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CRUNCH TIME



The cancer center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is one of the areas that would benefit from the proposed merger with St. Luke's. Here, nurse Vicki Probasco talks with patient Lewis Wendel in the chemotherapy-infusion center while other nurses assist patients behind her.

Community gets look at proposal to create regional system

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bonnie Lezamaz was just one of many people in the standing-room-only audience Thursday inside the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. She had come to hear more about a proposal to bring the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center together

to create a nonprofit regional health care system. Lezamaz wasn't there as a real-estate agent, or as a representative of one of the many community organizations she's involved herself in over the years. She was there as a health care consumer. She and her husband, John, plan to retire here and she wants to know exactly what kind of health care will be available to them. And she wanted to hear it from the

crafters of the proposal themselves. "I'm just hoping to learn more about it," Lezamaz said before the presentation. "I haven't had any firsthand information." In addition to Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, the system would also include St. Luke's facilities in Meridian and the Wood River Valley and St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's hope to have an answer from commissioners by Aug. 23. If commissioners approve the proposal, it could be put on the November ballot to be approved by voters. The transaction would be complete by the end of the year. The proposal, put together by a committee of hospital officials, local physicians and

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Jerome reduces scope of its plan

By Cathy Roemer
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Faced with rising construction costs, the Jerome School Board has reduced the scope of its school improvement plan. The board voted Wednesday to include only two new schools in the bond proposal that will go to voters this fall. Cut was a plan to remodel the high school.

The three-pronged project would have put the district beyond state limits for borrowing. A Boise architectural firm told the district this week that its original plan would cost \$32 million. The cost of the revised plan was not known Thursday.

Superintendent Jim Cobble said he would seek a cost estimate from a local firm, saying the Boise firm looked at Ada County projects when it calculated costs. The board's decision prompted resignations from the Jerome Schools Facility Improvement Committee, which had come up with the original bond proposal.

"I can't support the board in their decision but I cannot support the way this process has gone," said committee Chairman Chris Barber. Barber also offered resignations for committee members Duric Bohrowski and Larry Bos, who were unable to attend the meeting.

Also leaving was Amy Rothweiler, focus committee chairwoman.

"The kids' needs have always been my first priority, but I won't be able to continue with the committee," she said.

Bryan Craig also resigned.

"I feel like the board has led us down a path and I can't support the way this thing has come down," he said.

By Richard Simon
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — It seemed like a simple idea: Extend daylight-saving time to conserve energy. But the proposal, which House members want in the energy bill that Congress hopes to pass, has suddenly run into opposition — from the airline industry, school and religious groups, and even the Energy Department.

Supporters of extending daylight-saving time — which now begins in April and ends in October — by two months say the additional daylight in the evening reduces electricity demand, especially for lighting rooms

But the airline industry objects that putting the United States "out of sync with most of the world's clocks" would wreak havoc on its schedules. School groups say it would force more children to wait for morning buses or walk to school in the dark.

An Orthodox Jewish group complains that the idea presents "serious consequences" for Jewish religious practice. Even some farmers have complained. "Cows don't pay attention to clocks," says Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House energy committee.

"I didn't realize what a controversial topic daylight-saving is until I started researching how many people it impacts," said Amy Sechler, director of legislative affairs for the National Association of Independent Schools. Her group is among

TECH TEENS

Youth increasingly connected with various gadgetry

By Terri Yue Jones
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — In a not-at-all unusual month, Will Wu spent more than 10,000 minutes on his mobile phone — an average of 5 1/2 hours a day. Sometimes he talks, sometimes he listens. But most of the time, the 15-year-old just dials up a friend and left the phone on. Connected only by wireless headsets, Will and his pal spent entire days — together, but apart — shopping, snacking, doing homework and even napping off to sleep.

"If I ever wanted to talk I could just say something into the phone and there'd be someone on the other end. You wouldn't have to dial," said Will, a sophomore at Miramonte High School in Orinda, east of San Francisco, whose Cingular Wireless calling plan includes free calls to any other Cingular customer. "Basically it was convenient."

Like an increasing number of youths growing up in an age of cheap mobile phones and fast Internet connections, Will is connected 24/7 to family and friends through an array of gadgets. So connected are some teens with devices like digital music players, cell phones, digital cameras and hand-held organizers, that



Will Wu sends instant messages from his computer in Orinda, Calif. The 15-year-old sometimes phones a friend and keeps the connection going for an entire day. 15-year-old girls are now the world's top consumers of computer chips, said Chuck Byers, director of global marketing at chip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Children these days get cell phones as

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More bombs hit London

Latest blasts are wake-up call for British authorities

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Were the bombers in the latest attack on London copycats trying to increase fear — or was the al-Qaida terror network trying to send a message that they can attack at will? The small explosions that again sent shudders of terror through the city Thursday — exactly two weeks after a suicide bomber killed 52 — caused widespread disruption and dashed hopes that the first deadly bombings were a one-time event, as they so far have been in the United States and Spain.

In trying to determine the source behind the latest bombings, analysts considered the style and relative lack of success of the attacks. "The attacks don't look like they were a hallmark of any one group," Paul Beaver, an independent security and defense analyst with the Associated Press. "They don't fit into any clear patterns."

Two devices detonated — one at the same bus stop station, the other on the No. 26 bus — but the other two apparently did not, Beaver said, citing security officials close to the investigation. "It all seems a bit amateurish," he said.

But the fact that the latest strikes caused much less damage than the previous blasts didn't necessarily indicate a different group was at work, said Stuart Shoobridge, a security analyst and former counterterrorism officer with the Metropolitan Police.

"If the same batch of explosives was used in both incidents, it's possible — as sometimes happens with homemade explosives — that the material had deteriorated over the two-week period," he said.

Investigators looking for similarities between Thursday's explosions and the ones two weeks ago were probing the attackers' patterns and the type of explosives used.

While two groups associated with the al-Qaida terror network quickly claimed responsibility for the July 7 bombings, there was no claim of responsibility for Thursday's attacks.

In the first set of attacks, all four bombers died. On Thursday, two men were arrested in connection with the attacks, while it appeared at least two other attackers were still at large.

Although officials say they do not yet know what type of explosives were used in the July 7 bombings, some reports have speculated attackers used the explosive "TATP" or trinitroacetone, which can be made from commercially available products but degrades quickly. Whether TATP was used in Thursday's attacks. They should be able to nail that down because "significant amounts" of material were left behind, said detectives at the scene.

Some extension of daylight-saving time is likely to be part of provisions aimed at spurring energy conservation and production.

The measure before a House-Senate panel negotiating the bill calls for beginning daylight-sav-

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More sunlight? Daylight-saving time back up for debate



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Hot despite patchy clouds and a stiff breeze. Highs middle 90s.
Tonight: Mild, breezy and partly cloudy. Lows low to middle 60s.
Tomorrow: Still hot with no moisture in sight yet. Highs low 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy, partly cloudy and extremely warm. Perhaps a lone thunderstorm making a pass. Highs 90s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and mainly storm free. Lows upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Another warm summer day despite any cloud cover. Highs low 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A few high based, high terrain storms may come to pass in the days ahead, with otherwise warm and fair summer weather expected. Winds will be brisk at times.
BOISE Although a stiff breeze should be refreshing, the heat will continue to bake the region for the next several days with no moisture in sight yet.

NORTHERN UTAH Hot throughout the weekend with isolated scattered thunderstorms and opportunities increasing from day to day.

Weather by State: Colorado, 105 in Denver. Lower: 74 in Denver.
Weather by City: Salt Lake City, 82 in Salt Lake City.
Weather by County: Blaine, 82 in Blaine.
Weather by County: Burley, 82 in Burley.
Weather by County: Rupert, 82 in Rupert.

Gregg Middlebury's quote of the week: 'The world can change in an instant. So can the way you choose to see it. Why not choose to see the good in yourself and others.'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table showing moon phases for July 2008: New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Not everyone supports merger between hospitals

By Sandy Miller, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Not everyone is sold on a merger between county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.
Some people say Twin Falls citizens have the right to choose how they want their health care system. Among those benefits would be a new, \$120 million state-of-the-art, fully equipped hospital and medical office complex that would be completed in five to seven years. Hospital officials are eyeing a 40-acre site on the southwest corner of the intersection of Pole Line and Grandview roads on which to build the 150- to 172-bed hospital. Why build new from the ground up? Hospital officials said it just makes sense, both economically and architecturally. Magic Valley Regional estimates it would have to spend about \$100 million over the next decade to retrofit and expand its current facility.

At some point, the building becomes a liability instead of an asset," said John Keck, chief executive officer at Magic Valley Regional.
One of the biggest questions on people's minds has been the issue of local control. According to the proposal, the regional system board would be governed by a system board that would include five board members from the Treasure Valley, four from Twin Falls and one from the Wood River Valley and the system chief executive officer. However, hospitals in the system would retain their own hospital boards that would oversee quality of care and develop and monitor the strategic and tactical directions of their hospitals. Hospital staff would make their own medical staff credentialing and privileging decisions.
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to evaluate other proposals."
County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said he wants to look at more than one proposal. Commissioners Bill Brockman and Tom Miksel said they'll decide on that after giving the St. Luke's proposal a closer look.
Dennis Maughan, foundation director and special projects manager at St. Luke's Family Medical Center, pointed out that the proposal includes nothing about how the regional health care system would collaborate with other health providers.
"There's some great opportu-

nities for us to work together and I don't see that," Maughan said.
Dr. H. Peter Doble, a local ear, nose and throat specialist, said many parts of the St. Luke's proposal cause him concern.
"Perhaps of greatest concern is the fact that St. Luke's proposal would take away this community's control of our local hospital and put it under the complete control of St. Luke's," Doble said in a e-mailed statement to The Times-News.
"The proposal is clear that all of the meetings would occur

behind closed doors and without public review."
Doble said he and others plan "to go over this proposal with a fine-tooth comb and begin asking lots of questions."
"This is a huge issue for this community's citizens and future health care, and we need to make sure that the county considers more than just one proposal and one way to get better hospital facilities," Doble said.
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Hospital

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local hospital board and committee members, outlines the need of a regional health care system. Among those benefits would be a new, \$120 million state-of-the-art, fully equipped hospital and medical office complex that would be completed in five to seven years. Hospital officials are eyeing a 40-acre site on the southwest corner of the intersection of Pole Line and Grandview roads on which to build the 150- to 172-bed hospital. Why build new from the ground up? Hospital officials said it just makes sense, both economically and architecturally. Magic Valley Regional estimates it would have to spend about \$100 million over the next decade to retrofit and expand its current facility.

A regional health care system

care system would look like and what it means for patients, employees and Twin Falls County.
Key points in the proposal
• Creation of a \$120 million, 600,000-square-foot hospital complex that would include a state-of-the-art 150- to 172-bed hospital and medical office buildings. Hospital officials are looking at 40-acre site on the southwest corner of the intersection of Pole Line and Grandview roads.
• Creation of a charitable foundation endowed with \$12.5 million to fund indigent care and other services in Twin Falls County as prioritized by Twin Falls County commissioners or their designees.
• The hospital's downtown location, valued at \$5 million, would be given to the county. The system also would provide up to \$2 million to renovate the building for county offices. The system

One the decision makers

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Join with St. Luke's in 1996.

"John" were worried we could become a little Boise," Golden said.
But the collaboration with St. Luke's has turned out to be a positive one, he said. He said St. Luke's has honored its commitment and appreciates the differences between communities.
Larry Singer is a Chicago-based attorney who specializes in the formation of health care delivery systems. Singer, who has been providing legal guidance to the proposal committee, said the amount of local control in the proposal is "exceptional" for any system.
"It's almost unprecedented the control the local board would have," Singer said.
Singer said it also unusual to see assets going back to the community if the hospital is sold. Usually, it's the system that keeps the money, he said.

Woman's birthday celebration is Sunday

An article in Tuesday's paper had an incorrect date for a Shoshone woman's birthday celebration. Gladys Shaw will be honored at an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at the County Year-Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St.
The Times-News regrets the error.

What's in it for patients

Still, the most important question on people's minds is what all of this means for patients like Lezanne.
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WORLD



In this frame from video, an unidentified Department of State official helps shield NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell after Sudanese security guards had grabbed her, pushing her towards the rear of the room where Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was meeting with Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir on Thursday. All reporters were physically forced from the room as Rice and el-Bashir watched.

Sudanese rough up Rice's staff

A U.S. journalist is manhandled after trying to ask President Omar el-Bashir a question

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Security forces in the Sudanese capital manhandled U.S. officials and reporters traveling with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, marring her round of meetings with leaders of the new unified government, Rice demanded an apology, and got it.

"It makes me very angry to be sitting there with their president and have this happen," she said. "They have no right to push and shove."

As Rice's motorcade arrived at the residence, armed guards blocked three vehicles from entering, including those carrying Rice's interpreter and other aides who were supposed to attend her meeting with el-Bashir.

When the officials were finally through the gate, some found themselves barred from entering the building for the meeting. As Rice senior adviser Jim Wilkinson tried to get in, guards repeatedly tried to rip a microphone away from a U.S. reporter.

Ambassador Khidir Haroun Ahmed, head of the Sudanese mission in Washington, attempted to smooth over the situation on the spot. "Please accept our apologies," he told reporters. "This is not our policy."

But there was another scuffle moments later. The reporters were told not to ask questions, over State Department objections. When NBC diplomatic reporter Andrea Mitchell tried to ask el-Bashir about his involvement with alleged atrocities, guards grabbed her and muscled her toward the rear of the room. State Department officials shouted at the guards. "Get your hands off her!" Wilkinson demanded. But all the reporters and a camera crew were physically forced out as Rice and el-Bashir watched.

Later, describing Rice's meeting with el-Bashir, Wilkinson said, "She was very direct about the skepticism of the international community about their ability to improve Darfur."

Rice put it this way: "I said action, not words."

U.S. officials said Sudanese officials repeatedly asked Rice to lift sanctions, and she gave them no promises.

The session at el-Bashir's residence capped a morning of meetings before a visit to the western Darfur province, where the United States blames his government for recruiting and equipping militiamen to massacre rural villagers and burn their homes.

Hair analysis: Arsenic may have caused King George's madness

LONDON (AP) — Scientists have found high levels of arsenic in the hair of King George III and say the deadly poison may be to blame for the bouts of apparent madness he suffered.

In 1969, researchers proposed the strange behavior of the monarch who reigned during the American Revolution resulted from a rare hereditary blood disorder called porphyria.

However, a study this week in The Lancet medical journal found high concentrations of arsenic in the king's hair and

contends the severity and duration of his episodes of illness may have been caused by the toxic substance.

ROAD CLOSURE

In association with the project to construct a parallel taxiway at the Jackpot Airport/Hayden Field, Elko County will be closing the road at the end of the paved surface on Progressive Drive, Jackpot, Nevada, to the Y3 II Ranch Road beginning July 25, 2005 to November 4, 2005.

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Condoleezza Rice

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the Sudanese foreign minister responded to Rice's demand for an apology by telephoning her about the plans to express regret for the incidents at the ultra-high-security residence of Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir.

Twice, Sudanese guards hostility toward members of Rice's entourage devolved into shouts

Georgian police say they've caught man who threw grenade at President Bush

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — A man arrested after a fatal shootout with police admitted in video footage shown Thursday to throwing a grenade during a May rally when President Bush was making a speech.

Vladimir Arutyunian's alleged confession came as investigators found grenades and unexploded grenades in his home on the outskirts of Tbilisi and tried to place together his motivation in the incident that cast a shadow over a visit meant to show a new Georgia's progress.

"I threw the grenade during Bush's speech," Arutyunian said from a hospital room, where he was being treated for wounds suffered during a shootout as police tried to arrest him late Wednesday.

One policeman was killed, and the suspect fled into the nearby woods. He was captured about an hour later.

Other video footage released Thursday by Georgian authorities showed Arutyunian lying on a gurney being wheeled from the scene, one of his cheeks swollen and bloody. He made one obscene gesture at the camera.

Bush and Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili were on the podium in front of a massive crowd in downtown Tbilisi when

the live grenade was thrown. The grenade landed less than 100 feet from the podium but did not explode.

A preliminary investigation indicated the grenade's activation device deployed too slowly to detonate, the FBI said.

Authorities have not commented on whether Arutyunian was connected to any separatist groups in Georgia's breakaway

region of Abkhazia or nearby Chechnya.

The U.S. Embassy in Georgia said Thursday it "welcomes the news that the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs, through joint efforts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, diligent detective work and a strong commitment to solving this case, have taken into custody a suspect."

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Diplomats abducted in Iraq

Insurgents kill 17 across the country

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen seized two Algerian diplomats Thursday — including the country's top envoy to Iraq — in the latest attacks aimed at scaring away U.S. and other diplomats and undermining the U.S.-backed Iraqi government.

The abductions brought to five the number of key diplomats from Islamic countries targeted in Baghdad in less than three weeks. The top Egyptian envoy was reportedly killed after being captured, and two apparent kidnapping attempts against diplomats were foiled.

The chief of Algeria's mission in Iraq, charge d'affaires Ali Belaroussi, and another Algerian diplomat, Azzedine Ben Kadi, were dragged from their car along with their driver in west Baghdad's upscale Mansour district, police and Algerian officials said.

Belaroussi, a career diplomat, has been in Iraq for about two years, and served as financial director at Algeria's embassy in Paris from 1997 to 2002, Algerian officials said.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jazairi pledged to increase security for diplomats but warned them to avoid going to dangerous areas. The Mansour district has been the site of a number of kidnappings, including that of Americans Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong and Briton Kenneth Bigley. All three were later freed.

Deputy Interior Minister Ahmed Al-Khafaji told Al-Jazairi that the Algerian envoy was taken to Iraq offers to provide him with bodyguards, saying he didn't need protection because "Algeria's relationship with the Iraqis is good."

No group claimed responsibility for the kidnappings.



One of the two daughters of Jasil Shaalan, a security guard at a local school, reacts after he was gunned down in front of them outside of the school compound by unknown shooters Thursday in the Amnaryah district of Baghdad.

On July 2, Egyptian diplomat Ihab al-Sherif was seized at gunpoint in another western Baghdad neighborhood. Three days later, gunmen opened fire on senior envoys from Pakistan and Bahrain in what police said were kidnappings.

A total of 49 countries or entities have some form of diplomatic representation in Iraq, including 16 Arab and non-Arab Muslim countries, according to Iraq's Foreign Ministry and country Web sites.

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China cuts currency link to U.S. dollar

BEIJING (AP) — After months of lobbying by its trading partners, China on Thursday cut its currency's link to the U.S. dollar and raised its value by about 2 percent in a move that could mean Chinese exports more expensive and make foreign assets cheaper for China to buy.

The government's increase of the state-set exchange rate of the yuan could give a respite to foreign companies that are trying to compete with an avalanche of

low-cost Chinese goods. But Chinese companies also could get a break as prices of imported oil and other raw materials fall. And a stronger currency could prompt more takeover bids by China like those launched recently for U.S. company Unocal Corp. and appliance maker Maytag Corp.

The U.S. government welcomed the move but said it would closely watch the changes. The small increase in the yuan's value isn't likely to be enough on its own to satisfy trading partners who have said Chinese exports had an unfair price advantage because the currency was undervalued by up to 40 percent.

Teens

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Early as elementary school and pick up computer-speak abbreviations — AFK for "away from keyboard" for instance, or A/S/L, meaning "age/sex/location" — at an age when they are memorizing state capitals for social studies class.

"Teenagers have adopted this technology very aggressively, in part because it's inexpensive now, and it's mobile and everything a teenager does is about being mobile and untethered," said David Greenfield, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of Connecticut.

"With the complexity of our world and the scheduling kids have compared with 25, 30 years ago it's a never way of connecting socially."

Merger

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charitable foundation that could help fund that care, according to the proposal.

The system plans to keep an open-ended commitment to community services such as Children's Risk Evaluation Services, and acute inpatient psychiatric services. Magic Valley Region has begun discussions with the Walker Center on the possibility of doing an addiction recovery program that could offer inpatient residential treatment as well as intensive outpatient services.

from their parents; that's been true since the Neolithic revolution," said economist and historian Neil Howe, who is co-author of the book "Millennials Rising" chronicled the social and cultural direction of "millennials" — those born in 1982 and later. "Millennials are using the technology to express a need to push in a fundamentally different direction, back toward reconnecting people to larger groups," Howe said.

And the sizes of those groups are exploding, driven in large part by technologies such as instant messaging, or IM. Users are able to see who among their friends is online, can send messages that pop up on the recipient's screen instantaneously.

More than a quarter of 15- to 18-year-olds in the United States can send instant messages from their rooms, said Victoria Rideout of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which in March published a study on Internet use by 8- to 16-year-olds.

be online IM-ing 10 other kids, each of them IM-ing 10 other kids," Rideout said. "We've potentially got 100 kids in a social group more or less in instant communication."

Ryan Miller's group is pretty new. The 15-year-old "bruddy list" teams with 110 people, mostly people he sees regularly and all of whom he messages at least occasionally in this rite of bonding over bandwidth. For Ryan, a seventh-grader in Centennial, Colo., the messaging not only defines his community, it's also a social necessity.

"This is a big popularity thing," Ryan said in a phone conversation. "I've got 100 people in my list. I've got dialogues with four friends. If you don't talk online to people, like most other people do, you miss-shakes they talk about. There could be a whole event that happened, like somebody dumped somebody, and you miss-shakes they talk about. There could be the next day you don't know what people are talking about."

commissioners' hands and they said they'll give it serious consideration with help from their consultants from Stroudwater Capital. However, Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said he'd like to look at proposals from other health care networks before making a final decision.

before we made any decisions, including the decision to look elsewhere," Mikessel said. As for Laramie's presentation, she was said on the proposal. She said the plan shows progress when it comes to health care. And she liked how a nonprofit regional system and new facility would attract more physicians.

"I say go for it," Laramie said. "How would you not?" Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3282 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Daylight

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time a month earlier — the first Sunday in March — and ending it a month later — the last Sunday in November. But the provision's chief sponsors are considering tinkering with the dates to address criticisms.

The issue has been debated for years. Year-round daylight-saving time, or DST, was first adopted in 1918. At that time, it was intended to conserve energy during World War I. The idea of extending daylight-saving time was considered again during the 2000-01 California electricity crisis, but no bill made it through Congress.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who is sponsoring the current push for an extension with Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., said earlier this year. "In addition to the benefits of energy savings — less crime, fewer traffic fatalities, more recreation time and increased economic activity — daylight-savings just brings a smile to everybody's faces."

But the Air Transport Association isn't smiling.

This seemingly simple change will have a ripple effect throughout the domestic airline

system that will frustrate and inconvenience travelers, while hurting U.S. airlines' airline industry trade group said in a statement.

Expressing similar concerns, a spokesman for the Energy Department said the change would leave the United States "out of sync with daylight-saving time observances in other parts of the world. It would force U.S. air carriers to juggle international flight schedules and domestic light connections."

Agudath Israel of America, a nationwide Orthodox Jewish organization, called the change "a presentation for trouble" in a letter to lawmakers.

Rabbi Abba Cohen said his group was concerned about how the change could affect morning prayer, which in Judaism is regulated by sunrise. "If you have a sunrise, as will be the case in some cities, as late as 8:45 in the morning, and if you want to go to the synagogue and complete prayers, it's going to be almost impossible to arrive at the workplace at 9 o'clock," he said. "For observant Jews, jobs could be put in jeopardy."

Cohen noted that his group supports efforts to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, in-

cluding Bush's controversial push to open part of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. But he questioned how much effect extending daylight-saving time would have, noting that the year-round extension in the 1970s was repealed after it was found to have saved only about 1 percent in energy consumption.

"If the energy savings were more compelling, that might cause people to rethink the issue, although when it comes to safety issues, I think they really have to take precedence over other kinds of concerns," he said. "Energy savings are critical, but at what other costs to society?"

Several business groups support the proposal for economic reasons. The American Nursery and Landscape Association, for example, recently issued a statement saying the extension would generate "valuable retail sales during evenings at the critical beginning of the spring selling season."

Markey sponsored a bill passed in 1986 that extended daylight-saving time by three weeks. He said Wednesday, "Everyone adjusted to it. The same thing will happen this time."

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Abortion looms as key issue in Roberts' confirmation battle

By Shannon McCaffrey
Nashville Business Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Abortion quickly emerged as the pivotal issue of Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' confirmation battle as lawmakers and advocates on both sides of the aisle tried to lead between the lines Thursday to determine whether he would work to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Roberts' name written record on abortion and his carefully worded public statements on the topic have left Democrats and the liberal-leaning Senate Republican — U.S. Sen. Scott Brownback of Kansas — wary.

Advocates are parsing the few words that Roberts has written there; his statements in his confirmation hearing two years ago for the D.C. Circuit Court, plus a letter he signed while deputy solicitor general at the Justice Department.



John Roberts

The brief, seeking to reverse the 1973 ruling recognizing abortion as a constitutional right, said that he "continued to believe that Roe was wrongly decided and should be overturned."

Roberts and his supporters said that in the brief he was speaking on behalf of a client — the U.S. government — and it should not be read as reflecting his own personal beliefs. He was one of nine lawyers who signed the brief.

At his appellate court confirmation hearing he assured senators that he viewed Roe v. Wade as "the settled law of the land."

"There's nothing in my personal views that would prevent me from fully and faithfully applying that precedent," he said. But those comments are now getting a second look because when he made them he was speaking as an appellate court nominee who would have to abide by Supreme Court precedent. On the Supreme Court, he would have the constitutional authority to cast it aside.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales seemed to give some ammunition to abortion rights supporters on Thursday. In an appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America" Gonzales said that respect for precedent is more important for an appellate court judge than a member of the Supreme Court.

"When you're a circuit court judge like Judge Roberts is today you must respect and adhere to precedent of the Supreme Court. Once you become a Supreme Court justice that is not necessarily so," Gonzales said.

Abortion rights groups don't buy the argument that Roberts

“ John is like a lot of Catholics. He's very private about his relationship with God.”

— Shannon Coffin, Washington lawyer

was just arguing for a client when he signed a brief noting that Roe was wrong. They note that he was a political appointee of the first President Bush at a time when his administration was actively seeking to roll back Roe v. Wade.

"He chose to be a member of an administration with pro-life views at a time when those views were very, very relevant," said Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice.

"That says a great deal." Conservative groups, who have made getting a like-minded jurist to overturn Roe v. Wade on the nation's highest court a high priority, have been loudly praising Roberts' selection.

But Brownback has said he wants to hear whether Roberts, as a nominee to the Supreme Court rather than an appellate court, believes Roe is settled law.

There are a number of clues suggesting that Roberts — a devout Roman Catholic whose wife does not have legal work for the Washington-based anti-abortion group Feminists for Life — personally opposes abortion. But there's no record of him ever having stated publicly what his position is.

Most Sundays Roberts and his family attend the Church of the Little Flower in a leafy area of Bethesda, Md.

The pastor there, the Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaghi, has made no secret of his opposition to abortion. He wrote in a February 2004 meditation that "our church is always and will always be on the side of life, from conception until natural death."

That was written when Vaghi was at the helm of St. Patrick's Church in downtown Washington, D.C. Vaghi married Roberts and his wife, Jane Sullivan Roberts, in 1996, and the couple followed him when he was transferred to Church of the Little Flower about a year ago.

But legal experts say that even if Roberts does oppose abortion, it is premature to infer that he would overturn Roe if given the chance. They point to Justice Anthony Kennedy, also a Catholic, who has said he opposes abortion but who nonetheless cast a crucial vote upholding Roe.

The Supreme Court has two abortion cases before it in the coming term, neither of which would give the justices a chance to strike at the heart of Roe. One deals with parental notification and the second with protests at abortion clinics.

Roberts' friends say he has always been able to draw the line between his personal beliefs and his work and doesn't wear his religion on his sleeve.

"John is like a lot of Catholics. He's very private about his relationship to God," said Shannon Coffin, a Washington lawyer who had attended the same church as Roberts.

"He goes to church every Sunday, but it's not something he talks about."

Catholic groups warned against making an issue of his religious faith.

"A person's religious faith, and how they live that faith as an individual, has no bearing and no place in the confirmation hearing," said Joe Colla, president of Fidei, a Catholic group formed to support conservative judges.

CDC: Americans loaded with chemicals

Los Angeles Times

In the largest study of chemical exposure ever conducted on human beings, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday reported that most American children and adults are carrying in their bodies dozens of pesticides and toxic compounds used in consumer products, many of them linked to potential health threats.

The report documented that children carry bigger doses of

many chemicals than adults, including some pesticides that are ingredients of virtually every household pesticide and phthalates found in nail polish and other beauty products as well as in soft plastics.

CDC director Julie Gerberding called the national exposure report, the third in a continuing series, an important breakthrough that will help public health officials hone in on the most important compounds to which Americans are routinely

exposed. The latest study, which looked for 140 toxic compounds in the urine and blood of about 2,400 people over the age of five in 2000 and 2001, is "the largest and most comprehensive report of its kind ever released anywhere by anyone," Gerberding said.

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Roberts too tame to rock the boat

Having learned the lessons of the Bork fiasco, when Teddy Kennedy libeled Robert Bork on the floor of the Senate within minutes of Bork's nomination — a speech that became the reference point for the entire nomination fight — this White House has its new man out front first. The television tableau was perfect. President introduces attractive, boyish-looking, harmless judge to the nation, with wife in the wings and two adorable kids in tow. A John Edwards moment.

As impressive as the choreography are the president's ambitions. He remains committed to doing big things. The president who has set reforming Social Security as the centerpiece of his domestic policy and democratizing the entire Middle East as the centerpiece of his foreign policy — obviously interested in making history with his first Supreme Court appointment. And there were two kinds of history available to him — ethnic or ideological: nominating the first Hispanic, which is a history of sorts, or nominating a young judge who would move the court to the right for the next 25 years. Bush eschewed the more superficial option and went for the real thing.

Or so he thought. But did he? John Roberts is obviously a brilliant lawyer with a history of attachment to conservative administrations. On constitutional matters, however, he is a tabula rasa. He's been an advocate advancing his clients' opinion and interests. That tells us little. And in just two years as a circuit court judge he's made no great, or even important, pronouncements. Nor does Roberts have significant speeches or law review articles to his name. If he has a judicial philosophy, we don't know it. Nor does he — having told the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2003, "I think I'd have to say that I don't have an



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

overarching, uniform philosophy. In the absence of a record, there has been a search for scraps, such as a five-paragraph dissent on the case of the arroyo toad. It's a federalism case in which Roberts dissented from the opinion that the Endangered Species Act allows the federal government to prohibit a developer from putting up a fence that would impede the movements of said toad. The cover for the ESA is of course the interstate commerce clause, which is the wedge by which the federal government has become the regulatory state never intended by the Founders. Roberts seems to want to limit the commerce clause to permit federal jurisdiction only when the activity itself is interstate. If only the toad would schlep itself even occasionally to Reno, Roberts would gladly enjoy another even would molest it. Unfortunately, Roberts points out droily, the "hapless toad ... for reasons of its own, lives its entire life in California."

This is a thin reed on which to hang a constitutional philosophy. But it's about all we got. Does this portend a justice who will demolish the underpinnings of the regulatory state and seven decades of commerce clause precedent? Who knows. But I doubt it. Remember, in the most recent commerce clause review, the California marijuana case, even Antonin Scalia, no enemy of the wrecking ball, refused to follow Clarence Thomas in using the case to undermine the very expansive modern in-

terpretation of the commerce clause.

And Roberts is no Scalia. I think. Like just about everybody else we can say about him, this guess is educated only by the meager record, and by Roberts' traditional, conventional life trajectory. And perhaps even by his opening remarks on national television, where he spoke with reverence of the institution to which he has been nominated — from which one might infer (now we're really grasping at straws) — that he might be reluctant to overturn precedent.

But if he is no Scalia, is he an O'Connor — who moved so steadily leftward through her Washington career that she has become a retroactive icon, a paragon of principled conservatism, to liberal advocacy groups today?

We know that Scalia and Thomas would overturn Roe v. Wade tomorrow. As would Rehnquist, for whom Roberts clerked and to whom he is being most closely compared. O'Connor, on the other hand, not only upheld the abortion precedent, but invented an even more radical constitutional principle to justify her decision. The notorious pronouncement that "at the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life" opened the door to the Texas case ruling and sodomy laws unconstitutional, and Massachusetts' legalization of gay marriage on constitutional grounds.

It is almost impossible to imagine Roberts doing something as grand as that. He would not have the audacity. My guess? He upholds Roe, purely for reasons of precedent. And very quietly.

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LETTER

Coal-fired plant can fuel prosperity in M.V.

A few days ago, my friend Stu Murrell wrote a letter intimating that I had voted on the Sempra meteorological station application in my capacity as a Jerome County Planning and Zoning commissioner. An editor's note stated it had been re-circulated for readers and Mr. Murrell that recusal means to disqualify yourself from voting and discussion on the hearing. This is what I did when the hearing came to the Jerome Planning and Zoning.

Please don't listen to the hysteria being peddled by the few who are trying to defeat this proposal using half-truths and innuendo without researching this for yourself. There will be plenty of public hearings and meetings in the next year to get informed before this plant is permitted. Maybe it would be good for some of the citizens of the valley to visit Delta, Utah, or one of Sempra's plants to hear the truth from the residents in those communities.

To make sure the plant would be a plus for the community and would not be a danger to the health and safety of the residents, my wife and I went to Delta, population 4,000, to see a coal-fired generator. Intermountain Power owns the plant, and it has no financial interest in the proposed plant in Jerome County.

We spent a day talking to people in the community. I've had 10 years ago. More of us will go out of business if we don't stabilize the price of power. We also need property tax relief. The project would provide both and the benefits mentioned above.

manager who showed us the facility. Not one person in the town, when asked about negatives, could think of anything bad. I asked them about the mercury pollution and the possibility of fetal harm. Invariably, I would get these blank looks.

The community is proud of what the plant has done in the past and that it is continuing to do by providing high-paying jobs and support for schools and infrastructure in the county. There is a possibility Intermountain Power may put in a third unit to bring the plant up to 2,700 megawatts, and there is a committee formed in the county to support the proposal.

There are about half the number of farmers in the valley we had 10 years ago. More of us will go out of business if we don't stabilize the price of power. We also need property tax relief. The project would provide both and the benefits mentioned above.

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Do your research on real estate transactions

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Which like real estate agents, I, too, work on 100 percent commission. That does not make me immune to practicing ethical business, however, and I would never dream of doing that.

Recently, I had a home sold out from under me. I was given though I was under contract at the time. There was personal information given out regarding the transactions including the amounts and names of parties involved. To me, this is the same thing as an attorney or doctor violating their privacy privileges and is not only unethical but illegal.

I have gone to not only the Better Business Bureau with my complaint but also the Idaho State Real Estate Commission and attorney general's office.

I urge anyone that is in the market to buy or sell a home to please do your research. Contact the BBB, Real Estate Commission or attorney general's office before signing a contract with a seller's agent or before making an offer on a property that you're interested in. It can save you a lot of anguish and disappointment.

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months ago and authorities had been monitoring it for six months. It was sealed shortly after it opened Wednesday.

roughly a foot wide and tall, and between 3 feet to 10 feet below ground. It was equipped with lights and ventilation, and burrows under a highway.

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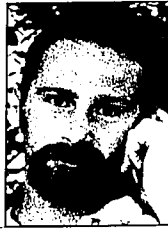
to be completed. There was not a day they did anything that we weren't assessing them," Gasset said.

U.S. officials were alerted and began monitoring the tunnel. "We were in there before it was completed. There was not a day they did anything that we weren't assessing them," Gasset said.

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Francis Robert George Egene Gereau



CAREY — Francis Robert George Egene Gereau, age 27, died on Wednesday, July 20, 2005, of an automobile accident in Carey.

er. Monica and stepfather, Kevin Dilworth of Carey, his daughter, Annabelle; his son Benoit, two stepsons, Shane and Cody all of Twin Falls; his brother, Levi Gereau of Boise and his daughter, Lilly, and her mother, Bea, of Idaho; and his brother, Derrick (Jenny) Dilworth of Boise.

Alton Algar — Alton Algar, formerly of Twin Falls, died on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at his home in Zephyrus, Fla.

James A. Benson — James A. Benson, age 67, of Wendell, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Charles V. Hitchcock — Charles V. Hitchcock, 65, of Boise, died March 5, 2005, at his home in Boise.

Helga Jones — Helga Jones died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at her home in Halley.

C.J. 'Charlie' Marshall — C.J. 'Charlie' Marshall, 98, of Jerome, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at his home.

Una McConnell — Una McConnell, age 70, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cemetery with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2005, at West End Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Gerald D. Bybee — GERALD D. — Gerald D. Bybee, 75, of Castelford, died July 20, 2005.

Gary R. Heidemann — TWIN FALLS — Gary R. Heidemann, 54, of Twin Falls, died suddenly Thursday morning, July 21, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Sasha Siri Andersen — DECLO — Sasha Siri Andersen, infant daughter of Benjamin and Robble Holmstrom, was stillborn on Thursday, July 21, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Walter J. Harnar — TWIN FALLS — Walter J. Harnar, 75, of Twin Falls, died July 21, 2005, at his home in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Allan Layne Flet of Lodi, Calif., and formerly of Idaho, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at Rasmussen Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Betty Hammond of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

Florence S. Montgomery of Glentis Ferry, graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Higginson Cemetery (Rust Funeral Home).

Earl Thomas Frazier of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 1 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

resident, memorial service at 10 a.m. Friday at Praise Chapel, 707 F St., Rupert.

Mary Belle Ross of Richfield, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Richfield Cemetery (Demary Funeral Chapel).

Frances Marie Berkl Anglin of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Wash. St. Viewing from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Rosemary Schwenson of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at The King-dome Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 N. Bliss St. Wendell; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Steven Larry "Spy" Haskell of Burley, final memorial at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Mount Harmon home, south of Burley (Payne Mortuary).

Mark D. Morrow of Twin Falls, funeral from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at 1191 Sherry Drive, Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Velma Williams Ballard



BURLEY — Velma Williams Ballard, a 94-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Highland Care Center.

band, Wayne, of Burley; nine grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Thora Jensen Schenk



WENDELL — Thora Jensen Schenk of Wendell, Idaho, passed away on July 20, 2005, at her home, of a short but courageous battle with cancer.

She married Arthur E Schenk on July 25, 1975, and acquired three more children from this marriage. Donna Jo (Larry) Ostlund, Kay Lynn Schenk, Thomas Thompson and Phillip (Verlynn) Schenk. Thora had 52 grandchildren, 89 great-grandchildren, 89 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Matilda Williams



FILER — Mary Matilda Williams, 86, of Filer, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Chippendale House in Filer, Idaho following a battle with cancer.

She was a worthy matron several times and the Filer United Grange, Filer, Minnie Robekah, Irish and proud of it. She finally made a trip to Ireland in 1995 to see relatives and the family home.

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T.F. airport garners \$2.6 million grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport will receive a \$2.6 million federal grant to extend taxiways, improve runway lighting and access roads, and to conduct studies.

The announcement Thursday from Sen. Mike Crapo also listed \$2.4 million for the Coeur d'Alene Air Terminal.

Secure, safe and reliable air transport is a critical part of Idaho's infrastructure," Crapo said. "These maintenance grants will greatly improve access and commerce for Idaho and our visitors."

Bill Carberry, Magic Valley airport manager, said the money will make the airport safer.

"We will be able to extend our taxiway to run the full length of

Magic Valley in brief

the runway and we want to complete the project by this fall," he said.

Blaine recreation district board will meet today

HAILEY — The Blaine County Recreation District will hold its regular board meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the meeting room at the Blaine County Senior Center, 721 Third Ave. S.

The recreation district's board and staff will meet at 9 a.m. to discuss various items and review the 10-year plan. An executive session will be held at 4 p.m. to discuss acquiring an interest in

property not owned by a public agency. For more information, call 788-2117.

South Central District Health earns honor

TWIN FALLS — South Central District Health was recognized nationally recently for its ability to respond to public health emergencies and was one of just 14 agencies nationwide honored as "Public Health Ready."

The National Association of County and City Health Officials honored the South Central District Health and 13 other agencies for their ability to protect the public from bio-terrorism infectious disease outbreaks and other public

health threats. All seven health districts in Idaho were recognized at the NACCHO meeting July 13 in Boston, making Idaho the only state that is Public Health Ready in its entirety. Cheryl Juntenen, district director of SCDH, said in a press release.

South Central District Health underwent rigorous reviews conducted by Project Public Health Ready, a unique partnership program between NACCHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. South Central District Health serves Blaine, Carnas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. It can be reached at 734-5900. — compiled from staff reports

Americorps, migrant council offer pesticide safety program

By Brenley Box Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Migrant Council has partnered with the Americorps to offer free pesticide safety workshops for Idaho farmers and workers.

The program, part of S.A.E.E. (Serving American Farmworkers Everywhere) Americorps, will focus on educating workers and employers about how to properly use pesticides and also how to treat workers who may have been harmed by pesticides.

Workshops typically are held at job sites. Recently there was an incident in Canyon County in which more than two dozen farmworkers became sick after possibly coming into contact with pesticides that had been sprayed on fields.

The Associated Press reported on the incident and said that at least 25 workers had reported vomiting, weakness and shortness of breath. Many of those who had been affected were discontinued in the field and taken to local hospitals. Many workers also showed up at hospitals on their own.

The safety program is meant to reduce risks of incidents like these taking place.

"Protect Yourself from Pesti-

cides" is directed by Amaya Berriochoa and may be delivered in either English or Spanish. Berriochoa is an Americorps member and is offering the training free of cost. It is open to farmworkers, owners, service providers and people who work in areas such as farming, greenhouses, forests and nurseries.

Berriochoa reviews all safety issues and the different types of pesticides. She also covers the different reactions to the pesticides so people know if they have been exposed.

"She let us know the reactions so that we are aware," said Grenda Chavez of Migrant Headstart. "I think it was very helpful and an eye-opener."

The training lasts about 20 to 30 minutes. The training and safety program was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and complies with the Workers Protection Standards (WPS) regulations. Participants receive a card from the EPA stating that they have been trained for pesticide safety.

For more information or to schedule a workshop, call Amaya Berriochoa at (208) 734-3336.

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Phoenix heat wave death toll rises to 19

PHOENIX (AP) — Local authorities have now counted 19 people likely killed by heat-related illnesses in the last week. Sixteen were homeless, and three were elderly women, police said. All have been found since Saturday, and all but one was found in Phoenix. One of the transients was found dead in nearby Tempe.

Social service agencies and others were handing out water and sports drinks to the city's homeless, and some shelters are opening additional hours to provide people a place to cool themselves during the heat of the day.

The temperatures in Phoenix have been even hotter than usual in the last couple of weeks as the annual summer monsoon storms failed to start at their usual time in early July.

Scardust

Continued from B1
Devine's book, darling and imaginative, certainly will help scared children, said Tammy Prevost, a nurse at Freedom Medical Center for Advanced Medicine in Provo, Utah.

"It shows to me that little kids that have to suffer aren't alone in suffering," said Prevost, who read Devine's manuscript. Publishers balked at references to God in "Scardust," Devine said, but she was determined to see it to print. Her dream captivated Pohanka, who encourages the would-be entrepreneurs in his classes.

"I challenge them to push themselves through the fog. A lot of times we think that fog's a mile thick, when it's really wafer-thin," Pohanka said.

He helped Devine research her book's niche (they found no other children's books on scars), advised her to get it illustrated, helped her connect with donors and coached her on marketing. Since February, Pohanka wore on his right wrist a purple "breathe easy" cystic fibrosis bracelet, promising Devine she could cut it off when her book was published. She snipped it this week.

"I think this book's going to be a phenomenal book," said Pohanka, whose nephew has visible scars from a childhood fire years ago. "If this book would have been out... I know I would have bought this book."

The project's costs so far have mounted to \$6,000, Devine said, including illustration and production fees, about \$1,700 for publication. Bloomington, Ind.-based AuthorHouse and \$1,300 for her initial purchase of 135 copies. Its print-on-demand publishing, and she'll pay less per copy if she becomes able to order in larger numbers.)

A benefactor who doesn't want to be named publicly gave Devine \$2,000 toward those costs, her parents helped with the rest, and Devine is preparing an application for a regional bank's \$2,000 women-in-business grant.

Service clubs in Twin Falls and Jerome will pay for Devine's trip to an August conference of children's book writers and illustrators, where she can pitch "Scardust" to publishers and literary agents.

Two thick binders hold Devine's marketing research —

for example, information on burn, trauma centers, book distributors and cancer support groups. She hopes to get "Scardust" added to the inventories of major retail chains, hospital and airport gift shops, online support groups, the dermatology community, a national firefighters association and veterans groups.

She'd like to partner with health product manufacturer Johnson & Johnson to create "Scardust" scar patches, and she's initiating conversations with major charities she hopes might partner with her to sell the book.

"And Oprah is one of my goals," Devine said. She covets endorsements from television host Oprah Winfrey's book club and by a national psychology association. "Let's say yes. But Pohanka tells her nothing is unattainable. He intends to schedule Devine as a guest speaker in his economics class, to inspire other young entrepreneurs to follow their dreams."

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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (MVRMC) and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center (St. Luke's) have proposed a merger between their hospitals. This merger will bring together these quality health care organizations to create a new, Idaho-based, not-for-profit regional health care system and a new \$120 million, state-of-the-art hospital.

The Twin Falls Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) requested clarification from MVRMC and St. Luke's on the details of their proposal and on July 21, officials from the hospitals made a presentation to the BOCC in response to their request.

While we await the BOCC's careful consideration of the proposal, MVRMC and St. Luke's plan to keep you informed about the details of the proposal as well.

Weekly Update

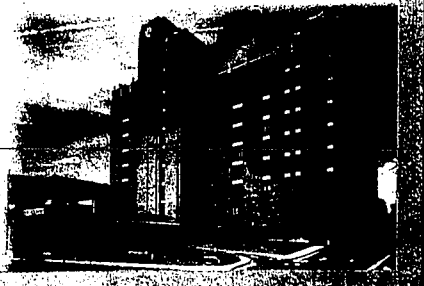
Each week, Merger Matters will highlight another topic from the merger proposal. General topics will include: new hospital facilities and services, facts about local representation, the sharing of best practices to ensure patient safety and positive outcomes, and the ability to attract and maintain medical specialists.

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Officials search for sex offender

Suspect is believed to have bound and stabbed his 12-year-old daughter

WALLACE (AP)—A manhunt was under way Thursday for a registered sex offender who is suspected of stabbing his 12-year-old daughter and leaving her near a north Idaho campground...

Reynolds said he was interviewed the girl, and was searching areas where Tuggle has relatives, the sheriff said. The girl lives in Idaho, which is south of Sandpoint. Reynolds said the girl was found lying in brush along a road in the Lost Creek drainage...

north of Wallace, by people who said they heard her yell as they were searching for a campsite. She was bound and had stab wounds 'all over' her body, Reynolds said.

Tuggle was released from an Idaho prison in January 2004 after serving the statutory rape sentence and moved to Colorado, Reynolds said. Authorities have no motive for the attack.

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Anger, Reynolds, we have no idea, Reynolds said. In Colorado, Routt County Sheriff John Warner said Tuggle was living outside of Hayden, Colo., with his brother, Chris. He registered as a sex offender in Routt County on Feb. 2, 2004, and has fully complied with Colorado law regarding his sex offender status, Warner said.

Firefighters battle blazes across Idaho

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE — After containing a wildfire that scorched more than 300 square miles in southwestern Idaho, crews were working up and down the state Thursday on four other fires, the largest of which was at 4,000 acres.

eastern Oregon, southeastern Washington and southwestern Montana through Friday

Idaho Bureau of Land Management Director K. Lynn Bennett said the southern tier of 500 square miles scorched with all grass and other fire fuels that grew heavily during a wet spring and have now dried out — a possible accelerant for wildfires.

Fire near Bonners Ferry in the northern Idaho Panhandle forced the evacuation of 25 people late Wednesday as flames surrounded four luxury homes on a ridge while flames advanced up the slope through Douglas fir.

The state's largest fire this year, the Clover fire in Owyhee County, is experiencing growth of grass stems and brush vegetation on a scale that many of us, and even some like me who have been around wildfires, have never seen in our careers, Bennett said in a statement.

The fire did a fantastic job in stopping it prior to damaging any of these homes. Boundary County Disaster Services Coordinator Bob Graham said Thursday. The fire was 50 percent contained Thursday afternoon after burning 108 acres of pine forest.

At times, the fire that began Friday evening advanced across the sagebrush and range at speeds of 5 to 7 mph, burning 100 acres of brush. It was contained Wednesday after crews created 150 miles of fire line. The last firefighters were never seen in the scene Thursday evening.

The Monroe Creek fire on the Boise National Forest was expected to be contained late Thursday after burning 4,000 acres of tall grass north of Weiser in southwestern Idaho.

If you were to drive the blackened area from the western side to the eastern side you would go 35 miles and if you went north to south you would drive 10 miles, said Sky Buffat at times seen in our careers, Bennett said in a statement.

The increase in fires came as temperatures climbed into the triple digits across much of the state.

The National Weather Service issued a "Red Flag Warning" for a combination of dry lightning, gusty winds and low relative humidity that "will create explosive fire growth potential" across northeastern Nevada, southwestern Idaho.

Nez Perce Tribe sues fisheries agency

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The Nez Perce Tribe has filed a lawsuit against a federal fisheries agency, claiming the government failed to meet a deadline for issuing a biological opinion on steelhead.

other fish in Sweetwater, Webb and Lapwai Creeks.

Because steelhead are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, NOAA is required to issue a biological opinion on federal action without 90 days of formal consultation, the lawsuit claims.

Though NOAA conducted a final review of the project, it did not formally respond until the following year — and then it did not issue a biological opinion, instead recommending that the bureau consider making habitat improvements in the region, the tribe claims.

Later, NOAA's consultation on the project was postponed because the bureau and NOAA thought that a separate lawsuit involving the tribe's water rights claim could affect the project.

The tribe claims the irrigation project is harming its treaty rights to fish for steelhead and

Britain Gorman, spokesman for NOAA, said he had not yet seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

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Idaho Falls candidate had numerous run-ins with law

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A 23-year-old candidate for mayor of one of Idaho's largest cities has spent time in jail and since 2002 has been convicted of giving false information to a police officer, altering a check he cashed and twice for stealing gas.

He failed to report his address to his probation officer. When police contacted Hess, he gave a fictitious name and said he did not have identification.

He was cited for giving false information to a police officer and eventually served 170 days in jail.

Belinda Howell, whose parents hired Hess to photograph her wedding, said she doesn't believe Hess is fit to be mayor of Idaho Falls, which has more than 50,000 residents.

Spokane mayor will resume chemotherapy

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Embattled Spokane Mayor James E. West, already fighting a sex scandal and a recall effort, will resume chemotherapy after lesions were discovered on his liver, the mayor said.

West ended the note by calling for nominations for employee of the month.

The court is scheduled to hear arguments on West's appeal of the recall language the week of Aug. 22.

West said he doesn't know how long the chemotherapy regimen will last. West also had chemotherapy in 2003, after he was diagnosed with colon cancer while serving as a state senator. He had chemotherapy again in 2004, after he was elected mayor. He had no hair loss or nausea from previous treatments, but did experience some fatigue and lack of appetite.

West said he expects to be back to work on Monday and maintain a full work schedule.

The FBI is investigating whether he resigned his office. A recall petition is before the state Supreme Court with an alternate.

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Water plant opens in Boise

BOISE (AP) — The turn of a golden tap marked the official opening of the Columbia Water Treatment Plant this week.

The treatment plant uses a membrane filtration system to clean impurities, toxins and bacteria from the river water.

United Water has asked the state to approve a 21.46 percent rate hike to pay for the plant, but the commission has not yet decided, and its staff has indicated it's considering only a 1.8 percent increase.

United Water wants to increase revenues by nearly \$6.9 million to recover the cost of capital improvements — including the treatment plant — and to meet the demands of a growing customer base.

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Young photo donated to BYU

Daguerreotype is worth thousands

By Ted Walsh
Deseret Morning News

PROVO, Utah — Historians believe Brigham Young sat for two photographs taken by Salt Lake City's lone commercial daguerreotypist during a single sitting in 1852, '53 or early '54.

The images captured that day are two of the five earliest-known images of Young, and one of them is now in the possession of the school that bears his name, Brigham Young University.

One of the fragile daguerreotypes is on display in the National Portrait Gallery at the Smithsonian. Daguerreotype detectives like BYU historian Richard Holzapfel feared the other had been damaged and thrown away or sent otherwise, lost or destroyed until Bountiful residents Mark and Suzanne Richards donated it to BYU in December.

"This is a rare item. My guess is that it has to be worth at least \$25,000 to \$40,000," said Holzapfel, co-author of "Brigham Young: Images of a Mormon Prophet."

Historians knew one of Young's daughters gave the daguerreotype to Richard Holzapfel's grandfather, Preston Nibley, in the 1930s. Nibley included the image in a 1936 biography titled "Brigham Young: The Man and His Work."

Nibley died in 1966, and Richards was 16 when his grandmother died in 1980 and the daguerreotype passed to him.

"When I first got it, I didn't realize it had as much value as it does," Richards said. "The last few years, as I learned more about daguerreotypes, I thought it probably would have a lot of historical value. An appraiser told Richards last year that the photo was worth \$25,000. He decided his grandfather, who was an official LDS church historian from the mid-1940s to the early 1960s, wouldn't want him to sell it. His thoughts turned to BYU even though he never attended the school."

"I thought because of the name of the university and its affiliation with the church and the 'special collectors' family they have at the Lee Library, BYU was a good place to donate it so if anyone else wanted access, they could have it," he said.

This image of Young was nationally known in June 1854, when a woodcutting firm appeared in an issue of what Holzapfel described as the People's magazine of the day, Young was one of the most famous Americans of the 19th century, a polygamist who led the Mormon exodus to the Utah desert. Sales of copied photographs of him as a stern taskmaster rivaled those of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War generals.

"Mormons were a curiosity," Holzapfel said.

Today, daguerreotypes are a curiosity. Invented by Frenchman Louis Daguerre in 1839, they were created by coating one side of a thick copper plate with silver, blurring the silver coating to a mirror finish, sensitizing it to light and exposing it in the camera. The results were like a Polaroid, a unique image that couldn't be reprinted like prints from a negative.

In fact, daguerreotypes were like negatives in one respect:



An original daguerreotype of Brigham Young is displayed at the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library in Provo, Utah, on Wednesday. Historians believe Brigham Young sat for two photographs taken by Salt Lake City's lone commercial daguerreotypist during a single sitting in 1852, '53 or early '54.

Brigham Young. He's dapper in his suit, handsome. He has a nice little smile on his lips. For the day and time, it's a relaxed image."

The daguerreotypist probably was Marston Cannon, who ran ads for his business in the Deseret News with the picture of a cannon. The other image he took that day was in a private collection until it was purchased by the Marriott family and donated to the Smithsonian.

The donated image is in excellent condition, much better than the one at the Smithsonian, Holzapfel said, but BYU preservationists are restoring it.

"We won't do anything with the daguerreotype itself," Wells said. "It's extremely fragile. What we do is preserve it and stabilize it so it doesn't deteriorate."

Wells said BYU won't put the daguerreotype on permanent display for preservation reasons. Instead, it generally will sit in a special vault that controls temperature and other elements that could damage it. However, it might be on display in limited exhibitions, and it will be digitized for people to view on the Internet.

Wells said the donation was "like Christmas" for the library. It's also proof of the era of historic finds is not over.

"You literally believe nothing else can be found," Holzapfel said, "and then you get a phone call that someone's aunt has died and something amazing has been found in a trunk in the attic that hadn't been opened for 50 years."

"The fact this daguerreotype is in a repository is even better," he added.

"It's much safer there. Private collectors should realize that no matter how much you love it, your kids or grandkids might not love it, or a kid might pick it up and play with it like a toy, or it could be lost in a flood or a fire."

When I first got it, I didn't realize it had as much value as it does.

— Mark Richards, who donated the photo

Appeals court orders sale of Unabomber's writings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Thursday ordered the government to sell Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's writings and other materials the authorities seized in 1996 from his Montana cabin — and use the proceeds to pay restitution to his victims.

The Unabomber, who pleaded guilty in 1998 to a nearly 20-year bombing spree that killed three people and injured 23, wanted to donate his works to the University of Michigan.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the government's plan to retain his autobiography and other written works "was untenable" and that his property should be sold for whatever it can fetch in the marketplace. The proceeds, the court said, must be used to help settle a \$15 million restitution order for his victims.

The government claimed that selling his works on the market would allow the Unabomber to profit from his crimes. When he pleaded guilty, he agreed not to profit from his celebrity status as the man who led authorities on the country's longest manhunt.

Applying the revenue from the sale of Kaczynski's property, even inflated by his criminal celebrity status, to his restitution debt would benefit not Kaczynski but the victims of his crimes," Judge Michael Daly

Hawkins wrote for the unanimous court.

The judges ordered the government to promptly come up with a sales plan. If it does not sell the works for its commercial value, it must "return Kaczynski's property to him."

The materials the Unabomber wants to donate to the library include journals, letters and an autobiography. He is also seeking the return of other belongings, including books and clothes.

Sacramento U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said in a statement: "We will do our best to protect the interests, financial and otherwise, of the victims of these heinous crimes."

A McGregor spokeswoman said his office was still reviewing the decision and would not comment on the government's next move.

Christopher Durbin, an attorney representing the Freedom to Read Foundation and the Society of American Archivists in the case, said the government has simply been sitting on these documents for no reason, because they don't like Kaczynski or they just don't want him to reach an audience.

He would not speculate on what the materials may be worth at a public auction.

Kaczynski's attorney, John Baltus, said the government has been steadfast in refusing a public sale and speculated it

may return Kaczynski's works to him rather "than make a spectacle out of it."

Kaczynski, 62, is serving a life term without the possibility of parole for a deadly bombing spree that lasted from 1978 to 1995. He led authorities on the nation's longest and costliest manhunt before his brother tipped off authorities in 1996. He pleaded guilty in 1998 to killing three people and injuring 23.

A Harvard graduate who holds advanced degrees in mathematics from the University of Michigan, Kaczynski has maintained in his writings that technological advances have reduced human freedom. He has said his attacks were connected to his campaigns against what he considered the tyranny of technology.

The government labeled him the Unabomber because many of his early attacks were directed at university scholars.

The University of Michigan has told the court it would include the materials in the school's world-renowned research library of social protest. The university did not immediately return a call for comment.

Several relatives of victims declined comment. Messages left with two victims injured by the Unabomber were not returned.

The case is United States v. Kaczynski, 04-10158.

Homeland Security scraps civilian patrol idea

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There are no plans to enlist citizen volunteers patrolling U.S. borders, the Department of Homeland Security announced Thursday, a day after its top border enforcement official said he was exploring ways to involve civilians in its agency's work.

On Wednesday, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert C. Bonner told The Associated Press his agency was considering the training of volunteers to create "something akin to a Border Patrol auxiliary."

But Thursday's statement, issued by Homeland Security

spokesman Brian J. Roehrkasse, quickly backed away from that proposal.

"There are currently no plans by the Department of Homeland Security to use civilian volunteers to patrol the border," Roehrkasse said. "That job should continue to be done by the highly trained, professional law enforcement officials."

Roehrkasse added that Bonner, whose agency is part of Homeland Security, had not provided "any specific details" of his proposal to agency officials.

Bonner's comments had marked a significant shift from

his earlier statements.

Before a high-profile civilian campaign to fight illegal immigration along the Arizona-Mexico border was launched in April, Bonner had urged citizens not to interfere with his agents' work, saying "ordinary Americans" weren't qualified for what can be a dangerous task.

But the so-called "Minute-Man Project" apparently had an effect on his thinking. He said this week his agency decided to look into involving citizens after seeing how eager volunteers were to stop illegal immigration.

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MORNING BREAK

Calls leave teen without sleep

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old son fell asleep at the wheel of his car this morning on his way to work. He was driving on the expressway and his car traveled about 80 feet into a wide median, narrowly missing several large obstacles. He's lucky to be alive as his car was total.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My son fell asleep because he was tired. We knew he had been working and receiving a lot of late-night phone calls. This morning, after the car was towed, we went over his cell phone records for the past month and learned that he hadn't gone more than three hours without receiving a call. That's a full month without a good night's sleep.

We have contacted other parents. They are discovering the same thing. Because evenings and weekends are free on many cell phone plans, the kids take full advantage. So they call and call.

A sleep-deprived driver is as dangerous as a driver who is talking on a cell phone, probably even more so. Parents: Teach your kids to skip the late-night phone calls so they can survive their next drive.

—EYES WIDE OPEN IN N.Y.
DEAR EYES WIDE OPEN: I hope parents and teens will pay attention to your letter. Evening and weekend minutes may have been free on your sons' calling plan, but because he

didn't use them sensibly, they could have cost him his life. While young people today have become adept at multitasking, one fact remains constant: People need a certain amount of sleep in order for their minds and bodies to function properly. Lack of sleep can adversely affect a person's physical and mental health. Sleep deprivation adversely affects not only our reflexes, but also our mental health and our immune systems. This is something we can control. When staying "connected" becomes an addiction, it's time to pull the plug.

DEAR ABBY: My mom is out with her boss, Larry. She always leaves me home alone to go out with him. I don't think his wife goes with them. Once my mom forgot I only had a half-day of school, and when I came home she was with him in her room. I went to the neighbors so she wouldn't know I had heard them. That night she left me alone again to be with him.

I can't sleep when I'm home alone, and I don't even like taking showers when no one is here. I am scared to be alone.

—LATCHKEY KID, SEATTLE

DEAR LATCHKEY KID: Your letter saddened me when I read it. You should not be left alone as frequently as it appears you are. Have you a relationship with your father, an aunt or uncle, or your grandparents? If the answer is yes, please tell them what you have confided to me and ask if you can stay with one of them sometimes. If you have no family nearby, talk to the mothers of some of your friends and ask if you can spend time at their house when your mother is "otherwise occupied." It's not the same as having her to watch over you, but it would be better than what you've got now. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My question is simple: What causes jealousy?

—ROBERT IN CONNECTICUT
DEAR ROBERT: The answer is simple: It's insecurity.

Man leads police on chase into courthouse

YANKTON, S.D. (AP)—A man led officers on a highway chase that ended when he ditched the car and ran into the Clay County Courthouse — where he was already scheduled to appear.

An officer Wednesday was pursuing a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run when the suspect stopped the truck in the middle of the street and backed into the courthouse retaining wall, said Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe. Then he ran into the courthouse and headed upstairs to the courtroom. The judge just dismissed the jury as suspect Jada Coover burst in, Howe said.

"It seemed to just get more and more strange," Howe said. "Typically the pursuits don't come right to us as this one did. Officers actually left the sheriff's office and the police department, only to find themselves the fight back here."

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SLAM!

MON! MAMMEE'S TRYING TO GET BIGGER THAN ME!

JUST YOU WANT...

Baldo By Hector O. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

DID YOU BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT I OFFERED MY SEAT TO SOME OLD LADY ON THE BUS TODAY?

THAT'S VERY NICE BALDO. WAS HE APPRECIATIVE?

I TOOK SO.

HE TURNED AROUND AND SOLD IT TO SOME PREGNANT LADY FOR 3 BUCKS.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

SO, LAST TIME YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS AND DEMAND RESPECT FROM SARGE.

HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

GOLF IN COURT WALKER.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HOW'S YOUR INVITATION LIST FOR THE PARTY COMING ALONG?

DAGWOOD HAS IT NARROWED DOWN TO JUST THE PEOPLE HE'S CLOSEST TO.

THAT MEANS I'M IN!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

HOWARD'S ON VACATION THIS WEEK! WE DECIDED NOT TO GO ANYWHERE THIS YEAR!

HOW IS THAT WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

SIGH... IT'S ALL HOWARD, ALL THE TIME!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

THE PROJECT HAS A 70% CHANCE OF A MINOR SUCCESS AND A 30% CHANCE OF CORPORATE RUINATION.

I LIKE THOSE ODDS. WHEN CAN WE START?

START?

I WISH WE HAD TEN MORE PROJECTS LIKE THIS ONE.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

THE PROFESSOR IS TEACHING HIS SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE: "LITERATURE FROM ADAM AND EVE TO THE ATOM BOMB."

No one is quite sure who burned the ancient library at Alexandria.

Some say Julius Caesar. But why would Caesar destroy thousands of volumes of precious knowledge?

Yes?

Umm... Maybe he was trying to avoid paying his overdue fines?

You've been watching too many crime shows on TV.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

OH, MONEY MANAGEMENT, INVESTING STOCK MARKET, THAT KIND OF THING. SHE'S TOTALLY INTO HER CAREER AND HOPES TO PROMOTION SOON.

SHED RATHER BE AT WORK THAN TAKE CARE OF A KID. SHE'S KIND ENOUGH TO LET THE DO MOST OF HIS ACCOUNTING FROM HERE.

THIS DOESN'T ADD UP.

Garfield By Jim Davis

THE COURT CALLS GOUPE MAU-FREGENWEEGENSWALDRIBENFRAXENLAXENISMABITTE TO THE STAND.

BE SEATED MRS. FREGENWEEGENSWALDRIBENFRAXENLAXENISMABITTE.

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

GUESS.

HAGAR GOES DOWN TO "GUESS" EVERY TIME HE WANTS A BEER.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE GIVING 10%.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! 100% IS ALL THERE IS!

I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T SPEND 100% OF YOUR TIME ON THE BENCH.

AS LONG AS I GET TO PLAY THE OTHER 10% OF THE TIME.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO WRITE HOME TO OUR PARENTS, OK? AND TELL THEM WHAT A GREAT TIME WE'RE HAVING HERE AT CAMP.

EVEN IF WE'RE NOT? I DON'T WANT THAT A LIE?

WELL, IT'S SORT OF A WHITE LIE...

LIES COME IN COLORS?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, ONE WILL BE APPOINTED FOR YOU... DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I DO.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

I'M TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE A COMPLIMENT, SO GO AHEAD, GAY, SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT ME.

WHAT, RIGHT NOW?

COME ON! GIVE SOME THING LIKE ABOUT ME!

OKAY, YOU'VE GOT NICE TEETH.

WHY THANK YOU! HOW GAY ARE YOU TO SAY!

SHE DOESN'T JUST TAKE A COMPLIMENT, SHE EXTRACTS IT!

Zilla By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I APPRECIATE YOU TRYING TO HELP BACK THE HEARSAY.

BUT I DON'T THINK LEATHER DRESSERS ARE THE WAY TO DO IT.

WHEN HOW MANY HEADS/CATTLE/DIED TO MAKE THOSE??

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

I'M TRYING TO BUILD SAND CASTLES, BUT I REALLY LIKE SNOWMEN BETTER.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"I didn't bat in any runs, but I erred one in for the other team."

Non Sequitur By Wiley

CHUCK DANK, WE'RE STRIKE IN A QUADRANGLE, HE WOULD JUST HAVE TO GIVE UP AND GET HELP.

GOOD! LET'S GO THEN!

BUT THAT WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND MISTAKES USUALLY HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE.

LIKE LEARNING FROM THAT?

EXACTLY! I'M ON SUMMER VACATION, YOU KNOW!

Strange Brew By John Deering

I'M OPPOSED TO PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS, BUT I WILL TRY WHATEVER DRUG CHANGE IS ON.

MORNING BREAK

Bright blue cars keep you safest

According to research, the most visible (and therefore safest) colors for your car are bright blue and yellow. White's also not bad, unless you live in snow. But if you drive a gray or dark green car, use your lights. The eye has the hardest time seeing these colors in almost any light.

This day in history: On July 22, 1934, fugitive John Dillinger accompanied Anna Sage to a Chicago movie theater to see a gangster flick called "Manhattan Melodrama." Sage, who became known as "the lady in red," tipped off federal authorities and Dillinger died in a hall of bullets as he emerged from the theater.

One study has it that to Americans, the odors of peanut butter and coffee are the two most recognizable scents.

In the study of most-recognized scents, the scent of crayons came in No. 18.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINES
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Mount Rushmore made of Legos? The 1:20 scale replica took 1.5 million bricks, report the folks at Denmark's Legoland.

Talk about self-absorbed artists: Rembrandt holds the record for the most self-portraits by a famous artist. He painted 62 of them. Van Gogh comes in second with 40.

To explode just right, each hard kernel of popcorn must have at least 13.5 percent water inside.

There are about 4,000 types of mammals on earth. They're badly outnumbered, though. There are 21,000 varieties of fish

and 800,000 insects. Woodwinds really are made of wood (except cheap plastic student ones). In the case of oboes and clarinets, the wood is a black African hardwood called grenadilla.

In some penguin roosting areas, there isn't much available for nesting, so many penguin species use rocks. The shape and size of the rock matter a great deal, so penguins will often beg, steal and quarrel about an ideal rock.

People from cultures that value stoic acceptance actually experience less pain. Americans are near the crybaby end of the scale, reporting more pain during childbirth and other physical ordeals than people from less-reactive African and northern European societies.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmings@mingo-barrett.com.

Grandmother soldier will go to Iraq


PASSAIC, N.J. (AP) — To her family, Minnie Hiller is a "tough cookie." To the soldiers with whom the grandmother of six works, Hiller is more like a mom.

The 50-year-old sergeant first class will have to play both roles when she arrives in Iraq later this week with the 50th Main Support Battalion of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Hiller is a family support coordinator for the battalion of roughly 900 soldiers, meaning she offers help with everything from getting a soldier home to see a newborn child to arranging carnivals for the children of soldiers who have left for Iraq. The position isn't always sent to combat zones, but Hiller pushed to go, saying she could help troops overseas just as she does when working at the Teaneck armory where she's usually based.

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College freshmen date en masse in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP) — Hundreds of college freshmen at a Singapore university just up with members of the opposite sex in this country's latest wacky feat: setting up blind dates en masse.

Organizers at Nanyang Technological University paired 536 people into 268 couples who spent at least an hour together

Wednesday during a single 12-hour period, a university statement said.

The previous record of 123 couples was set in London in 2001.

Regulations require couples to spend at least an hour together in a 12-hour period. This tiny Southeast Asian city-state of 4 million people

often organizes attempts to put itself on the world map of unusual feats.

Last year, Singaporeans broke records for cracker eating and the number of burgers stuffed into a person's mouth. A young Singaporean woman holds the world record for the fastest cellular phone text message.

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The Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of George and Ira Gershwin's musical continues tonight and Saturday afternoon in Howells Opera House.



Heardand

Company of Fools' staging of Molly Newman and Barbra Damashek's musical play "The Quilters" continues tonight and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in Hailey's Liberty Theater.

Nefarious

Glenns Ferry Opera Theater's production of "Not My Cup of Tea," a comedy murder-mystery, continues as dinner theater tonight.



Skater dude

2002 Olympic bronze medalist Timothy Goebel will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show Saturday night on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3-6



Marc Cherry, creator of ABC's 'Desperate Housewives' suburban drama series, sits on the set of the hit show. In this Sept. 24, 2004, file photo made in Universal City, Calif. AP photo

'Desperate Housewives' claims gay attitude, not agenda

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two days after being lavished with Emmy nominations for "Desperate Housewives," series creator Marc Cherry appeared before an especially appreciative gathering: Outfest 2005, a gay and lesbian film festival.

The ABC satire on suburbia that emerged as the runaway hit of the past TV season has a solid homosexual pedigree, even if the show's gay sensibility is more shy than overt: Cherry is gay and so are several of his writers.

At Outfest, he and the program were celebrated with a panel discussion, billed as "Queer Is Just a Frame of Mind on Wisteria Lane," that included star Marcia Cross and members of the writing and producing staff.

That "Desperate Housewives" carries what one audience member called a "gay vibe" wasn't the goal, Cherry said, but he conceded the show inevitably reflects his personality.

"The moment you put a woman in an evening gown moving the lawn. It's just gay," said Cherry, referring to a slapstick scene with actress Eva Longoria. "It's kind of just what makes me laugh. A lot of my gay brethren get the joke."

But fans hoping to hear Cherry and his staff revel in the power of producing a hit reaching 24 million viewers might have come away disappointed. Yes, a teenage boy tried an experimental kiss with another boy and, yes, a lesbian likely will come into the mix sometime, Cherry said.

However, the real mission for "Desperate Housewives," set on tony but dysfunctional Wisteria Lane, is uncomplicated, said Cherry, who wrote for sitcoms "The Golden Girls" and "The Five Mrs. Buchanans."

"My obligation, first and foremost, is to entertain," Cherry told The Associated Press. "If the stories I do have some kind of emotional resonance for the

viewers or perhaps some social significance, that's great. But I don't start with that. I don't start with an agenda."

It's a position echoed by the creators of a more explicitly gay-themed show, the long-running NBC comedy "Will & Grace," which like "Desperate Housewives" pulled in 15 Emmy nominations last week to top all other series. Both will vie for best comedy at the Sept. 18 awards.

"He stole our line," "Will & Grace" executive producer Max Mutchnick said jokingly of Cherry's assertion that his show is designed to amuse, not lecture.

"We never set out to change minds and attitudes," follow "Will & Grace" creator and executive producer David Kohan told the AP. "We set out to make a romantic comedy with an insurmountable obstacle. I think you set out to write about themes and ideas or to express a political point and your characters die on the page."

There's nothing new about gays as a creative force in Hollywood. But for the Outfest crowd, Cherry's control of a vast TV forum was obviously heady.

One man told Cherry he may be the "most powerful influence we have to talk about gay issues" on-screen ("Oh, that's frightening," Cherry quipped in response).

Another asked the panelists if they felt they were pulling off "the biggest joke on America ... and they're just eating it up," drawing a demurral from consulting producer Katie Ford.

"I don't think we feel like we're pulling anything over on anybody," Ford said. "There's a level of compassion for all the characters ... Rather than pulling something over, I think it's that we're including everybody. That's kind of the key to its success, that it's universal."

But not universally, or at least unconditionally, acclaimed.

Josh Aterovis, a novelist ("Reep the Whirlwind") and columnist who is gay, said he welcomes Cherry's success as a sign that gays "don't have to stay in the closet" to make good.

But his enjoyment of the series is tempered by reservations about its depiction of gays, he said. "Almost all of the portrayals of gay people are on the negative side," Aterovis said. Among the examples he cites: the teenager who is exploring homosexuality also killed a woman in a hit-and-run accident and expressed no remorse.

Ed Vitagliano, spokesman for the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group, said he recognizes "Desperate Housewives" to be well-crafted but criticized it for what he called its pervasive and misguided sexuality.

"The problem we have with programs that exploit sexuality of any variety — bisexual, heterosexual, homosexual, is simply that they are substituting sex for legitimate relationships," he told the AP. "We would have a problem with homosexuality as well as adultery. These are all signs of human brokenness."

Even producers who claim entertainment as their only goal, he said, cannot avoid implicitly portraying their view of the world. But in an article for the association, Vitagliano conceded there is a "form of morality" in the series, such as the negative light in which sexually active divorcee Edie (Nicolelette Sheridan) is cast.

During Outfest, Cherry himself pointed with apparent pride to the show's moral code. When single mom Susan (Teri Hatcher) confronts Gabrielle (Longoria) over an affair, "It wasn't, I understand," he said. "It was, 'What the hell are you doing cheating on your husband?'"

"There's a lot of soap operas that never have someone take the high moral ground, go. 'This is wrong, this is adultery,'" he said.

Even if shows like "Will & Grace" and "Desperate Housewives" claim to studiously avoid the soapbox, their viewers may be sending their own message about attitudes toward gay Americans, Mutchnick said.

"If people were so petrified or repulsed by this subject matter or his style or his sensibility, we wouldn't see (the audience) numbers we see on these shows," he said.

Kohan agreed with his producing partner, to a point.

Accepting gays or any minority as entertainers "might be the biggest and easiest hurdle to get over," he said. "It's like maybe the first step is saying, 'Hey, they make good minstreils. Maybe they're not such bad people after all.'"

"And then change comes gradually," Kohan said.

A frame of mind

Barbecue and bronc riding: Oakley lines up tons of fun

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News writer

OAKLEY — With the theme of "200 Years and Still Pioneers," Oakley's Pioneer Days rodeo and fair continues today at Magic Valley's longest-running festival.

The festival kicked off with a team sorting contest Wednesday at Oakley's rodeo arena.

Though traditionally the annual community celebration commemorates the arrival of Mormon pioneers to the site of present-day Salt Lake City in 1847, this year's theme for Pioneer Days honors the 200th birthday anniversary of church founder Joseph Smith.

Marking south-central Idaho's 2005 county fair and rodeo season, and sanctioned by the Intermountain Professional Rodeo Association and the Idaho Cowboys Associa-

tion, today's rodeo events include the sixth annual mule race and the city's seventh annual stock saddle race.

With a \$400 purse for first place and \$200 for second, each event requires a \$25 entry fee.

Other rodeo events — for both this evening and Saturday evening — include stock saddle bronc riding.

The entry fee is \$50, and entries are limited.

But folks celebrating Pioneer Days don't have to wait until the sun goes down to have a good time.

Today's offerings include the annual Dutch oven cook-off, with both beginner and championship divisions. Registration is 1 p.m., followed by judging at 5 p.m.

That's not all. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is also part of today's schedule. For ages 14 and

under, the fee is \$25 per team. The tournament's open division begins at 1 p.m. and requires a pre-registration fee of \$40 per team.

Saturday, another day of cowboy fun, begins with an early-morning chuck wagon breakfast put on by the Oakley Booster Club, and a lunch at 12:30 p.m. put on by Clark's famous deep pit beef barbecue.

Barbecue prices are \$6 a plate for adults and \$3 per child, and breakfast costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Saturday's scheduled events include a run-for-the-money on Goose Creek, a kids and

family fun-a-rama, and a "Crazy for You" program at Howells Open House.

Although the planned events are hometown oriented, the festival's parade at 5 p.m. Saturday will take on national significance.

According to parade organizer Jon Roundy, the Oakley Boy Scouts and the Oakley Fire Department will carry an American flag that was recovered from the 9/11 cleanup of the World Trade Center. The flag, now on loan to the city, "came down in the crash" from atop the trade center's south tower, Roundy said.

With an expected 50 entries, the parade route begins at Oakley High School, runs east down Main Street, passes the Oakley Stake Baseball Park and ends at the Rock Haven Rest Home on its east end of town.

"It's always a good parade,"

Roundy said. The Pioneer Days parade "is one of the best ways to reunite with friends and family — and that's what it's all about."

Saturday evening includes the family team sorting championship, followed by the popular stock saddle bronc riding events. And following the Vigilante-sponsored rodeo queen contest will be a fireworks display.

This year's grand marshals are longtime residents Dallen and Norma Elquist, Roundy said.

The honored pioneers are Max and LaDonna Bingham, Beth Bunn, Bernice Robinson and Vern Bronson.

Idaho's Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will be the guest speaker at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Oakley Stake Center. For more information, call (208) 862-3313.

WEEKEND

Musicians gather for Sun Valley Symphony

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

Harriet Parker-Bass has fluffed the pillows in the guest room. And hubby Richard has the scallops on ice ready to scar. Now, all that's left is to pick their "fourth child" up at the airport, her violin in hand.

It's a ritual dozens of Sun Valley-area residents go through every summer as 118 of the nation's finest musicians and their families filter into town to come together as the Sun Valley Summer Symphony.

"We've housed Alison Harney, the symphony's principal first violinist, for eight or nine years now," said Bass. "And it's really added another dimension to our appreciation of the music. We get to meet the other musicians, we see things from their viewpoint and we learn what it takes to put on a truly world-class music performance."

The summer symphony season gets underway Monday, Aug. 1, following the summer "three chamber music concerts and the pre-season benefit concert celebrating the music of George Gershwin. The chamber music concerts start Monday and runs Wednesday and Friday. It offers 12 hour-long concerts through Aug. 15. The Sun Valley Summer Symphony, which offers 12 hour-long concerts Aug. 1 through 15, is the largest free symphony in the nation. It draws musicians from such varied groups as the Julliard School of Music, Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony most of whom return year after year.

"We're so lucky to get such world-class talent in this little valley," said Mary Jo Helmeke, the acting director of the symphony.

The symphony is so well known we don't have to piggyback on other occasions in town even for our greatest performers. The singers and musicians tell us, "we're booked this year but how about next year?"

A few weeks Sun Valley gives the musicians a chance to recharge their batteries. It also produced some unusual stories.

One couple fell in love and proceeded to conduct a long-distance relationship with each other after the curtain fell on the last concert. Another had a simple but unusual request of his host and hostess — he needed a place to house his pet snake. One couple had a child a few years after joining the symphony; that child has returned with them each of the last six summers.

"We have musicians calling us asking, 'How do we become part of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony?'" Helmeke said.

The symphony is coming off a stellar season.

More than 2,500 people attended most concerts last summer, with more than 3,000 in attendance on the nights guest artists were featured.

This summer's guest artists include pianist Jon Nicholson

the only American to win a gold medal in the prestigious Cliburn International Piano Competition since 1981.

He will perform with the symphony Aug. 1, and he'll perform with the Chamber group July 29, the first time a visiting guest artist has played with the chamber group.

Pops master Eric Kunzel, a superstar of conductors thanks to his regular appearances on TV and in concerts throughout the world, will conduct an evening of Broadway tunes on Pops night Saturday, Aug. 6. Disabled veterans of the war in Iraq, in town to work with Sun Valley Adaptive Sports, are expected to attend.

The evening will include speeches and participate in homeownership competition, said Holly Cook, vice chairwoman of the rodeo contest.

Crowning of the Princess will take place during the rodeo on Thursday, and the Teen Queen

will perform Aug. 14.

The symphony's customary dinner-auction fundraiser has been scheduled this year for a Broadway show on July 31, with Tony Award-winning Broadway soprano Audra McDonald, and Broadway baritone Brian Stokes Mitchell joining concert pianist Jon Nicholson.

For the regular season, Conductor Alasdair Neale has selected a varied lineup of music, beginning with Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2" — one of the most popular concertos ever written — on opening night.

But he is particularly excited about performing Stravinsky's 1919 "Suite From The Firebird" and "The Rite of Spring."

"The Rite of Spring," which will coincide the symphony season on Aug. 15, is "a walk on the wild side," Neale said.

"The ballet produced a literal shudder of excitement when it premiered in 1913. It also turned the classical convention of ballet on its head with shrieks and shudders best illustrated by the dancer pounding the ground instead of trying to escape gravity as you do in most ballet numbers."

He had a dream in which he was inspired by the violent Russian spring that seemed to begin in an hour and was like the whole earth waking.

"I wrote what I heard," said Neale. "He said I didn't compose the music. The music composed me." But it prompted one critic to write, "I think you only played wrong notes."

The free concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. under the symphony tent on the lawn east of the Sun Valley Lodge.

For a complete lineup, click on www.svsymphony.org

With unusual theme, Lincoln fair opens Sunday

By Lovetta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Beginning with a competition for royalty on Sunday the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo in Shoshone offers a week of entertainment, under the unusual theme "A Redneck Gets Together."

Candidates will vie for the titles of Rodeo Queen, Teen Queen and Princess during a 2 p.m. tea (a decidedly non-redneck sort of gathering) that's open to the public.

Contestants will model, make speeches and participate in homeownership competition, said Holly Cook, vice chairwoman of the rodeo contest.

Crowning of the Princess will take place during the rodeo on Thursday, and the Teen Queen

will be crowned during the rodeo July 29. The Lincoln County 2005 Rodeo Queen will be crowned during the July 30 rodeo.

Other rodeo highlights will be the stock saddle bronc riding on Friday, and women's bull riding on Saturday, said Rachelle Hatch, secretary of the fair.

The junior rodeo is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 29. Earlier in the week, highlights include team roping at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, early fairgoers will be treated to the scheduled 7 p.m. Gospel Opry concert.

Wednesday is the always popular tradition of pig wrestling, beginning at 7 p.m. As part of the entertainment, there'll be a \$200 cash prize for the best "Redneck" team. To be eligible for the money, participants

must wrestle in redneck attire. And for the well-liked event, it's a good idea to "get there early if you want a place to sit," said Kater Boguslawski, secretary and 4-H coordinator at the Lincoln County Cooperative Extension System.

Entry forms for pig wrestling can be turned in to the fair office prior to Wednesday, and registration will also be open from 4 to 6.45 p.m. Wednesday.

On the midway, carnival rides begin at 4 p.m. Thursday, and at 2 p.m. July 29 and 30.

A main attraction on July 30 is team sorting, a ranch event necessary whenever cattle are handled for branding, marketing or weaning. The competition is intended to be a family event, where even the youngest riders have a chance to

compete, work cattle and show off their horses.

Other fun includes traditional, old-fashioned races including boys and girls' single races, three-legged races, wheelbarrow and gunny sack races and more, beginning at 2 p.m. July 30.

Along with good food, fun and games, everybody lives a parade.

This year's parade will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday.

With cash prizes in store, the adult/commercial parade divisions will line up and register at 4 p.m. at the corner of Fir Street and South Rail Street, and the children's divisions will line up at the Wells Fargo parking lot.

Monday through July 30, the Lincoln County Beer Gardens will open each evening at 6:30.

CSI Faulkner Planetarium will host 'Lost City'

The Times-News

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho has again been chosen as one of the nation's interactive satellite-fed sites for the Immersion Program.

And beginning Saturday at 2 p.m. the live satellite feed with Dr. Robert Ballard — discoverer of the Titanic wreckage — will

host a visit to the "Lost City."

The adventure puts you in an exotic and fascinating world at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, where strange creatures — not found anywhere else on Earth — thrive in boiling water.

Produced by the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Connecticut, the Immersion Program offers audiences the opportunity to visit exotic undersea locations. During last

year's adventure, explorer Dr. Robert Ballard took viewers to the wreck of the Titanic to see how time had treated the ship's condition since it sank in 1912.

This year, Ballard and his crew will visit a site 2,100 feet under water at the bottom of the Atlantic that's being called "The Lost City."

Discovered in 2000, the site is a large hydrothermal vent field of tall "black smokers" that constantly spew super-heated

acidic fluids. In spite of the harsh conditions, certain kinds of shrimp and mussels thrive there, as do unique bacteria.

Scientists are especially interested in the environment since they theorize about how life may have formed in the planet's early conditions.

"Vent waters may be the ultimate soup in the so-called 'kettle,'" says Dr. Cindy Van Dover, a leader expert on hydrothermal vents.

ENGAGEMENTS

JAMES-HULME

ELBA — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis James of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Mickilyn Kay James, to Mark Jason Hulme, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hulme of Hagerman.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, at Sportsman's in Hagerman. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. July 22 at the same location. A second reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Elba LDS Church.



Mark Hulme and Mickilyn James

NICHOLS-MCCURDY

RUPERT — Kara Nichols and Jared McCurdy announce their engagement.

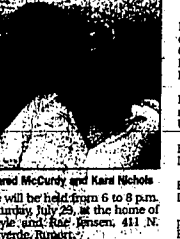
Nichols is the daughter of David Nichols and Linda Nichols, both of Rupert.

McCurdy is the son of Dustin and LeAnn McCurdy of Heyburn. Nichols is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School.

McCurdy is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School. He is employed by Triple C Concrete in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, in the Jordan River LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the cou-



Jared McCurdy and Kara Nichols

ZIETLOW-OGLEVIE

RUPERT — John and Coleen Jones of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie Zietlow, to Matt Steve Oglevie, son of Steve and Lenye Oglevie of Burley.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Walcott State Park, 359 E. Minidoka Dam Road in Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony at the park.



Amanda Zietlow and Matt Oglevie

BECK-HITT

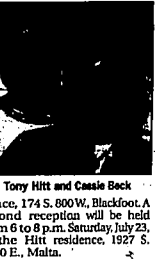
MALTA — Duane and Debbie Beck of Blackfoot announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie Kay Beck, to Tony Lloyd Hitt, son of Thomas and Marie Hitt of Malta.

Beck is a graduate of the Idaho Leadership Academy and is currently attending the Idaho State University.

Hitt is a graduate of Rait River High School and is also attending ISU.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 22, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Beck residence.



Tony Hitt and Cassie Beck

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Mad Hatt'r will present 'Sylvia' tonight

TONIGHT

Theater/Twin Falls
Mad Hatt'r Theater Company presents A.R. Gurney's comedy "Sylvia" at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Current Theater for the Community. The performance is a benefit for the Magic Valley Humane Society. Tickets are \$25, with 50 percent of the proceeds going to the People for Pets Fund. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 734-ARTS. The Black Current Theater is located at 157 Main Ave. E.



p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 626 Highway 81.

Variety/Gooding
Fear Friday will be held at 9 p.m. at Toponis Restaurant, Mechanical bull-riding will be available for \$7 per ride. Toponis is located at 413 Main.

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

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Clover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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

Karaoke/Rupert
Kroakers Karaoke with Don Keizer will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Slah St.

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

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

Rock/Utah
Team Sleep will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Theater/Utah
The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present Larry Gelbart and Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Hermet Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Lynrd Skynrd: Fly on Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m. Other shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" at 4 p.m. and "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

SATURDAY
Figure skating/Sun Valley
2002 Olympic bronze medalist Timothy Goebel will headline the Sun Valley Ice

Show at about 10:30 p.m. on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. Bleacher seat tickets, which range from \$28 to \$50, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135.

Festival/Oakley
Oakley will celebrate Pioneer Days. Highlights include an early morning chuckwagon breakfast, annual Clam's Deep Pit Barbecue at 12:30 p.m., parade at 5 p.m., rodeo events and fireworks.

Theater/Oakley
Oakley Valley Arts Council presents the Broadway musical, "Crazy for You," at 2 p.m. at Howells Opera House in Oakley. Tickets, which are \$8, are available by phoning 677-ARTS (2787).

Theater/Twin Falls
Mad Hatt'r Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's comedy "Sylvia" at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Current Theater for the Community. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by calling 734-ARTS. The Black Current Theater is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

Theater/Halley
Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damaschik's "The Quilters," at 8 p.m. at Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Theater/Glenns Ferry
Glenns Ferry Opera Theater will present a melodrama, "Belle of the Ball." Dinner is served starting at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-show performance at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Dinner-and-show tickets are

\$18.50; show-only tickets are \$6 for general admission, or \$5 for those under 12 or over 60. For tickets, call 366-7408 or 366-2744. Dinner reservations are recommended. The Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho St.

Variety/Twin Falls
A Rave Party with DJ music will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks. No cover charge. Hot Rocks is located at 170 South Park Ave.

Rock/Twin Falls
Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Twin Falls
Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No

cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Country/Caray
C & R Express will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. outside at the Sports Shop on Main Street. Cover charge is \$2 per person or \$5 per couple.

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

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Kurt Kruezer will perform

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

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 9:30 p.m. until closing at Phat Eddy's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phat Eddy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Country/Declo
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 626 Highway 81.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road. Please see EVENTS, Page C4

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 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Burley
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley
 Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

Karaoke/Declo
 Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

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

Blues/Bolse
 Coco Montoya will play the Big Easy Concert House at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Alkonson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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

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Comedy/Utah
 Tommy Chong will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

MONDAY
 The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present The Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series concerts at 6:30 p.m. in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort esplanade. Free.

Classical/Sun Valley
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Theater/Oakley
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Karaoke/Burley
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

TUESDAY
Festival/Glenns Ferry
 The Elmore County Fair continues at the Elmore County Fairgrounds.

Blues/Ketchum
 Tom Rigley will perform at Ketch'em Tonight, the free Tuesday night concert series, at 7 p.m. in Forest Service Park.

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Karaoke/Burley
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Karaoke/Twin Falls
 Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C5

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Spotlight

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Montana Steak House is located at 1326 Canyon Crest Drive.

Rock/Boise

Alkaline Trio, Rise Against and Death by Stereo will perform at the Big Easy Concert Series at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 995-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Theater/Boise

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

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Lynyrd Skynyrd: Fly on Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m. Other shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" at 4 p.m. and "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Variety/Twin Falls

The sixth annual Twin Falls Tonight, a series of five Wednesday night concerts at the fountain on Main Avenue, continues with a 6 p.m. show by UltraSound. The concerts are free, and food will be available for purchase.

Festival/Shoshone

The Lincoln County Fair will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Carnival and pig wrestling remain two of the biggest events, along with an annual rodeo, and junior rodeo. Tickets for the rodeo cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, \$3 for seniors.

Festival/Glenns Ferry

The Elmore County Fair continues at the Elmore County Fairgrounds.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present The Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series concerts at 6:30 p.m. in concert on the Sun Valley

Resort esplanade. Free.

Job/Twin Falls

Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1326 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul

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

Karaoke/Paul

Karaoke with Full Moon Music Madness will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bruhrs. No cover charge. Bruhrs is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Theater/Boise

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Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek's "The Quilters," at 7 p.m. Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 798-6520.

Rock/Utah

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

Planetarium/Twin Falls

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Variety/Twin Falls

The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform its regular Thursday night concert at 8 p.m. in the City Park bandshell. It's free.

Festival/Shoshone

The Lincoln County Fair continues at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Highlight includes the parade at 5 p.m.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek's "The Quilters," at 7 p.m. Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 798-6520.

Theater/Twin Falls

Mad Hat's Theater Company Please see CALENDAR, Page C6

New movies make big impression at box office

A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE: When the kids and the adults are both happy, you can bet that Hollywood is happy as well. That was the case last weekend as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" opened with a sweet \$56 million while the R-rated "Wedding Crashers" brought in nearly \$34 mil. Those two pushed the overall box office to its second straight weekend of higher revenues compared with 2004. No doubt Hollywood is happy to see that nearly five-month slump in the rearview mirror. THE UPSIDE: "Fantastic Four" appears to have more super powers than previously expected. After just two weeks in release, it's already crossed the \$100 mil threshold, vaulting it into the black with plenty of screen time left. And with marketing tie-ins for everything from Burger King to Samsung, expect to see this one well into the summer. Could a sequel be far behind? Let's just say Jim Carrey can't start soon enough for Fox. THE BOMB SQUAD: "Dark Water" had better learn how to swim quick. After making only \$9 million in its opening weekend, it made just half that last weekend. It's been two years since we last saw Jennifer Connelly. At this rate, it'll be another two before we see her again.



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WEEKEND

Calendar

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 ny will present A.R. Gurney's comedy "Sylvia" at 7:30 p.m. at the Black Current Theater for the Community. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by calling 734-ARTS. The Black Current Theater is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

Festival/Glenns Ferry
 The Elmore County Fair continues at the Elmore County Fairgrounds. Highlight is the rodeo Thursday through July 30.

Theater/Oakley
 Oakley Valley Arts Council presents the Broadway musical, "Crazy for You," at 8 p.m. on JULY 29-30 at Howells Opera House in Oakley, Tickets, which are \$8, are available by phoning 677-ARTS (2787) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Comedy/Twin Falls
 Comedy Night will be featured at 8 p.m. at The Oasis. Cover charge is \$5. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Twin Falls
 Teen Night with a guest DJ will be featured from 9 to 11 p.m. at Phat Eddy's for ages 13-17. Cover charge is \$3. Phat Eddy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
 Kat Walk Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to midnight at The Block. No cover charge. Krutz's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke/Burley
 Knokers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

Karaoke/Burley
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Country/Caldwell
 Sugarland will perform at the Canyon County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on JULY 29. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$20 reserved seats are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (206) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

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

Planetarium/Twin Falls
 The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Lynxeye Sky" on "Fly on Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m. Other shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" at 4 p.m. and "The Sun: Fuel for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Next Weekend

Classical/Sun Valley
 The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will perform at the Edgier M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series concerts at 6:30 p.m. on JULY 29 in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort esplanade. Free.

Festival/Glenns Ferry
 The Elmore County Fair continues at the Elmore County Fairgrounds. Highlight is the rodeo on JULY 29-30.

Theater/Halley
 Company of Fools will present "The Mystery of Mary" at the Barbara Damaschuk "The Quill."

ers," JULY 29-30 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

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Theater/Twin Falls
 Mad Hat's Theater Company.

ny will present A.R. Gurney's comedy "Sylvia" at 7:30 p.m. on JULY 29-30 at the Black Current Theater for the Community. Tickets, which are \$25 for a benefit performance on Aug. 12 and \$15 other nights, are available at the door. The Black Current Theater is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

Festival/Shoshone
 The Lincoln County Fair will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on JULY 29-30. Carnival and pig wrestling remain two of the biggest events, along with the annual rodeo.

and junior rodeo. Tickets for the rodeo cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, \$3 for seniors.

Theater/Glenns Ferry
 Glenns Ferry Opera Theater will present "Not My Cup of Tea," a comedy murder-mystery, in dinner theater on JULY 25. Dinner is served starting at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-show performance at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Dinner-and-show tickets are \$18.50; show-only tickets are \$6 for general admission, or \$5 for those under 12 or over 60. For tickets: Call 366-7498 or 366-

2744. Dinner reservations are recommended. The Opera Theater is located at 208 E. Idaho St.

Rock/Utah
 Collective Soul will perform at the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on JULY 28. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Rock/Utah
 Blue Merle will play Club

Sound in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on JULY 29. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

Country/Caldwell
 Gary Allan will play the Canyon County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on JULY 29. The concert is sold with fair admission, but \$20 and \$25 reserved seats are available by phoning Select A Seat at (800) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

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Lance's march into history continues.

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

After a year, I got so much to say I can hardly wait to hear myself. Don Cherry, who offers his opinions on the Coach's Corner during Hockey Night in Canada broadcasts

TRIVIA QUESTION: Who was the first player to hit three home runs in a game three times in the same season? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE High School Rodeo National Finals, Gillette, Wyo. Legion baseball Twin Falls A at Madison, DH, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF Vandal boosters host scramble

BUHL — The Magic Valley Vandal Boosters will hold the 34th annual University of Idaho Pig Out on Monday, July 25, at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl. The Pig Out is a five-person pig scramble followed by a gourmet barbecue with a Mike's split-roasted pig, Clear Springs trout, Ruthie's roasted lamb, ham of beef, corn on the cob, baked beans and fresh peaches with ice cream. Golf registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$75, includes green fee, cart, dinner, tee prize. Dinner tickets are only \$25. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Includes social hour with alumni, '01 coaches and guests, fund-raiser auction and dinner. To register a team or purchase a dinner ticket in advance, call Benny Blick or Jennifer or Bernice at 537-6787 or Bruce Brown at 543-5370 or Jeff Blick at 733-7653 or 280-2800.

Football competition set for Saturday JEROME — The Fifth Annual Lineman's Challenge and 7-on-7 shootout will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23 at Jerome High School. DL Evans Bank is sponsoring the event. For more information, call Jerry Diehl at 308-8215.

St. Nicholas golf scramble announced RUPERT — Rupert Country Club will host the seventh annual St. Nicholas nighttime golf scramble and barbecue Wednesday, Aug. 3, beginning with registration at 7 p.m. A barbecue dinner is slated for 7:30 p.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 p.m. Glow-in-the-dark golf balls will be provided, and there will be prizes for longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin, first and second team scores, and a Hawaiian vacation, plus a shot at \$1 million for a hole-in-one. The fee for the nine-hole event is \$40 per person, with a four-person team fee. Shotgun starts are \$20, or \$10 per person. Non-golfers can attend the barbecue for \$5. For more information, call The Heritage at 436-8899 or 436-5355, Ext. 202.

O'Leary hosts football mini-camp TWIN FALLS — O'Leary Junior High School will host its football mini-camp for eighth and ninth graders on July 26-28, starting at 5:30 p.m. each day at the O'Leary football field. For more information, call coach Lyle Huddleston at 736-1964. Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Sammy Sosa, in 2001, with the Chicago Cubs.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HER FRIENDS



Kim Leazer, who has been legally blind since she was 12, took first place in the Singles Handicap Division I at the Idaho State Women's Bowling Association.

Legally blind bowler wins state singles title

By Brad Gutre Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — It's been said that there are two kinds of people in the world. Those who can, and those who can't. Kim Leazer can. This spring, she took first place in the Singles Handicap Division I at the Idaho State Women's Bowling Association tournament in Idaho Falls with a score of 771. And she did it without seeing most of the pins. Despite being classified as legally blind since she was 12, Kim never let it get in the way of her love of some sports, bowling, in particular. "I have no central vision at all, just peripheral vision and that is 20/200," Kim said. She can also distinguish colors. "I thought I was like every other kid, but a teacher noticed I was looking at my books up close," she said. The teacher suggested contacting an eye doctor, but the first diagnosis was not satisfactory.

and the likelihood of Kim passing it on to her children, Halley, 11, Jenny, 3, and Stephanie, 2, is very slim. According to the American Muscular Degenaration Foundation Web site, children that develop Stargardt's "notice difficulty in reading, complaining of gray, black or hazy spots in the center of their vision... Peripheral vision and night vision are not lost for most people, but color vision will be affected in the later stages." Such is the case for Kim. "I have no central vision at all, just peripheral vision and that is 20/200," Kim said. She can also distinguish colors. "I thought I was like every other kid, but a teacher noticed I was looking at my books up close," she said. The teacher suggested contacting an eye doctor, but the first diagnosis was not satisfactory.

"The first doctor told my parents that I was lying so I could wear glasses," she said. After visiting four doctors, the final one, fresh out of medical school, knew that it was a form of Stargardt's. "It hardly proved to be a deterrent. "I can see the white pins, but I can't see which ones are left," she said. To "see" the pins, Kim has memorized the pin order, so when Bob tells her what's left, she'll line up again, knowing where to throw the second ball. But it's not only about knowing what pins are left. "I'll tell her what she has to do to adjust," Bob said. "I'll let her know how her ball is reacting. If the ball's hooking too much or not hooking enough. She knows where the pins are." That system has led to some good scores, and an average of 22. Please see HELP, Page D2

NHL players approve labor deal, end lockout

The Associated Press TORONTO — NHL players overwhelmingly approved a labor deal with the league Thursday, virtually ending the lockout that canceled last season. The league's board of governors will hold a ratification vote Friday during a meeting in New York, but that ballot is really just a formality. After that, the NHL will be back in business. "I am optimistic that we will bring this promptly to a successful conclusion so that we can go together and get this game — and the attention on this game — back where it belongs, on the ice," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "Almost 90 percent of the players" voted in favor of the salary deal that includes a salary cap, union head Bob Goodenow said at a news conference. Under the new deal, players are guaranteed to receive 54

percent of league-wide revenues. A portion of every player's salary will be held in escrow until the end of the season when the new cap number is calculated. All players that had existing contracts after last season, will have those deals cut by 24 percent. A six-day window will begin Saturday, allowing teams to buy out signed players and not have those dollars count against their cap for next season. Once the deal passes, there will be no remaining obstacles in this labor disagreement. The lockout will end soon after, and hockey talk will go back to which team is best instead of who came out ahead at the negotiating table. With salaries and revenues directly linked, players and owners will need to be partners now more than ever to grow the game. Friday's vote by the 30 teams

is so much of a sure thing to pass that the league has already planned the televised draft lottery for that day and an announcement on new rules changes for next season. "The players I talked to are excited about getting back, especially when they heard about some of the rules changes that are going to be implemented," said Ottawa forward Daniel Alfredsson, a member of the union's executive committee. Bettman's news conference Friday to announce the re-launch of the league won't have representatives from the players' association there, as the union will still be holding a meeting with agents to go over the CBA — a document numbering 600 pages. In addition to the buyout windows, beginning Saturday teams will also have nine days to exclusively negotiate with their unrestricted free agents.

For Armstrong, the end can't come soon enough

The Associated Press MENDE, France — Lance Armstrong feels so sure of victory, so ready for retirement, that he doesn't want to get off his bike. Not now, with the end this tantalizingly close. "Why don't we just not stop? Let's just keep riding, get it over with," Armstrong said when teammate George Hincapipe, pedaling alongside during Thursday's 18th stage, reminded him that only three days and 219.6 miles remained until the Champ-Elysees in Paris. "That would be better for me," the six-time seven-time champion said. "The sooner it's done, the better." Armstrong, who is retiring at the end of the race, defended his large lead in Thursday's

stage, won by Marcos Serrano of Spain. Armstrong finished more than 11 minutes back in a group of four with Ivan Basso of Italy, Jan Ullrich of Germany and Cadel Evans of Australia. They broke away from other riders with bursts of speed up a brutal ascent at the finish in Mendso, south-central France. Arriving in Mendso, Basso remained unchanged at 2 minutes. Please see END, Page B4



Overall leader and six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Texas, left, and fourth-placed Jan Ullrich of Germany, pedal in the ascent of the Croix-Nerue pass less than 2 kilometers before the finish of the 18th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Aha, southwestern France, and Mende, southern France, Thursday.

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NHRA gearing toward the future

The Associated Press

MORRISON, Colo. — When his daughter asked about getting into drag racing, John Force hesitated. With the sport seemingly spinning its wheels and the NHRA in a financial stall, Force wondered if Ashley wouldn't be better off learning to drive a Buick car. That's right, Funny Car's 15-time world champion and career wins leader thought about steering his daughter away from the sport that made him famous and gave him so much joy. Force eventually decided to let her try it out, and it's looking like a good decision.

Four years of heading down the same tired straightaway, drag racing appears to be rounding the corner. The sport isn't likely to lose the popularity it has with NASCAR, but it's finally starting to make up some ground. John Force "For anybody that doesn't think it's better, I'd say what the hell are you doing here?" said Force, who has two other daughters, Brittany and Courtney, also driving dragsters. "If you don't think it's better, why would you want to be in it? You'd just sit on fire? That makes a lot of sense. We believe that one day our children will have a livelihood here."

Stated by California hot rodders a half-century ago, drag racing always has had the same components: a flat, straight, level side-by-side-in-a-straight-line. The tracks have evolved from airstrips and reservoir bottoms to state-of-the-art stadiums, and the cars have gotten bigger and faster over the years, but the basic concept never has changed.

NHRA still should have. "Drug racing hit its peak in the late 1970s and early 80s when stars such as "Big Daddy" Don Garlits, Don "The Snake" Priddy, and Shirley Muldowney made the sport as popular — if not more — than NASCAR. But when NASCAR's popularity skyrocketed in the 1990s, drag racing was left in the fumes.

Die-hard fans — mostly old timers from the 1960s — remained loyal, but drag racing has been essentially a niche sport compared to NASCAR's worldwide appeal. "You ever believe it would be this big?" said Priddy, 66, now a car owner. "If you want to compare it to NASCAR, it's like comparing the corner drug store to Wal-Mart or something. It's still a great thing, but it's not a business — not NASCAR."

NHRA's top officials, however, are looking to move drag racing into the mainstream, using some of the same principles that made NASCAR a success and adding a few wrinkles of their own.

Changes started with the naming of Tom Compton as president in 2000.

NHRA always has been a big draw for sponsors within the auto industry — tires, oil, car manufacturers — but hasn't had that much success in attracting more mainstream companies. Bringing in Powerade as series sponsor in 2002 has made a huge difference. Not only does Powerade — owned by The Coca-Cola Co. — give NHRA financial backing and an avenue into the mainstream, it has opened the eyes of other sponsors. NHRA, which would not disclose financial details, currently has Brute after-shave, the U.S. Army and American Mortgage as sponsors, and other deals are in the works. A new TV package was just as important.

Being the current deal with ESPN, the NHRA bounced around between networks in all kinds of different time slots, before being bought by ESPN. The NHRA is on at regular times. Please see NHRA, Page D5

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing
7 p.m.
Fl. practice for Grand Prix of America, SPEED, 8 p.m.
Busch Series, pole qualifying for Salinas to the Toyota 250, SPEED, 4:30 p.m.
Nextel Cup, final practice for Pennsylvania 500, SPEED, 7 p.m.
Baseball
Mariners at Indians, FSNN, 8 p.m.
Cubs at Cardinals, WGN, 8 p.m.
Boxing
Peabodyweights, Art Sanchez (14-1) vs. Agapito Sanchez (24-1-1), ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Rolando Reyes (24-3-2) vs. Courtney Burton (21-0-1), for vacant NABO title, 9 p.m.

weight championship; Junior middleweight, Ahmed Kaddouf (18-2-0); vs. Maxwell Taylor (12-0-0), SHO, 9 p.m.
Cycling
Tour de France, stage 19, OLN, 6:30 a.m.
Golf
The Deutsche Bank Players' Championship, second round, TGC, 7:30 a.m.
Senior British Open Championship, second round, TNT, 10 a.m.
PGA Tour, U.S. Bank Championship, second round, USA, 2 p.m.
U.S. Boys' Junior Amateur Championship, semifinal matches, TGC, 3 p.m.
LPGA Evens Masters, third round, TGC, 5:30 p.m.

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Boxing results and odds for various fights including Peabodyweights and Rolando Reyes.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Summary of athletic events including football, basketball, and other sports.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Baseball scores for National League games.

American League

Baseball scores for American League games.

PGA TOUR

Golf scores for PGA Tour events.

LPGA TOUR

Golf scores for LPGA Tour events.

Senior British Open Golf scores.

Senior British Open

Senior British Open scores.

Wendnesday's Late NL Box

Baseball scores for Wednesday's late NL games.

Wendnesday's Late AL Box

Baseball scores for Wednesday's late AL games.

Transactions

Player transactions including trades, signings, and releases.

Northwest League

Baseball scores for Northwest League games.

Pioneer League

Baseball scores for Pioneer League games.

Pressel loses at Junior Am on another chip-in
EAGLE — U.S. Women's Open runner-up Morgan Pressel lost in the third round of the U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur on Thursday, the second time in a row in 17-year-old Pressel's career, beaten by an opponent's late chip.

Nadal wins 31st straight on clay at Mercedes Cup
STUTTGART, Germany — French Open champion Rafael Nadal extended his winning streak on clay to 31 matches Thursday, beating doubles partner Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-2 in the third round of the Mercedes Cup.

On the first extra hole, Pressel, who finished second at the Women's Open in June 26 after a greenside bunker in a drive on a greenside bunker, was eliminated Thursday when Juliana Murray of Oriz of Colombia chipped in from 40 feet on the first extra hole.

Murcia Ortiz was two holes down with two remaining, rallied with a 15-foot birdie putt at No. 17. She then forced an extra hole by winning the 18th with a 3-foot putt. Her kind shot went into a greenside hazard.

"This hurts more," Pressel said, "but honestly, she played well. I think she just got kind of gave it away a little bit on 18."

Murcia Ortiz defeated the high handicapped 1 and 1, and will face In-Kyung Kim of South Korea in Friday's semifinal.

In-Bee Park, the 2002 Junior champ, defeated Kimberly King of Hawaii, 3 and 1 in the third round, and beat Stephanie Michaels, of Temecula, Calif., 2-up to reach the semif.

Park will face Joanne Lee, who won her Wood's niece, Cheyenne Woods, 4 and 3 in the third round.

Rally for the Cure

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will host the "Rally for a Cure" golf tournament on Aug. 4.

PHILADELPHIA — The 17th-ranked Maria Santangelo will be the draw as a lucky loser after Mara Santangelo withdrew from the pinprick event.

Muller will meet fifth-seeded Klara Koukalova of the Czech Republic, who beat Estonian player Anastasiya Kabanikva in the first round.

Also advancing was 2002 Palermo champion Marianna Diaz-Oliva, a 6-1, 7-6 (6) winner over Colombia's Catalina Castano.

Court rules Johnson and teammates keep gold

LONDON — Five years after he ran the winning anchor leg in Sydney, Michael Johnson's 100-meter relay team will keep the fifth Olympic gold medal of his spectacular career.

U.S. Olympic officials will hear their appeal Thursday to uphold the victory of Johnson and his teammates in the 100-meter relay at the 2000 Sydney Games.

The Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport overturned the U.S. team's bid for a world governing body to disqualify the entire team because of Jerome Young's positive drug test in 1999.

It is a binding decision that brings a protracted legal case to a close, the court ruled that international rules at the time of the Sydney Olympics did not allow for a whole relay team to be penalized.

Only Young should be disqualified, the court ruled. The coach and U-14 coach Vince Gibson at 735-0176 for more information.

Volleyball officials camp is Saturday

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 travel.

Advertisement for Gregg Middelkauff's Factory Certified Picks of the Week, featuring Ford Escape XLT 4x4, Explorer XLT 4x4, and F-150 X-cab FX4. Includes phone number 208.736.2480 and website 1.800.493.0320.

SPORTS



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden tees off at the 2nd hole, on the second day of the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, Thursday.

Sorenstam climbs into contention at Evian Masters, follows Creamer

EVIAN, France (AP)—Annika Sorenstam shot a 6-under 66 Thursday to climb into contention at the Evian Masters, two strokes behind second-round leaders Paula Creamer and Christina Kim.

Creamer and Kim each shot 4-under 68s and share the lead at 8-under 136. Sorenstam stood alone in second at 6 under, with Laura Davies and Corin Koch another stroke back.

Michelle Wie, a 15-year-old amateur from Hawaii, rebounded from her poor first round with a 70, but remained nine shots back at 1 over. The teenage phenom opened with a 3-over 75.

Davies shot 70 and Koch carded 73. Lotuna Ochoa had a 69 and Carle Webb shot 70, putting them four strokes back.

Golf

I'd left some shots out there," Sorenstam said. "Today I felt I converted most of them."

Wie hit 10 of 14 fairways and got her driver under control, a big improvement after hitting just two during the first round.

Wie dropped only one shot and had three birdies, all from under 12 feet. At No. 9, her bunker shot for eagle rattled the flagstick but didn't drop.

The 18-year-old Creamer made seven birdies and had three bogeys, while Kim had five birdies. Both are hoping to qualify for the U.S. Solheim Cup squad, which will be picked on Aug. 28. Ten players qualify on points, and two are captains' picks.

Roberts takes the lead in senior debut

ABERDEEN, Scotland — Loren Roberts made his Champions Tour debut Thursday with a 1-over 72 at Royal Aberdeen to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the Senior British Open.

Roberts, who turned 50 on June 24, overcame some uncharacteristic three-putts and the strong North Sea wind that blew across the course and kept anyone from breaking par.

"I made some three-putts today, which I don't normally do," said Roberts, one of the best putters in golf. "But all in all, I made some good putts today."

He made six birdies to offset five bogeys and a double bogey at the par-4 ninth for a one-shot lead over Craig Stadler, Des Smyth and four others. Former Ryder Cup captain Mark James of England was at 74.

Roberts stole the show from Greg Norman, another 50-year-old in his senior debut. Norman, coming off a tie for 60th last week in the British Open at St. Andrews, struggled in the wind and shot 76.

The strongest card belonged to Joe Inman. He made par on 14 holes, but took a 10 on the par-4 seventh and twice had an 8 to shoot 85.

U.S. edges Honduras at Gold Cup

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — John O'Brien and Oguchi Onyewu scored in the final seven minutes, rallying the United States to a 2-1 victory over Honduras on Thursday night in the semifinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Marlo Ivan Guerrero scored in the 30th minute for Honduras, the least regional rival to win at the United States, a World Cup qualifier at Washington at September 2001.

Honduras, eliminated last year in the semifinals of World Cup qualifying, was headed to a shocking upset that would earn a berth against Panama or Colombia in Sunday's final of the tournament, the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

But O'Brien scored the tying goal in the 86th minute after Onyewu played the ball into the penalty area. It bounced off London Donovan, and Honduran defender Erick Vallejo poked the ball to O'Brien, who scored from 8 yards for his first international goal since the 2002 World Cup opener against Portugal.

Then, two minutes into injury time, Donovan sent a free kick to Onyewu, whose header from 4 yards beat goalkeeper Junior Morales for his first goal in eight games with the national team.

U.S. coach Bruce Arena was



Oguchi Onyewu, center, of the United States, celebrates with teammates after scoring the winning goal against Honduras in a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal match Thursday in Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

ejected in the 59th minute for arguing with Jamaican referee Peter Prendergast. The pair also got into a screaming match following a World Cup qualifier at Costa Rica in July 2000, causing FIFA to suspend Arena for three games, a penalty later reduced to two.

Playing before a crowd of about 40,000 that was 90 percent pro-Honduran, the American fans looked like the world's sixth-ranked

team. Honduras, ranked 39th, played with far more energy for most of the game.

Both teams had trouble and frequently flopped onto a field filled with brown spots, one that resembled a poorly kept municipal golf course.

U.S. defender Eddie Pope sprained his left ankle in the seventh minute when tackled by a Honduran and was replaced in the 15th by Frankie Hejduk.

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and ability to win again at age 33. He distanced his rivals from the opening time trial and then built on his lead in the mountains.

"It's been smooth, smoother than I expected," said Armstrong. "There's never really been a race where I've had to be a true pacemaker within myself."

Asked how he has managed to stay so focused for seven years, he replied: "I love for the event and a hatred for losing the event."

He lined in 1999 that this race is bigger than any greater than any, he added. "I also learned what it's like to win it... and how much happiness and joy it brings to myself and to an entire program and to a country really of non-cycling fans."

Armstrong says spending

time with his children will be his first priority upon retirement.

Thursday's stage was run under baking sun and had five climbs, including the steep final ascent that winds up from Mendocino to a nearby aerodrome. That ascent is not that long — 1.9 miles — but climbs at a very steep gradient averaging 10.1 percent.

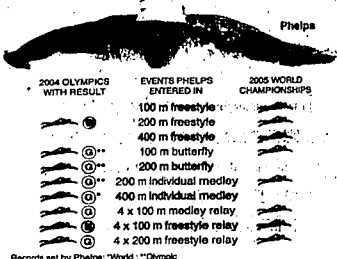
Alex Serriano covered the route in 4 hours, 37 minutes and 36 seconds. Armstrong, Basco, Ulrich and Evans were 11:18 back. Rasmussen was another 37 seconds slower than them.

Another hilly route through Central France awaits Friday before the time trial on Saturday that should fix the finishing order for the leading riders good for Sunday's final ride into Paris.

Phelps looming in Aussies' events

Phelps eyes another eight at worlds

After a once-in-a-lifetime Olympic performance, swimming phenom Michael Phelps is gearing up for a similarly challenging schedule at the world swimming championships beginning Sunday in Montreal.



Records set by Phelps: *World; **Olympic

MONTREAL (AP)—Just when Michael Klim and Grant Hackett didn't have Aussie teammates to Thorpe to worry about, Michael Phelps is getting in their way.

The American has added two new events to his Olympic schedule at the World Swimming Championships—the 100 and 400-meter freestyles.

Those just happen to be Klim and Hackett's races too.

With Thorpe on an extended rest break, Hackett figured to have a clear shot at a gold medal in the 400 free.

After all, he has the fastest time in the world this year, and longtime nemesis Thorpe won't be looming in the next race.

Instead, Hackett has to contend with Phelps, whose best time is more than 3 seconds behind the Aussie.

They have little history of racing each other, except on relays.

"I'm used to racing against the best. It's a great challenge to be mixed with Michael and something I look forward to," Hackett said Thursday. "He could swim fast or very fast. It should be very exciting."

Things get interesting starting Sunday — the first of eight days of swimming — when Hackett and Phelps compete in the 400 free.

That's one of the races I'm really looking forward to," Phelps said. "Hopefully we can get the ball rolling for the U.S."

Motivating Hackett is his runner-up finishes to Thorpe at the last three world championships.

"It would be nice to step up one more position and receive the Aussie team captain," Phelps said. "The best way to lead a team is to lead by performance."

Hackett and Phelps will meet again Monday in the 200 free.

That race is missing Thorpe and Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands, who finished 1-2 in Athens last year. Phelps

was third.

Van den Hoogenband is recovering from an injury.

"I thought there was a bit of an opportunity there," Hackett said. "Klim, the former world recordholder, takes on Phelps in the 100 free July 27.

The Aussie hasn't competed in an individual event at an international meet since the 2001 worlds. Even then, he had a bronze and a silver.

Other injuries slowed the 27-year-old Klim from 2001-2003. He had considered retiring if he didn't qualify for his third Olympics last year. He did, winning a relay silver.

"Ultimately, this is still a work in progress for me," he said. "I'm still not completely sound in terms of my body and my physical preparation. I need a little bit more time to get everything under control."

Phelps chose the 100 free as a

personal test.

"I haven't been known for doing sprint events, but we're going to try the 100," he said. "I have more speed than I have over the last few years. You never know what can happen."

Phelps made his reputation at the 2003 world meet.

He won seven medals — five gold and two silver — in Barcelona and became the only swimmer to set five individual world records at one meet.

That set the stage for Athens, where he ascended to superstar status by winning eight medals, including six golds.

Few would have blamed Phelps if he had stuck to his usual events in Montreal.

"It would be easy for him to take on the events he's expected to win, but he's after the competition," U.S. men's coach Dave Bolle said. "He's not afraid to lose."

Canadian wins second world diving gold

MONTREAL (AP)—The only thing missing at the coronation of Alexandre Despatie as the king of diving was a crown.

The Canadian thoroughly dominated his rivals for the second time at the World Aquatics Championships, winning the 1-meter springboard Thursday night.

"I was just ready for this moment," he said.

Virginie Dedieu of France defended her world championship in solo synchronized swimming, the only other medal event Thursday.

Canada took over the top spot in the medals standings with three golds. China, Russia and the United States were tied with two golds each. The Chinese have a leading seven medals overall.

Despatie also earned gold in the 3-meter springboard Tuesday, delighting fans in his hometown of Montreal who created a heavily partisan atmosphere at the pool on St-Sauveur.

"I never imagined I would end up with two gold medals," he said. "After the 3-meter, I thought I had done my job and 1-meter was bonus."

Despatie led all the way in beating two former world champions from China and giving his country its third diving gold medal.

He won with 489.65 points.

Defending champion Xu Siyi earned the silver with 445.55. Wang Feng, the 2001 world champion, took bronze with 445.55.

"Alex is the biggest enemy for Chinese diving," Xu said jokingly through a translator.

Jonna Puhakka of Finland, who finished third two years ago, was fourth. Despatie's teammates Tarantino and Chris Colwill were fifth and sixth, respectively.

"His rivals had good things to say about Despatie," Xu said.

"You see the guy do a good dive and you want to come back and do another good dive," said Tarantino, competing in his first worlds.

"It's just really fun to dive against him," Colwill said. "He's a really good competitor."

Despatie stayed consistent throughout the six-dive final. He earned a perfect mark of 10.0 for his fifth dive, a reverse 1.5 somersault with 2.5 twists.

He received marks ranging from 8.5 to 9.0 for his last dive, a forward 2.5 somersault with one twist.

No need to check the scoreboard. He won by 44 points.

Despatie's final score in the competition is 3-meter, winning by more than 60 points.

After his latest triumph, Despatie climbed out of the pool, bowed, blew kisses and pumped his right arm as teenage girls infatuated with the stubbled-faced diver screamed.



Canada's Alexandre Despatie performs in the semifinals of men's 1-meter springboard Thursday during the World Aquatics Championships in Montreal. Despatie won gold in the event.

"The atmosphere was unreal," he said. "This crowd has made this experience unforgettable. These guys are definitely part of my results and I can only thank them for that."

Winning was sweet relief to Despatie. As the public face of the championships, which were stripped from the city in January, he helped rally financial and fan support for keeping the event in Montreal.

Fourth going into the last round, Wang made one final run at Despatie. The Chinese diver did an Inward 2.5 somersault with a 3.4 degree of difficulty — the toughest dive of anyone in the sixth round.

Wang hit it, scoring 9.0s to 8.5s to earn the bronze.

The Chinese have won medals in all six diving events so far, including two golds. Wang and teammate He Chong won the synchronized 3-meter springboard.

In synchronized swimming, Dedieu won gold with 99.001 points in the final meet of her career. She cried as her scores were

posted, including seven 10.0s — five for artistic impression and two for technical merit.

The defending champion Natalia Ishchenko of Russia earned silver and Gemma Mengual of Spain took bronze.

In women's water polo, Hungary beat Russia, Canada and Australia finished first in their groups and automatically qualified for Monday's quarterfinals.

The defending champion United States routed China 19-2 and will play Cuba on Saturday for a berth in the quarterfinals.

In the other elimination matches Saturday, Italy played Spain, Greece takes on the Netherlands and New Zealand faces Germany.

Against China, 10 of 11 players scored for the Americans, led by four goals from Kristina Kumek.

In matches Thursday, Russia beat New Zealand 13-1, Hungary defeated Spain 6-5, Italy beat Venezuela 14-5, Greece defeated Uzbekistan 14-4, Australia beat the Netherlands 9-2, Brazil and Germany played to a 6-6 tie and Canada beat Cuba 10-5.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Delta reports narrower Q2 loss

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest carrier, said its second-quarter loss narrowed significantly compared with a year ago, but solidly persisted high fuel prices have limited the impact of solid gains in revenue.

The Atlanta-based company's Salt Lake City hub is air travelers' only nonstop destination from Twin Falls.

Delta said it lost \$388 million, or \$2.64 a share, in the three months ending June 30, compared with a loss of \$1.97 billion, or \$15.70 a share, in the same period a year ago. The latest loss includes \$6 million in dividends paid out to preferred shareholders.

Excluding one-time items, Delta said it lost \$304 million, or \$2.11 a share. On that basis, analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting a loss of \$2.37 a share.

Revenue in the April-June quarter rose 5.7 percent to \$9.9 billion.

"Delta's second-quarter results reflect both the solid progress we are making in implementation of our transformation plan, and the substantial challenges we are facing," said Gerald Grinstein, Delta's chief executive.

McDonald's profits are down 10 percent

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. reported a 10 percent drop in second-quarter earnings Thursday due to taxes from repatriating international profits but extended its momentum with a modest gain in operating income.

The continued success of pricier menu additions helped results at the world's biggest hamburger chain — whose Magic Valley restaurants are franchisee-owned — although its 8 percent sales growth was the lowest in two years.

The results were in line with those projected by the Oak Hill-based company last Friday when it disclosed profit and sales figures well above Wall Street forecasts.

Net income for the April-through-June period was \$530.4 million, or 42 cents per share, compared with \$590.7 million, or 47 cents per share, in the second quarter of 2004.

Results included an incremental tax expense of 3 cents per share related to the repatriation of overseas profits under a new federal law.

Excluding that item, operating income was 19.2 billion, or 9 percent higher than the same period a year earlier.

Revenue increased to \$5.1 billion from \$4.7 billion, a similar rise since the second quarter of 2003.

UPS reports jump in second-quarter profit

ATLANTA — UPS Inc., the world's largest shipping carrier, reported a more than 20 percent jump Thursday in second-quarter profit on strong growth in revenue.

The results, announced before the market opened, beat Wall Street expectations.

Atlanta-based UPS said it earned \$986 million, or 88 cents a share, for the three months ending June 30, compared with a profit of \$818 million, or 72 cents a share, for the same period a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting earnings of 86 cents a share.

Revenue rose 14.9 percent to \$10.19 billion, compared with \$8.87 billion recorded a year ago.

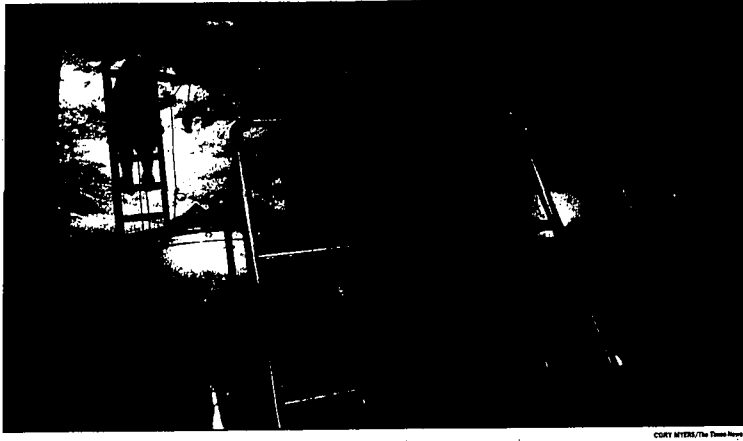
"UPS is a company that's on the move," said Mike Eskew, the company's chairman and chief executive.

Over the U.S. domestic volume climbed well above our expectations. And the international segment's performance was outstanding with export volume growth exceeding 18 percent.

Despite the results, UPS remains locked in a protracted labor battle with its pilots. Federal mediated talks are on hold.

— compiled from wire reports

COPPER AND ROBBERS



The tanks of the new 'brewhouse' at the Trail Creek Brewing Co. in Twin Falls' Old Towne shine as chef Eric Funk works on replacing a window that was taken out to deliver the tanks. Part of the old copper brewing kettle was stolen over the weekend, and Trail Creek is offering a reward for its return.

Brewery owners: Thieves made off with part of kettle

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Salt Lake City-based owners and managers of Trail Creek Brewing Co. are working around the clock to turn the former Muggers building in Old Towne into a fully functioning brewery and restaurant again.

And that's not an exaggeration — they've got cops set up in the basement of the historic building at 516 Hansen St. S.

But they weren't around last weekend, and that's when thieves absconded with a 2,000-pound piece of copper that once made up the bottom of a huge brewing kettle.

"Trail Creek's managers cut up the 120-year-old copper brew kettle — once a centerpiece of Muggers' inside operations — last week and replaced it with a new kettle's tank setup. The old kettle's weren't sturdy enough to be sanitary anymore," said Eric Buchner, Trail Creek's brewmaster.

"I know people will be upset with us for getting rid of it," Buchner said Thursday.

Trail Creek decided to cut the 5,000-pound kettle into pieces to sell for scrap. But it saved the bottom piece to use for a fire bowl at the company's planned Ketchum location.

The men stored the copper piece outside the south side of the building last Friday, but it was gone on Monday when the men returned from their visits

“
We're just bummed.”

— Scott Featherstone,
owner of Trail Creek
Brewing Co.

home, owner Scott Featherstone said.

"We're just bummed," he said.

Trail Creek's manager, Matt Pernichele, reported the theft to the Twin Falls Police Department and has asked recycling companies in a 300-mile radius to keep an eye out for the copper piece. The metal is selling at about \$1 per pound these days.

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States push movie industry tax breaks

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jim Gelardin has been able to make a living working in an industry he loves, designing movie sets and helping plan television productions around the nation.

Seeing an established movie industry in his home state — and a chance to work in his native city — would make his job a lot sweeter. But for now, Gelardin must trade hometown dreams for good-paying gigs on the south.

"Film trucks have wheels so they can go anywhere, and right

now they're going where the best deals are," said Gelardin, a production designer from Cleveland whose resume includes the movie "Seabiscuit" and commercials for Pizza Hut and Nike. "And the best deals right now are in Louisiana."

As more film productions jump to Canada and other low-cost countries, lawmakers around the nation are taking notice of the lure of Louisiana, which in 2002 began offering a 15 percent rebate on the cost of movie and TV productions valued at \$9 million or more.

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Film task force will meet in Sun Valley

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Idaho wants a piece of the action.

The newly formed Idaho Film Industry Task Force will meet Monday in Sun Valley and continue efforts to develop an incentive package to attract more film and television projects to the state.

The public meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dollar Mountain Lodge on Elkhorn Road, Idaho Commerce and Labor said.

The agenda items include reports on: incentive packages being offered in other states; potential income and costs to Idaho if incentives are made available; Idaho's film industry work force development issues and opportunities; and development of legislation to lure Idaho's incentives.

Also planned is a discussion on what Idaho should focus on as it grows the industry, such as whether the state should try to attract smaller, lower-budget features or major studio productions.

The task force will also review Idaho Commission on

the Arts survey of people involved in Idaho's film and media arts industry. The survey's goal is to learn what programs and incentives will be most effective in growing Idaho's film and media arts industry. Survey results will be released in September. The deadline to participate in the survey is Aug. 5; a copy is available online at arts.idahogov or by calling 334-2139.

At the task force's June meeting, guest speaker Bill Lindstrom, chief executive of the Association of Film Commissioners International, said competition for attracting film productions is increasing as more states offer lucrative incentive packages. Commerce and Labor's statement said.

The economic impact in Idaho has been modest. Since 1987, when Idaho first started tracking its film revenues, out-of-state film and television projects brought in just more than \$34 million, Commerce and Labor said.

Visit filmidaho.org for information about Idaho's film industry.



Movie production designer Jim Gelardin sits at the counter inside Ruthie and Moe's diner in Cleveland July 1, where parts of the movie "Telling Lies in America" was filmed. This year, at least 14 states, including Ohio, have proposed creating incentives through tax rebates or exemptions to entice movie makers to film in their states.

Lee Enterprises earnings reflect acquisition of Pulitzer Inc.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Iowa-based newspaper publisher Lee Enterprises Inc., parent of The Times-News and other Magic Valley newspapers, reported Thursday that diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations were 41 cents for its third quarter, which ended June 30.

That's a decrease of 13 cents from a year ago, reflecting 17 cents per common share of expenses related to the acquisition of Pulitzer Inc. on June 3.

"Lee's acquisition of Pulitzer is off to an exceptionally smooth, rapid start, and we're right on course in every way, from retail and classified initiatives, to circulation and online programs, to sales blitzes, to integration of finance, systems, news resources and operations," Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Lee has not yet completed the determination of fair value of the assets and liabilities of Pulitzer and related allocation of the purchase price. Lee's financial results this quarter and

in the future are significantly influenced by the allocation process; there is no impact on operating cash flow, but reported earnings per common share are affected. June quarter results reflect current estimates, which will be finalized by the end of the fiscal year.

Refinancing resulted in a one-time pretax loss from early extinguishment of debt of \$11.2 million, or 15 cents per diluted common share.

Transition expenses related to the Pulitzer acquisition total \$1.5 million before income tax benefit, or 2 cents per diluted

common share, year to date, substantially all of which were incurred in the June quarter. Lee expects to continue to incur additional transition costs for the remainder of the calendar year.

For the quarter ended June 30, combining Lee results with Pulitzer operating results since the June 3 acquisition, total operating revenue increased 23.8 percent to \$217.9 million. On a same-property basis, which excludes the impact of Pulitzer and other acquisitions and divestitures, total operating revenue increased 3.0 percent.

Operating cash flow in-

Wal-Mart submits new plan for store

T.F. planners will hold hearing to discuss the matter

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wal-Mart hasn't given up on Twin Falls. After the Twin Falls City Council upheld the city planning and zoning commission's decision to deny the retailer's application to build a 200,000-square-foot supercenter in the North Haven Business Park, the retailer has returned with a new plan.

Salt Lake City-based engineering firm CLC Associates, on behalf of Wal-Mart's site selection company, has submitted an application to build a supercenter in North Haven. But this store wouldn't have some of the previously included elements with which city officials disagreed, including a tire shop, according to documents submitted to the city.

"They have removed the issues that were a concern," said Carrie Caraway, city planning and zoning assistant, said this week.

Wal-Mart did not include a sign plan with its new application. A main point of contention in previous city debate involved the wording of North Haven's planned-unit development agreement pertaining to signs.

Earlier this month, the city council agreed that Wal-Mart's plan did not match North Haven's PUD agreement, which states that "building signage shall be limited to wall-mounted signs or signs with a type sign with a maximum height of 10 feet measured above the adjacent curb, with a maximum curb size of 100 square feet per sign."

Wal-Mart's original proposal included 35 signs on the front and rear of the supercenter, as well as signs for a pharmacy and the auto center, for a total of 1,316 square feet.

According to Wal-Mart's latest proposal, "signage will be proposed and reviewed as part of a required sign permit. Signage proposed will meet city code and PUD requirements."

The signs for the pharmacy and auto center will come before the planning and zoning board again at the commission's public hearing Tuesday. Wal-Mart is asking for a special-use permit to operate 24 hours per day.

"Our supercenters across the country are open 24 hours per day," Wal-Mart spokesman Eric Berger said Thursday. "We would like to make that choice as to how we would like to serve our customers."

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If you go...

Twin Falls' planning and zoning commission will discuss

Wal-Mart's latest application to build a Twin Falls store, at a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave.

increased 20.2 percent to \$60.9 million. Operating cash flow margin was 28.0 percent, compared with 28.8 percent a year ago, reflecting the overall lower margin of the Pulitzer newspapers. Operating income, which includes equity in net income of associated companies and depreciation and amortization, rose 19.3 percent to \$48.7 million. Net income decreased 23.6 percent to \$18.7 million.

With the acquisition of Pulitzer, Davenport, Iowa-based Lee owns 52 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others.

Survey: Most employers won't hike raises much

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — Don't expect a much faster increase in wages unless you do something exceptional. That's the bottom line from a survey released this week showing that despite a growing economy and improving job market, employers continue to hold the lid on salary increases. Instead, they are relying more on bonuses and other cash incentives to keep key employees from jumping ship, according to Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Mercer's survey found that U.S. employers plan to award average pay increases of 3.6 percent in 2005, compared with 2004, when the increase outpaced inflation by less than 1 percent.

Mercer surveyed 1,950 large to mid-sized employers about compensation plans covering 13 million nonunion employees. There's still a strong pressure not to raise fixed costs," said Steven Gross, who heads Mercer's U.S. employee rewards business. "There's much more going on in the market right now. It's as if employers are saying, 'We are willing to pay premiums, but not in fixed wages.'"

Mercer's survey found increased use of "spot" cash awards for exceptional performance, as well as signing and retention bonuses. In some time, changes in accounting rules have sharply reduced the number of companies offering broad-based stock option programs.

Companies such as McDonald's Corp. have replaced the

value of discontinued or reduced stock option programs with higher cash incentives.

"It's actually a more compelling compensation package because it's based on results they can control," said Richard Floersch, human resources executive vice president.

"At the crew level," he added, "we're seeing more spot bonuses based on the results of the restaurants." Curmins Inc., the Indiana-based maker of diesel truck engines, also relies heavily on incentive pay for all employees, spokesman Mark Land said.

This year, we paid out near the top of our bonus scale because of improved results, he said. "Three or four years ago, very few people were getting bonuses. It has definitely loosened up."

Most employees' salaries, meanwhile, do not reflect the economy's rebound.

Mercer's surveys indicate a sharp slowdown in real wage growth since 2003. For most of the preceding 15 years, pay increases outpaced inflation by 1 percent to 1.5 percent, Gross said.

"There was a nice healthy spread for workers," he said. "Now the gap is at an historically low basis."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics paints an even bleaker picture. In the second quarter of 2004, real wages for full-time workers were 0.6 percent higher than a year earlier, while the consumer price index for urban consumers rose 3.0 percent in the same period, according to a BLS report Wednesday.

Movie

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This year at least 13 other states — including Colorado, Maryland, New Mexico, Rhode Island and South Carolina — have proposed creating similar incentives, mostly through rebates or exemptions, or adding to their existing breaks. "Not unlike manufacturing, the film industry has increasingly been going out of the country, and if you're going to compete on a global scale it's important that you have competing incentive programs of comparable incentive programs," said Alex Schott, director of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Film and TV.

Louisiana's program created hundreds of new jobs and spawned \$375 million in 2004 receipts for the state from the making of films like "Ray" and "Mr. 3000." The revenue was up from \$20 million before the program.

In Ohio, a bill patterned after Louisiana's would create a tax credit of 15 percent to 20 percent depending on the type of production. The sponsor, Sen. Patricia Clancy, a Cincinnati Republican, expects the bill to get a hearing when the legislative session resumes this fall.

"We feel that if this investment is made in Ohio, more jobs will be created, tourism dollars will increase and more films will be made here," she said. "And that of course leads to many more jobs."

Actor Sean Astin of "Lord of the Rings" and "Indiana Jones" fame is the Indiana lobbyist for the bill. He said the bill would give a 30 percent state tax credit on productions, among other incentives. Astin, who is also a producer, said he has two films he would shoot in Indiana if the

States' 2005 movie-making incentive proposals

Here's a look at states' proposals to attract film productions: ALABAMA: Create incentive tax credits for certain movie projects and companies; extend sales and lodging tax exemptions for movie production companies. Failed. ARKANSAS: Expand refund of state taxes paid during a movie's production. Failed. COLORADO: Require the state patrol office to help film production companies maneuver through state permits and other bureaucracy; give producers sales and user-tax exemptions for making their films in Colorado. Passed. HAWAII: Replace existing tax credits with a new credit for motion picture, digital media and film production based on a cap on percentage of production's costs incurred in Hawaii. Cap credit at \$8 million per production. Failed.

LOUISIANA: Allow film companies free use of state and university property as movie locations; would offer tax credits for the purchase of movie equipment. Obscure films would be excluded from credits. In conference committee.

LOUISIANA: Update existing tax credits to increase credit from 15 percent of production costs to 25 percent of production costs spent in Louisiana. Create new incentives to encourage building of sound stages and other industry infrastructure in the state. Passed.

MARYLAND: Establish grant programs to rebate half of specified measure becomes law. Malcolm Potal, chief executive officer of the American Institute of Film Technology, said tax breaks are often the deciding factor for what locations

wages paid in the state to people working on qualified film productions up to a maximum of \$2 million. Passed.

NEW MEXICO: Expand a tax credit for film companies for a portion of their direct production expenses in New Mexico such as photography and lighting. The tax break covers so-called production work, including editing, special effects and sound mixing on movies, commercials and video games. Passed.

OHIO: Create a new tax credit between 15 and 20 percent of the investment made in Ohio by movie makers. Pending in committee.

OREGON: Create rebate for labor costs incurred while filming in Oregon. Awaiting full House vote. RHODE ISLAND: Establish a movie production investment tax credit and a television tax credit for productions in Rhode Island. Passed.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Amend current laws to offer local as well as state tax exemptions for film productions in South Carolina. Passed.

TENNESSEE: Establish a film production tax credit for qualified productions. Awaiting committee.

TEXAS: Offer tax exemptions on hotel stays and vehicle purchases for use in film productions. Failed. Offer grants to film major Texas-based or new movie studios. Failed. Offer passes, but without the \$20 million in funding to run the program.

Source: AIP research; National Conference of State Legislatures

documentaries. "It's important because production costs are going up and also important because jobs are being lost to overseas (locations) and Hollywood is in competition with Hollywood. We're trying to bring the films back from Canada and Romania and other countries where the productions are moving."

Not everyone is as interested in helping lower the price tag of transporting the bright lights in that would have offered a tax incentive package that was tied to the number of movies a film production company made in the state. Similar legislation was spiked in Texas, Hawaii and Alabama.

Critics are leery of offering tax breaks at a time when many states are dealing with tight budgets and when many lawmakers are wary of reducing tax codes that already include, among other things, complex tax breaks for businesses.

"I'm Kalpana, president of the nonprofit Tax Foundation of Hawaii, said his group and others were opposed to the incentives for viewers' reasons, including tight finances and because Hawaii already offers a host of tax breaks for filmmakers, including one on hotel taxes.

"Those of us who were against it were saying, 'We're actually spending money out of the budget to pay for it. We balance the state budget if you can't have these uncontrollable losses of revenue,'" Kalpan said.

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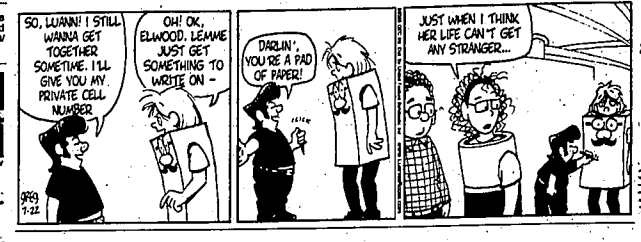
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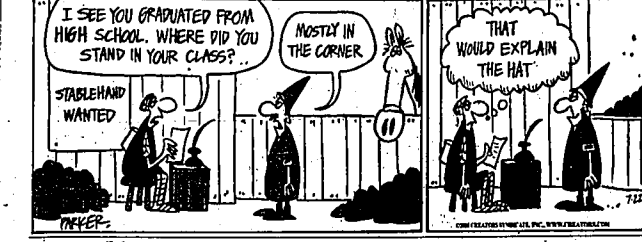
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