to the State of Idaho, Division of Human Resources website www.dhr.idaho.gov
For more information about Careers in Correction, contact Roberta Hartz @ 208-658-2020
AA/EEO/Vets. Pref.

**CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER**
The Times-News, a growing 24,000-circulation daily in scenic southern Idaho, is looking for a leader to join our award-winning 2 ½-person photo staff.
The successful candidate will have a portfolio that demonstrates skill in news, sports, features, photo stories and illustrations. Our chief photographer is a key newsroom leader. The Times-News, one of the 58 dailies owned by Lee Enterprises, the nations fourth-largest newspaper company, will be undergoing a redesign, and photos will be a key element of our look. Twin Falls, a growing community of nearly 40,000 people, is surrounded by opportunities for skiing, fishing, whitewater, rock climbing, mountain biking. We offer an excellent benefits package, including medical, dental, vision, 401(k) retirement, employee stock purchase plan, PC purchase program, half-price health club and paid holidays and vacation. See our Web site at www.magicvalley.com. Learn about our parent company at www.lee.net.
**Send a cover letter, resume, reference list and portfolio by July 29 to**
Chris Steinbach, Editor,
**The Times-News, P.O. Box 548,**
**Twin Falls ID 83303 or by e-mail to**
chris.steinbach@lee.net.

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Fine Home Furnishings.
Cain's Home Furnishings, the fastest growing premier furniture store in the Magic Valley, seeks qualified applicants for the following positions:
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**Clerical** Candidate must be computer literate, and able to multi-task. FT
**Warehouse/Delivery** Several openings Candidates must be able to do heavy lifting and have valid drivers license. FT
**Merchandising Assistant** Candidate must be computer literate and have a flair for interior design. PT.
Positions require working directly with customers-courteous manner and neat appearance required.
Apply in person at
204 Main Ave. N.
Downtown Twin Falls.
EOE.

**INSTALLERS**
SECURITY and Fire alarm systems Installer. Install, program, maintain, and repair security and fire alarm wiring and equipment...3 yrs exp. preferred, good driving record, drug screening and back ground check required. Pay dependent upon experience. Reply by fax 208-324-5999 or email: donnau@cableone.net

**MAINTENANCE**
Full-time position available for person to complete apartment repairs, turnover apartments for apartment community located in Gooding. Salary DOE. Applications process includes full background check. Fax resume to Chris at 208-536-1777
Proud to be Drug Free Equal Opportunity employer.

**Satellite Installers Needed!**
***$500 Signing bonus*** dish network
(*details given upon interview)
Are you tired of the same old day-to-day routine? If so, we have just what you are looking for: Star West Satellite, a service provider for dish network, is looking for enthusiastic dependable individuals who are ready for an exciting career opportunity installing satellite systems in Twin Falls and surrounding areas. No experience necessary, willing to train right individuals, paid training period, 401k, const. pay. Bilingual a plus!
MUST HAVE:
Clean DMV record
Dependable truck or commercial van.
If interested please contact
866-317-4199
Or fax resume 208-461-2144
www.starwestsatellite.net
Star West Satellite is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free work environment
STAR WEST SATELLITE

**BUSINESS EDITOR**
The Times-News one of the 58 dailies owned by Lee Enterprises, the nations fourth-largest newspaper company, needs a business editor. We are a 24,000-circulation daily in Twin Falls, Idaho, a growing community of nearly 40,000 people with abundant opportunities for skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, rock climbing and mountain biking. Essential skills for our business editor include an ability to digest complex information and make it relevant to our readers. We want someone who is self-directed, a writer/editor who can get out of the newsroom to find stories while also editing our daily and weekend Money sections and online business publication.
Our business editor will be a key leader in our newsroom. You will work in a congenial atmosphere where enterprise reporting is expected and creative thinking is encouraged. To learn more about The Times-News and its parent company, go to www.magicvalley.com and www.lee.net.
**Send your resume, cover letter, best clips and a list of references to**
Chris Steinbach, Editor,
**The Times-News,**
**P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls ID 83303.**

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**GRAPHIC DESIGN**
The Times-News is looking for an individual with experience in computer Graphic Design to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements and possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish, strong typing and creative design skills are essential. Qualified applicants will have an Associates Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent. Experience with Macintosh computers using QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop. This is a full-time position with benefits including;
- 401k
- Health Insurance
- Paid Vacation

Qualified candidates send resume to:
**Attn: Kent Schmidt**
**Illustrator & Graphic Designer**
**The Times-News**
**PO Box 548**
**Twin Falls, ID 83303**
or e-mail resume and cover letter to
kent@magicvalley.com

**GENERAL**
BTI
**Bonneville TransLoaders of Wells**
needs (4) **Drivers & Mechanic**
A new 20,000 sq. ft. shop, office and commercial wash bay is presently being built.
Long term contract hauling time from Wendover to mine at Carlin.
Home every night - Good pay.
Kenworth trucks.
Decent housing costs.
**Call Todd at**
**775-752-2052**

**★macy's**

**"Explore the possibilities....."**
Looking for experienced and reliable applicants
**Housekeeper PT and Sales FT or PT**
Please apply at Macy's Twin Falls or online at
**www.macysjobs.com**
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**FAMILY DOLLAR**
**NEW STORE OPENING**

We need experienced people to prepare our new store. Sales, cashier, and stock positions available.

Apply in person on Friday, July 22, between 9AM & 5 PM at
**FAMILY DOLLAR STORES**
1746 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls

If you have retail management experience, we would like to talk to you about our store manager training program.

Email your resume to:
**employment @FamilyDollar.com**

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RETAIL

**WEBB**
EMPLOYEE OWNED

**Manager**
Retail Garden Center is seeking seasoned candidate to manage retail garden center in Bellevue, Idaho. Emphasis on Leadership, Customer Service, Sales, Personnel, Purchasing, Inventory Control, Budgeting, and Planning.
Ideal candidate will have strong background in retail management and will play an important role in our **Retail Management Team.**

Previous management experience required.
401k, Health Benefits, & Salary commensurate to experience.

Please send resume with cover letter to:
**Kathi Burks,**
**Webb Landscape & Nursery**
**162 Glendale Road,**
**Bellevue, ID 83313 or email to**
**kathi@webbland.com.**
**No phone calls please.**

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DAVISCO
FOODS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Jerome Cheese Company is looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

*Production Supervisors
*Building Maintenance Techs
*Mechanical Maintenance Techs
*Automation Techs
*Forklift Mechanic
*Production Employees

Successful candidates will need to have at least 5 years work experience. Must be responsible and dependable. Most shifts are 12 hour shifts, 3 days on 3 days off, 4 days on, 4 days off. Excellent opportunity for advancement. Competitive Pay.

Benefits include:
* Medical Ins.
* 401(k)
* Profit Sharing
* Double Time (Sundays & Holidays)

**Jerome Cheese Company**
**47 W 100 S.**
**Jerome, ID 83338**
**208.324.8806 office**
**208.324.8892 fax**

**JCCHR@Daviscofoods.com**

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DAVISCO
FOODS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

**Receptionist**

Davisco Foods International/ Jerome Cheese Company, an established employer in Dairy Industry for over 50 years, now has one position available for **Front Desk Receptionist.** Davisco is looking for a reliable, energetic, motivated, self-starter and organized individual to be a part of its team. Must like working in a fast-paced environment, needs strong verbal and written skills and the ability to handle multiple tasks and pay attention to detail. This full-time, permanent position requires previous switchboard experience, high school diploma and/or equivalency.

Please No Phone Calls

Davisco offers its employees the following:
401K with employer match.
Employer provided health insurance
Life insurance.
Flexible benefit plan.
Profit sharing.
Paid vacations and holidays.
Double Time Paid for Sundays and Holidays

Please send resume to:
Jerome Cheese Company
Attn: Conny Aiello
47 West 100 South
Jerome, ID 83338

Fax 208.324.8892
E-Mail JCCHR@Daviscofoods.com

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**MANAGEMENT**
**Store Manager**
18-yr-old co., with stores throughout S.E. Idaho needs a Store Manager for Twin Falls.
Must have exp hiring, training, & motivating employee's while providing excellent customer service. Strong leadership skills required. This is a fast paced "working manager" position, please don't apply if you'd rather sit in an air conditioned office. Auto industry exp preferred. $45,000 to $50,000 base, DOE + bonus. Complete benefit package & opportunity to be recognized for making a difference.
To apply send resume to Job #1307819-TIS
P.O. Box 40
Boise, ID 83707
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**HVAC**
Service Techs and Installers needed in Sun Valley, 4-10 hrs days, benefits. Call Ryan 208-471-0536.

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**MANAGER**

tandleshay.com

Looking for **Night Manager** to supervise production & leading crew at our processing facility in Eden. Must have maintenance & supervisory exp., along with basic computer skills. Spanish-speaking a plus. Hours from 7pm to 7am, Mon thru Sat. Salary DOE. Benefits pkg. E-mail resume along with salary requirements to jcoats@atandleshay.com or by fax (208) 825-5119.

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**MEDICAL**
**TREASURE VALLEY HOSPITAL**
Better Health, Better Care, Better Employees
Treasure Valley Hospital located in Boise, Idaho performs a wide array of surgeries and procedures on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Our skilled physicians and clinicians provide the highest standard of care in a clean, caring environment with the latest conveniences. We are currently recruiting for the following positions:
**Operating Room**
**Registered Nurse OR Circulator:** 2 full-time positions with call. Operating room experience preferred. Will consider training the right candidate. BLS certification required.
**Sleep Lab**
**Polysomnography Tech:** Full-time position available. Four ten-hour shifts. Sleep Lab experience required. RPSGT registration or registry eligible preferred. Respiratory Therapist with sleep background will be considered. BLS certification required.
**Medical Records**
**Transcriptionist:** Full-time position day shift, Monday through Friday. Hospital experience preferred.
At Treasure Valley Hospital we offer competitive salaries and a comprehensive benefits package that includes 401(k), medical, dental and vision insurance, a balance between work and home and much more.
Experience the difference, apply today!
Obtain an application or send resume to:
**Treasure Valley Hospital**
**Human Resources**
**8800 West Emerald St.**
**Boise, Idaho 83704**
**208-373-6000**
Treasure Valley Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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**Careers at Glanbia**

*As one of the largest American-style cheese and nutritional whey products producers in the United States, we are looking for key people to join our fast-paced, high-tech production environment in Idaho's Magic Valley. We currently have the following immediate openings:*

**TRUCK DRIVERS**

**$1000 Sign-on Bonus for experienced milk haulers hired before August 1st.**

Qualified applicants must have great customer service skills, Class A CDL, Doubles/Triples and Tanker Endorsements.

**For details & to apply, call Mike at 934-8195, ext. 104.**

**glanbia**
*means "Pure Food"*
AA/EOE – Glanbia Foods is a drug free workplace.

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**LABORER**
Asphalt maintenance/ laborer/driver, CDL req Call 208-733-3272 or 308-3272

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**MAINTENANCE**
Position available full-time with benefits and 401k. Please apply at the Comfort Inn.

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**MANAGER**
Valley Wide Home and Ranch is looking for a person familiar with farm & ranch supplies. Retail & management exp. a plus. Willing to train right person. We offer competitive salary & benefits. Apply by email: dhotton@valleywidecoop.com or fax 910 S. Oneida St., Rupert, Idaho
EOE
Drug Free Workplace

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**MANAGERS**
**Team support for office/apartment complex.** Good communication skills. *Experience a must.* Able to relocate to Hailey area. Bilingual is a plus. Good people skills. $17 and up. DOE. Apply at:
**111 Filer Ave.**
**Twin Falls, Idaho**
**208-733-7300.**

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**MANUFACTURING**
*Spears Manufacturing* is accepting applications for the following full-time positions:
**Packaging,**
**Plastic Fabrication,**
**Production Material handler,**
**Assembly, Bar code, Warehouse.**
**$7.-$10/hr**
(depending on position)
Company benefits, employee health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401k plan. Applications available *Spears Manufacturing* Plant Security Office
**2152 S. Lincoln**
**Jerome, Idaho**
Spears is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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**MANUFACTURING**
*Spears Manufacturing Company* is accepting applications for
**Part-time Security Guard.**
Supplemental retirement income. Prior security background a plus. Alternating weekends plus some occasional weekday hours. Must be team oriented. Applications available at
**Spears Mfg Plant, Security Office**
**2152 S. Lincoln,**
**Jerome Idaho.**
208-324-8101 EOE

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**MARKET RESEARCH**
**DISCOVERY**
has immediate openings for Full or Part time Days/shift:
M-F 7am-3pm,
Swing Shift/ Weekends
3-10pm. Flexible Scheduling & Incentives - **$100 Signing Bonus**
GREAT summer job opportunity!!!
**Please call 208-735-6601, or pick up applications at Discovery Research Group in the Turf Plaza 762 Falls Ave. W. Twin Falls.**

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**MANUFACTURING**
Glanbia Foods has immediate openings for **Entry Level Operators** at our Gooding and Twin Falls Plants.
To see current openings and to apply, visit
www.glanbiausa.com
AA/EOE/Drug Free Workplace.

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**MASONS**
**Experienced Masons.** For Wood River Valley, Salary DOE. Call 208-539-1374 or lv. msg. at 208-886-2378

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**MEAT CUTTER**
Journeyman or 2 years minimum experience. Full-time in the Rupert area. Call 208-436-0633 or 208-320-2074.

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**MECHANIC**
Wanted If you are an experienced **Ag Technician** and not making $20+ per hour and looking for an *excellent opportunity* in Buckeye, Arizona, Call 1-800-853-6279

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**MECHANIC**
Experienced Truck and Equipment mechanic for busy excavating company in Gooding. Please call 934-4510

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**MECHANIC**
For Heavy equipment & Ag machines.
Insurance, Wage DOE
**L & M Enterprises.**
**324-2701**

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**MECHANIC**
Mechanic, full benefits, 401k, and insurance available.
Apply at:
**Interstate Feedlot Malta, ID or call 208-645-2221.**
Interstate Feedlot is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Drug screen is required prior to employment.

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**MECHANIC**
*Mobile mechanic* needed. Service truck provided. Wage DOE. Contact Eric at 731-3366.

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**MECHANIC**
Must have **Diesel Electrical & Hydraulics** experience. Apply in person at 1896 Eldridge Ave. No phone calls.

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**MECHANIC**
Wanted mechanic. Experience with trucks and farm machinery for large custom farming operation. Call 324-7148.

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**MEDICAL**
**CNA's.** Full and part-time positions for a busy family practice clinic. Send resume to Associates in Family Practice PO Box 447 Gooding, ID 83330.

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**MEDICAL**
MA/X-Ray tech needed, immediate position available. Send resume to Box 90133, c/o The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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**MEDICAL**
**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**
**$ 250 $**
**Sign On Bonus**
Direct Care
$7 to start
7am-3pm
3pm-11pm
Great Benefits-
Must have Drivers License & Car Insurance. Assist persons w/Developmental Disabilities to achieve greater independence.
**Apply at Inclusion South, Inc. 450 Falls Ave #100 Twin Falls, ID 83301**

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**MEDICAL**
RN Travel Assignment. ROP $25-$50 hour. Direct deposit. Subsidies up to $1,800 mo + bonuses. Call 1-877-314-4633.

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**MECHANIC**
Experienced mechanic for wide variety of work top wage and benefits, 731-5573

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**MEDICAL**
Twin Falls Care Center
Director of Nursing Services
**REQUIREMENT:**
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Bachelor of Science
- Two years of DNS experience
- Needs strong leadership qualities, clinical background & long-term care regulatory knowledge
- Competitive salary & bonus programs available

Call Kelly Spiers at (208) 734-4284.

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**MERCHANDISER**
**Home Improvement Merchandiser (PT):**
A reputable Merchandising company seeking a candidate with strong work ethic and a positive, can-do attitude. For service in Home Improvement Centers. 24-32 hour part-time positions available. Should be comfortable using power tools, have basic computer skills, and have dependable transportation. Must be able to handle up to 75 lbs. Limited opportunities for travel when necessary. Prior retail or merchandising exp. a plus. Will train if necessary. Please fax resume to 253-874-1980 or email to bedetails@earthlink.net

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**MILL OPERATORS**
Now accepting applications for experienced bean mill operators and mill helpers. Several full-time positions available in the Twin Falls area. Jobs will begin August 1. Apply in person at American Staffing, 1025 Shoshone Street #3, or call 734-5452 for more information.

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**PAINTER**
**Painter helper** for wall to wall painting in Twin Falls. Minimum 1 yr exp. Wage DOE, Call 435-994-0891.

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**PLUMBERS**
needed in Sun Valley, radiant floor heat and snow melt a plus. 4-10 hours days, benefits. Call Ryan 208-471-0536.

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**PRESS**
**Press Operator Trainee**
The Times-News is looking for a trainee to work part-time in the press room. This person will learn the set-up and functions of our Urbanite press to include the making of plates, setting ink, and running rolls. Mechanical experience a plus. Must be able to lift 85 lbs. Hours are primarily 6pm-3am including weekends. Send resume and references to
**Mary Karren**
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls ID 83303
email
mary.karren@lee.net

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**PRODUCTION**
Valley Door Company is accepting applications for production positions. Applicant must have woodworking experience, good attitude and sound transportation. Do not call if this criteria is not met. Salary Based on experience. Call for appointment. 208-326-3557.

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**PRODUCTION**
Full-time positions open immediately, must have valid drivers license and be able to lift up to 75 lbs. Apply in person at 1025 Shoshone St. N. #3

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**PROFESSIONAL**
Idaho Youth Ranch seeks Case Manager in Twin Falls area to help youth in residential programs successfully transition home by providing assessment, service coordination, family skill building, & community resource development. See our website www.youthranch.org for further info.

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**PROFESSIONAL**
5th Judicial District CASA Program seeks **case Manager/Volunteer Coordinator** for Twin Falls area, to participate as court appointed advocate in child protection cases. College degree or equivalent work experience required. Must be 21 years of age, no felony convictions and subject to background check. **Fax resume to 208-324-2016.**

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**PROFESSIONAL**
**Executive Director,**
Pocatello, Idaho:
Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services, a respected nonprofit affordable-housing org seeks experienced leader:
Details www.pnhs.org

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**PROFESSIONAL**
Family Therapist Idaho Youth Ranch seeking individuals to provide home-based social services to families in the Twin Falls & Pocatello areas.
For details see our website:
www.youthranch.org/hr.

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**PROFESSIONAL**
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children seeks applicant with bachelors degree and experience in child development or a related field who is willing to travel in the Twin Falls region. **The Child Care Resource and Referral** position provides resources and opportunities to increase the quality of child care programs. Job descriptions available at the CCR&R office, 426 Main Ave. S. To apply submit resume and cover letter to idahostars@uidaho.edu or by fax 208-885-3628 by July 22, 2005 attn: Janice. For information call toll free Idaho CareLine by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588, ask for Janice at Moscow, Idaho STARS office.

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**RECEPTIONIST**
Medical office seeking full-time receptionist Mon-Fri Salary DOE. Send resume to
**Box 98783 c/o**
**The Times-News**
**PO Box 548**
**Twin Falls, ID 83303**

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**RESTAURANT**
**Line cook, prep cook, and wait staff.** Taking applications Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri, from 8am-2pm. At Twin Falls Live Stock Commission, 630 Railroad Ave. No phone Calls.

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**RESTAURANT**
**Counter Person**
Flexible hours.
Apply in person at
**Prasai Thai Cuisine**
**428 2nd Ave. E.**

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**RESTAURANT**
**Flying J Fast Restaurant**
Cooks, prep cooks, dell cooks, servers with good refs.
+ Medical
+ Dental
+401k & pd vacation
**Apply at:**
**5350 US Hwy 93**
**I-84 Exit 173 Jerome.**

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**INSTALLERS**
Glass Installers/Glazier for construction. FT Exp. pref. 733-3274

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**RESTAURANT**
Growing restaurant hiring **Dishwasher and Cooks.**
Garden Cafe 2221 Addison Ave. E.

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**RESTAURANT**
Now Hiring
**Delivery Drivers**
Days & Nights
Apply in person
Binney & Addison Ave
**Pizza Hut**

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RETAIL
**ShopKo**
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**Part-time Overnight Freight Team**
Pay DOE.
Fill out electronic application at Shopko or apply at www.shopko.com

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RETAIL
JANES COPY CENTER in Hailey
**Assistant Manager**

Customer service, self-managed organized, deadline oriented, basic layout Word, Publisher, Corel & more helpful, some PC experience. Willing to learn new skills, & craft oriented. Will train, good benefits. joe@copyrem@hotmail.com or fax Patrick 208-726-6005,

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RETAIL
Part-time, computer Office work/
Retail sales
Black Rock Clothier
543-2500

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**SALES**
Sullivan & Sons
In Hailey is hiring **Energetic Sales People.**
If you can provide a great attitude and a professional appearance, we offer
a 5-day work week
401K
health insurance
& more.
Bilingual a plus but not required.
Equal Opportunity Employer.
Please fax resume Attn. Kevin 208/788-2345.

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**SALES**
Account Executive positions, FT & PT. Servicing assigned accounts with strong emphasis on developing new business, building customer relations, maintaining customer database. Good people skills & computer experience essential. Send resume with cover letter to
PO Box 2347,
Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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**SALES**
**Outside Sales**
Large National Company seeks outside sales Rep. for local area. $50,000 - $70,000 first year earnings. $31,000 + commissions + full benefits. Email resume: arcbar-c@earthlink.net or fax to 757-473-3547.

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**SALES**
Salary plus incentive. Well established company. Call Brian at 208-420-0737

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**SALES.**
The Wood River **Journal**
How About A Career In Media Sales With One of America's Top 200 Small Companies?

***The Wood River Journal,*** part of Lee Enterprises, is seeking assertive, dynamic sales employees for its expanding weekly newspaper based in Hailey.

Competitive wages, benefits & opportunity in this growing, challenging market.

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To apply, stop by our office at:
**507 S. Main St.**
**Hailey**
for an application or send resume to:
**Kim.Patterson@Lee.net**

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**Cactus Petes**
RESORT/CASINO • JACKPOT, NEVADA

**IF YOU THINK PLAYING AT CACTUS PETE'S IS FUN, TRY WORKING HERE!**

Cactus Petes Resort Casino invites you to explore the excitement and fun of a resort atmosphere. If you are teamwork oriented and enjoy a positive working atmosphere then Cactus Petes is the place for you.

Positions now available:

***Sports book Writer:*** must have excellent Guest Service and some knowledge in sports.

***Human Resource Rep:*** we are currently hiring two Reps one in the Twin Falls office and one in the Jackpot Office. Candidates must have excellent Guest Service, computer literate, and must have some HR and Clerical background.

***Slot Attendant:*** must have excellent Guest Service and prior cash handling experience.

***Housekeeping:*** works well as a team and is a hard worker.

To fill out an application and view all openings visit our website at www.jobflash.com/ameristar or call 1(888) 762-7111

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## 200 Employment

**SALES/ CREW LEADER**
Full-time position. Experience preferred. Able to work all shifts and weekends. For interview Call Ed 208-733-2000.

**SOCIAL WORK**
Licensed Social Worker or related field Psycho Social Rehab 20-40 hrs/week. Working with children 3-18 years old. Fax resume to 736-0999 or call 736-0995

**SURVEYOR**
Surveying Crew Chief 5 [redacted] exp. LSIT preferred. GPS, Road Staking exp., full-time, benefits, call (208) 524-0212.

**TECHNICIAN**
Field Technician
Burying cable lines, locating cable line, some installation work. Mail resume to
Tech Manager
261 Eastland Dr.
Twin Falls, ID 83301
EOE

**TECHNICIAN**
Immediate opening for assembly/outside Service technician. Good pay, benefits include health insurance, 401k. Farm or Ag equipment service experience required. Mail resume or apply in person at:
Pickett Equipment
976 East Main
Burley, ID 83318

**TRADES**
Estimator. American Fabrication, Inc. is a sophisticated -- and highly diverse manufacturer entering our 20th year in business. We are currently accepting applications for the position of Estimator. Applicant must have extensive experience in accurately estimating costs for heavy mechanical/industrial manufacturing and fabrication projects.
Please send resume with references to:
American Fabrications, Inc., 2517 W. Omni Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.
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**TRANSPORTATION BROKER**
Rangen Logistics, is looking for a Qualified Transportation Broker.
Three years minimum in brokerage field. Cliental needed. Good benefits including 401k, vacation and sick pay. Multi-tasking and team work a must. Please send resume or apply in person at
Rangen Logistics
1415 Burley Ave
Buhl, Idaho 83316
Attn: Sandra or call 543-2510 EOE

**CLASSIFIEDS**
It pays to read the fine print!
Call The Times-News to place your ad
208-733-0931.

**WAREHOUSE**
Positions available [redacted] Supervisor & General Laborers w/ forklift experience helpful. Apply at 801 Russet St.

**WAREHOUSE/ DRIVER**
CDL W/HAZMAT full-time position with benefits. 934-5612.

**WELDER**
Welder with fabrication and lead experience. Assistant Welder needed for busy production shop. Competitive Wage. Call 324-7889 for appointment or pickup applications at Rocky Mountain Pipe. Exit 168 Jerome.

**WELDER**
Experienced welder / fabricator. Full-time position, excellent opportunity for the right person. Please apply in person at 1025 Shoshone Street #3, or call 734-6452 for more information.

**WELDER**
Kodiak Northwest Inc. is hiring for an experienced welder. Apply in person at:
50 E. Ellis
Paul, Idaho
All applicants subject to pre-employment drug testing.

**WELDERS**
Welders & fabricators 2 years stainless steel exp. with mig and tig welding. Starting $12-$15/hrs. plus benefits. DOE. Welding test required. No exp. need not apply. Idaho Equipment Sheetmetal, 208-436-4950.

**YOUTH SPECIALIST**
Supervise/Counsel at risk youth at residential facility in Rupert. Competitive salary and benefits. Degree preferred. Letter of interest and resume: Idaho Youth Ranch, 1275 North 400 East, Rupert, ID 83350. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Times-News and South Idaho Press**
Currently taking applications for Mini-Cassia area.

BURLEY
RT. 402
West 16th Street-West 27th Street
Burton Avenue-CSI 46 Cust. Approx. $105. every 4 wks.
RT. 403
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Overland Avenue-Parke Avenue
Approx. $40. every 4 weeks.
RT. 405
Railroad Avenue-East 16th Street
Overland Ave.-Hiland
$70-$75 every 4 wks.
RT. 408
West 21st Street-Burton & Fairmont
Overland Avenue-Burton Avenue
39 Cust. Approx. $85 every 4 weeks.
RT. 409
West 21st Street-Fairmont Avenue
Burton Avenue-Parke Ave. plus Monopoly addition.
74 Cust. Approx. $170 every 4 wks.
RT. 131
South Idaho Press motor route avail. in Rupert area.
Approx. $300 every 4 weeks.

If you live in these areas and are interested in being a newspaper carrier...

Please contact
Melissa 677-8781
Circulation District Manager

**TIMES-NEWS**
COMING SOON
TWIN FALLS

RT. 800
Skyline Mobile Home Park

RT. 813
100-600 Heyburn Avenue West
100-300 Rose Street

RT. 816
200-599 6th Ave. N.
100-400 7th Ave. N.

RT. 817
100-399 8th Ave. N.
100-300 9th Ave. N.

Approximate 4 week earnings base on current customer count.
Please contact Amy District Manager
208-736-3347

**HILLTOP ADVENTIST SCHOOL**
131 GRANDVIEW DR
Twin Falls, ID
Call 733-0799
Loving Christian Education
7:30 am – 6:00 pm
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**I'VE BEEN LOOKING 4 YOU**
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**HEY COWBOY**
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**TAKE A CHANCE**
SWF, 51, N/S, enjoys fishing, animals, camping in the mountains, and music. Seeking honest, adventurous, outgoing WM, 45-57, N/S, to share life's adventures. Hollister @2696187

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**
SF, 22, mother of 2, smoker, enjoys family times, movies, dancing, clubs. Seeking child-friendly, commitment-minded man with strong family values, interested in LTR. Lone Star @2697309

**LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS**
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SWF, 56, smoker, dog lover, mother of 3, seeks SWM, 55-60, smoker, who likes to do similar things, for friendship, romance if it develops. Kimberly @2698663

**SEEKING GOOD FRIEND**
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**LOOKING...**
I am 36 year old woman looking for a friend and maybe later a relationship with a SM, 37-45. I love living in the country. Burley @2700572 @ burleyid

**SLEEPLESS IN TWIN FALLS**
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**VEGAS TRANSPLANT**
SWF, 38, 5'8", blonde/blue, Libra, smoker, hospital dietary worker, seeks WM, 30s, smoker, who loves camping, traveling, and dining out. Appleton @2644421

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Reasonably attractive SWF, 55, energetic, not moody, extrovert, enjoys people, the outdoors. Seeking SCM, 50-63, for friendship, possible relationship. Hollister @2726275 @ 8ofivie

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SF, 57, 5'1", blonde/blue, 125lbs, Aquarius seeks a good, down-to-earth, loving, family-oriented, adventurous man with zest for life, who's romantic, loves laughter and having a great time. Appleton @2690234

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My children are my world. SWF, 33, N/S, seeking spontaneous SWM, 28-40, who likes kids or has kids of their own, for relationship. Eden @2730483 @ HAV2BCRAZ

**LONELY**
DWF, 34, with two children, enjoys movies, outdoors and good companionship. Looking for a man, 33-43, who wants a good woman. Children welcome. Hollister @2699000

**SINGLE IN IDAHO**
Likes movies, dining out. Hi, I'm a 55-year-old SWF looking for a relationship with the right man. I have one daughter at home. She's 19, rural homemaker and lady. Hollister @2433125 @ 2lovmen232003

**KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR?**
ISO SM, 18-21 year old guy who enjoys to party but also enjoys a quiet night at home cuddling. I'm a SWF, 18 years old college student looking for LTR. Burley @2437737 @ sweet_pea188

**CAN'T WAIT 2B WITHOUT U**
SWF, 38, very active lifestyle but appreciate quiet times, love kids of all ages, snowmobiling, camping, traveling, heart-to-heart talks. I'm a caregiver to a fault, yet love to be loved. Hollister @2690351 @ alldoceyehoe

**LADY IN WAITING**
SWF, 53. Looking for special man with chemistry for companionship through life. Offering adventurous self, talented and attractive. Seeking SM 45-60. Hollister @2705774 @ lady_n_waiting

**SEARCHING FOR MY PRINCE**
SWF, 29, with blonde/green, have dog and cat, love to go for walks, camping, fishing, dining, movies at home. Seeking nice, honest SM, 26-37. Curry @2668275 @ Badgerbaby

**STARTING NEW LIFE**
SF, 23, looking for a friend, a companion, someone to build a solid friendship with. Seeking SM, 21-36, N/S. Hollister @2684786 @ sweet_pea_ee7

**READY FOR FINAL SEARCH**
Genuine, honest, loving, kind, fun, spontaneous SWF, 48, enjoys the outdoors, dining, movies, friends, more. Seeking down-to-earth SM, 45-55, for friendship, possible relationship. Hollister @2682779 @ tweedie_dee

**NEW TO THIS**
WF, 50, enjoys intellectual sparring, sharing a laugh, movies, the outdoors, dining out, more. Seeking SM, 47-60. Hollister @2679751 @ gringo2u

**LIFE, LOVE, LAUGHTER**
WF, 51, with a child and a dog, is looking for a caring, self-sufficient, responsible, independent man, 40-60, a good listener, with integrity. Paul @2676002 @ 8ballunnicut

**LOOKING FOR AN HONEST MAN**
SWF, 34, mother of 2, enjoys reading, camping, fishing, moonlit walks, motorcycles, seeking honest and sincere SM, 35-45, N/D, N/drugs, for a respectful and trustworthy relationship. Hollister @2678320 @ honesty_is_first

**DOWN HOME COUNTRY GIRL**
SWF, 47, caring, kind, enjoys gardening, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, cooking. Would like to find a gentleman 40-50, responsible, caring, fun, sense of humor for possibly long lasting relationship. Appleton @2683461 @ golderyuggie

**SLEEPLESS IN IDAHO**
SWF, 48, enjoys power walking, cooking romantic dinners, hot tubbing, camping, gardening, board games. Seeking SW/W4, 38-55, for possible LTR. Buhl @2697493 @ Scorpio-RedHead

**TIRED OF BORING NIGHTS**
SWF, 34, full-figured, loves going out or staying in, cuddling, movies, concerts. Looking for a guy, 25-40, N/S, for companionship. Hollister @2684474 @ evergiow22

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**SENSITIVE AND LOVING**
SWM, seeking SWF, 40-53, who likes to have fun and enjoying living, and traveling or dinner dates. Magic Valley. Twin Falls @2616440

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**
SWCM, 40, 5'9", 165lbs, seeking sincere, fit SCF, 30-40, who's active, affectionate, enjoys music, conversation, romantic, movies, children, and much more to share simplest pleasures in life. Jerome. @2683251

**ANYONE!**
SWM, 30, in seek of a dating or friendship from SF, 18-35. Likes park walking, movies, travel, and Boise events. Buhl @2726139 @ Curtis29

**SPRING INTO SPRING**
SHM, 26, 5'9", 185lbs, N/S, love movies. Seeking honest, sincere woman, 25-30, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. Acequia @2693217

**SEEKING FUN & FRIENDLY**
level-headed, happy, honest SM, 50, 5'9", 260lbs, balding gray hair, enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, good meals and good company. Seeking a loving, easygoing lady with similar interests. Hollister @2711750

**HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!**
SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very open to new ideas, seeking SF 18-45. Let's explore. Hollister @2677825 @ hunkme1111

**SHARE MY LIFE**
SF, 41, 5'8", slim build, N/S, single father, finds horseback riding to be quite fun, seeks SWF, 23-26, N/S, who likes to spend time outdoors. Burley @2726672

**WHAT A FUN SITUATION!**
SHM, 21, smoker, seeks nice girl, 20-21, smoker, who is very nice-looking and frequently finds herself in fun places. Castleford @2693178

**NEW YORK TRANSPLANT**
Male, 45, smoker, builds houses. Seeking SF, 35-45, N/S, no children, for friendship first. Why not meet for coffee? Meridian @2696723

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**
SWM, 45, enjoys hunting, fishing, sports and more. Seeking affectionate woman, 35-50, who enjoys cuddling and simple times. Twin Falls @2713102

**LOOKING FOR NICE WOMAN**
SWM, 30, open-minded, enjoys going to the movies and talks walks in the park. Seeking sweet, compassionate, honest and caring SF, 18-35, for possible LTR. Buhl @2703555 @ MtnDewGuy28

**BOOKWORM**
SWM, 22, 6', dark/brown, athletic build, Libra, smoker, diesel mechanic, farm worker, loves hunting and horseback riding. Seeking women, 18-24, for LTR. Hollister @2695311

**HUGGABLE**
SWM, 56, enjoys traveling, reading, playing guitar, woodworking, gardening, cooking and much more, seeking SF, 47-58, N/S, to hold hands together and share some of my many interests with. Mess @2671553 @ PIX56

**VERY HARD-WORKING**
SHM, 36, 5'8", athletic build, Pisces, N/S, electrician, loves skiing, comedy, action, and drama films. Seeking SF, 22-40, for friendship, possible romance. Acequia @2577816

**LOOKING FOR BEST FRIEND**
SWM, 40, has a lot to offer. Seeking SF, 31-45, to share what life has to throw at us, good or bad, for friendship, possible LTR. Appleton @2740336 @ backyoyo

**RELAX WITH ME**
SWM, 37, smoker, brown/blue, works in the restaurant business, likes to dance and listen to music, seeks SWF, 21-40, smoker, who has a relaxed attitude. Twin Falls @2610016

**FUN STUFF**
Male, 23, 5'10', average build, N/S, seeks HF, 22-36, who love movies, camping, fishing, for friendship, possible romance. Burley @2631978

**ACTIVE**
SWM, 67, enjoys rock hunting, 4-wheeling, fishing, hot rods, antique cars, dominos. Seeking SF, 50-67, for possible relationship. Wider @2735765 @ sherjer

**I LOVE MY WHEELS**
Male, 20, Gemini, smoker, loves motorcycle riding, working on cars, monster trucks, camping, and hunting. Seeking woman, 18-29. Hollister @2710522

**IT'S ALL TRUE**
SWM, 25, 5'10", 140lbs, Leo, N/S, likes racing, horseback riding, camping, fishing. Seeking woman, 18-28, for LTR. Heyburn @2645058

**LOOKING TO SHARE REAL LUV**
SWM, 41, playful and spontaneous, not afraid to try new things, seeking SF, 25-45, to live out fantasies, I'm real...I'm 5'7. Hollister @2730454 @ reedytoluvu

**SHARE A BRIGHT FUTURE**
SWM, 18, 6', average build, smoker, starting college in fall, seeks woman, 18-24, Twin Falls area, for LTR. Hollister @2644227

**LET'S TALK!**
SF, 41, 5'8", brown/blue blue, enjoys the outdoors, chicken, camping, fishing, gardening, quiet nights at home, dining out, candlelight romance. Seeking like-minded lady to share happiness, possible LTR. Kimberly @2647842

**TAKE A CHANCE**
SWM, 24, N/S. Honest guy looking for fun girl to get to know. Love music and outdoors. Would like SF, 18-26 to explore new traveling interest with me. Caldwell @2705152 @ jbb101

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**
SWM, 40, 6', 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, motorcycling, camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, late night walks, relaxing. Seeking level-headed lady, not into rec games, to share life and all it offers. Hagerman @2647849

**JOIN ME!**
SWM, 23 enjoys most movies, hunting, fishing, camping, sports. Seeking easygoing SF into the same for friendship and possibly more. Greenwood @2649731

**BLUE SKY GUY**
SWM, 45 (but feels much younger). Moving on from recent divorce, healthy both spiritually and physically. Seeking companion who and possible LT relationship from SF 18-45. Hansen @2705267 @ dudemen

**HAVE IT'S OUT**
SWM, 36, auto technician, 150lbs, dark hair, enjoys racing, rodeos, quiet nights at home, the outdoors. Looking for someone to share these with. Gooding @2650534

**TRUCK DRIVER**
WM, 33, likes fishing, hunting, camping, race cars, dining out, movies, more. Seeking interested WF, 25-35. Gooding @2654750

**LET'S GO OUT**
Active SWM, 43, likes the computers, long drives, fishing, the beach, cooking. Seeking sincere, active SF, 36-43. Let's share the good things in life. Hagerman @2714370 @ 08fin60

**FRIENDS FIRST**
SM, 23, 6'3", 275lbs, N/S, dark-complected, seeks SW-F, 18-30, N/S, with no children, who's open to have fun, go to church, dine out. Hollister @2689302

**HIGH ENERGY**
SHM, 21, smoker, likes the outdoors, animals, sports, seeks spontaneous, outgoing woman, 18-22, who knows what she wants out of life. Hollister @2670294

**TIME 4 A CHANGE**
SWM, 45, father, great guy, N/S, seeks a nice SF, 29-47, who's easygoing, sincere, passionate, for good friendship, leading to possible LTR. Hollister @2682254 @ INAP

**NEW TO THE AREA**
SM, 20, 5'4", slim build, interested in meeting a girl, 18-24, to talk to and get to know. Hopefully it will lead to more. Malta @2670858

**CALL IF INTERESTED**
WM, 31, 6', 175lbs, brown/blue, goatee, muscular build, looking for WF, 23-43, for friendship and dating, maybe more. Burley @2673818

**LOOKING!**
SWM, 53, kid-at-heart, laid-back, enjoys drives in the mountains, hunter, sharpshooter, fishing, hunting, gardening, slow dancing, tv. Seeking SF, 40-55, N/S, to share my interests together. Rogerson @2684938 @ wifye

**WANT TO MEET YOU**
Male, 20, looking for a really nice female, 20-30, with great looks and personality. If you're out there, call me. Crystal @2687146

**FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE**
DWM, 28, employed, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, hunting, horses, simple times. Seeking a SF, 18-35, honest lady to share friendship, good times, talks and more. @2675904

**MERELY A PHONE CALL AWAY**
SWM, 20, 5'9', 150lbs, N/S, enjoys camping, fishing, movies, music, and hanging out. Seeking WF, 18-24, N/S, who enjoys similar activities. Hollister @2680193

**SEEKING A WOMAN OF GOD**
SWM, 33, looking for a good christen woman who loves God, and can love the man she is with. Seeking SWF, 25-40. Appleton @2678751 @ singlechristianman

**HAPPY TOGETHER**
Slim SWM, 19, 6'4", enjoys anything outdoors, hiking, swimming, board games, seeks SWF, 18-21, who loves to snuggle and cuddle. Hollister @2682624

**EASY TO TALK WITH**
Attractive SBPM, 47, 5'11", N/S, self-employed consultant, nice build, would like to share good times with a good woman, 37-57. Charleston @2682677

**FLIRTING COWBOY**
SWM, 28, recently divorced, looking someone who enjoys the outdoors, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, camping etc. Seeking SWF, 20-32, for friendship and possible lasting relationship. Appleton @2698763 @ flirtingcowboy

**SEEKS PRETTY GF**
WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my mustang car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls @2658969

**LOOKING FOR CONNECTION**
SWM, 34, looking for that special connection with SWF, 25-35, who enjoy outdoor activities, Nascar, seeking good times and possibly more. Hollister @2689950 @ 123mik

**GOOD COMPANY**
SM, 31, works as groundskeeper, guitarist, enjoys bowling, camping, hunting, fishing, seeking a SW/BF, 19-30, with similar qualities, for possible relationship. Burley @2517061

**AVAILABLE 4 U**
SWM, 49, 5'10", N/D, N/S, 180lbs, self-employed, easygoing, outdoors type, low baggage, seeks SF, 40-52. Call me we may have something in common. Appleton @2632547

**FATHER NEEDS A FRIEND**
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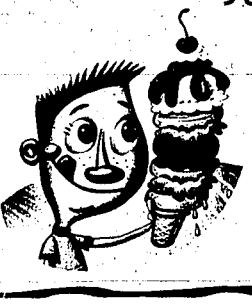

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## THE ACES ON BRIDGE®

Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**
I was dealt ♠ K-2, ♥ 6-4-3, ♦ K-J-8-6-4, ♣ K-7-4 and heard my LHO open one heart, my partner overcall one spade, and my RHO bid two clubs. Was I supposed to bid now — and if so what? I chose to raise spades, which worked out well enough, but my partner said this promised three trumps.

Re-entry Problems, Troy, N.Y.

ANSWER: One choice is to play fourth-suit doubles here. A double would show good but not great diamonds, and spade tolerance, with values. The same principle would apply if your RHO had raised hearts: double would be takeout and value-showing.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**
Playing the weak two-bid, some of my people have been taught that the appropriate range is 5-10 points with a six-card suit, while others have been taught a range of 6-12 points. Which is correct?

Goodbye Heart, Manhattan, N.Y.

ANSWER: Twelve-counts are REALLY exceptional for a two-level bid, and 11-counts are fairly unusual, except when first or second in hand and vulnerable. My general rule is that when you have a 10- or an 11-count with a six-carder, add on two points for the six-card suit and one for any side four-card suit. If and only if the total comes to 13, open at the one-level if your holding includes an ace and a king, or three kings, or you have decent potential on defense.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**
Does any penalty arise if you take a bid out of the bidding box and then put it back? Does it matter if the action was accidental, or if you changed your mind?

Ruling Class, Great Falls, Mont.

ANSWER: If you pull the wrong bid out by accident, you can correct it (even after your LHO has bid, though he then gets to change his call too, of course). If you change your mind about a bid, you are sometimes allowed to correct it, but this may pass unauthorized information to your partner, and that may have dire consequences later. Best is to call the director in all these instances, and let him sort it out.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**
In fourth seat with ♠ A-7-4-2, ♥ K, ♦ J-6-4, ♣ A-Q-9-3-2, I doubled my LHO's one-heart opening when it was passed around to me. After my partner jumped to two spades; I discounted my heart king and passed. Was this an underbid? My partner, with 11 points and four spades, wrapped up 10 tricks!

Undercooked, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

ANSWER: The principle you should follow in balancing chair is to add on a king to your hand — and respond to a balancing partner as if you had a king less. On that basis your hand is certainly worth a further bid now to suggest a little extra. I might even go to four spades myself.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**
Do you like the current style of playing two-over-one game-forcing, together with the concomitant forcing no-trump? Or do you prefer a more free-wheeling style?

Backwards Look, Atlanta, Ga.

ANSWER: I'm still happiest with a less regimented approach than some. Even when playing methods like two-over-one, I opt to play one no-trump as nonforcing. Opener can pass with a balanced minimum since responder will not normally hold more than 11 points for the one-no-trump response.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com

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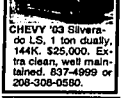

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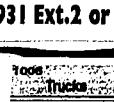

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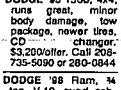

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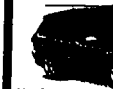

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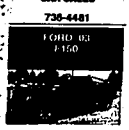

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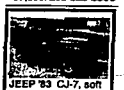

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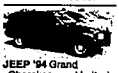

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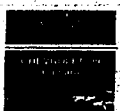

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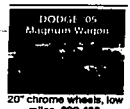


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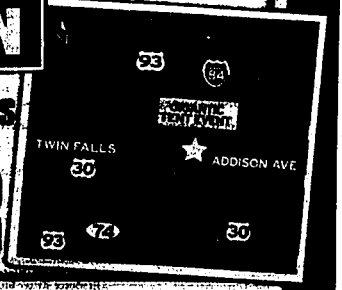

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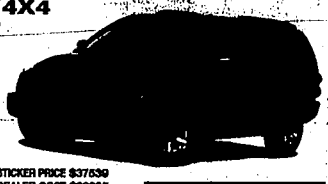

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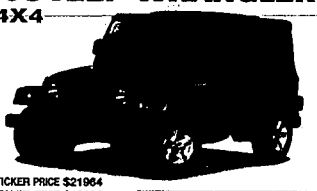

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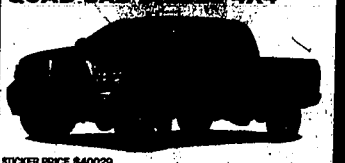

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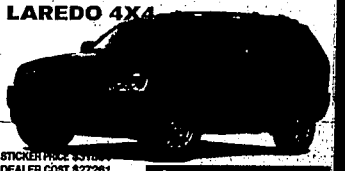

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*Features Editor: Steve Crump – 733-0931, Ext. 223*

The Times-News | Sunday, July 17, 2005 | Section E

## Why dogs take dinner and run

Why would a dog carry a piece of dog food kibble from his bowl, into the other room, then return to the bowl and repeat, when he could just stand there, and wolf down his meal without interruption or wasted steps?

At the Becker household in Bonners Ferry, our little 18-month-old Papillon/Poodle/Yorkie cross, Quixote, does exactly this. He makes the same trek, back-and-forth, to eat. We know it's not part of food guarding as we have no other dogs in the house.

"Eating pieces of dry food from a bowl is not a natural eating habit for a dog whose ancestors were wolves," says Gary Landsberg, president of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. "A wolf is much more likely to take food (one's kill) away to a more comfortable and secure area (or eating and then keep returning to the feeding area (hunt) to find more."

THE BOND
**Marty Becker**

Rolan Tripp, founder of www.AnimalBehavior.Net concurs.

"Quixote's ancient wolf ancestors would often hunt and make a kill, but find that eating the fallen prey in the open was too dangerous. Therefore, they would take a portion of the prey to a safer place, and return for another helping."

For some small dogs, Tripp explains, the size of kibble may take some effort, and they want to lay in a more comfortable spot and use their paws for positioning (my wife, Teresa, favors this theory as Quixote takes his food from his bowl on tiled kitchen floor to a soft rug for processing). "But probably the most common reason is very simple," explains Tripp. "The dog is overfed, bored, and looking for something to do."

"Dogs are social creatures," says Amy D. Shojai, an animal behavior consultant with IAABC and author of many pet books including "P'EIiquette: Solving Behavior Problems in Your Multipet Household." "In your dog, mealtime is a communal event. If his bowl stays in the kitchen, Quixote may move his dinner one mouthful at a time into the TV room to be the center of attention with his people around him."

If this kibble-dribble across the floor from Point A (the food bowl) to Point B (place where dog eats) is unacceptable or annoying, Tripp says the best solution is to stop feeding the dog from a bowl. Instead, purchase several "food puzzle toys," and place a little food inside each one, while having fun hiding them around the house. This approach stimulates exercise, mental problem solving, entertainment (for both of you), and reduces pet-overeating due to boredom. Most importantly this staged hunger/hunt/reward cycle gives our domesticated wolf-wannabes (13 pound Quixote in this case) the subconscious satisfaction of an ancient genetic drive: the successful hunt.

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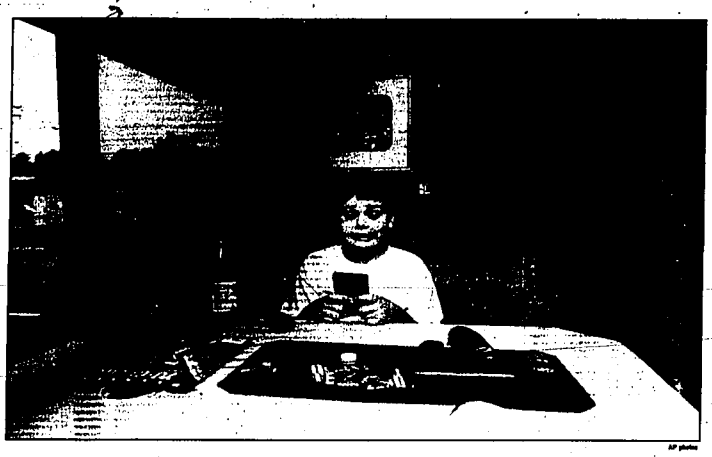

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**Left, Kevin Anderson, 10, grimaces as he plays a hand held electronic game while his cousin, Courtney Beecher, 12, peers into the refrigerator inside their RV in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Concord, N.H., in this Aug. 20, 2004, file photo. It was the first time the Andersons had camped at a Wal-Mart. "It's kind of handy," said his father, *Ken Anderson.***

**Below, Charlotte Pinick stands among her mostly empty RV park in Emporia, Kan., on May 10. Pinick and other campgrounds are losing customers as RVers are increasingly spending some of their nights in Wal-Mart parking lots.**

# The open road to Wal-Mart

## RVers passing up frills for a free parking lot

**The Associated Press**

EMPORIA, Kan. — Charlotte Pinick takes a quick inventory: Five recreational vehicles parked in a nearby truck stop parking lot; a few more up the road at the Wal-Mart.

That's more than $120 the owner of Emporia RV Park won't be bringing in this day as travelers choose free parking over the campsites with water, electricity, dump station and wireless Internet service Pinick and her husband are offering for $22.50 a night.

"We don't like it, but it's one of those things," Pinick says of the RVs that could have been filling the 20-some empty spaces in her RV park.

With $2 gas prices making their hobby more expensive, RV enthusiasts are trimming their travel costs any way they can, whether it's taking fewer and shorter trips or spending a few nights in the local Wal-Mart parking lot, experts say.

They're also looking for convenience, security and familiarity as they drive their travel trailers or $100,000-plus motor homes from one end of the country to the other.

"There are those nights when you're forced to drive in the dark to find someplace to park and you just don't know what you're going to find," said Chuck Woodbury, who publishes RV-related articles on the Internet. "You say to yourself, 'There's a Wal-Mart over there. I'm going to make life easy for myself.'"

Woodbury operates what he calls the largest book store exclusively focused on recreational vehicles. Among the offerings on rvbookstore.com is a publication that lists all the Wal-Marts where overnight parking is not allowed, and a Wal-Mart locater guide, complete with maps to every Wal-Mart store in the country except those in Hawaii.

Those are a must-have for serious RVers, he said.

"Boondocking," also known as primitive camping, is the RVer term for camping without the use of such conveniences as electricity and water. The subject, especially as it pertains to Wal-Mart lots, is a favorite topic among Internet-savvy travelers on such sites as freecamping.com, fulltimerver.com and Woodbury's rvtravel.com.

There has even been a documentary about parking in Wal-Mart lots, titled "This is Nowhere," which includes interviews with RVers in Missoula, Mont.

"We took it on because we're interested in the contradiction between wanting to experience nature and experience the cultures and history in various regions of the United States," filmmaker Doug Hawes-Davis said of the documentary. "A lot of them (campers) recognize some of the contradictions and absurdities of camping at a Wal-Mart. Even RVers themselves don't deny it."

Critics of the practice — especially campground owners who feel they are losing money because of it — argue that people who can afford to drive vehicles worth hundreds of thousands of dollars across the country surely can afford to pay the $20 or $30 nightly fee for a campsite.

But RVers say it's not always about saving money. Most Wal-Marts are easy to find, the lots are lit up at night and usually have security cameras. Campers can restock their supplies, get something to eat and be back on the highway with ease — which is important to people who have someplace else to be.

Pinick, the campground owner, said most transient campers she sees — the ones who are just passing through, rather than the "snowbirds" who park there for extended stays — alternate between parking in campgrounds and overnighting in places where they don't have to pay.

"Most people are every other day," Pinick said. "If there's a Wal-Mart, they'll stay there one night, and the next come to places like this and get water and dump their tanks. That's kind of a general consensus."

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Christi Gallagher said there are 3,167 Wal-Marts and Sam's Club stores scattered across the U.S. in communities of all sizes. The company whose founder, Sam Walton, was said to be an RV enthusiast, encourages RVers to park in its lots wherever it's allowed, she said.

"From Wal-Mart's perspective, RVers are customers and we're certainly happy to host them in our parking lot when we can," she said.

Yuma, Ariz., is one of those places where overnighting at Wal-Mart is not allowed. Richard Fuller found that out the hard way.

"I've only had one problem

Please see RV, Page E2

### If you go...

- **RV Web sites:** For information about RV travel and where to camp, visit www.freecamping.com, www.fulltimerver.com and www.rvtravel.com.
- **Subject RV magazine:** The books "2005 Wal-Mart Locator" and "Wal-Mart 'No Overnight Parking' Stores" and the documentary "This Is Nowhere (Camping at Wal-Mart)" (on DVD or video) can be ordered through www.rvbookstore.com.

## Open-topped on the Oregon Trail

**By Robin Raufl**
**Los Angeles Times**

TROUTDALE, Ore. — We took the convertible. I've never upgraded my rental car. But we landed in the Pacific Northwest with a forecast for three straight days of sunny skies. "It's been raining for three weeks," the agent said in Portland. "But they're talking about 90 degrees on Friday."

Properly stocked with trail mix, bottled water and one new Oregon map, we set out. Amy — the Clark to my Lewis on this reverse expedition up the Columbia River — navigated us east on US 30 to Troutdale, where the end of Portland's suburbs crystallizes the beginning of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. It's also where U.S. 30 becomes the Historic Columbia River Highway, diverging from the interstate.

The highway was built between 1913 and 1920 and remains a thing of beauty. It was constructed without modern machinery at the beginning of the Automotive Age, a marvel of engineering, and was the first major paved road in the Pacific Northwest.

The full 74-mile highway stretched from Troutdale to the Dalles (rhymes with "gals"), but its glory was short-lived. As early as the 1950s, segments of the King of Roads were built over to accommodate the growing need to move goods across the state. By 1969, a four-lane highway covered the same route, in some cases overlaying and otherwise bypassing the historic road.

Los Angeles Times photo

**Multnomah Falls, seen from the Historic Columbia River Highway, is 620 feet from top to bottom.**

But the surviving (and restored) 22-mile section still reaches many of the "beauty spots" that engineer Samuel Lancaster said he wanted to emphasize to motorists. The Vista House on Crown Point is one. The octagonal stone structure resembles a chapel more than a rest stop — its original purpose. The point, its glorious vista of the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood, is the highway's highest point, 733 feet above the river.

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## For kids: 10 great ways to annoy Mom and Dad

Psssst! Kids! This story is just for you.

We know a trip isn't really successful until you get a parent to utter the immortal words, "If you don't stop that, I am going to pull this car over right now. I'm not kidding."

Some parents are easier to break than others. Some make rookie mistakes, like giving you caffeine before strapping you in. But with these simple steps, you will be able to annoy even the most mellow 'rent.

This is a simple 10-point plan to make them crazy.

Enjoy. (And don't tell them you heard these from us.)

- Place your index finger, also known as a "pointer," millimeters from a sibling's nitric head or nose. When he or she complains, just keep saying, "I'm not touching. I'm not touching."
- Here's a classic: The simple repetition of the phrase "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" It's both annoying and manipulative, the latter a trait parents generally like to encourage.
- Gently, randomly kick the seat in front of you. Enough said.
- Make up your own rap about your parent. "My Mom's so lame, I know it's true. She's wearing purple along with blue ... yeah, she's lame. So lame ..."
- Flatulence noises are always an attention getter.
- Repeat everything someone else says. (Everything someone else says.) It gets old fast. (It gets old fast.)
- Sing Britney Spears' songs. Better yet, go on and on about how she's your role model.
- Request the same CD over and over. If it includes songs like "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" all the better.
- Create fun signs like "Help me!" or "I've been kidnapped" and press them on the window to share with truckers.
- If you have multiple siblings, make it a point never to go to the bathroom at the same time. For pure family fun, there's nothing like making the parents stop every 30 minutes.

*Source: Lexington Herald-Leader*

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## Sunday Crossword

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**IN JAIL** By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

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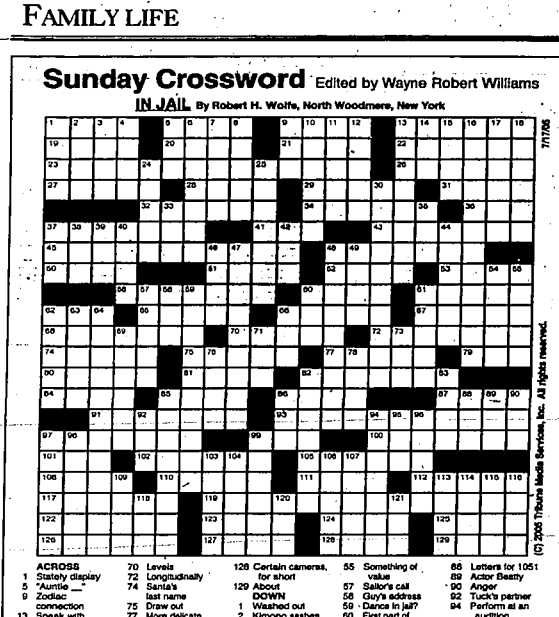

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# Wife's distrust frustrates man

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a committed 10-year marriage with "Cathy," a woman I love dearly. My problem is, Cathy doesn't trust me. Her ex-husband cheated on her, her father cheated on her mother, and I feel like I'm paying for their sins.

I play in a band that has "gigs" in bars once a month. I also like to go for a beer with the fellas after work a couple of times a month. (I work days in a manufacturing plant.) Whenever I play with the band and Cathy is present, I constantly have to watch that I don't talk to any women in her presence.

The place I work has 1,200 employees. Many of them come to see our band to show their support. (The majority of our employees are female.) Cathy considers it disrespectful to her that they come to hear us, and she acts as if she's in constant fear that I might stray, despite my reassurances that I'm totally committed to her.

What can I do? I feel like I'm beating a dead horse.

— DESPERATE TO UNDERSTAND

**DEAR DESPERATE:** There is nothing you can do because the problem isn't yours; it's your wife's. Until you came into her life, her two most significant male relationships were with men who were unfaithful. The fact that the male role model — her father — was a cheater set up her expectations for how "all" men behave.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to have a serious talk with your wife about how her suspicions make you feel. It is unrealistic to expect you to spend the rest of your life wearing blinders and talking only to men. If she's smart, she'll talk to a counselor about this, because suspicion and accusations that an innocent spouse is cheating can destroy a marriage as surely as infidelity can.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 25, single and hard-working. I am also pregnant. The father, "Zack," is married and expecting his first child in August. I'm due in October.

I met Zack at a bar. I wasn't looking for a serious relationship. Just a fun evening. Zack seemed like a nice guy. He never said he was involved with anyone, let alone married, and he wasn't wearing a ring. Well, our night of passion has now led to a lifetime of concern.

Zack doesn't want me to "ruin his marriage," and I don't want to be called a homewrecker. I initially didn't want him involved at all, but reality has set in and I will need his financial help.

Once my baby is born, Zack will be taking a blood test to establish paternity. My family knows nothing about all this, but it's hard to hide. It will be even harder once the court comes into play regarding child support.

How should I break it to them? Should I be ashamed? I don't think so, because I didn't know Zack was married — so why is he burdening me with the guilt of ruining his marriage?

— MOTHER-TO-BE IN NEW JERSEY

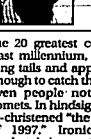
**DEAR MOTHER-TO-BE:** Tell your family in plain English about what's going on, because you are going to need their emotional support in the months to come.

Clearly, you will get none from Zack because he will have his hands full explaining this child to his wife.

Should you be ashamed? Unless you consider having unprotected sex with a stranger you met at a bar one of your prouder moments, I think you should.

*Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.*

# Ten years of Hale-Bopp hindsight



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

The coming Saturday marks the 10th anniversary of the discovery of Comet Hale-Bopp, a record breaking comet in many respects. When Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp independently stumbled upon the faint fuzzy glow in their amateur telescopes, they had no idea what a rare gem they had just found.

Within days, the comet's position and orbit were calculated. No comet had ever been discovered so far away, suggesting that Hale-Bopp was a whopper. In the months that followed, it brightened faster than expected, suggesting that it was a young comet with a large supply of dust and ice to shed as it neared the sun. While most comets' nuclei are estimated to be between three and five miles wide, Hale-Bopp's was pushing 25 miles wide. Put another way, it was as large as over 200 typical comets smashed together. Furthermore, its path would carry it close enough to earth to put on a spectacular show.

And so it did. In the spring of 1997, Hale-Bopp became one of the 20 greatest comets of the past millennium, sporting two long tails and appearing bright enough to catch the attention of even people not looking for comets. In hindsight it has been re-christened "the Great Comet of 1997." Ironically, Comet Hyakutake's great showing in 1996 has been all but forgotten in the shadow of its overachieving cometary successor. The last time two bright comets arrived in such a short time was 1910, when Comet Halley was upstaged by a comet so bright it was visible in the daytime sky.

So naturally we ask: When will the next Great Comet appear? While the average time between reasonably bright comets is approximately 10 years, statistics suggest we probably won't see another Hale-Bopp for centuries. Still, it doesn't prevent amateur astronomers worldwide from searching the skies, hoping their 'next discovery' could become the "Comet of the (21st) Century."

**Sky calendar**

- **Planets:**
  One hour before sunrise:
  Mars: SE, high
  One hour after sunset:
  Venus: WNW, extremely low
  Jupiter: WSW, low
- **Moon:**
  Full moon Thursday, 5 a.m.
  Largest full moon of 2005.

*Next week: Astronomy and military tactics.*

*Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Hemett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.*

# Virgo: Try flowers in the window boxes

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

**IF JULY 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Restraints from the past have been released and you are free in the year ahead to go after those things you have always desired. You could make a new start in September or October when a period of good luck might open some helpful doors or provide some important inspiration. In January, unwavering ambition and a do-or-die attitude can lead you to a major success with something close to your heart. Expect to possess the energy and determination to make huge progress in 2006.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be a Goldilocks and find the right formula to relate to others that's not too hot and not too cold, but just right. Take advantage of perfect celestial weather to mingle with others and enjoy physical activities.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Trifle with someone's affections and enjoy lighthearted teasing. Get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun. Exercise of any type can be a big turn-on that breaks the ice at social gatherings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't be shy around new friends. The more enthusiasm you show, the more enjoyment everyone will have.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Use a practical outlook to gets things organized early so you can lounge at the pool or get involved in a project. It is a good day for outdoor activities but don't take mild flirtations to heart.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Put the stair climber away and try some tennis or the pool. Have some good-natured fun by horsing around in the great outdoors. The stars agree that physical activities with others will promote smiles.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Exercise your body as well as your mind. Part with those extra pennies to put little pizzazz in your surroundings. It is a great time to clear out the closets or dress up the window boxes with flowers.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Hum the song "Let's Get Physical." Work up a sweat even if it messes up your hair. Your warmth and kindness won't be misunderstood if you engage in casual flirtations just for the fun of it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Pair up with the perfect partner for passionate pastimes. Athletic competitions and games are highlighted — but it's possible to play along with innocent flirtations, as well.

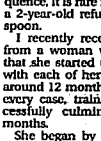
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The seductive batting of eyelashes or that "come hither" glance is just for fun. Don't take relationships too seriously; keep a light touch in place. Outdoor sports lead to fun.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It isn't what you say, but what you do that counts. Although energetic spirits you meet today might seem to be making a play for your heart, don't mistake warmth for seductiveness.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Buddy-buddy attitudes work the best, especially around members of the opposite sex. Romantic banter can lead to amorous moments with a lover, but don't start up a new relationship.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Money might burn a hole in your pocket this weekend as you spend it here and there on little things that mount up to big totals. But don't be mad — be glad. Those little things can enhance your public image.

# Toilet training? How early is too early?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

**Q: According to my grandmother's diary, my mother was completely toilet trained by age 18 months, but my grandmother didn't explain her method. My mother is the happiest, most well-adjusted person I know, so early training obviously didn't harm her in any way. Do you have any idea how my grandmother accomplished this?**

A: When it came to toilet training in your grandmother's day, 18 months was not considered "early." As recently as the 1950s, according to a Harvard University survey, 9 of 10 American children were toilet trained by 24 months. Even today, children in most third-world countries are completely trained by 24 months. As one might expect, the average age in industrialized countries is higher, with children in the USA wearing diapers the longest.

Women in your grandmother's day approached toilet training very matter-of-factly, much the same way they taught their children to eat with spoons. When you think about it, the two tasks are fairly similar. They are both self-help skills; both require patience, guidance, and encouragement; and both necessitate that the parent deal with a certain amount of mess in the beginning.

Because "experts" do not babble on about "readiness signs" for spoon-training or predict dire psychological consequences if a child is not allowed to decide for himself when to use a spoon, parents approach this teaching casually and straightforwardly, much the same way parents approached toilet training in your grandma's day. As a consequence, it is rare indeed to find a 2-year-old refusing to use a spoon.

I recently received a letter from a woman who reported that she started toilet training with each of her five children around 12 months and that in every case, training was successfully culminated by 18 months.

She began by freely admitting that she had to first train herself to be cognizant of signals from her child that elimination was imminent.

It all began one morning when she discovered her 7-month-old had a clean diaper. She sat him on the potty, gave him a piece of toast, and he had a bowel movement.

"I learned," she writes, "his rhythms; he learned my vocabulary and earned our praises. He quickly grew to prefer dry, clean pants, and began letting me know when he had to go."

She and her husband praised, let him watch them using the toilet, and helped him when he signaled he needed help. By age 18 months, he was standing to urinate! She followed the same plan with her other three children.

Her experiences led her to conclude that toilet training is primarily a matter of communication, not control. She's convinced that by starting training early, one increases the likelihood that the child will become quickly intolerant of his or her own messy diapers and, consequently, more cooperative.

She closes by writing, "Certainly not all children will be as cooperative as mine were, but I'll bet that many if not most would be if someone taught them the language, knew their routines, and cared enough to give them sufficient attention and praise."

That sounds like an excellent prescription for a lot of parenting matters.

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# RV

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with parking at Wal-Mart," said Fuller, of Mesa, Ariz., as he loaded bottled water into a motor home in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Emporia, Kan. "I pulled in around 10 o'clock at night. There were other RVs there, but in the middle of the night, a cop knocked on our door and said we couldn't park there."

James Stover, public affairs manager in Yuma, said the city has a 20-year-old ban on any overnight camping without a permit. Campgrounds are big business in Arizona, he said, and allowing travelers to camp overnight for free does not help the business community.

Woodbury said that's not uncommon in places where the weather is nice year-round.

"If you look, the areas where staying at Wal-Mart is not allowed are generally places like Florida, Arizona, Southern California, where you get winter snowbirds who would go in and occupy parking lots and there would be no room for cars," he said. "Also, there are small towns where campground owners go to the city council and say it's hurting their business."

In Jamestown, N.D., campground owners pushed the city government to ban parking in the Wal-Mart lot earlier this year, but the issue was dropped when local residents argued against it.

"It got pretty lively, particularly in the articles in the newspaper," said James Fuchs, city administrator. "There were opinion articles from citizens who said they wanted to leave things as they were."

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# ENGAGEMENTS

## SHARP-ARRITT

BURLEY — Kevin and Mary Sue Sharp of Preston announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Sharp, to Preston Arritt, son of Kerry and Lori Arritt of Burley.

Sharp is attending Idaho State University and is employed at Holy Spirit Catholic Day Care in Pocatello.

Arritt is also attending ISU and is employed at JC Penney in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Burley LDS Institute building.

Natalie Sharp and Preston Arritt

## SCHWENDIMAN-LE DUC

BURLEY — Wayne and Delinda Schwendiman of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Schwendiman, to Rick Le Duc, son of Fern and James Oliphant of St. George, Utah, and Craig and Tina Le Duc of Orderville, Utah.

Schwendiman is a 2004 graduate of Burley High School.

Le Duc is employed as a youth correctional officer and is currently attending school in law enforcement in Cedar City, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, in the Orderville Chapel in Orderville, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. July 22 at the same location. An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Ambulatory Surgery Center, 1344 Hiland Ave., Burley. Friends and family are invited to attend the celebrations.

Amber Schwendiman and Rick Le Duc

## CLARKE-ROY

TWIN FALLS — David and Ramona Anderson of Twin Falls and Michael and Marianne Clarke of Salt Lake City, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Renae Clarke, to Dane Christian Roy, son of Emery and Penny Roy and Rex and Dana Johnson, all of Meridian.

Clarke graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1998. She received her bachelor of arts degree in English education from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. She is currently teaching and coaching at Kuna High School in Kuna.

Roy graduated from Eagle High School in 1997. He received his bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Boise State University and then received his teaching certificate from the University of Idaho. He is currently teaching and coaching at Mountain View High School in Meridian. He is also working on his master's in educational leadership from the U of I.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, in Boise.

Dane Roy and Brooke Clarke

## SHEPARD-PLOCHER

RUPERT — Robert and Janet Shepard of Longview, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Kathleen Shepard, to Cody J. Plocher, son of Jim and Virginia Plocher of Rupert.

Shepard is a graduate of R.A. Long High School in Longview, Wash., and the University of Idaho in Moscow. She is employed with the Minidoka County School District in Rupert.

Plocher is a graduate of Minico High School and is employed with Timm Adams in farming in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 6:30 p.m. July 23 at the Marsh Creek Event Centre in Albion.

Julie Shepard and Cody Plocher

## RYZAK-RATTO

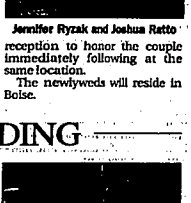
BURLEY — David and Mary Ryzak of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Annette Ryzak, to Joshua Dan Ratto, son of Robert and Nonna Ratto of Gooding.

Ryzak attended Burley High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed by Multi Care Staffing of Meridian.

Ratto attended Gooding High School. He is employed by Electronic Data Systems of Boise.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley with a reception to honor the couple immediately following at the same location.

The newlyweds will reside in Boise.



Jennifer Ryzak and Joshua Ratto

## NEWBRY-BLAIR

JEROME — Mark and Anne Newbry of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather L. Newbry, to James Edward Blair Jr., son of Jim Blair and Debra Horton, both of Twin Falls.

Newbry is a graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed by the Jerome School District.

Blair is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Blue Beacon in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Mark and Anne Newbry's residence. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

James Blair Jr. and Heather Newbry

## OLSEN-MULVANEY

JEROME — Aaron and Maida Olsen of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Olsen, to Christopher Mulvaney Jr., son of Chris and Mary Mulvaney.

Olsen is employed at Snipz Styling Salon in Twin Falls.

Mulvaney is employed at Clear Channel Radio in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 30. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the Olsen residence.

Jessica Olsen and Christopher Mulvaney Jr.

## SEATON-CLOUD

SHOSHONE — Terri Hunter of Shoshone and Greg Seaton of Simi, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn Seaton, to Scott M. Cloud, son of Mike and Glenda Cloud of Culver, Ore.

Seaton is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2003 graduate of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Culver Elementary School in Culver.

Cloud is a 2000 graduate of Culver High School and a 2004 graduate of Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. He is employed with Keith Manufacturing in Madras, Ore.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Madras Methodist Church in Madras. A reception will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Cloud residence in Culver.

Scott Cloud and Kelly Seaton

## PRUNTY-LISLE

BRUNEAU — The families of Becky Prunty and Rolly Lisle announce the couple's engagement.

Prunty is the daughter of the late Dick Prunty of Charleston, Nev., Chuck Hall of Bruneau and the late Jan Hall.

Lisle is the son of Jack and Sheri Lisle of Declo.

The couple will reside primarily on the Prunty Ranch in Charleston, continuing with the ranch business.

The wedding and reception are planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Hall Ranch in Bruneau.

Becky Prunty and Rolly Lisle

## MAIER-MILLER

KIMBERLY — Don and Janaye Maier of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Karissa Deanne Maier, to Daniel Marshall Miller, son of Dr. Ron and Jane Miller of Twin Falls.

Maier is a 2001 graduate of Kimberly High School and a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She obtained a degree in speech pathology from Idaho State University. She will be attending graduate school at ISU this fall. She is employed at Advocacy and Learning Associates in Pocatello.

Miller is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a graduate of CSI. After studying in Spain for one year, he obtained a degree in Spanish from ISU. He will be interning with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries this fall.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the church.

Daniel Miller and Karissa Maier

# WEDDING

## DELAMARE-BAUER

TWIN FALLS — Sarah Elena DeLaMare of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jared Bauer of Twin Falls were married July 1 in the Salt Lake City Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Philip and Deborah DeLaMare of Salt Lake City.

The bridegroom is the son of Wayne and Linda Rae Bauer of Twin Falls.

The couple resides in Salt Lake City, where she attends LDS Business College and is majoring in interior design. He owns The Bauer Entertainment Group Inc.

An open house will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Bauer residence, 387 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls. All friends are invited to the open house.



Jared and Sarah Bauer

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# ANNIVERSARY

## THE KOOIMANS

Pearl and Eldrew Kooiman

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. Eldrew "Al" Kooiman of Buhl will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

Kooiman and Pearl Vanderveen were married July 21, 1955, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Artesia, Calif.

They moved to Buhl in 1977 and owned a dairy farm for several years. She also worked as head cook at the West End Senior Citizens Center.

They have been active members of the Twin Falls Reformed Church since 1977, where she was the church organist for a number of years. They also enjoy bowling, watching baseball, and spending time with their grandchildren.

The open house is hosted by their children, Andy (Surette) Kooiman of Buhl, Jim Kooiman (Jennifer Gilmer) of Jerome and Jenifer Kooiman of Seattle, Wash. No gifts are requested.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE GLENNS

Derald and Lois Glenn

KIMBERLY — Derald and Lois Glenn of Kimberly will be honored at a celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary. *Friends and family are invited to* attend from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.

They were married June 15, 1955, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

They have resided in Kimberly since 1958.

He farmed for more than 40 years and was on the State Executive Committee of the Idaho Wheat Growers and served as president and board member of the Contract Bean Growers Association. He sang in the Magic Valley Chorale from 1973 until recently, and played the oboe in the Magic Valley Orchestra for more than 10 years. He was elected to the Kimberly School Board in 1999 and served for three years. Since his retirement, he has volunteered at the elementary school helping children with reading and at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a service worker.

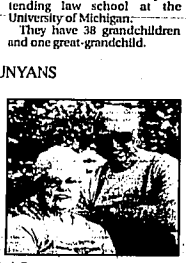
She has been a 4-H leader for almost 40 years, serving on many 4-H district and state judging panels and holding several offices. She was chosen to go to Washington D.C. in 1980, where she helped set goals for the 4-H program on a national *level. She has also helped to* write several projects for the Idaho 4-H. She has been active in the local schools, serving as room mother, PTA president and substitute teacher, and was elected to the Kimberly School Board, serving from 1990 to 1999.

They recently returned from serving as full-time missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Florida Tampa Mission.

The event is hosted by their 10 children, Debra Glenn Braswell of Fairborn, Ohio, Kevin Glenn of Kimberly, Cherise Glenn Dodson of Gilbert, Ariz., Lorlann Glenn Martinez of Tempe, Ariz., Janell Glenn Stewart of Hunt, Maria Glenn Bauer of Perry, Utah, Melanie Glenn Jensen of Riverton, Utah, Nesha Glenn Woodhouse of Elk Ridge, Utah, Karen Glenn of Gilbert, Ariz., and Jason Glenn, currently attending law school at the University of Michigan.

They have 38 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## THE RUNYANS



Bonnie and Jack Runyan

GOODING — Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Runyan recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Runyan and Bonnie Watts were married June 24, 1955, in Stockton, Mo.

They lived in El Dorado Springs, Mo., until October 1976 and then moved to Gooding with their four children, Skip (deceased), Anita, Danny and Shauna.

A barbecue was held in their honor and was hosted by Anita (Pat) Bourner, Dan (Lisa) Runyan, Connie Runyan (daughter-in-law), all of Twin Falls, and Shauna (Greg) Huerta of Pocatello, and their nine grandchildren.

## THE SCHERUPPS

Ron and Doris Scherupp

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Ron Scherupp of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law at 2565 Carriage Way, Twin Falls. The family requests no gifts.

Doris Poe graduated from Kimberly High School in 1944. Ron Scherupp graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1941 and served in the U.S. Army 3rd Cavalry in Europe during World War II. Four months before being discharged from the Army and while on his 30-day furlough, the couple was married July 21, 1945, at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls.

They have resided in Twin Falls since their marriage.

The event is hosted by their children, Linda (Mike) O'Connor of Bonney Lake, Wash., and Kent (Kendi) Scherupp of Twin Falls.

The couple has three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Wedding or anniversary?**

*The Times-News* welcomes wedding and engagement announcements and photos.

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# COMMUNITY

*Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio – 735-3288*

## Rose garden celebrates anniversary

TWIN FALLS — The McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden celebrated its fifth anniversary on June 9.

Underwritten by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, the celebration received a steady crowd of employees, patients and community guests who enjoyed the blossoms and honored those for whom the garden is dedicated, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation reported.

Located on the south side of the Mountain States Tumor Institute at Magic Valley Regional, 650 Addison Ave. W., in Twin Falls, the garden is open to visitors seven days a week and features a variety of roses, as well as water displays, paved walkways and statues.

Gifts given in honor or memory of a loved one are recognized on paving bricks or on permanent marble tiles near or on the base of each garden ornament or rose in the garden.

All contributions to the garden support the foundation's programs that address both current and future health needs of the hospital and communities in the Magic Valley and northern Nevada, the foundation reported.

Trent Stimpson of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in the McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Photo courtesy of MVRMC Foundation

For more information about gifts and underwriting, call Larry W. Baxter, foundation executive director, at 737-2480 or send an e-mail to larryb@mvrmc.org.

## STORK REPORT

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### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Aldyn Elizabeth Gill, daughter of Talia Alicia Gil of Jerome, was born Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

William Thomas Thompson, son of Tammy Kay and Randall J. Thompson of Jerome, was born Sunday, July 3, 2005.

Aleeya Love Vargas-Jones, daughter of Kimberly Dawn Jones of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 4, 2005.

Jordan Hope Wolverton, daughter of Jeannie Lyn and Gary M. Wolverton Jr. of Twin Falls, *was born Monday*, July 4, 2005.

Quinton Hassel Black, son of Sydney Christine and Kimball Moses Black of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 4, 2005.

Kaylee Marie Walker, daughter of Lynette Marie and Anthony James Walker of Eden, was born Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

Macie Panter, daughter of Katie and Wesley Pharis Panter of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, July 7, 2005.

Nicholas Gage Mort, son of Ashli Nicole and Kevin James Mort of Twin Falls, was born Friday, July 8, 2005.

Kyonha Anae Rue, daughter of Alisha Marie and Trenton Albert Rue of Jerome, was born Friday, July 8, 2005.

Porter Michael Thompson, son of Christi Michelle and Bradley Edwin Thompson of Jerome, was born Friday, July 8, 2005.

Aydin Michael Walls, son of Tesha Lynne Bliss and Brent Edward Walls of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, July 9, 2005.

Levi Ted Loman, son of Luella Fern and Daniel Lee Loman of Buhl, was born Sunday, July 10, 2005.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Austin O'Riley Hulsey, son of Raylene Parker of Jerome, was born Friday, July 1, 2005.

Leonardo Juan Vega, son of Juan and Nalley Vega of Jerome, was born Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

Adrian Hernandez, son of Jose and Imelda Hernandez of Jerome, was born Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Alia Rose Spencer, daughter of Mirinda Miles and Joseph Spencer of Gooding, was born Monday, June 27, 2005.

Taylor Marie Larsen, daughter of Autumn Christiansen and Cohen Larsen of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

Brian Vargas, son of Maria and Gervacio Vargas of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

### Home Births

Rishelle Saunders, daughter of Crystal Marie Saunders and Kevin Wayne Saunders of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 8, 2005.

### Other

Dillon Wyatt Mal, son of Maureen and Ryan Mal of Bonners Ferry, was born Monday, May 23, 2005.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Local UI students awarded spring honors

The Associated Students of the University of Idaho in Moscow introduced its spring honorees.

These students are nominated by the faculty and scored on their academics and leadership involvement.

The Guy and Grace Wicks Memorial Award winners included Allison Marshall and Bradley T. Walgamott, both of Jerome. They also earned the Outstanding Senior awards.

Walgamott, presided over the National Executive Board of Association of Student Advancement Programming, the umbrella organization of the Student Alumni Relations Board. Marshall was president of the environmental club, a UI representative to the Sustainability in Higher Education conference and was an active member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

The Jeannie Eva Highes Multicultural Student Award went to Rocio Ayala of Jerome; Jessica Helsley of Dietrich earned the Bookstore Leadership and Dean Vettras scholarship; and the Outstanding Freshman Award went to Kirsten Cummings of Burley.

### Local student receives degree from Iowa State

Daniel Gregory Bratt of Twin Falls received a Bachelor of Science degree in management at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

### Local students graduate from Linfield College

Angela Patrick of Kimberly and Abigail Harris of Twin Falls have graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Science in business and Harris received a Bachelor of Science in general science.

### Wyoming college awards associate degree

Rebecca Plotts of Declo received an associate degree in nursing from Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyo.

### BSU nursing student earns scholarship

Michelle Praegitzer of Hazelton, a nursing student at Boise State University, has been awarded an Albert and Hazel DeMeyer Memorial Nursing Scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year.

Praegitzer, a 2001 graduate of Valley High School, is the daughter of Tim and Joyce Praegitzer of Hazelton. She was on the dean's list with highest honors for the 2004-05 academic year and is also employed at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

### Student graduates from University of Oregon

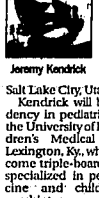
Stacy Hudson, daughter of Randy and Debra Hudson of Twin Falls, has graduated from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

Hudson graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1997. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and business with a minor in accounting.

She will reside in Boise teaching business classes this summer and next year at Timberline High School in Boise. She is also working on her master's degree through the University of Oregon.

### T.F. graduate receives medical degree

Jeremy Kendrick, a Twin Falls High School graduate and son of Ernie and Kay Kendrick of Twin Falls, received his medical doctorate degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Jeremy Kendrick

Kendrick will begin his residency in pediatric medicine at the University of Kentucky Children's Medical Hospital in Lexington, Ky., where he will become triple-board certified and specialized in pediatric medicine and child and adult psychiatry.

### Tverdy earns doctor degree from university

Lindsay M. Tverdy was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine at the school's 56th investiture of doctoral hoods and physician's oath ceremony June 4 in Seattle, Wash.

At the ceremony, she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, a medical honor society that recognizes excellence in scholarly activities, humanistic qualities, leadership capacity and exceptional patient care skills.

She also received the American College of Physicians outstanding student in internal medicine award.

She will continue her residency training in internal medicine at the University of Washington with the second year of her training spent at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boise.

She is a graduate of Buhl High School and is the daughter of Tom and Robin Tverdy of Buhl.

## SAWTOOH SUCCESS

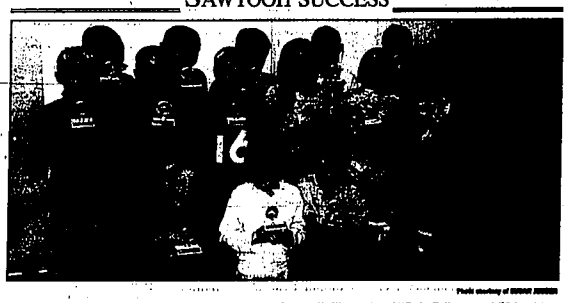


Photo courtesy of SUSAN JESSER

Students from Susan Jesser's second-grade class at Sawtooth Elementary in Twin Falls earned 50-in-Minute trophies this year by passing all of their math drills for second grade that included addition to 18, differences from 18 and multiplication to 5. They are, from left, back row: Cassie Moore, Cameron Wasden, Nicholas Cooper, Delaney Jansen, Braden Stutzman and Dillon Barton; middle row: Montana White, Tyler Provence, Isaak Boyd, Haleigh Allen, Rush'l Niven and Michaela Hawley; front row: Justin Hutchinson, Lauren Lyda, Joseph Gomez and Chance Crandall. Not pictured is Morgan Olson.

## Gooding HS releases semester honor roll

GOODING — Gooding High School has released its second semester honor roll.

**High Seniors:** Maleric Born, Monica Garcia, Katie Haffner, Tiffany Hayden, Joshua Jensen, Jillian Legzard, Teri Lehr, Jaclyn Miller, Jena Reed, Nicole Reed, Ashly Abramowski, Kahyan Pereira, Afton Turner, Peggy Wells, Bradley Allison, Cady Coates, Matthew Metcalf, Lorisa Quigley, Earl Ray, Mike Bauscher, Marlee Bigler, Megan Flores, Amanda Jackson, Charles Kippen, Nicholas Tiller, Lorena Gomez, Kurtis Nelson, Daniel Anta, Brett Cheney, Lanae Gerratt, Nicole Kasimatis, Kenneth McCrae, Christopher Mellan, Cody Rogers and Sarah Pierson.

**Juniors:** Michael Arkoosh, Sandra Avila, Mallory Frampton, Samantha Hobdey, Maleah Huggins, Lana Infanger, Cody Kiskil, Juana Orozco, Tisa Storey, Brittanie Toone, Natasha Yerion, Stephanie Behunin, Larisa Muck, Elisha Scheer, Whitney Schummer, Katie Garcia, Dustin Madison, Lorin Steward, Tatiana Brown, Hailey Gill, Dana Nelson and Meridith Barnes.

**Sophomores:** Morgan Bow, Stefani Campe, Cintia Ledesma, Adam McHan, Nathan McHan, Caleb Morris, Daniel Ranallo, Zachary Sabala, Ruth Warren, Tyler Wines, Anarae Aguiera, Lillian Avila, Bethany Bauman, Kyler Dean, Matthew Ervin, Tina Huber, Ashley Madera, Justin Rogers, Cassaundra Anderson, Sara Arndt, Nekane Damanez, Joshua LaCrete, Haley Turner, Adriana Valle, Fabian Nino and Casey Nelson.

**Freshmen:** Heather Barth, Jacob Bow, Rachel Dawson, Blair Gerratt, Nanie Jolley, Melissa Lockwood, Megan Pierson, Alisa Reed, Cheyenne Robinson, Danielle Shubert, Misti Isaacson, Justin Postma, Tyson Strickland, Nicole Abramowski, Cambria Bigler, Ashley Burnett, Juniel Jensen, Malan Metcalf, Kimberly Newman, Nicole Vincent and Logan Scott.

**Honors**

**Seniors:** Monica Flores, Eric Randall, Jose Magalena, Ana Ramos, Robert Alanis, Anthony Garner, Andrew Rigby, Ashley Kuhn, Melissa Myers, Victor Ortega, Jill Dalton, Anthony Koonce, Joshua Morris, Chelsea Newberry and Nelson Rodriguez.

**Juniors:** Carlos Hurtado, Fred Miller, Steven Toone, Adilene Meneses, Chase Regnier, Curtis Andreson, Jennifer McDougal, Amelia White, Amanda Gonzales, Wayland Anderson, Michael Bagley, Brice Garcia, Jessica Hansen, Brandon Nielsen, Shyann Proulx, Marvin Ramirez, Lesley Silman and Anna Thurber

**Sophomores:** Phillip Leguineche, Chelsea Wright, Briana Evans, Melissa Hermann, Sena Rurr, John Peterson, Tyler Braga, Chelsea Jibson, Robert Nemer, Katrina Randall, Ryan Stockha and Whitney Dalton.

**Freshmen:** Austin Anderson, Emma Kaylor, Mauro Zarate, Samuel Rodriguez, Jordan Braga, Karley Branson, Zachary Childs, Lewis Coyne, Eric Hernandez, Tiffany Jackson, Chase McLeod, KayDee Newman, Jessica Burnett, Rusty Gill, Lindsay Hill, Kristian McDougal, Hillary Stewart, Richard Kelley, Sandra Magana, Magdalena Martinez, Evan Turner, Travis Vick, John Walker and Millicent Zarate.

## HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

During volunteer week, Minidoka Home Health and Hospice sponsored an afternoon tea to honor hospice volunteers. From left are Gina Sutton, Home Health and Hospice Volunteer coordinator; Jeanne Pates; Darlene Wahlgren; Jim Wahlgren; and Ruby Wehmeyer.

Photo courtesy of TAMMY HARRIS

## SERVICE NEWS

### Jones completes Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Caleb L. Jones, son of Suezzane L. and Robert N. Jones of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

They also performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit.

### Maroff graduates USAF training

Air Force Airman Andrew Maroff has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Maroff is the son of Scott Maroff of Fairfield, and Jana Maroff of Twin Falls. He is a 2002 graduate of Camas County High School in Fairfield.

Maroff studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Children's art class available at arts center

HAILEY — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is offering an art class for children age 7 and older from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 8 to 10 at the Wood River High School, 1050 Fox Acres Road.

The cost is $35 for center members and $60 for non-members. The registration deadline is July 22. Scholarships are available.

Students will create a story around a character they invent and then build a mask for that character. For more information or to register, call 726-9491, ext. 10.

### Jerome 4-H Club slates reining, cow work clinic

JEROME — The Rockin' Riders 4-H Club of Jerome presents Karl Smith and Bonnie McBride at a Reining and Cow Work Clinic from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Jerome County Fairgrounds on Main Street.

Participants do not have to be 4-H members. The cost is $30 to ride and $5 to watch. Space is limited. For more information, call Kyra Smith at 308-2673 or Carmen Logan at 320-2050.

### Brain Injury Support Group meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W.

John Bodden, rehab director at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, will discuss job placement, support and maintenance.

The group aims to help those who have had a brain injury, or for any family, friends or caregivers affected by a brain injury. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

For more information, call 737-2126.

### College for Kids classes offered through CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., is registering for all College for Kids classes.

"Intermediate Rockets" is for fifth- through eighth-graders. Students will learn about the different types of rocket motors. The class meets from 5 to 7 p.m. July 25 to 29 in the Evergreen Building, Room A06. The cost is $60; all supplies are included.

"Drama Camp" is for kindergarten through fourth-graders. Students will learn about acting, making scenery and props and creating a costume. The class meets 2 to 4:30 p.m. July 25 to 29 in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is $70.

For more information, to register, or to obtain a listing of all College for Kids classes, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

### Filer Eastern Star members hold potluck

TWIN FALLS — Filer Chapter No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star and Filer/Hollister Lodge members and families are holding a potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 20th Century Pavilion at Rock Creek Park.

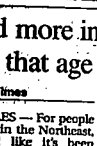
Participants should bring their own tableware.

# THE RETIRING TYPE

## 'I had more in common with people that age than I expected'

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For people who grow up in the Northeast, life can feel like it's been planned out by a Florida real estate marketer. You go to work straight out of school, get married, provide for your family, buy a nice house — you can't afford near good schools for the kids and then after 45 years or so you cash it all in and *head south*. Boca Raton maybe. Fort Lauderdale. Some place warm, where in January you don't need the ice scraper for the car or salt for the sidewalk.



Rodney Rothman

You know: paradise, and the siren call of retirement.

Rodney Rothman decided to jump the line. Rothman was accustomed to spending as many as 80 hours a week working first for MTV, then as a writer for "The Late Show With David Letterman" before he moved to Los Angeles five years ago to write television sitcoms. When Fox canceled "Undeclared" after its single 2001-02 season, Rothman, then 28, decided it was time to check out retirement, if only temporarily.

"I was curious," Rothman, 31, said recently. "When I work, I get consumed by my job. ... I just genuinely was curious about going to see what was at the end of all that work. That was the question I posed to myself — where does all this work take me?"

It took him to Century Village in Boca Raton, Fla., a condominium community of mostly working-class and middle-class retirees from New York, where Rothman spent six months testing the waters of idleness for his recently published book, "Early Bird." He also worked up a television pilot based on his experiences for NBC — It was filmed at Leisure World in Orange County, Calif.'s Laguna Woods — but the show didn't make the fall schedule. Rothman and his partners are still hoping to land the project somewhere.

The concept has comic overtones — the character Kramer retired to Florida briefly during the 1997-98 "Seinfeld" season — but Rothman was driven more by curiosity than comedy. He was rewarded with small epiphanies about the oddity and how people get there, the persistence of personality and the fallacy that wisdom comes with age. Structured as a series of vignettes in loose chronological order, the book is a personal tour of the future, not quite a farce but not a sociological tract either. It's more an exercise in immersion journalism.

"I see myself as somebody writing first-person accounts of real experiences," Rothman said. "I compare myself more to a documentarian than a journalist, in that I'm documenting real things and often I'm part of the story the same way a documentary crew is part of the story."

In a sense, the book is a bounce-back project for Rothman, who achieved a small level of notoriety when it was discovered he had made up some details in his "My Fake Job" first-person article for the New Yorker's Nov. 27, 2000, issue. Rothman showed up at a dot-com company in New York's Silicon Alley, describing himself as a "junior project manager" from the "Chicago satellite office" and spent 17 days pretending to work.

He wrote of having wide access — including getting a massage — without being challenged or found out. Problem was, his mother had worked for the company, which gave him more of an "in" than he let on. And the massage didn't happen — Rothman put his name on the list but made himself scarce when his turn came.

"I was nervous about taking things from this company that hadn't hired me," Rothman said. "When I was writing, I kind of said to myself, well, I signed up for the massage, and they were looking for me, I could have gotten the massage, so what's the harm in it? It was stupid. ... I was naive about it."

The sin didn't rise to Jayson Blair levels, but the backlash was severe as the New Yorker repudiated the article and Rothman was pilloried as a fraud.

"It was certainly no fun," Rothman said. "I made stupid choices. I think it got way overblown, by the way, but I also see how my own actions created the problem. I learned from it and moved on."

Rothman insists that everything in the new book happened, and with a television writer's optimism sees the silver lining in the cloud that still shadows him.

"I did everything I could to go into this with a clear conscience. That said, I derive a certain amount of pleasure that, given all the stuff that had happened, I kind of have come back a few years later with something 20 times as long."

Rothman went into the project expecting to spend two or three months in a retirement community, reprising his youthful visits to his retired grandparents. "It was the last time in my life I've been relaxed, when I was down in Florida visiting my grandparents," Rothman said. "I think there was, you know, that component of me wanting to go write some gonzo journalism in some place relaxing."

Rothman's style isn't gonzo, though, as created by the late Hunter S. Thompson, whose acid tongue was seemingly powered by booze and amphetamines. Rothman's writing voice is detached wryness, a half-step short of mockery. He tries to laugh with his subjects, not at them.

And he spices the approach with moments of self-deprecation over his lack of athletic ability, his spotty romantic successes and, in a high school flashback, his fumbling efforts to join the "cool" group gathering poolside at the retirement center (he was finally accepted).

"I had more in common with people that age than I expected," Rothman said.

# Several factors determine medical review timeline

Knight Ridder News Service

### Social Security Q&A

Q: I know that when you get disability benefits, there's a medical review every so often. How often is that?

A: The timetable used to conduct medical reviews depends on several factors, including how severe the condition is and what the likelihood is that it will improve. The letter that Social Security sent you when you were approved for disability benefits tells you when to expect your first medical review. Generally, if improvement was expected, the first review is probably within six to 18 months. If improvement was considered possible, then your case will be reviewed every three years. If improvement is not anticipated, your case will be reviewed every five to seven years.

Q: I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because of a disability and know that I'm supposed to report changes in my living and working arrangements. I am now in the process of divorcing and finding a new place to live. Also, I hope to try going to work again before the end of the year. Can I wait and report all of these changes at one time?

A: No, you need to report any change within 10 days after the month that it happens. Not reporting changes in a timely manner could result in not getting paid all the money you are due. It can also result in you getting more than you are due, in which case you will have to pay the money back. You can report your changes by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or by visiting your local Social Security office. For more information on what to report, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

*This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For free answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.*

# SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $3.50 for seniors. The cost is $5 for non to seniors under 60 and $2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Baked ham, red potatoes, butter squash, coleslaw, sweet rolls

**Tuesday:** Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Mexican corn, fruit salad, dessert

**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, melon salad, peaches and cream

**Thursday:** Sweet and sour chicken, oriental vegetables, Jell-O salad, fruit and cake

**Friday:** Veal parmesan, sliced carrots, bread, salad, bowl of fruit, cookie

*Activities:*

**Today:** Dance
**Monday:** Quilting
Exercise
Music by Haak
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
**Wednesday:** Elks Card Club
Exercise class
Quilting
Board clinic
Gem State Fiddlers
**Thursday:** Center pinochle
**Friday:** Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure
**Saturday:** Super bingo

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

*Menus:*

**Today:** Ham dinner, 1 p.m.
**Monday:** Vegetable soup, sandwich
**Tuesday:** Taco salad, fruit, bread stick, dessert
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice
**Thursday:** Pot roast, potatoes, celery, carrots, fruit, bread, birthday cake

*Activities:*

**Today:** Buffet
**Monday:** Evening cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.
Jackpot trip, leave center at 3:30 p.m., leave Jackpot at 10 p.m.
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic
Blood pressure, 11:45 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
**Friday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: $3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.

*Menus:*

**Tuesday:** Hamburger, macaroni salad, peanuts, fruit sauce, cookies
**Thursday:** Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, fruit salad, roll, cookie

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Walking Club, 8 a.m.
PACE class, 10:30 a.m.
**Tuesday:** Foot clinic, 2:30 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Walking Club, 8 a.m.
PACE class, 10:30 a.m.
Jackpot trip, 3:30 p.m.
**Thursday:** Blood pressure
**Friday:** Walking Club, 8 a.m.
PACE class, 10:30 a.m.

### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is $3.50.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Finger steaks, potato wedges, carrots, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
**Tuesday:** Sloppy Joes, tater tots, cauliflower, fruit salad, lemon bars
**Wednesday:** Sweet and sour chicken over rice, Italian vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, pudding
**Thursday:** Oven fried chicken, potato salad, carrot and celery sticks, green pea salad, peach crisp
**Friday:** Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit medley, cherry pie and ice cream

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Aerobics, 11 a.m.
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, noon
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
**Thursday:** Commission for the blind, 1 p.m.
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Ham and eggs, pancakes, applesauce, orange juice
**Wednesday:** Roast pork, broccoli salad, corn, Jell-O with fruit, cake
**Friday:** Kansas meatballs, hashbrowns, coleslaw, Harvard beets, Jell-O with fruit

*Activities:*

**Monday:** AA meeting, 7 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.
**Friday:** Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation $3 for seniors.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, green beans, Waldorf salad, rice custard, bread
**Tuesday:** Sour cream parmesan chicken, golden glow potatoes, green peas, Jell-O with fruit, garlic bread, cookies
**Wednesday:** Potato salad, little smokies, Harvard beets, blond brownies, ice cream and caramel, bread
**Thursday:** Pit ham, scalloped potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrot raisin salad, pumpkin squares, rolls

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
**Thursday:** Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.65
**Friday:** Left over smorgasbord, noon
Hand and foot, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

### Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is $3, non to seniors $4 and children under 12, $2.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, fruit, rolls, dessert
**Wednesday:** Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
**Friday:** Beef stew, salad, fruit, baking powder biscuits, dessert

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donations for seniors is $3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

*Menus:*

**Tuesday:** Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, salad, fruit
**Thursday:** Spaghetti, vegetables, coleslaw, fruit, dessert, bread

*Activities:*

**Wednesday:** Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

### Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

*Menus:*

**Tuesday:** Liver and onions, fried potatoes, buttered corn, carrot sticks, pear salad, cookies
**Wednesday:** Chili dogs, relish tray, tater tots, Key Lime pie
**Friday:** Turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, Calif. mix vegetables, green salad, homemade bread, carrot cake

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early to bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
**Thursday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Ham and beans, fried potatoes, green salad, corn bread, chocolate cake
**Thursday:** Hot dogs, relish tray, pearch cobbler

### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

*Menus:*

**Tuesday:** Chicken parmesan, garlic bread, green beans, buttered noodles, pineapple grated cheese salad, banana pudding
**Wednesday:** Ham or vegetable quiche, morning glory muffins, hashbrowns, cantaloupe slice, oatmeal raisin cookie
**Thursday:** Carey lunch: Roast beef with gravy, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, carrot zimmers, coleslaw, grapes, peach pie
**Friday:** Roast beef with gravy, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, carrot zimmers, coleslaw, grapes, peach pie

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Dinner and movie, 5 p.m.
**Tuesday:** Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
**Wednesday:** Development meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Whicked Spud, 5:30 p.m.
**Thursday:** Red Fish Lake Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
**Friday:** Carey center Birthday party
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.

### Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is $3.50; children under 10 are $2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is $2.50.

*Menus:*

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, beets, salad greens, Jell-O with fruit, french bread, fruit pudding
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese casserole, broccoli, cottage cheese, fruit salad, roll, Cool Whip cake cobbler
**Friday:** Liver and onions, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, green salad, Mandarin oranges, Jell-O, white bread, ice cream and apple pie

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
**Tuesday:** Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
Bridge class
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
**Thursday:** Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Art class, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
**Friday:** Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles

### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Chef salad, Texas toast, cottage cheese, pudding
**Tuesday:** Hot cheeseburger, gravy, cheese potatoes, potato salad, ice cream
**Wednesday:** Birthday and anniversary dinner
**Thursday:** Chili dogs, tater tots, green beans, sherbet
**Friday:** Smorgasbord

*Activities:*

**Monday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
**Friday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
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### Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

*Menus:*

**Monday:** Beefy tomato and macaroni, vegetables, fruit cup, cheesecake
**Tuesday:** Pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese bake, fruit salad, peanut butter crunch
**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, oriental vegetables, vegetable Jell-O salad, roll, black forest cake
**Thursday:** Salisbury steak, noodles, California blend, roll, Clara's salad, spice cake
**Friday:** Meatballs with parmesan noodles, broccoli, roll, assorted salad, lazy daisy cake

*Activities:*

**Monday:** All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
**Tuesday:** All play pool, 10 a.m.
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
**Wednesday:** All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
**Thursday:** All play pool
Community pinochle, 7 p.m.
Wood carving, 7 p.m.
**Friday:** Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
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FAMILY LIFE

# Connecting with kids, wirelessly

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — New cell phones are extra-small to fit children's hands, with "mommy" and "daddy" buttons for one-touch dialing. They come in colors called X-Ray and Bubblegum. Still others are set to feature animated characters on the display screen and have educational software built right in.

Cell phone companies, having captured most of America with lucrative service contracts, are coming for the children.

On Wednesday, Walt Disney Co. announced a deal with Sprint Corp. to offer wireless service directed at 8- to 12-year-olds, joining at least two other companies competing for the same age group.

"There are a lot of parents trying to decide how to take advantage of cellular phones to keep connected to their families," said Stephen Wadsworth, president of Walt Disney Internet Group, which plans to launch the Disney Mobile service next year. "Obviously, it needs to be something that appeals to kids."

Appealing to kids is rich terrain for wireless companies, which have already locked up nearly 70 percent of the U.S. population through service contracts. In the past year, the industry's biggest growth has come from 14- to 24-year-olds buying from specialized brands like Virgin Mobile or Boost Mobile LLC. Now, 55 percent of teen-agers have wireless phones, so companies see green in the even younger market, where 25 percent of kids 12 and under own mobile phones, according to the Yankee Group.

Since March, Firefly Mobile Inc. has signed up more than 100,000 users under age 12. Enfora LP plans to sell phones this fall equipped with LeapFrog educational software directed at the 6-and-over crowd.

"It's a segment of the market that's under-penetrated," David Bottoms, vice president of strategic partnerships for Sprint, said of the "tween" population of 8- to 12-year-olds.

## Kid Calls

Several companies are introducing cell phones aimed at the 12-and-under set.

SOURCE: SunComm Wireless

That demographic is 20 million to 30 million strong in the United States, according to analysts. Disney can tap that base because of its vast library of kids' entertainment, he said, and because "Disney is considered safe and trusted."

Cell phones are only the latest product to target the elementary and middle school age group, with companies racing to get everything from snack foods to debit cards into kids' hands. Because of their cost, mobile phones pose a special dilemma for parents. On the one hand, putting wireless devices in younger hands can ease the demands of scheduling on the fly and monitoring whereabouts. But some say the added distraction — and the expense — raise a question about whether cell phones should be introduced to children at a young age.

Kids can rack up charges on cell phones without parental consent, said Morgan Jindrich, director of the HearUsNow.org Web site for Consumers Union, which collects consumer complaints. One mother recently wrote to complain that her child rang up $87 in Internet usage and download charges on her cell phone bill, Jindrich said.

Parental controls and simple design are perks that Disney, Firefly and Enfora are touting to appease parents' concerns. Firefly, for example, designed a smaller phone that comes with only five large buttons instead of the usual numeric keypad. Because it is a simplified device that only makes and receives calls, children cannot exchange text messages with friends during class or stumble into pornography on a wireless Internet connection.

Jeannie Pfeffer, a single mother of two children, ages 12 and 13, said she rejected the idea of putting a normal cell phone in the hands of her children. But she warmed to the idea of buying her kids $129 Firefly phones, which she can program so they can dial only a list of numbers she controls.

"It's a really nice safety feature," said Pfeffer, a Mills River, N.C., resident whose kids call her with their phones when basketball practice finishes early. At $20 a month for each account, the cost was manageable, said Pfeffer, whose signature ring tone on her kids' phones is "The Entertainer."

"This gave them an opportunity to show me that they would be responsible enough (to own a phone)."

Tracking one's child may eventually be another selling point for parents, said Mark Weinzierl, president and chief executive of Enfora, a start-up cell phone provider based in the Dallas area. While a tracking service will not be available in Enfora's first version, the company may add such a service with later models, he said.

For parents concerned about children habitually losing their phone, Firefly is negotiating potential insurance arrangements for child-owned cell phones, said Robin Abrams, chief executive of the Chicago-based company, which conducted 3,000 focus groups and surveys of parents and kids before launching its service.

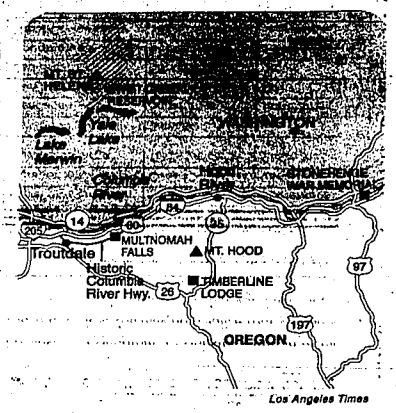
Selling the product to parents is key because, in most cases, they pay the bills. Of cell phone users between the ages of 13 and 17, 53 percent get service through a family plan — a payment method that allows parents to add children to their accounts for as little as $10 a month, according to the Yankee Group.

Disney, which is disclosing little about its specific marketing plans, said it will present its service in the form of a family plan, offering Mom and Dad as well as their kids appropriate phones, all on one bill.

The move to supply kids with phones is a clever one for cell phone companies, said Roger Entner, an analyst with Ovum, an independent research firm. Parents have already shown their willingness to purchase portable gaming devices for young children, so a cell phone may be no different, he said. Besides, entertainment companies already know how to launch an effective marketing campaign.

"Little kids can be relentless if they see something they want," he said. "They won't give up."

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area




Los Angeles Times

# Trail

Continued from E1

about 600 feet up from the river, provides 360-degree views. Equally elegant are the figure-eight loops that Lancaster carved into the hillside at a gentle grade. Negotiating them unrushed in a convertible on a warm summer evening is as close as one might get to nirvana behind the wheel.

The stretch that followed felt a century removed. The guard rails are whitewashed wood or arched stone walls. We soon reached the first of the 70-plus waterfalls that rush out of the gorge's basalt cliffs down to the mighty Columbia: Horsetail Falls, Bridal Veil Falls. We stopped at Multnomah Falls, the highest in the state at 620 feet in two cascades. An arching bridge crosses the lower cascade, from which a paved path winds another steep mile up to the very top.

We backtracked to Troutdale for the evening to stay at Edgefield, an offbeat resort run by the McMenamins. Brothers Mike and Brian have transformed old buildings in Washington and Oregon into lively social campuses that combine accommodations with brewpubs, restaurants and more.

Tim McMenamins bought Edgefield Manor — a onetime county poor farm and later a nursing home — in 1990. One of the comfortable and inventive rooms with a shared bath in the Georgian Revival building is only $50.

Pictures and tales of Edgefield's former residents are painted on the doors and walls. It is a bit like stepping into a children's book.

There are no phones or TVs, all the more motivation to pass the time visiting the winery or hoisting a pint of the Hammerhead Ale (brewed on the premises) in the Power Station Pub.

The next day, we picked up the trail at Hood River, surely the windiest city west of Chicago. Its stretch of the Columbia is a destination for sail boarding and windsurfing.

Another restored segment of the historic highway just east of Hood River has been turned into a trail for walking and biking. Clinging to the cliffs, the trail snakes above the railroad tracks, freeway and river. Eventually you pass through the Mosier twin tunnels, cut for motorists, but they would hardly fit a Minilet alone a Ford Expedition.

In the five miles between Hood River and Mosier, the entire ecology of Oregon shifts from soggy forest to parched plateau.

The black cliffs along the river are topped by golden dirt or wheat instead of trees, and the temperature seems to rise with each mile.

In Dufur, we turned toward Mount Hood. Like all volcanic mountains, it stands apart, aloof. It's the highest point in Oregon, more than 11,000 feet, so when we couldn't find a single sign for Highway 44, we simply steered toward its snowy peak.

The climb was deceptively slow, upward into Mount Hood National Forest. Cool drafts of air slipped into the car and swirled around my sandaled feet. When the pines put the road in permanent shadow, we turned on the heat.

At the Timberline Lodge, we wrapped ourselves in our insufficient jackets and jogged into its warm embrace. If we'd planned better, we would have checked into this historic lodge, built as a WPA project in the 1930s.

As it was, we settled into the restaurant-bar that wraps around the fireplace lounge like a balcony. We warmed ourselves with coffee and tea and a plate of fruit and cheese, glad to be looking out the window at Mount Hood and no longer on it.

# One million U.S. kids call teachers Mom or Dad

Knight Ridder News Service

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — It doesn't get more exclusive than Berkeley, Calif.'s Treehorn School.

With an enviable 1:1 teacher-student ratio, this unorthodox private school blends anthropology lessons with math, history and plenty of baseball. It's no use salivating: Unless Lucy Kuntz is your mom, you won't get in.

Kuntz homeschools her 7-year-old son, Aaron, using one of four education options allowed under California law. She started her own private school, with its own homegrown curriculum.

Friday included a jaunt into Richmond, Calif., for an evolution workshop, followed by batting practice.

"I'm an unschooler," said Kuntz. "We don't have a typical day."

Once the province of frontier families and 1960s crunchy granola types, homeschooling has hit the mainstream. The number of children opting out of traditional school environments jumped 30 percent between 1999 and 2003. More than a million American children call their teachers "Mom" — or "Dad."

"It's not such a taboo thing any more," said Oriana Lewallen, a Fairfield, Calif., mother who juggles full-time work with homeschool duties.

The Federal Department of Education estimates that 1.1 million children were homeschooled in 2002-03, but experts at the pro-homeschooling National Home Education Research Institute say it may be closer to 2.2 million, depending on how states define "homeschool."

California offers homeschoolers four options, including joining independent study programs run by public or private schools. Some families launch tiny, home-based private schools, just like Kuntz's Treehorn.

### Homeschool how-to

Tips on how to start homeschooling are available online:

- California Homeschool Network: californiahomeschool.net
- Homeschooling Association of California: hsc.org/
- Christian Home Educators Association: www.cheaofca.org/
- Ann Zelse's "A to Z Home's Cool" site: homeschooling.gomilpitas.com
- Three Moms: www.3moms.com

*Source: Contra Costa Times*

Others follow Lewallen's lead and join one of the 120 California charter schools that cater to homeschoolers. Those numbers include schools like Knightsen's HomeSmartKids and Hickman Charter School, where Lewallen's daughter is enrolled.

Hickman Charter, for example, through its Sonora, Calif., and Berkeley resource centers, offers homeschooled children classes in carpentry, art appreciation, choir and other specialized subjects they may not get at home.

Ann Zeise, a certificated teacher, took the fourth option. She became her son's private tutor from fourth grade until he left for college.

Given the variety of homeschooling options, California's statistics are an exercise in extrapolation. If the state population follows national trends, about 156,000 children, or 2.2 percent of school-age children, are homeschooled.

"Back in the '70s, the only people who did it lived in remote areas. Textbook publishers wouldn't sell the big math book to you," said Zelse, a Milpitas resident. "It's funny now. Everyone's courting the homeschool market."

Textbook publishers print homeschool-friendly versions. Internet sites abound. And a homeschool DVD service rents educational films, including hundreds with a Christian focus.

That's hardly surprising.

Some 30 percent of families involved in home-based education did so to provide their children with religious or moral instruction.

Another 31 percent cited concerns over "school environment," a broad euphemism that encompasses everything from violence and drugs to discipline — too stifling or too lax.

School environment spurred the Mickle family's exit from public schools 11 years ago. In their case, the environmental issue involved aggressive classroom bullies.

Initially, Deb Mickle's three children participated in the district's independent study program. But when the oldest daughter hit high school, the family joined a Christian-based independent study program with a college-prep focus. That daughter is a junior at Cal State East Bay now, studying to become a teacher.

"It's been beneficial to me as a parent and to my children as students. We really know each other," said Mickle, who heads Livermore, Calif.'s Sowers' Circle, a Christian-based support group for homeschooling families.

The homeschool world is hardly nirvana. Even with resources, it takes work and discipline to design curricula and lesson plans. There is paperwork and record-keeping.

Although charter students take state standards exams every year, homeschoolers enrolled in private school or private independent study programs do not. The lack of testing worries some parents and delights others.

Other parents admit concerns over socialization. Some fret over college prospects for children without grades and teachers' letters of recommendation. And a few mourn hallowed school rituals.

"What about prom?" is a common refrain, Zelse said.

But homeschoolers take life, and curriculum, as it comes. They join homeschool support groups, swap lesson ideas and plan field trips together.

They share tips and joys and woes.

Zelse recalled sending her son out on scouting expeditions to measure the diameter and circumference of every round thing he could find. Back at the kitchen table, the pair whipped out pencil and paper to find the ratio.

"By gum, it was always 3.14," she said. "He invented pi."

But even Zelse made mistakes.

"Never teach genetics with anything that breeds," said Zelse. "We have a lot of rabbits."

# Moms enjoy stay-at-home status

The Times-News

When asked if they would quit their jobs if they could earn the same salary they earn now for being a stay-at-home mom, 83 percent of moms said they would quit in a heartbeat.

In the survey, by Parenting magazine and America Online, only 17 percent of moms said they would keep working as an escape from the demands of parenting.

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# Parents see incentives for summer potty training

The Associated Press

Though seldom listed as one of the joys of summer, potty training is often one of its bare necessities.

Warmer weather, lighter clothes, longer days and increased vacation time — not to mention the incentive of getting your child ready for preschool by fall — prompt more parents to attempt toilet training during the summer than any other season.

### Family news you can use

### Use the forks!

It looks like a childhood icon has joined the Dark Side.

Building on the excitement surrounding the final "Star Wars" episode, toy maker Hasbro has launched a new Mr. Potato Head figure, Darth Tater.

This time the spud is dressed as infamous "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader, complete with helmet, faceplate, cape and lightsaber, as well as the ubiquitous Potato Head eyes, nose and teeth.