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CJD cases raise eyebrows

Officials don't believe cluster is linked to mad cow disease

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Since January, five south-central Idaho women between the ages of 60 and 83 years have been diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, according to South Central District Health. Four of the women lived in Twin Falls County and the fifth woman was from

Minidoka County.

The number of cases is unusually high. Normally, the disease infects just one person per 1 million people worldwide a year. In Idaho, there are about three cases of CJD annually, according to the district health office. In recent years, the United States has reported fewer than 300 cases of CJD a year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CJD is a rapidly progressing

fatal neurodegenerative disease.

It is carried by prions, an abnormal form of protein in the bloodstream, that cause folding of normal protein in the brain, leading to brain damage. Symptoms include dementia and other neurological signs. The average age of people with sporadic CJD is 66. People usually die within one year of onset, according to the CDC.

South Central District Health, in conjunction with the state epidemiologist, is investigating the unusual cluster of cases.

"We need to find out if there's some situation that needs our attention," said Cheryl Becker, an epidemiologist at South

Central District Health. "This may be five cases of sporadic CJD that just happened to occur in the same period of time."

Becker said there is no reason to suspect that any of the cases are variant CJD, which has been linked to bovine spongiform encephalopathy — commonly known as mad cow disease.

"We have no information that indicates that these are cases of variant CJD," Becker said Thursday.

Laboratory results are pending on two of the women.

The variant form of CJD that has been linked to mad cow disease usually affects younger people. The average age of people who have died of the variant

form of CJD is 28, according to the CDC. In 2002, one case of variant CJD was diagnosed in a Florida resident who had lived in the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile, health officials will continue to investigate the five local CJD cases.

"We do not think that there is any reason for the community to be alarmed about these cases," Becker said. "In our investigation so far, we do not see any common source of contagion between the women. We don't think there is any reason for people to change their eating, drinking or living habits. We will continue to investigate and inform the public of what we find."

Herding Horses



A helicopter, contracted by the Bureau of Land Management, herds wild horses into a corral, not pictured, Thursday morning at the Saylor Creek Management Area. The BLM is rounding up 350 wild horses in the aftermath of the Clover Fire to help the land rehabilitate as well as maintain the health of the horses.

BLM rescues wild horses from burned rangeland

The Times-News

BOISE — The Bureau of Land Management began corralling 350 wild horses Thursday morning that continued to linger in the blackened Saylor Creek herd management area following the Clover Fire that burned nearly 193,000 acres of land in mid-July.

A gather for this herd was originally planned for November, with an adoption to follow in December, said Mike Courtney, BLM Twin Falls District rangeland management specialist.

"With the emergency gather, which is expected to be completed by July 31, we will now hold the adoption sometime in September in Boise," he said.

The BLM Twin Falls District and Boise District are working



A band of wild horses is rounded up Thursday morning. The horses will be temporarily cared for in BLM corrals until the land is ready for them to return, while the older horses will be sent to long-term pastures in the Midwest.

together to prepare for the emergency adoption.

"Immediately following the fire, we began hauling water to the horses," Courtney said.

tation within the herd management area, but the range that remains won't be sufficient to sustain the horses for long. While the Saylor Creek herd management area covers 33,540 acres, the area the wild horses prefer and want to remain in was burned by the fire.

"The rest period will be in effect for the next two growing seasons to accommodate rehabilitation efforts on the burned area," Courtney said.

"The rehabilitation of the burned land is already under way, but we have two to three years of rehabilitation work ahead us. Most of that work will be conducted this fall and winter and next spring. It will include seedings of grasses and forbs and aerial seedings of shrubs. In addition to providing for habitat, the seed

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LITTLE TALENT, POOR TASTE

Man wins honor for his most wretched writing

By Garance Burka
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A man who compared a woman's anatomy to a carburetor won an annual contest that celebrates the worst writing in the English language.

Dan McKay, a computer analyst at Microsoft Great Plains in Fargo, N.D., bested thousands of entrants from North Pole, Alaska to Manchester, England to triumph Wednesday in San Jose State University's annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

"As he stared at her ample

bosom, he daydreamed of the dual Stromberg carburetors in his vintage Triumph Spitfire," he wrote, comparing a woman's breasts to "small knotted caps of the oil dampener."

The competition highlights literary achievements of the most dubious sort — terrifyingly bad sentences that take their inspiration from minor writer Edward George Earl Bulwer-Lytton, whose 1830 novel "Paul Clifford" began, "It was a dark and stormy night."

"We want writers with a little talent, but no taste," San Jose State English Professor Scott Rice said. "And Dan's entry was

just ludicrous."

McKay was in China and could not be reached to comment about his status as a world-renowned wretched writer. He will receive \$250.

Rice said the challenge began as a worst paragraph contest, but judges soon realized no one should have to wade through so much putrid prose — such as this zinger, which took a dishonorable mention.

"The rising sun crawled over the ridge and slithered across the hot barren terrain into every nook and cranny like grease on a Denny's grill in the morning rush, but only until eleven o'

clock when they switch to the lunch menu," wrote Lester Guyse, a retired fraud investigator in Portland, Ore.

"That was the last favorite of the five I entered, but you win any way you can," Guyse said.

Ken Aclyn, of Shreveport, La., won the Grand Panjandrum Award for his shocking similes and abusive use of adjectives. He wrote that India "hangs like a wet washcloth on the towel rack of Asia."

"I just saw that washcloth hanging in the shower and it looked like India," he said. "I'll be doggone."

Energy bill ushers tax breaks to oil giants

Legislation also extends daylight saving time

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House by a wide margin approved a mammoth energy plan for the nation Thursday that sends billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies to energy companies, but is expected to do little to reduce U.S. oil consumption or dampen high energy prices.

"It is not a perfect bill," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. But he called it "a solid step" toward diversifying future energy sources, improving the nation's aging electricity grid and fostering more energy conservation.

The bill was approved 275-156. Congress now awaits action by the Senate, probably today. The White House said President Bush looks forward to signing it into law.

Facing public pressure to outline a direction for the nation's energy strategy amid soaring oil prices and high gasoline costs at the pump, Bush had called on Congress to give him an energy blueprint before lawmakers depart for their five-week summer recess.

The 1,725-page bill, the product of weeks of compromise between widely different versions approved by the two chambers earlier this year, would provide \$14.5 billion in energy tax breaks, much of it to traditional energy companies. It also provides money for promoting renewable energy sources and new energy technologies and measures to revitalize the nuclear power industry.

"This is a good bill for America," declared Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, a key author of the legislation.

But opponents called the legislation a giveaway to taxpayer money to large energy companies, including wealthy oil giants reaping record profits with crude oil near \$60 a barrel and gasoline averaging well over \$2 a gallon.

"This bill is packed with royalty relief, tax breaks, loan guarantees for the wealthiest energy companies in America, even as they are reporting the largest quarterly profits of any corporation in the history of the United States," complained Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. "It is politically and morally wrong," he said.

The bill would funnel \$2.7 billion in tax breaks to the oil and gas industries and provide additional support in form of royalty relief, including \$500 million over 10 years for re-energizing the nation's extremely deep areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

While emphasizing the president's enthusiasm for the bill, See page ENERGY, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

To-day: Isolated to widely scattered gusty thunderstorms possible. Highs, upper 60s. Tonight: Lingering thunderstorms, then partial clearing. Low to near 60. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and hot. Highs, lower 80s.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Developing gusty thunderstorms around. Highs, upper 60s to near 70. Tonight: A few more thunderstorms, then fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows, near 50. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies. Highs near 90.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. A weak weather system in place today with help to produce gusty thunderstorms. Lightening and gusty winds around the thunderstorms will be a concern.

BOISE There will be chances for 1st storm activity today and then evening. However, there may be more wind and thunderstorms than usual precipitation.

NORTHERN UTAH Hit or miss thunderstorms are being pulled out over the next couple of days as a weather disturbance moves through the region.

Weather forecast table for Boise and Northern Utah with columns for Today, Tomorrow, and Sunday.

Weather's Daily Extraneous: 103 at Lewiston. Low: 35 at Starkey. Weather has produced a cloudy day with gusty winds and a few showers.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls showing weather icons and temperatures for Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac table for Twin Falls with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phase.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

MOONPHASE AND MOONSET

Moon phase and moonset table for Twin Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Denver, Phoenix, and Dallas.

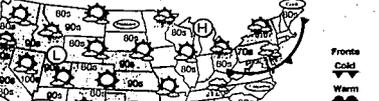
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U.V. Index table showing levels for various locations.

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World forecast table for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlebury's quote of the week: 'Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities.

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Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman acknowledged the administration was concerned about some provisions, including the level of subsidies for profitable oil companies.

"The oil and gas companies don't need incentives with oil and gas prices being what they are today," Bodman said Wednesday.

"The legislation would be a boon to farmers. It requires oil refiners to double the use of corn-produced ethanol in gasoline to 7.5 billion gallons a year by 2012.

Among the provisions most apparent to consumers are its call to extend daylight saving time by one month and tax breaks for making homes more energy efficient and for hybrid gas-electric cars.

Bush said that one way to help ease gas prices is for Congress to pass a comprehensive energy strategy. But the White House acknowledged that the legislation itself won't do much to reduce pump prices.

"We didn't get into this overnight and we're not going to get out of it overnight," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Thursday.

"What this legislation will do is put us on a path to reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy," he said. "It will help address those root causes that lead to higher energy prices and that is what is important."

Other major provisions in the legislation include:

- Subsidies and tax breaks

for wind, geothermal and solar industries and technology aimed at making coal more environmentally friendly.

• New efficiency standards for the electric transmission grid, hoping to avoid future blackouts like the one in the summer of 2003.

• Easing the way for more imports of liquefied natural gas by giving federal regulators final say over import terminals.

• Spurring construction of new nuclear power reactors by offering loan guarantees and "risk insurance" against regulatory delays for the initial units to be built.

• A nationwide inventory of offshore oil and gas resources. Critics said they've concerned the inventory may lead to drilling in areas now off limits.

• A provision that has passed the Senate to require the president to find ways to reduce U.S. oil demand by 1 million barrels a year by 2025 was abandoned because of strong opposition from House Republicans and the administration.

"We're going to have important oil in our economy for a long time," Barro, a former petroleum engineer, told reporters, responding to criticism by some Democrats that the bill, despite its expansive reach, does virtually nothing to curtail growing U.S. oil demand.

House forced to wait one more day to vote on \$286 billion highway bill

By Jim Abrams Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — After years of delay, the House was forced to wait another day to pass a \$286.4 billion highway and mass transit bill that would send lawmakers home for their summer vacations bearing big gifts of roads, bridges and jobs.

A scheduled House vote Thursday on the 1,600-page package was put off until Friday when several House members strenuously objected to a provision placed in the bill by the Senate that would reopen a closed runway at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., whose own state could lose submarine base at Groton under the latest round of proposed base closings, said it was "absolutely outrageous" that the bill would be used to reverse a previous decision on closing a military facility.

House leaders decided to reconvene Friday morning after trying to resolve the controversy. The Senate is also scheduled to vote on the bill on Friday.

With the president's expected signature, passage of the transportation act would end an almost two-year impasse in which Congress and the White House battled over the proper spending levels and states were at odds over how best to divide up the billions in federal highway money.

The bill would direct federal funds to thousands of projects requested by members, from \$200 million for a bridge in Alaska named for the chairman of the House Transportation Committee to \$2 million to pave roads in South Dakota Indian reservation.

The watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense said the bill contained 5,696 such "earmarks," not counting bus projects, worth approximately \$21 billion.

The nation has been without a new law since September 2003, when the 1998-2003 act, funded at \$218 billion, expired.

Since then, Congress has had to pass 11 temporary extensions to keep money flowing to the states for construction projects.

That delay has disrupted schedules for new projects and prevented the hiring of tens of thousands of construction workers.

The final funding level for the 2004-09 period is nearly \$100 billion less than lawmakers and transportation officials have said is necessary to make real improvements in the nation's deteriorating, congested and unsafe roads and bridges.

But the White House has insisted that Congress show fiscal discipline, saying it cannot go along with an "unbridled spending spree" of large budget deficits and rising military costs.

Lawmakers said they were generally satisfied. The bill, said Sen. Jeffords, I-Vt., who heads the minority on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, "will make our nation's roads and bridges safer and less congested and create thousands of jobs from coast to coast."

"It's not going to solve the nation's congestion crisis, but it is a step in the right direction," said Ed Mortimer, director of transportation infrastructure at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Even before the final vote, lawmakers were boasting of their efforts and won for their states or districts.

"I'm pleased to report that help is on the way for Colorado roads," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., saying the state would receive a 47 percent increase in

federal highway funding, the highest increase of any state, to \$2.5 billion.

South Dakota Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson and his Republican colleague, Sen. John Thune, said they "went in swinging for South Dakota and this transportation bill is truly a great boon for our state."

Thune said that between the two of them they secured \$225 million in "earmarks," or specific projects, for the state.

North Dakota received \$70 million to stabilize and raise roads around Devils Lake, which is currently flooding, while Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., the head of the transportation panel in the Environment and Public Works Committee, secured \$50 million for a new bridge crossing the Missouri River near Kansas City.

The bill also designates hundreds of new bus terminals, walkways, bike trails, pedestrian walkways and parking lots. Mass transit receives more than 18 percent of the money, more than \$50 billion, while \$6 billion is set aside for transportation safety programs.

The bill also reverses new tax provisions, raising \$495 million over 10 years by funneling some taxes on kerosene used as diesel into the Highway Trust Fund, while exempting limousines over 6,000 pounds from the gas guzzler tax, at a cost of \$46 million over 10 years. It also caps the 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods at \$10.

The legislation guarantees that by 2008 every state will get back at least 82 percent of what it contributes through federal gas taxes to the Highway Trust Fund. The current minimum rate of renewal is 90.5 percent, and the demand of "donor" states for a more equitable division of the federal highway money has been one of the major sticking points in coming up with a compromise bill.

CORRECTIONS

enroll in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's weight-loss class was incorrect in Thursday's newspaper. The correct number is 732-3012.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Specialist will work on College Drive

In a July 23 story, the office location of TechTrell's new manufacturing specialist for Twin Falls was incorrect.

Don Hansen will work from an office at 771 N. College Drive. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Rescue

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wings will serve to help stabilize the soil," said Scott Uhrig, BLM Twin Falls District fire rehabilitation specialist.

The effort also will include repairing and installing protective fences as well as repairing roads damaged from the suppression activities, Uhrig said. Monitoring and control of noxious weeds also will be ongoing.

The horses will be temporarily cared for in BLM corrals until "When conditions are right, some of the horses will be returned to the Saylor Creek herd management area."

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NATION

House narrowly approves Central America trade pact

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House narrowly approved the Central American Free Trade Agreement early Thursday in a personal triumph for President Bush, who campaigned aggressively for the accord he said would foster prosperity and democracy in the hemisphere.

The 217-215 vote just after midnight adds six Latin American countries to the growing lists of nations with free trade agreements with the United States.

The United States signed the accord, known as CAFTA, a year ago with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, and the Senate approved it last month. It now goes to the president for his signature.

To capture a majority, supporters had to overcome what some have called free trade fatigue, a growing sentiment that free trade deals such as the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada have contributed to a loss of well-paying American jobs and the soaring trade deficit.

Democrats, who were overwhelmingly against CAFTA, argued that its labor rights provisions were weak and would result in exploitation of workers in Central America.

But supporters pointed out that CAFTA would over time eliminate tariffs and other trade barriers that impede U.S. sales to the region, correcting the current situation in which 80 percent of Central American goods enter the United States duty-free but Americans must pay heavy tariffs.

The agreement would also strengthen intellectual property protections and make it easier for Americans to invest in the region.

"This is a test of American leadership in a changing world," said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, a leading proponent of the agreement. "We cannot claim to be fighting for American jobs and yet turn our backs on 44 million new customers in Central America."

Idaho congressmen vote no on CAFTA

U.S. Reps. C.J. "Bud" Otter and Mike Simpson, both Idaho Republicans, joined 25 other members of their party in voting against the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

After the vote, Simpson released a statement on his Web site, saying, "I made it clear to our trade negotiators over two years ago that if they included sugar in CAFTA, I would vote against it. They ignored my warnings and I stuck by my throat."



Otter Simpson

In the end, it was the national security argument — that rejection of the deal would further impoverish the region, undermine their democracies and exacerbate the flow of illegal immigrants into the United States — that appeared to persuade some wavering members.

The president, said White House press secretary Scott McClellan, stressed to Republicans "the importance of supporting young and emerging democracies in our own hemisphere, and the importance of strengthening democracy here in our own hemisphere. And that was something that clearly resonated with members of the House."

"It is good for our national security in supporting these fledgling democracies at our back door," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said after the meeting with Bush.

To allay lawmakers' concerns about the U.S. sugar and textile industries, the administration also won over several Republicans by pledging protection from Central American imports.

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Shuttle critics seize opportunity

With future flights grounded, many question viability of aging fleet

By Jeff Donn and Marcia Dunn
Associated Press Writers

Some critics are casting the space shuttle's latest setbacks as evidence it may be too costly and too risky in the twilight of its life, but NASA and its backers are steeled themselves against any effort to retire it early.

"Maybe it's time to consider that this is the last straw, because the shuttle is enormously expensive. It's a risky vehicle. It's an old technology," said Louis Friedman, who directs the prominent space interest group known as The Planetary Society.

"The shuttle is an amazing vehicle, and it can do things in space that no other spacecraft can do," countered NASA flight operations manager John Shannon. "No one is folding their tents."

NASA managers say that the shuttle back into space this week discovered it is still shedding big pieces of foam insulation on launch, and they said that future flights. One chunk captured on camera was almost as big as the one that "banged into the heat shield of Columbia's wing during the previous shuttle launch and in 2003, dooming the craft and its seven astronauts.

The shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven, which was busy this week on a supply mission to the international space station, was apparently spared any serious damage during its launch Tuesday, NASA said after viewing additional photos of the orbiter Thursday.

One more major inspection of the spacecraft, most likely today, is needed before NASA can clear Discovery for its return home on Aug. 7.

However, frustrated NASA leaders, who have labored since 2003 to limit potential damage to the shuttle's thermal covering, were forced to ground the fleet indefinitely to study more changes. The agency has already



An image from the International Space Station shows Discovery as it performs a backflip to allow detailed pictures of its heat shield.

As it is the almost 25-year-old shuttle program is supposed to end around 2010, NASA is hurrying to develop a new craft capable of going back to the moon and perhaps beyond, but that will probably take years.

"Maybe the money would be better spent on replacing the shuttle rather than flying it," suggested John Pike, who directs the defense and space Web site GlobalSecurity.org.

Others are unsettled by any prospect of retiring the shuttle now and breaking American agreements to help international partners finish assembling the station. Japanese and European research labs are waiting on the ground for shuttle missions to hoist them to the space station.

"I think there would be symbolic damage to our image as a leading and competent country that can take on challenging commitments and carry them out," said John Logsdon, a space analyst who helped NASA investigate the Columbia disaster. "Let's not overreact."

Several space experts said the station is needed to keep a hand in space travel and advance understanding of how humans cope with protracted stays there. Right now, the shuttle fleet provides work for about 18,000 at NASA and its contractors. The grounding has already stirred some litters about their future. "It's very depressing. We're concerned about our jobs," said Mike Berger, an inspector at a plant near New Orleans that makes the shuttle's insulation.

Greenspan sticks to safe investments

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who boldly goes where few others go in the economic-policy universe, plays it safe when it comes to his own investments.

Solid ground is his preference on personal financial matters. Greenspan keeps all of his holdings in money market accounts and Treasury securities, which are considered the world's safest investment, a financial disclosure form shows.

Also, papers released Thursday show that the Fed chief avoids any appearance of conflict that might be raised by stock holdings in individual companies.

The value of his assets last year totaled between \$3.3 million and \$6.4 million, roughly the same as in 2003, according to new disclosure forms. The figures need only be given in broad ranges.

Greenspan, who is 79 and expected to retire from the central bank next year, has urged Congress to deal with the looming financial crisis of the Depres-

sion-era Social Security retirement system. The system faces massive strains as a wave of baby boomers begin retiring in 2008. The Fed chief also has called on upcoming retirees to make sure they have their own financial houses in order.



Alan Greenspan

"Retirees are going to need something like 80 percent of their immediately pre-retirement income to maintain a reasonable standard of living," Greenspan said at a congressional hearing last week. "And that means a very substantial part of retirement resources is going to come from the Social Security old-age benefit."

The disclosure form also showed that Greenspan's income from "his" no-falls investments, which also include savings and checking accounts, totaled between \$33,800 and \$80,700. That's down from the range of \$43,226 to \$102,541 that Greenspan reported in investment income in 2003.

Greenspan also was paid a \$150,000 salary for his last year. This year his salary rose to \$180,100. The Fed chief's salary isn't included on the disclosure form.

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Kennedy questions civil rights record of Roberts

WASHINGTON — After days of Democratic deference to John Roberts, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Thursday that documents made public so far indicate the Supreme Court nominee holds a "rather cramped view of the Voting Rights Act."

Materials that Roberts drafted while at the Justice Department and White House counsel's office during the Reagan administration "certainly raise some questions in my mind about his commitment" to civil rights, said Kennedy, D-Mass.

Kennedy's remarks showed a willingness to raise pointed questions when most other Democrats have stuck to platitudes about Roberts' credentials ahead of his confirmation hearings.

Sen. John Cornyn said senators should not draw "preliminary conclusions based solely" on memos drafted when Roberts, now a federal appeals court judge, worked at the Justice Department two decades ago.

"And I hope that no senator would attempt to paint Judge Roberts as hostile to civil rights based on memos written for a client — memos analyzing the

Nation in brief

law, not personal views," said Cornyn, R-Texas.

Army mechanic escapes desertion conviction
FORT STEWART, Ga. — An Army mechanic who refused to go to Iraq while he sought conscientious objector status was acquitted of desertion Thursday but found guilty of a lesser charge and sentenced to 15 months behind bars.

Sgt. Kevin Benderman, 40, also was given a dishonorable discharge and a reduction in rank to private on the charge of missing movement. If he had been found guilty of desertion, he could have faced five years in prison.

Benderman failed to deploy with his 3rd Infantry Division unit in January, 10 days after he told Fort Stewart commanders he was seeking a discharge as a conscientious objector. He has previously said he refused to deploy to Iraq after his first combat tour during the 2003 invasion made him opposed to war.

Benderman's company commander and direct supervisor in the division's 3rd Forward Support Battalion flew to Fort Stewart from Iraq to testify Thursday that the soldier disobeyed orders and demoralized his fellow troops.

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CHEERS & JEERS

South Twin Falls needs commercial development

CHEERS: To Don H. and Patricia K. Deters. Their plans have been approved to change the zoning of 162 acres on the southeast corner of Orchard Drive and Washington Street South from residential to commercial. Their proposed Orchard Park Plaza will give residents on the south end of Twin Falls a commercial center that could include restaurants, apparel and retail services. So far, Swensen's Market is the only business that has committed to the development. Here's hoping that more will locate in Orchard Park Plaza.

JEERS: To Kim Leazer, who this spring won the Singles Handicap Division I title 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. Leazer, who has Stargardt Macular Dystrophy, has been classified as legally blind since she was 12.

CHEERS: To the Twin Falls Babe Ruth team that won the 14-year-old state tournament in dramatic fashion last weekend in Idaho Falls. The team scored the winning run on a balk in an 8-7 win over Lewiston. It advances to the Pacific Northwest regionals in Vancouver, Wash. on Monday.

JEERS: To the golfers who showed up at the City Council meeting Monday night to complain about the excessive rough at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The grass in some areas has been allowed to grow to save maintenance costs, and because of spring moisture, has grown extremely tall and thick.

Opinion has been mixed about whether to cut the

Editor's note: Many readers have told us they like Cheers & Jeers, which is a regular feature of the Opinion page on Saturdays. For this week, with Opinion Editor David Cooper out of the office, we decided to put Cheers & Jeers in The Times-News today and again on Saturday.



Learning to fly with children

It's summertime, which means many people these days are flying with children, an experience that can be enriching and exciting, and is followed by memories that linger even after the sheel shock, nightmares and trauma-induced facial tics have faded away.

Any airplane trip with children begins before boarding in the airport gate area, where the parents, dreading the next four hours of high-altitude agony, will be laying down a bed of psychic tension that will be the karmic foundation for everything that is to come.

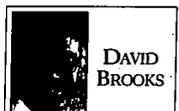
They will be coaching their children on how to behave, spreading manically upbeat good cheer and exuding the waves of anxiety that are almost clinically certain to produce a toddler meltdown.

The airlines helpfully have families with small children board first, which gives parents an extra 45 minutes to play peekaboo even before the plane takes off.

As the craft fills up, it becomes clear that the kids have been seated in a special sadlist section, among Idi Amin, the etiquette committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a perfect 4-year-old wonder child who will spend the whole flight quietly reading The Economist.

Parents in those early stages of a flight usually devote their fevered energies to entertaining their children.

Many parents begin by reading board books in that super-attentive nursery school tone of voice, and then, sadly, singing to their children every song they know, beginning with age-appropriate lullabies and ending up with a medley of



DAVID BROOKS

hits from the Spice Girls. Toddlers sense when their parents are running out of first-rate material and begin squirming and rebelling.

This causes the parents to frantically reduce their efforts to distract and entertain, and soon they are behaving like Jerry Lewis on a sugar high, acting out any desperately silly routine they think will occupy their little ones' minds and keep them from letting out their inner Damians.

It is an iron rule of plane travel that the parents who are trying to hush their children are more annoying to their fellow passengers than the children who are being hushed.

lather, the faster the parents offer toys, the more furiously the kids throw them away so that the rows begin to look like Playmobil volcanoes with little toy Vikings flying 20 feet through the air while the parents are frantically trying to pin their kids' arms to their chests.

The children are now completely out of control and are behaving as if they were raised by feral wolves. They will be pummeling the seat in front of them with their feet or else playing their own manic airplane games, such as Tray Table Trampoline.

Amid the frenzy, parents will observe that one child has turned green, which means that every passenger along the aisle between them and the restroom will be an unwitting participant in a contest called Air Sickness Roulette.

When things are at their worst, the flight attendant will unflinchingly come by to offer sincere sympathy, and in so doing send the parents (who have by now reached the psychotic state of the Robert De Niro character in "Taxi Driver") into a near-homicidal rage. If the FDA approved a do-it-yourself methsulfic kit, mom would be using it on the little vermin while dad contemplates scaring the kids into silence by showing them "The Exorcist" — let their future analysts worry about the consequences later on.

The final hour of the flight is aptly captured by Picasso's painting, "Guernica."

Parents are strewn about in heaps, hardened air marshals are weeping under the strain, the kids look like flesh-eating Beanie Babies, and the pilots emerge to complain that because of the kids' crying they can't hear the air traffic controllers (this actually happened to my family).

But then, just as human endurance reaches its breaking point, the plane finishes its descent and the plane door opens, offering an avenue for escape.

Today, that moment the kids fall blissfully asleep.

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Government services shouldn't be privatized

President Bush unilaterally attacked Iraq to dismantle weapons of mass destruction that did not exist; to drive a wedge between Saddam and Osama, knowing they hated each other; to free Iraqi people without an invitation from them; to give Iraqis a brand of democracy average Americans would not recognize.

But destroying the Iraqi state, its ministries and public institutions which served the Iraqi people with or without

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Unless Bush saw it as life-time opportunity to establish a democracy in which all services were privatized, a neo-con "Garden of Eden,"

health care, education, Social Security, wanting instead to replace Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal" with the "Raw Deal" of privatization.

Think of such social programs as part of unregulated business, now being scooped from any national obligation. Think of the rampant corruption in today's business world and government; cheating Enron and outing a CIA agent being but the tip of an iceberg. Privatizing public institutions threatens quality and accessibility of services; absolves

government of responsibility to citizens; allows government to evade public scrutiny; and continues the perversion of government of big business, for big business and by big business.

Given the green light to privatize Social Security, the peddlers of the New World Order will in time bury Americans' nest eggs in unending Wall Street scandals. Today, the American lives in a theater of the absurd; a zany narrative of greed, which would be as funny as the movie, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad

World," if it were not for the horror of lives lost, lost limbs and lost hope.

Once again, government fleeces its citizens and puts American youth in Iraq with no sought goal in sight. More troops might help subdue the insurgents, but pretty much the whole U.S. Army, including Idaho's National Guard, is in Iraq, on its way back from Iraq or readying to go to Iraq. And the vaunted coalition dries like water on a desert sand.

It's a shame!
GRANT UPTAIN
Hagerman

LETTERS

Star Trek fan says goodbye to Scotty

It was with a sad heart I mourned the passing of James Doohan last Tuesday, for as I've heard, was one of those hard-working people that the modern world either overlooks or under-appreciates or just plain old ignores until he passes on and then there's a general biased reaction while life rushes on to whatever.

It took an excellent character actor to bring chief engineer Montgomery Scott to life, and we had James to thank for that. Of course, you can't say much without mentioning his claim to fame — my favorite "Star Trek" character, Scotty. I've seen him on TV and I and we were able to sit down for a bite and a pint, I'm sure we'd both be laughing at how to relieve stress either in the engineering section or my auto repair shop by multiplying our repair estimates by four or likewise trying to figure out who put the handles in charge of this outfit and why do they have to keep harassing us just because we know what we're doing? Or at least maintain a reasonable imitation of same.

Doohan may have passed on, and Scotty isn't on the TV set, but he's as used to be, but at my place anyway, Scotty and Mr. Doohan will definitely be remembered for a long time. We had they beamed you up first.

FORREST LAMPE
Twin Falls

Why the beef with eating dogs, cats, horses?

What if your neighbor does eat dog or cat or horse, but appears want to buy our surplus horses to eat?

As long as you're not Jewish, eating dog or cat or horse is a good reason to the overpopulation of dogs, cats and horses without costing the taxpayer.

Why should eating a cat, dog or horse be taboo when we eat cow, pig, sheep, rabbit, turkey, chicken, pheasant, duck, deer, elk, moose, bear, fish, etc.? Some people eat worms, grasshoppers and mice. Is there a moral problem here or prejudiced thought pattern that wants people to think and do as you do?

The U.S. Army ate a lot of horses in the 1800s.

We could gain income and reduce the costs of our animal shelters and the government spending millions warehousing and caring for the wild horses.

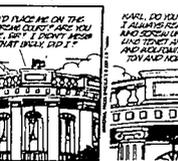
Lets sell our surplus horses, dogs and cats to the Europeans. Asians and/or whom ever might want to buy them.

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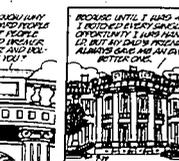
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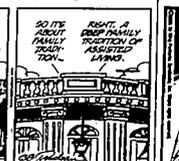
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OPINION

The search is on for safer subways



JAMES P. PINKERTON

As Friday afternoon, on the first day of the new random-inspection-of-bags policy on New York City's mass transit, I thought I'd see for myself how it was working. What I found reveals something about counterterrorism — and also about journalism.

I am standing in the main concourse at Grand Central Terminal. I figure that if I were an al-Qaida terrorist, this would be a pretty good place to strike.

But although I saw a few cops standing around — when have I not seen cops at Grand Central — it was pretty much the usual rush hour crowd, rushing around unsuspected.

So looking for trouble — that's part of my job as a journalist, to look for trouble — I head over to the Times Square shuttle train. I follow a middle-aged lady pulling a suitcase on rollers. Is anybody going to search her? She climbs on and off the train, unhassled. In fact, I don't see a cop anywhere.

At the Times Square station, hub of nine different train lines, it's the usual scene of spontaneity: order, hundreds of thousands strong.

If your goal were to gain worldwide headlines through an evil, murderous attack, this would be the spot.

But once again, not only do I see no terrorists, but barely any cops — and no searches.

Looking for some kind of angle, I walk up to a fellow who is holding a sign that reads "Free Stress Test."

The man, who calls himself Nate, is a Scientist, offering a free diagnostic hookup to the "Free Stress Test."

Thinking myself clever, I ask Nate if there's been an uptick in his traffic, what with all the new stress in the world in the last few weeks. He looks at me strangely. I guess that's my answer.

If I had been a beat reporter, sent out to "get the story" about the new random-checking policy, I'd have been getting nervous about now. This is, I would not want to call my editor and say, "Hey, boss, there's really not much visible difference out there — like so-so."

After all, we both would have seen the headlines already in the morning tabloids — "Halt! in a Post," "Hide and Seek" in the Daily News and the Search for Security" in Newsday — giving the impression, bol-

stered by photos, that there was a Big Brother, or at least an Office Friendly, on every subway car.

So I, too, would have trodded around underground until I found a cop. And if I were really searches. One might call it the Deadline-Driven Information Illusion: You look for it, until you find it — or else. If I had kept looking long enough, I would eventually have found someone protesting the search of his bag. And if I were really lucky, I would have found a group of protesters. That might have gotten me and my "news" access to the front page.

But none of that happened. Instead, I observed a commuter day that seemed like any other day.

Yes, I know that big stuff is going on, for real, around the world, as bombs go off all over Eurasia. And in London on Friday, the copiest attack, this would be the spot.

Meanwhile, the temperature's rising here, too, as random crazy people collide with the random-search program, thin as it might be. On Sunday, Penn Station was evacuated for more than an hour because some jerk threw his backpack at an untrak agent, declaring that it was a bomb.

So this is the way we must live now. What 9/11 and other events taught us is that terrorists don't need a government to sponsor them, they just need murderous intent and a bathtub full of chemicals.

And so, all of sudden, millions of angry people are now potential terrorists. And they are everywhere. I don't know whether the random searches are the answer, but I do know this: We will look back and say that our searches were really compromised to all the other homeland-defense tactics we will be using in the years to come.

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Keeping the faithful in office

MICHAEL GOODWIN

Of the things that separate Americans politically, the "God gap" may be the most powerful. Republicans enjoy a big advantage among voters who are religious and, if Democrats aren't careful, the Supreme Court confirmation battle over John Roberts could turn the gap into a chasm.

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political divisions. With the GOP seen as the home of very conservative evangelical Christians, Democrats have felt safe in denouncing what Sen. Hillary Clinton calls the "hard-right agenda" of Bush.

The phrase carries a whiff of contempt for the Pat Robertson crowd.

But John Roberts, universally described as humble, and his wife display a more complicated face of American religiosity. Indeed, Jane Sullivan Roberts — a Bronx girl — is a one-person antidote to religious stereotypes.

Think of her as a conservative feminist. She attended Bronx Catholic schools and was in the first class of women admitted to Holy Cross College.

She majored in mathematics, got a master's degree in applied math at Brown and a law degree from Georgetown.

She is a partner in a Washington law firm, specializing in the testosterone-dominated club of global technology deals.

In many ways, she would seem to be typical of a socially liberal Democrat — a highly educated, independent career woman. She even got married at 41.

Here's the rub: Jane Roberts has been a major player in an anti-abortion group called Feminists for Life.

The group's mission statement, The New York Times reports, includes the phrase that "women deserve better than abortion." It was to overturn Roe v. Wade.

After long waits, the Robert-

ses adopted two children. A friend of hers told The Times the adoptions were "testament to the power of prayer."

That would make the Robertses a higher-power couple.

Jane Roberts, of course, is not up for the Supreme Court. But as Dems zero in on her husband, they should aim carefully.

Otherwise, they might wound themselves in the eyes of Americans who identify with, and admire, people of such deep and generous faith.

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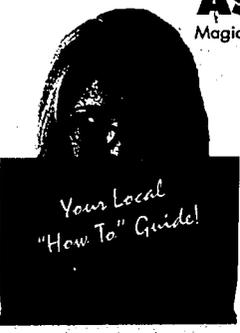
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Buettner takes reins as CSI's VP

TWIN FALLS — Claudia Buettner has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of the College of Southern Idaho.

President Jerry Beck made the appointment this week. Buettner has held the position on an interim basis since June 30, according to a news release.

"Claudien has clearly earned the respect of her colleagues and support of the board in her more than 30 years here at CSI," Beck said.

Before changing positions, Buettner was dean of the health sciences and human services department.

As executive vice president, Buettner will oversee the college's instructional money, conduct program reviews, work with the community and predict the needs of the workforce.

My priorities as I step into this job will be to maintain CSI's excellence, interface our technical and academic divisions, oversee our community education and short course programs, and to use the money we have effectively, efficiently and responsibly," Buettner said.

Buettner has worked at CSI for 35 years.

Reservoir campground closes for at least a week

MACKAY — The Bureau of Land Management will close the Joe T. Fallini Campground at the Mackay Reservoir for approximately one week on or about Aug. 22.

Phase II improvements will require the closure to allow for paving of the campground. The date may change, and another public notice will be issued when the actual dates are confirmed.

Camping also is provided by the Idaho Fish and Game Department on the Mackay Reservoir. More information is available by calling the Salmon office at (208) 756-2271.

Other camping is available nearby on the U.S. Forest Service lands from the Lost River Ranger District at (208) 588-3400.

For additional information about the campground closure, contact Jeff Christensen, outdoor recreation planner in the Challis BLM office, at (208) 879-6200.

Sponsors wanted for CSI orientation

TWIN FALLS — Area businesses, banks, service providers, vendors and agencies are invited to participate in the College of Southern Idaho's annual student orientation event on Aug. 24 and 25.

Students and the public will attend the annual event, known as Student Orientation, Advising and Registration, or SOAR.

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Veterans Park group looking for volunteers

WENDELL — The South Central Idaho Veterans Park meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday at the Wendell City Hall.

For more information, call Jim Benson at 536-5140.

Group sues over grazing policy

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

HAILEY — A lawsuit recently filed by Hailey-based environmental group could affect grazing policies on 160 million acres of public lands in the West.

Western Watersheds Project is asking District Court Judge B. Lynn Whinnill to stop the Bureau of Land Management from public lands and to ignore the desire of Americans to protect and recover our native wildlife and watersheds across the West.

The group alleges that BLM's new regulations impair the public's ability to participate in public lands management. Western Watersheds also fears that the new rules may introduce property issues by allowing ranchers to hold water rights on BLM lands for livestock.

Tom Gony with BLM's Washington office, declined to address the environmental group's allegations.

"We're not going to comment on any litigation," Gony said.

However, he said the agency believes its rules will benefit the land. The new rules, Gony said, reflect the agency's multiple-use mission.

"We think it will improve our management of that activity," he said.

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.

Flow over Shoshone Falls will be reduced

Reservoir storage still looks good

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Alas, all good things must come to an end. And, so goes the magnificent sight of water cascading over Shoshone Falls — a sight residents and tourists alike have appreciated since late June.

For the first time in six years, if only for a few weeks, Shoshone Falls enjoyed a bathing by as much as 600 cubic feet per second of water from American Falls Reservoir. However, 900 cubic feet per second of that get diverted for Idaho Power Co.'s power plant — thus, Shoshone Falls only sees a maximum of 600 cubic feet per second.

The bureau will reduce flows by 100 cubic feet per second each day until the river returns to 200 cubic feet per second in about 13 days, Beus said.

A wet spring enabled the bureau to fulfill its obligation to send water downstream for the first time in several years. The bureau's contribution — the recent increase in flows to aid salmon — is a small one overall, Beus said.

The region's reservoirs are still in a hot spot because of the increased flows, than last, Beus said. The total system of reservoirs in the Upper Snake Basin contains about 1.1 million acre feet of water more this year than it did at the same point in 2004, Beus said.

But, "we're using storage faster now than we were a year ago," Beus said.

Beus doesn't see that as a cause for concern right now. Part of that faster rate of storage consumption comes from the flows released for salmon augmentation. However, recent hot weeks have contributed as well, he said.

Canal companies have suffered too terribly from either the weather or the water. The North Side Canal Co. has been able to provide its deliveries in full since May and will likely be able to do so throughout the rest of the irrigation season, said Ted Diehl, manager for the canal company.

"We think we're going to be OK — but it depends on the springs," Alberdi said. "We're watching it."

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SHOPPING IN THE DARK



Idaho Power employees work Thursday on a power outage at the Magic Valley Mall while J.C. Penney Co. stylists gather at a table to wait for electricity to be restored.

Magic Valley Mall suffers power outage

By William Adams Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If not for bright sunshine, Magic Valley Mall might have remained in darkness most of Thursday morning.

About 4:40 a.m., Idaho Power received a call from Twin Falls police reporting lights flickering at Magic Valley Mall, said Ann Alenskis, spokeswoman for Idaho Power.

Idaho Power crews were back about 7:30 a.m. to troubleshoot further electrical problems. Workers discovered a faulty underground distribution cable.

Power was restored to most of the mall by 11:30 a.m.

For now, Idaho Power is backfeeding electricity to the mall from an alternate location.

Idaho Power will bring in an emergency generator, which can locate exactly where underground utilities lie under the mall parking lot.

Because of the extensive nature of the repair, Alenskis couldn't say exactly when that will happen.

"Our immediate concern was to provide electricity to the customer."

Despite electricity being restored to the parking lot, not every business had power.

A private electrician was on hand working to correct problems with the mall's power distribution network.

As of Thursday afternoon, they were waiting for an expert to help with the problem.

"Our first goal is to have a safe environment for our customers," Gilliland said. The goal for mall businesses is to open 100 percent as soon as possible.

Because most of the mall's business occurs in the afternoon, Gilliland hoped to be able to recover any morning losses through afternoon sales, with perhaps only a two to three percent loss at most.

"We were lucky to get the three generators; the rest were reserved."

Times-News writer William Adams can be reached at 735-3259 or wadams@magicvalley.com.

T.F. schools devise new summer schedule

By Candace Baltz-Smylie Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is trying something new this year.

Summer school, which is traditionally held at the beginning of summer, has been pushed back to the last three weeks of summer vacation.

"It just makes more sense," said Linda Baird, TRSD public relations coordinator.

The idea seems to be more popular with parents, too. The elementary summer school program alone has seen an increase of enrollment of about 30 percent, from about 200 students in summer 2004 to almost 300 students this year.

More information

To register for Twin Falls School District summer school, call 733-6900. Class starts Monday and meets weekdays until Aug. 12.

Olmstead said the kids will have more than a good time in the two weeks before the regular school year starts.

Elementary students who score a two or lower on the Idaho Reading Indicator test are automatically invited to participate in the Twin Falls School District's summer school.

Pretrial hearing moved in Jerome bar fight case

By Candace Baltz-Smylie Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A Jerome man charged in the death of another Magic Valley man last year made a brief appearance in court Thursday.

Richard D. Openshaw, 43, appeared before Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen in Jerome for a pretrial hearing on one charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Borresen said the prosecuting attorney and defendant hadn't made adequate progress in mediation attempts and needed more time before they could proceed.

Openshaw, who was dressed casually in a khaki short-sleeve shirt, did not speak. He is not currently in custody.

Pretrial hearing

What: Openshaw hearing on charge of involuntary manslaughter in November 2004 bar fight.

When: 8:30 a.m. Aug. 12.

Where: Jerome County Courtroom, 300 N. Lincoln.

III witnessed Openshaw strike Gover in the face, according to Gover's affidavit. Gover was unresponsive and stopped breathing.

Openshaw was arrested by Jerome police on November 28 while being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for a hand injury that he received in the altercation.

Upper Snake River Basin Reservoir Storage

Table with 4 columns: Reservoir, Acres feet, % of Capacity, Capacity. Lists reservoirs like Grassy Lake, Jackson Lake, Paliades, etc.

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Gayla Sue Plocher

RUPERT — Gayla Sue Plocher, a 61-year-old Rupert resident, passed away July 26, 2005, at her home.

Gayla was born Sept. 12, 1943, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Kenneth and Rose Hahn. She was married to Heuburn and resided north of Rupert. She married Richard Plocher on June 21, 1968. At age 50 she attended at the College of Southern Idaho and received an Associate of Hotel and Restaurant Management degree, while maintaining a GPA that was worthy of the dean's and president's list. She worked in the

banking industry in Nevada, and Idaho, also working for the Minidoka County School District for many years. She enjoyed volunteering as a Pink Lady at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for a number of years. Gayla loved being involved in her kids and grandkids' lives and watching their many accomplishments.

Gayla is survived by her husband, Richard of 38 years; her two children, Rhett (Laura) Plocher of Blackfoot and Shanna (Gayla) Lewis of Meridian; four grandchildren, Jake (Lindsay) Plocher of Meridian, Hayden Plocher of Pocatello

and Anabel and Lily Woodbury; both of Meridian; great-grandchild, Lew Plocher of Meridian; her parents, Kenneth and Rose Hayden of Hurricane, Utah; two brothers, Gene Hayden of Corvallis, Ore., and John Hayden of Mesquite, Nev.; and one sister, Sharon Righter of Las Vegas, Nev.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Scott Brown officiating. Friends may greet the family one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heuburn, Idaho.

Mavis M. Anestos

HEYBURN — Mavis M. Anestos, 84, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2005, in her daughter's arms at her home in Heyburn, Idaho. She was born Sept. 15, 1920, in Ridgeland, S.C., to Willock and Theodosia Malphrus, the oldest of six children. Mavis graduated from Ridgeland High School and then attended nursing school.



She married Iush Peter Anestos on Aug. 30, 1941, in Lexington County, S.C. They were blessed with four children.

Mavis worked as a nurse for nine years at Buncock Memorial Hospital and retired in the mid 1980s. She was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. She enjoyed doing hand work such as sewing and embroidery. She was an avid basketball fan and loved watching the Utah Jazz. She enjoyed playing tennis and played it in high school and was chosen as best athlete from her student body in high school.

She enjoyed spending time with Tim, Antone and Peter, who also provided hospice services for her.

A special thanks to her hospice caregivers (Idaho Home Health Care), Bama, Melissa, Mary, Doris and all the rest who cared for her.

She is survived by her children, Peter Tash (Teresa) Anestos, Pocatello, Idaho; Harry Nash Anestos, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Catherine Theodosia (Curtis) Farrar, Okla.; and Anna Maria (Tim) Perreira, Heiburn, Idaho; a sister, Rowena (Bill) Wuanmaker, Columbia, S.C.; brothers, Theodore (Jennie) Malphrus,

Greenville, S.C., and Wofford (Joyce) Malphrus, Grahamville, S.C.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sisters, Wilma and Theodis.

Visitation and funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. Visitation will be held from 10 until 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005, prior to the service. Interment will follow at Mountainview Cemetery.

Claudia Lee Gregory Lehman

POCATELLO — Claudia Lee Gregory Lehman, a 61-year-old Pocatello and former Park resident, died Thursday, July 28, 2005, at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

She was born March 20, 1944, in Ontario, Ore., the daughter of Elvis Eric and Ihu Rulo Gregory. She attended and graduated from Minnie High School in 1962 and was the school newspaper editor. She married Morris Lehman on Aug. 22, 1964, in Boise. Claudia graduated from Idaho State University with a master's degree in education and she taught for many years at Hawthorne Junior High School in Pocatello.

Survivors include her husband, Morris of Pocatello; two daughters, Laurie (Donn) Booth of Pocatello and Lucy (Bretton) Lehman of Nampa; a son, Jeff Lehman of Nampa; and a brother, Max (Barbara) Gregory.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dennis Gregory.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday at Payne Mortuary.



Dean Marolt

TWIN FALLS — Dean Marolt passed away on Tuesday, July 26.

Dean was born Jan. 31, 1951, in Montebello, Calif. Dean lived in Los Angeles for most of his life until he moved to Twin Falls in 1991. Dean's later years were spent making special friends at CIT.

Loving son to Leatha and John; brother to Dennis and Carol; favorite uncle of Eric, Karen, Ron, Jon and Michael.

A smile that could brighten a room. A sincere hug when we arrived and another when we left. You laughed with us and sometimes at us; a laugh that could warm your heart on the coldest day. Not once a mean word. Never a mother

agenda. Just love and friendship in its absolute pure form.

These are the things that will live forever, in our memories of you. Lessons learned early in life for young men and women about understanding the value of family and just how lucky we've been to have you in our lives, taught to us by you. Dean, you are a part of who we are, each of us and we're so thankful we've had the opportunity to know and love you. And while we'll miss you dearly, each of us knows how lucky we've been to have you in our lives and we'll remember that smile and we'll smile back. We will miss that smile.

Funeral for Dean Marolt will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with burial following at the Twin Falls Cemetery.



Byron 'Barney' M. Eacker

TWIN FALLS — Byron 'Barney' M. Eacker, 65, of Twin Falls, went to be with his Lord on July 27, 2005, at his home with his family by his side.

Barney was born May 10, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho. A world traveler, he went from Twin Falls to Kimberly and back to Twin Falls.

The son of Merrill 'Butch' and Thelma Eacker, Barney married Janet Schick on Feb. 14, 1976, in Kimberly, Idaho.

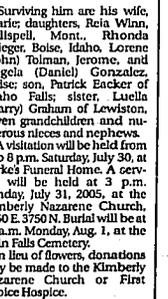
Throughout Barney's adult life, he served God by trying to touch and love everyone he met. Barney loved to sing songs of praise to his Lord. He loved fishing and his family.

Barney was a malleable bunter and meat cutter in Magic Valley most of his life.

Surviving him is his wife, Marie; daughters, Reia Winn, Kallispel, Mont., Rhonda Krigler, Boise, Idaho, Lorene (John) Tolman, Jerome, and Angela (Daniel) Gonzalez, Boise; son, Patrick Eacker of Idaho Falls; sister, Luella (Harry) Graham of Lewiston; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Park's Funeral Home, 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Kimberly Nazarene Church, 3550 E. 3750 N. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kimberly Nazarene Church or First Choice Hospice.



SERVICES

James 'Jim' B. Tyler of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Arthur Marion Hurst of Bellevue, graveside service at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

George Grace Jackson of Pocatello, funeral at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Christian Center (Colonial Funeral Home, Pocatello).

Erma Louise Colter of Shoshone, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W.

Manuella Harbaugh of Gooding, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 1515 California St. in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

Margaret 'Maggie' M. Sweet CLAYTON — Margaret 'Maggie' M. Sweet, 71, of Clayton, Idaho, died Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

DEATH NOTICES

7 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2005, at the chapel.

Dorothy Courtwright RUPERT — Dorothy Courtwright, an 87-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, July 28, 2005, at Minidoka Memorial Extended Care.

Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Fred 'Leo' Peterson GOODING — Fred 'Leo' Peterson, 89, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 28, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

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

Ronald Dean Goetzzen of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to

University announces Idaho Water Center now fully occupied

MOSCOW (AP) — The Idaho Water Center is now fully occupied. University of Idaho officials announced the rare positive development in the school's botched office-complex project in downtown Boise.

The \$43 million building is the only structure built. Original plans for the University Place project called for a three-building, five-story office complex.

Most of the university's Boise operations have moved into the center, including its satellite education, law, agriculture and engineering programs.

The announcement means non-university tenants are now contributing more than \$2 million toward the center's operating budget of \$4.5 million, university spokeswoman Nancy Hilliard said Wednesday.

The project, which began in the 1990s, fell apart in 2003 amid a faltering economy and allegations of illegal financial maneuvering.

The collapse led to the resignation of former university President Robert Hoover, and federal and state criminal investigations are looking into the project's financing as arranged by the Moscow-based UI and its economic development office.

Most of the university's Boise operations have moved into the center, including its satellite education, law, agriculture and engineering programs.

Center tenants include engineering giant CH2M Hill and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. This fall, the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station and Idaho State University's geosciences program will move in, university officials said.

The University Place deal has spawned lawsuits by the UI and the foundation against former attorneys, the builder of the project, and the UI's insurance company in an effort to recover losses.

Ranger shoots and kills camper

CRATER LAKE, Ore. (AP) — A ranger at Crater Lake National Park shot and killed a man who had threatened him with a club and had ignored orders to back off, a park spokesman said Thursday.

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The shooting occurred Wednesday night at the popular Mozaana Campground at Oregon's only national park.

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Two rangers were called to the campground at about 10 p.m. to quell a domestic disturbance, and were immediately confronted by a man with a large club, said park spokesman Mac Brock.

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When the rangers tried to talk to him, the man became increasingly hostile and ignored orders to stand still, Brock said.

"Still brandishing the club, still ignoring warnings to stop, he directly approached the rangers and threatened to kill them," Brock said. "One ranger attempted to subdue the individual with pepper spray when he approached within 10 feet of the ranger."

Pepper spray didn't stop the man, Brock said, so the second ranger on the scene then shot him, twice.

The man, whose name was withheld pending notification of relatives, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Special agents for the National Park Service and state police were investigating the shooting, Brock said. The two rangers involved in the shooting returned on duty, but were not in the field. Their names were not released.

Brock said the shooting was the first he had heard of in 12 years at the park.

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Resort contends gondolas are in working order

KELLOGG — A former Silver Mountain resort gondola mechanic contends that at least half the ski area's gondola cabins are overdue for new parts, safety inspections or both, a claim disputed by the resort's manager and an engineer's report.

Tim Pipkin resigned earlier this month in what he described as a disagreement with resort management over safety. Before he left, he photocopied a stack of maintenance records that he said back his contentions.

Pipkin said budget cuts made it impossible to keep up with scheduled repairs.

Silver Mountain Manager Brian Rhodes said the ski lifts are safe and well maintained, and that Pipkin is simply a disgruntled employee who quit

Idaho in brief

after battling heads with his supervisor.

"Maintaining the safety of that gondola and the overall reputation as a world-class destination is very important to Silver Mountain," Rhodes said. "The company has not shied away from spending money."

Shortly after Pipkin quit, Silver Mountain hired an independent engineer to inspect the gondola towers.

In a report dated July 15, the engineer, Jim Ellis, said he found no major problems and concluded, "the claim by the disgruntled employee was not valid."

The 3-mile-long aerial tramway

opened in 1990 and has operated with a clean safety record and no instances of shutdown because of mechanical failure, Rhodes said.

Silver Mountain's insurance company sends engineers to inspect the tramway twice a year. There are no routine state or federal safety inspections of ski lifts at Idaho resorts located on private land, including Silver Mountain.

Salmon schools seek approval of \$16.7M bond

SALMON — Salmon School District officials are asking voters to approve a \$16.7 million bond that would cover the costs of consolidating three aging schools into one new building.

Superintendent Dan

Gmbowska said the new building would hold students in pre-K-kindergarten and through eighth grade, and would replace Salmon Junior High School, Pioneer Elementary School and the Brooklyn Middle School.

"The estimates to fix the problems in those three schools (come) to around \$8 million — and that's without addressing their structural integrity," he said. "We would be doing this community a disservice to go that route."

If the 25-year bond is approved, patrons with a home valued at \$150,000 and a homeowner's exemption of \$50,000 would pay \$131 more per year. The bond vote is set for Aug. 23.

— compiled from wire reports

Hansen board looking to hire an architect

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — The Hansen school board has agreed to ask interested architects to submit letters of qualifications for the design of an elementary building addition.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter said the addition would be a simple project and should not require complicated designs. The board would be asking for a bond levy election, possibly as early as September.

Coulter also said Hansen scored second among 22 Magic Valley schools on the Idaho Reading Indicator test. This test is given to students from kindergarten through third grade.

In other business, the trustee seat vacated by Chad Urie has

been filled by Christy Dobby. She took the oath of office July 18.

The board accepted the resignation of trustee Burt Hursh. His seat will be filled by David Bjorneberg. Hursh has accepted the position of secondary principal, which was vacated by the resignation of Rick Abel, who took a position in Arizona.

The board officers will remain the same as before with Jeanne Gibson selected as chairman; Bob Harris, vice chairman; and Myra Miller, clerk. The meeting dates will remain the same, the third Monday in each month. Meeting times will be 8 p.m. during the months with daylight-saving time and 7 p.m. during the winter months.

Also, Athletic Director Brady Swallow announced homecoming will be Sept. 16.

Grape growers vote to extend tax to fight pest

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — California grape growers are aiming to create a no-fly zone for the glassy-winged sharpshooter threatening to decimate the industry, overwhelmingly agreeing to extend a tax dedicated to fighting the vineyard.

"We feel pretty good about it," said Nick Frey, executive director of the Sonoma County Grape Growers Association. "I think people looked at it as an investment."

The mail-in vote extends the assessments, based on crop value, through March 2011, the California Department of Food and Agriculture announced this week.

Nearly 90 percent of the more than 4,600 growers voted to approve the tax, which will be used to fund research into preventing the pest from spreading Pierce's disease, the vine-choking scourge that kills crops by interfering with the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients.

State officials were pleased with the high approval rate. "To get anywhere near 90 percent is quite a vote of confidence," said agriculture department spokesman Jay Van Rein.

Pierce's disease has been in the state for decades, caused by bacteria that thrive along waterways. But in the past, damage

was limited because the bacteria were carried by insects that couldn't fly very far.

The glassy-winged sharpshooter, which arrived in California about 15 years ago, can fly as far as a quarter-mile and has the potential to take the disease deep into vineyards.

In the late 1990s, Pierce's disease caused an estimated \$40 million in losses in the grape-growing region of Temecula, in Southern California's Riverside County.

Although there hasn't been a similar outbreak in Northern California, sharpshooter infestations have been found in recent years in a few counties. The assessment, which varies

annually and has a maximum of \$3 per \$1,000 worth of grapes sold, has raised nearly \$18 million for research over the past four years and has leveraged millions more in matching grants. This year, the assessment is \$2 per \$1,000 crop value.

The assessment was set to expire in 2006.

The funding is expected to raise about \$4 million a year, "but what it really does — beyond the money and the research — is it sends a pretty good message to legislators both here and in Congress that growers are willing to participate in solving this problem," Van Rein said.

Summer

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Summer school classes have a student-teacher ratio that's nearly half the size of traditional school, with one teacher for every 10 kids. On top of that, the classes all have para-educators, so the teacher even has one-on-one attention," she said.

"And I think for these students it will really help."

Olsonsted says she plans to track about 20 students throughout the school year to see what kind of difference the end of summer school program has on their test scores and grades. She thinks it will be significant. The reason this hasn't been

done before is because of the fiscal year. The school district usually has money it can use in May and June, but not in August. This year, though, because of grants, it is possible.

Summer school also is offered for junior high students. The classes start Monday and last for two weeks. Students

then have a week off before the regular school year begins.

Parents can still register their students before Monday. To register, call the Twin Falls School District at 733-6900.

Candace Baltz-Smylie can be reached by e-mail at CandaceBaltz@hotmail.com

T.F. County Democrats will meet

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Democrats will hold their regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall. Interested individuals are in-

ited to come and join a focus group from around the state and give ideas on improving the state and invigorating the Democratic Party.

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Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (MVRMC) and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center (St. Luke's) have proposed a merger that will bring together these quality health care organizations to create a new, Idaho-based, not-for-profit regional health care system.

During the merger evaluation process, MVRMC and St. Luke's will highlight various topics from the merger proposal and respond to community questions.

Weekly Update

MVRMC has a long history of providing quality health care. As we look to the future, however, there is a real need for updated facilities that will enhance our ability to provide new services and a more patient-friendly environment. A significant benefit that will be realized through a merger between MVRMC and St. Luke's is the construction of a new, state-of-the-art hospital campus. These new facilities will be designed and constructed to meet the growing and unique needs of our community. Considerable planning will go into addressing several important issues such as enhanced patient privacy, efficiency and convenience of service, safety, and the infrastructure to support advanced technology. Through this merger, Magic Valley residents will receive the best possible care close to home, in a modern facility designed to meet community needs well into the future.

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Road-rage victim had meth in system

Tony Perfect also had a blood-alcohol level close to .08 percent

BOISE (AP) — One of the victims of a May 7 car crash that police have blamed on road rage had methamphetamine in his bloodstream at the time of the accident, according to the Ada County coroner.

Tony Perfect, 23, of Eagle, had used meth sometime in the three days before the Subaru he was driving was hit by another vehicle on the intersection of Beacon Road and Highway 55 west of Boise. Perfect, his 23-year-old wife Stephanie and their baby daughter Zoe were killed instantly when their car was hit by Mark Lazinka's pickup.

Prosecutors allege Lazinka, of

Boise, was speeding, trying to prevent a Ford Mustang driven by Cam Hall, 22, from passing him, when his truck slammed into the Subaru as Tony Perfect turned onto the highway.

The young family was on their way to church camp in Horseshoe Bend, about 30 miles north of the crash site.

Previous tests found Tony Perfect also had been drinking before the accident with a blood-alcohol level that was close to .08 percent, Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said. The toxicology reports cannot pinpoint when Perfect used methamphetamine, or if he was

impaired by the illegal drug at the time of the accident.

"To determine whether he was high or not at the time of the crash is difficult to determine, and that's more for the experts in toxicology that deal with it all the time," Sonnenberg told KTVB television in Boise. "Our job is to show that it's there."

Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bowser earlier said evidence and witness reports led him to conclude that Perfect's drinking was not a major factor in the crash. His office declined to comment on the impact the discovery of meth in Perfect's bloodstream would have on the criminal

case against Lazinka and Hall.

Lazinka, 45, has been charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter. Hall, a former Boise State University football player from Kennewick, Wash., also was charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter and one count of leaving the scene of an accident.

Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney has said the crash resulted from road rage as Lazinka and Hall were jockeying for position at speeds up to 100 mph per hour as they rounded a corner. Hall avoided the Perfects' car. He kept driving and contacted police later.

Denny's workers get reward payout

Manager and waitress who helped identify Shasta Groene get payment from sheriff

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department on Thursday gave reward checks of \$4,315 each to a manager and waitress at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene whose quick actions led to the rescue of Shasta Groene from a registered sex offender.

Manager Linda Olson and waitress Amber Deahn recognized the 8-year-old girl when she came into the restaurant July 2 in the company of Joseph Edward Duncan III.

While Olson called 911 and employed restaurant staff to quickly block exits, Deahn talked to Duncan and Shasta and talked the girl into ordering a milkshake. Then she stalled on making the shake until police arrived and arrested Duncan, ending 47 days of captivity for Shasta.

Customers in the restaurant also called 911, but Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said the call from Olson was the first. The reward money was donated by local businesses and residents.

The FBI is still trying to determine who will receive a

\$100,000 federal reward for Shasta's return.

Meanwhile, four workers at Kootenai Medical Center were disciplined for improperly looking at the medical records of Shasta Groene.

An audit of Shasta's computerized medical records showed that four workers had accessed them without permission, said Tom Legel, KMC's vice president for finances and information systems.

Shasta was taken to the hospital July 2, after she was saved from Duncan, who allegedly killed four members of her family and kidnapped Shasta and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan. Dylan's body was recovered in Montana after Shasta's rescue.

Shasta was released from the hospital July 8.

Legel discovered the violation also called 911, but Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said the call from Olson was the first. The reward money was donated by local businesses and residents.

"We found no reason for them to be there,"

DAM DEBATE

Group calls for release of water to relieve drought conditions

By Mark Thlesian
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah environmental group on Thursday renewed its call for Glen Canyon Dam to be decommissioned and Lake Powell drained to stop the massive yearly exportation of stored Colorado River water, saying there is a better use for it in the water-starved West.

"We believe 800,000 feet of water could be available to the lower basin," said John Weisheit, with the Mead-based Living Rivers group. "We think that is a significant amount of water."

The group issued a 24-page report — titled "The One-Dam Solution" — this week ahead of two federal Bureau of Reclamation meetings seeking comment on plans to manage the Powell and Lake Mead during drought.

By having only Hoover Dam in Nevada capture water and using extensive underground storage, enough water could be saved to support 1.6 million households of four people each, Weisheit said at Thursday's meeting.

When Weisheit spoke at a similar meeting Tuesday in Henderson, Nev., he was told the bureau has been directed by Congress not to study that.

"Living Rivers thinks it's highly undemocratic that we are not allowing the public to fund the study of the facility that uses public money," Weisheit said Thursday. "If Glen Canyon Dam is the student, let's let the public know that. If it is not, then that will be the case, too, and we should let science decide what is best for the region of the Colorado River."

There was no debate Thursday



The sun rises over Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Ariz. In this file photo, a Utah environmental group was expected Thursday to renew calls to drain Lake Powell and decommission Glen Canyon Dam to save millions of gallons of water from evaporating, putting further strain on limited water supplies for cities throughout the West during drought.

day as water managers only took testimony for reviews. More hearings may be held before the bureau's management report is issued in December 2007.

This week's meetings were part of Interior Secretary Gale Norton's command to establish rules to limit fights among states vying to manage the water during shortages. A 1922 agreement allocating Colorado River water does not specify how it should be shared during drought.

Norton in May rejected a request by four states in the river's upper basin — Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico — to reduce releases of water from drought-depleted Lake Powell to

more quickly refill the reservoir. The decision was seen as a victory for California, Nevada and Arizona — three lower basin states that rely on allocations from the downstream Lake Mead reservoir. But Norton made it clear she wanted the states to find a way to share the water without federal involvement.

Some of those who testified Thursday urged the government not to ignore the financial rewards from recreation and tourism at both lakes and near-by recreational areas.

Fourteen million visitors annually result in direct and indirect economic benefit to the econo-

my, said Kitty Roberts, superintendent for the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

But five years of drought have "negatively affected recreation use and likely caused significant changes to the local and regional economies," she said.

The National Park Service has spent more than \$20 million over the past three years responding to the drought, with the money being used for things like closing or extending launch ramps, moving or adjusting docks.

She urged bureau officials to establish critical water levels on both lakes so recreational services won't have to be curtailed.

Shasta's medical records violated

Four hospital workers are disciplined for viewing them without permission

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Four workers at Kootenai Medical Center were disciplined for improperly looking at the medical records of 8-year-old kidnap victim Shasta Groene.

An audit of Shasta's computerized medical records showed that four workers had accessed them without permission, said Tom Legel, KMC's vice president for finances and information systems.

Shasta was taken to the hospital on July 2, after she was found with convicted offender Joseph Edward Duncan III, who allegedly killed four members of her family, kidnapped Shasta and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, and eluded authorities for 47 days. Dylan's body was recovered in Montana after Shasta's rescue.

Shasta was released from the hospital July 8.

Legel discovered the violations during a routine audit of medical records. To ensure patient privacy, the hospital audits the records of high-profile patients.

Four names in the Groene file didn't make sense, he said.

"We found no reason for them to be there," Legel said.

Legel said concern for the patient was behind the records violations, so the workers were not fired. He wouldn't elaborate on what the employees were concerned about or why.

"If they had spread the information, they would have been terminated," he said. "None were terminated."

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Idaho group complains of rising property taxes

Legislative hearing in Sandpoint is dominated by call for property tax revolt

SANDPOINT (AP) — Changing that Idaho lawmakers are not doing enough to prevent rising property taxes from driving people out of their homes, a grass-roots group says it will file papers today with the secretary of state's office for an initiative campaign to limit assessments.

"In a perfect world, you would do this job," initiative organizer and former Blaine City Commissioner Tom Suttmeier told the Idaho Legislature's interim Committee on Property Taxes in the first of several statewide public hearings Wednesday in Sandpoint.

Members of the joint House and Senate study committee were chastised for failing to give local government revenue-raising options besides property taxes and for being slow to act on a bill for what many labeled a "tax crisis" facing Idaho homeowners since a few years ago.

The earliest petition drive is being launched by the Committee for Sensible Taxation of Property, which circulated a 100-page proposed initiative

wants to put before Idaho voters next year.

Modeled after California's Proposition 13, the measure would cap taxes and assessed values of all property in the state. More than 44,000 signatures of registered voters are required to get an initiative on the ballot.

Some people attending the hearing said they were angry that lawmakers have not acted sooner to provide tax relief in the wake of increasing property values in many parts of the state.

"You need to lead from the front of the parade," said Ed Lindquist of Sage, "instead of having an initiative make you clean up behind it."

Many in the audience booed when Gilbert Beyer of Sandpoint said he proposed Initiative 1 isn't a viable solution and that Proposition 13 had degraded California's public-school system by draining property-tax dollars.

The resulting caucals and rowdiness prompted the committee's co-chair, Republi-

can Sen. Shawn Keough of Sandpoint, to take off her high-heeled navy pump and bang it on the table.

"You're welcome to take me out and hang me, but we must be respectful," she said.

In Coeur d'Alene, another group proposed changes to the state's "circuit breaker" program

that gives tax breaks from \$150 to \$1,200 to people older than 65 who qualify. They asked lawmakers to increase the amount of the state homeowners exemption — which exempts from tax bills half the value of an owner-occupied home up to \$50,000 — for people over 65 who don't qualify.

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Mom wary of relative's behavior

DEAR ABBY: My 44-year-old brother-in-law, "Byrce," still lives at home. He has never dated, nor has he had any kind of adult relationship in his life. He is extremely affectionate toward children, especially males. He buys gifts for the neighborhood kids, and they all think the world of him. My in-laws say Byrce is just a big kid and harmless. I think his behavior is abnormal.

Last week, I came home early from work. When I came through the door, I surprised Byrce saying goodbye to my 10-year-old son. Byrce was rubbing his hands up and down my son's arms and saying, "Good-bye, sweetheart. I love you." When he saw me, Byrce immediately stopped. He seemed caught off guard and embarrassed, and left quickly.

My husband was in another part of the house and didn't see or hear his brother and our son by the back door. I expressed my concern to my husband later, after our son had gone to



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

bed. I told him I was uncomfortable about the idea of his brother being alone with our son. My husband dismissed the whole thing, saying Byrce is harmless. My gut tells me otherwise. What should I do?

— **WORRIED MOM**

DEAR WORRIED: Listen to your gut and talk to your child about what is appropriate behavior — and "touch" — and what isn't. Sometimes children who have been molested keep it a secret because they feel they are responsible for it and are afraid they'll be punished.

Tell your son that no matter what, he can always come to you and tell you anything be-

cause you love him and you're on his side. Let him know that if he has any questions about anything, you will make the time to hear them and answer them honestly. Repeat that message often. It's one way to protect your child, and will reap many dividends.

DEAR ABBY: I have six sisters. We all share the same mother, but only one sister has the same father as I do. This is my only "real" sister, right? The others are my step-sisters, right? Please answer this.

— **NEEDS TO KNOW**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: The sister who shares the same father with you is your full-blooded sister. The other five are your half-sisters. Step-sisters are related by marriage only.

DEAR ABBY: I have known a certain 14-year-old girl, "Haley," since she was 7. I help take care of her now and then because her mother is a drug addict and is rarely around. Haley lives at

her friend's house, and she is starting to become sexually active. She goes very far, but hasn't gone all the way yet.

Would it be wrong of me to take Haley to a birth control clinic and have the counselors speak with her and get her on birth control? The woman she lives with doesn't seem to care what the girl does and figures she shouldn't have to because it isn't her kid. This young lady needs to be steered in the right direction and I want to help.

— **WORRIED IN BRIDGEVIEW, ILL.**

DEAR WORRIED: You are caring and intelligent. With no adult supervision, your young friend is on a collision course with disaster. You are in a position to prevent it from happening. By all means take her to a clinic where she can not only get birth control, but also learn how to prevent a sexually transmitted disease that could damage her health and/or fertility. It would be a tremendous kindness.

Julius Caesar devised practice of coin flipping

By most accounts, Julius Caesar invented the practice of flipping a coin as a decision-making process.

This day in history: Accompanied by his friend, Enzo Liszka, 50-year-old gondolier Vittorio Orto set out from Calais, France, on July 29, 2001. After a little more than seven hours and a lot of singing, the two arrived in Dover, England, marking the first crossing of the English Channel by a gondola. Maybe it wasn't a solo trip, but it was at least an "O Solo Mio" one.

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Unlucky worried that someone's going to sneak up and tickle you with feathers? You're suffering from pteronophobia.

A reader in Boone, N.C., wants us to illuminate readers to the fact that their fair town has been dubbed "The Firefly Capital of America."

Perhaps you've seen British products with a royal insignia and the inscription "By Appointment, Outfitters to HM The Queen" and wondered what that's about. It's an old tradition dating back to the Middle Ages when the royals granted "Royal Warrants" to certain preferred purveyors of products and services who could then advertise that fact. Designation costs nothing to the merchant.



and can be revoked at any time: the Queen continues to pay full price for company's products.

Currently, the queen has issued warrants for suppliers of 680 products her household uses, including pork sausages, boggles, steel-framed buildings, electric sweeper machines, cleaning and hygiene products, motor oil, ready mixed concrete, animal feed, and vermouth.

Coca-Cola, by the way, is the Her Majesty's official supplier of soft drinks.

If you're a collector of obscure measurements, remember that 20 grains equals one scruple, 3 scruples equals a drachm, and 8 drachms equals an ounce. When silverware made its way from Italy into the rest of Europe during the late Middle Ages, it found resistance from a surprising source: the church. "If God had wanted us to use forks, he wouldn't have created us with hands," thundered one German priest.

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Virgo: Romantic endeavors may hit roadblock

IF JULY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will grow and mature in the year to come. September may bring a more serious frame of mind or you may become more ambitious. Know what it is that you don't know so you may learn new skills. In November a one-in-a-lifetime chance to improve the direction of your life may appear unexpectedly. If you made mistakes or shirked duties, you may have a cosmic reminder in December and February that forces you to do things over again until you get them right. Balance personal independence with a mature and responsible attitude to be a success in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When you are between a rock and a hard place, hold still. Heavy demands on your time and energy mean you must adhere to a tight schedule and find ways to be extremely organized.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If

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the string is pulled too taut it might snap. Take some time out to relax when you can but be sure to meet deadlines. Work hard, as this brief period of high tension will be over soon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can do it. Don't give up if your patience is tested. Buckle down and work hard to earn approval. A tendency to daydream away your time could put you behind schedule.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick to routines. Focus on being businesslike and efficient and you will sail through the next few days. Uphold high standards and remain as diplomatic as possible in hostile situations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): Don't

stoop to participate in petty squabbles. If there is an air of disapproval, you can turn on a fan and let it blow elsewhere. Avoid feuds and hostilities; just do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Creative or romantic endeavors could hit a temporary roadblock. Rather than spinning your wheels, concentrate on getting fresh inspiration. Taking a hard line only creates extra barriers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lie low and don't throw down the gauntlet. Those in close connection could be too busy to mince words or play political games. Be supportive, but don't expect a pat on the back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Handle touchy situations with kid gloves. Give no reason for offense and delay signing contracts or making agreements. If you feel pushed or prodded, count to 10 before reacting.

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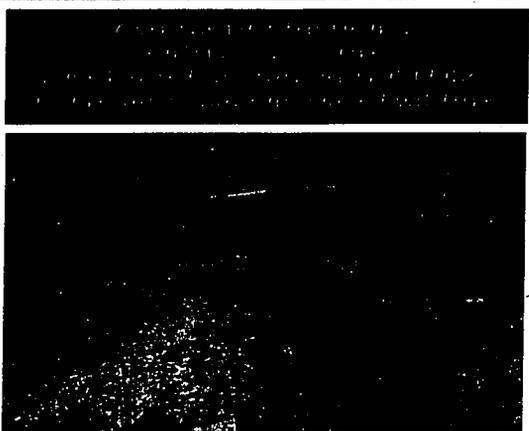
21): A temporary period of celestial turbulence can cause long-term problems if you enter into an important financial arrangement today. Put off major purchases and wait out tense situations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Meet challenges head on. Push hard for the next few days to meet obligations and don't be discouraged. The cosmos might give you a rugged test, but you will pass with flying colors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your ingenuity could be tested under these stars. It is best to pay the piper if called on the carpet for past mistakes. Avoid arguments and fulfill promises.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Impatience is your worst enemy. It could seem that goals are blocked by outside influences. Your best bet is to wait for better timing to push for your own agenda and avoid giving offense.

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Attorney's sexual behavior leads to mistrial in Pocatello case

Lawyer had his license suspended for asking a client to pose nude for fee payment

POCATELLO (AP) — An Idaho judge declared a mistrial in a child sex-abuse case after he discovered the lawyer representing the defendant had lost his license after having another client pose nude for photographs as partial payment of his fees.

Sixth District Judge Ron Bush discovered Pocatello attorney Curtis Holmes had lost his license right after he completed opening arguments Wednesday

in the trial of Joseph Turner, charged with lewd conduct with a 7-year-old girl. Bush declared a mistrial. Chief Deputy Prosecutor Dennis Wilkinson said the development upset the family of the victim, who was scheduled to testify Wednesday afternoon.

"We're just putting this little girl through a lot," Wilkinson said. No new trial date has been set. According to a Monday order from

the Idaho State Bar Professional Conduct Board, Holmes' license was suspended for 11 months for violations of professional ethics rules. Holmes also is required to undergo therapy for inappropriate sexual behavior before he is reinstated.

The order resolved a 2003 bar complaint against Holmes that said he sexually harassed a law clerk in 2000 and incompetently handled a wrongful

death case in 2001.

The complaint also alleged conflict of interest and conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice in Holmes' representation of a client in a 1999 divorce case. According to the bar complaint, Holmes told the woman he was an amateur photographer and would be willing to pay her or reduce the amount of her \$200 legal bill if she allowed him to take pictures of her and her children for entry

in a state fair photo contest.

The woman said when she arrived at his house, he instead wanted to take nude photographs of her while the children waited in another room, according to the complaint.

"Fearing that she would be unable to obtain new counsel if she angered (Holmes), (the woman) allowed him to take nearly an entire roll of nude photographs," the complaint said.

He had the photos developed and showed them to her, the complaint says.

State plans to fix court records system

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Supreme Court panel found court-case files in all 44 counties that should have turned up in searches of the public-access computer archive system but instead were declared "not found."

Court officials are vowing to fix the problem.

Currently, civil and criminal cases that are sealed by judges due to the sensitive nature of the proceedings are not included in the state court database that can be searched by the public.

If many such cases, even after the criminal or civil case has been closed and the records unsealed, a search for the case by number or party name still produces a "case not found" result.

In September, the state will install a software upgrade to the system that will tell the user that sealed cases does exist and will note that it has been sealed by court rule or judicial order, said John Peay, director of information systems at the Idaho Supreme Court. The system also will track unsealing of such cases.

If people want to find out why the case was sealed, they will be provided with a copy of the judge's order outlining the reasons, Peay said.

Ogden plagued with rusty tap water

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A group of Ogden residents continues to lobby city leaders to fix old pipes that for years have poured rusty water into their homes.

"We don't live in a Third-World country," says Debbie Malan. "We deserve decent water."

Malan lives at the top of 23rd Street, on the east bench just below the city reservoir. The old pipe runs down their street from a man-made concrete winding one block west at Pierce Ave.

It's this dead-end system that produces the problem. If the pipe were connected to the rest of the municipal water system, the neighborhood's water would circulate, flushing out the potential for rusty buildup.

City workers say the problem is not isolated to 23rd Street, although that's where the problem is most acute.

Ogden needs \$30 million to fix the aging water infrastructure, but has yet to find a way to finance the upgrade. The council has voted to increase water rates by 5 percent, but that will pay for only half the cost for new pressure valves.

The rust-producing pipes will have to wait, residents have been told.

Until recently, resident complaints have produced little action. Malan and her husband were initially told the problem existed in the pipes of their old home. But the month water cleared, they persisted after the couple replaced their plumbing system five years ago.

The city also suggested the problem was bacterial, but tests proved that theory wrong.

"We just got so many different excuses," says Malan.

In the past two years, city crews have begun flushing the 23rd Street pipe from a corner fire hydrant several times a week, although the practice drops the water pressure in homes and some doubt its effectiveness.

Residents say they've been told the city is now using an additive to clear the water. It seems to be helping, but resident Greg Hank, who suffers from allergies, worries about what's in the additive.

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An American tale

Company of Fools production of Molly Newman and Barbara Demashek's musical "The Quilters" continues tonight and Saturday night at the Liberty Theater in Halley.



Doggerel

Twin Falls' Mad Hat Theater Company continues its production of A.R. Gurney's comedy "Sylvia" tonight and Saturday night at the Black Currant Theater for the Community.



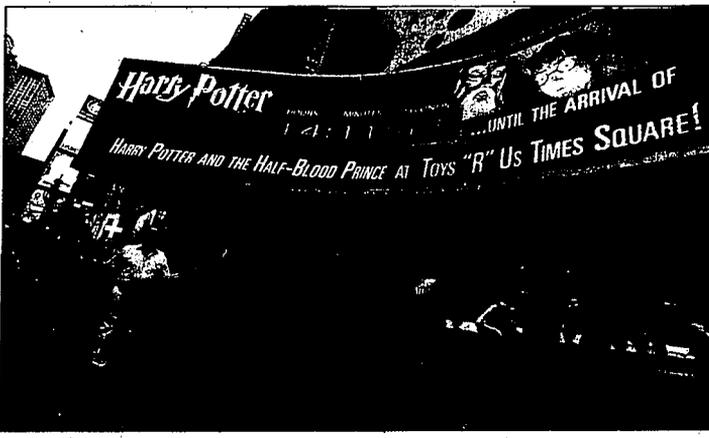
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High-country classics

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony's Edgar Bronfman Chamber Music Series wraps up tonight, and the symphony free open-air concerts start Monday on the Sun Valley Resort esplanade.

For times, dates and details, see Events spotlight on pages C3, C-8



A countdown clock at a Toys 'R' Us store in New York's Times Square anticipated the release of 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' earlier this month.

Feeling the magic

Adults delve deep into series originally aimed at kids

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Even full-grown Muggles sometimes need a little magic in their lives.

That's why, after the kids are tucked in bed, parents and non-parents alike reach for Harry Potter — for reassurance that no matter how fiendish the conspiracy, how impossible the quest, good will always come triumph in the end.

"It's a scary world out there," said Elizabeth Reed, 43, a member of a Harry Potter book club in Newark, Calif. "Some people go to escape; some do yoga. We read Harry Potter. He's soothing and comforting, like a hot water bottle."

When J.K. Rowling's sixth installment in the series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," went on sale at bookstores around the world, plenty of umm, more mature Muggles — the books' term for non-wizards — were there.

Two summers ago, upon the release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," critics and readers commented on how dark and densely plotted the saga, originally marketed to children, had become.

In Book 5, besides those wraith-like dementors, Harry, then a combative 15, coped with a conspiracy by the Ministry of Magic, the return of dark Lord Voldemort and the death of godfather Sirius Black at the wizarding world's made ready for civil war.

Despite its doorstop size (870 pages) and challenging vocabulary ("trission," "septichoral"), "Phoenix," according

to U.S. publisher Scholastic Inc., became "the fastest-selling book in history," racking up sales of 5 million in the first 24 hours.

That's why Scholastic is sending out a record 10.8 million copies of "Half-Blood Prince" to American retailers — big and small — and adult book clubs are gearing up for more lively debate.

"You can find parallels to current political power struggles, racial profiling, global warming — even in the snitches at Hogwarts," said Don Hos, a medical-device engineer in San Carlos.

Hos is such a die-hard fan, he recently had Harry Potter's signature lightning-bolt scar painted on his forehead at a street fair.

But Michele Nanjo, a Sacramento business analyst, can't top Hos' devotion to the boy wizard. Unable to wait for the new Potter, which includes the death of a major character, Nanjo, 43, penned her own 500-page sequel, "Harry

Potter and the Enemy Within." Posted on a fan-fiction site called Sugar-quill.com, it has earned such kudos as "spellbinding" and "Bravest Best HP fanfic I've ever read."

"My book is about Harry and Professor Snape, and how they join forces to help Harry face his destiny," she said. "It explores Harry's mind-reading. It's more psychological than the Rowling books."

Compare Hos and Nanjo to C.S. Lewis' Narnia series and J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The series has evolved, they agree, from children's escapism to complex morality tales with biblical and mythological allusions.

Steve Kloves, who wrote the first four Potter movies, including this fall's "Goblet of Fire," said Rowling confided that big changes are under way. "If they're worried now, they aren't seeing yet," he says she told him.

"I know I won't pull her punches," said Kloves, who grew up in Sunnyvale. "It's hard to do sunlight and roses as Harry confronts the ulti-

mate evil." Adult fans, however, aren't always good role models, said Valerie Lewis, co-owner of Hicklebee's Books in San Jose, which played host to the newly published Rowling in 1998, when only two kids showed up.

"We got a lot of adult buyers, and when Rowling was here in 1999 with her second book, 'Chamber of Secrets,' we learned just how ugly some of these people can get with greed."

To snare tickets to a special high school book signing, "the fanatics," as Lewis calls them, stooped to such lines as "It's for a crippled child" and "You know I'm a judge, don't you?" Some of the books would then show up at Goodwill.

Jenny Verdok and her 3-year-old daughter, Hannah, met Rowling during her first visit to San Jose.

They were on hand to pick up their reserved copy of "Half-Blood Prince." Hannah, now 9, dressed as a Whomping Willow Tree and her mother as the Portrait of the Fat Lady, which in Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

"I started out reading the books to Hannah, but now she's reading them by herself," Jenny Verdok said. "I told her if something is scary, she should stop reading and come talk to me about it."

As for Mom, Verdok said she reads the books for pure pleasure, not escape. "I'm not looking for answers in Harry Potter," she said. "I just enjoy a really good story, and these books are beautifully written."

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Family music groups headline Minidoka fair

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A full week of entertainment at the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo begins Monday with lawn mower races at 6 p.m. in the rodeo arena.

That's only the beginning. Tuesday, another fair highlight is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Irri-Sible singing group in concert. The family band is made up of "Mom and her five daughters," said Judy Parkin, fair board secretary.

The all-girl group began performing professionally at the 2002 Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City and has since taken its love of music throughout the Western United States

and internationally. Sponsored by Project Mutual Telephone, tickets for the performance will be sold at a reduced price. Tickets are available in the MacGregor Building on the fairgrounds, or at the gate the night of the concert.

General admission is \$6; senior citizens pay \$5, and kids 5 and under get in free, said Parkin. The Irri-Sible concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Horse Race Grandstand.

Also on Wednesday, folks in the Minidoka area can enjoy more musical entertainment with the Kid Fiddlers on

the free-stage at 6 p.m. The Kid Fiddlers are six siblings from ages 3 to 16.

"Cute kids!" said Parkin. "And they all play the fiddle — they sing and play other instruments — and dog."

Thursday, more local talent can be seen on the free-stage from 6 to 8 p.m., Parkin said.

Highlighting the rodeo Thursday are the two-man team sorting events, at 7 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena.

And on Aug. 5 and 6, the Modern Woodman of America Rodeo Series will feature mutton bustin', calf roping — from atop a donkey — and bull poker.

Ticket prices to the rodeo events: Adults, \$2; Kids (6-12), \$4; Under 6, free. Family tickets (two adults and four kids), \$20.

Join the 46th annual Art in the Park this weekend

TWIN FALLS — The Art Guild of Magic Valley Inc. invites the public to its 46th annual Twin Falls Art in the Park presentation.

The popular event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls City Park and run through 8 p.m. Visitors can come from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Members of the guild invite the community to enjoy "a fun and festive atmosphere of exceptional arts and crafts," and plan to delight crowds with "fantastic" food booths and "wonderful" music, said Jean Zambic, past president of the Art Guild.

Entertainment from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday will be presented by the Give 'n' Take Barbershop Quartet.

From 2 to 3 that afternoon, it's the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, followed by Alaina Davis from 4 until 5 p.m.

From 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, enjoy the sounds of the Bob Nora Band. The art guild event allows artists to use any medium of fine arts and original crafts.

During the two-day event, artists compete for various cash awards and shoppers' dollars.

Changes are in store for Jerome parade

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome County Fair and Rodeo gets under way at 5 p.m. Tuesday with its Main Street Parade.

But with some significant changes.

For the 2005 kickoff event, there'll be no pre-event registration, said Fair Manager Nancy Plitz, and unlike past parades, entries will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nevertheless, parade procedures are simple.

To enter, participants need to check in with officials at the Jerome High School parking lot to receive a parade number and entry card and be ready to roll by 10 a.m. Large floats and trailers should come in from 200 East Road to avoid making U-turns, and completed entry forms can be left on route at the announcer's table at the Jerome City Park.

The parade will head west and wind up at the high school on 12th St. Large floats and trailers should come in from 200 East Road to avoid making U-turns, and completed entry forms can be left on route at the announcer's table at the Jerome City Park.

Under the theme of "Barn Again," the fair salutes the barn as the heart of the Jerome County's agricultural traditions. There will be trophies for grand champion, and for second- and third-place winners.

And rather than naming a grand marshal for the parade, the Jerome's fair board recognizes a "Friend of the Fair" who is recipient is the C.J. "Charlie" Marshall family.

The Inland Empire Carnival opens at 4 p.m. Tuesday through Aug. 6, and at 2 p.m. Aug. 7.

Under the theme of "Get Wild with Your Child," a mom or dad rides with the child's ticket.

The popular Kids' Korner — near the livestock showroom — is bigger and better this year.

To get more groups involved, "we expanded the Kids' Korner" by offering more hands-on fun and educational programs designed for the younger farger in mind, Plitz said.

As part of that expansion, Jerome Head Start will have a craft and storytelling session from 9:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Also those evenings, young participants will learn about water conservation through a program by the Home Depot Kids Club.

From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7, children have two different choices: Computers for Kids program and the Sportsman's Warehouse session.

Compliments to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, Jerome County will feature the Nubia Shallowford Fiddle in the Main Arena for its "Biggest" rodeo events ever, Plitz said, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and again Aug. 6.

The IPA BUZZ 99.9 FM Demolition Derby will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Main Arena.

WEEKEND

Blind teen acs video games

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Brice Mellen is a whiz at video games such as "Mortal Kombat."

In that regard, the 17-year-old isn't much different from so many others his age.

Except for one thing: He's blind.

And as he easily dispatched those who took on him recently at a Lincoln gaming center, the affable and smiling Mellen remained humble.

"I can't say that I'm a super-pro," he said, working the controller like an extension of his body. "I can be beat."

Those bold enough to challenge him weren't so lucky.

One by one, while playing "Soul Caliber 2," their video characters were decapitated, overpowered and dispatched without mercy by Mellen's on-screen alter ego.

"I'm getting bored," Mellen said in jest as he won game after game.

Blind since birth when his optic nerve didn't connect because of Leber's disease, Mellen honed his video game skills over the years through patient and not-so-patient playing, memorizing keyboard operations and moves in certain games, asking lots of questions and paying particular attention to audio cues.

He worked his way up from games such as "Space Invaders" and "Asteroid" onto the modern combat games.

"I guess I don't know how I do it," Mellen said, as he continued playing while facing away from the screen. "It's beyond me."

Mellen knows this much: He started playing at home when he was about 7.

"He enjoyed trying to play, but he wasn't very good at first," said his father, a lawyer named Larry Mellen.

"But he just kept on trying. ... He's broken a lot of controllers."

When the question of broken controllers comes up, Mellen flashes a smile and just shrugs. "I used to have quite a temper," he said. "Me and other controllers didn't get along very well."

Now they get along just fine. While playing "Soul Caliber 2," Mellen works his way through the introductory screens with ease, knowing exactly what to click to start the game.

He rarely asked for help. Once the game started he didn't need any help.

"I don't need a move!" he exclaimed opponent, Ryan O'Banion, asked during a battle in which his character is frozen in place.

"You can't," Mellen answered before finishing him on screen.

"That's what happens. It's why I don't play him," O'Banion said after his blood-spattered character's corpse vanishes from the screen.

How Mellen became so good is a mystery to his father.

"He just sat there and he tried and tried until he got it right," Larry Mellen said. "He didn't ever complain to me or anyone about how hard it was."

Mellen hangs out any chance he gets at the DogTies Gaming Center in Lincoln, which opened last month.

Every now and then someone will come in and think he can easily beat the blind kid.

"That attitude doesn't faze Mellen."

"I'll challenge them, maybe. If I feel like a challenge, he said, displaying an impuduous countenance to break people out by playing facing backwards.

There's nothing he likes better than playing video games, Mellen.

He will be a senior in high school next year. After graduation, he plans to take a year off because he wants a break from school.

When he does go to college, Mellen wants to study — what class? — video-game design.

What comes after page 652? Another book worth reading

By Cathy Collison Knight Rider News Service

It's only two weeks after the Potter release, but some of your middle-school Muggles have eagerly devoured all 652 pages of the long-awaited "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

If that's the case in your home, you need to worry. Publishers have stocked the shelves with many good books, from new mysteries to re-released classics.

The madcap "A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy" by Jeanne Birdsall (Knopf, \$15.95), might remind you of "The Sandlot" by Eleanor Estes.

The summer feel is there — but not the magic of "Little Women" as a family of four girls broadens the horizon of the wealthy New Englanders.

They were young and they rely much on each other for education and entertainment. It's a sweet summer tale as they befriend the lonely boy next door.

Another summer tale is "The Nobodies," by N.E. Doode (HarperCollins, \$15.99), a sequel to "Anobodies" by the same author.

This book is introduced a bit like the Lemmy Snicket tales, and it won't disappoint readers of the first Doode book. The sequel is a summer-camp story, but the leading characters, Fern and Howard, encounter much more than bad food and bug bites.

There are some evil forces at work, along with a strict counselor, and before long Fern, especially, is finding herself in trouble.

"The Last of the Sky Pirates (The Edge Chronicles Book 5)," by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell (David Pickling Books, \$12.95), won't disappoint fans of this unique series about a strange land with comical characters.

young here on a quest, battling evil king of critters and people. This is definitely for older readers because it does have some rather brutal characters.

And the adventure and battles of good and evil are appealing and awesome, as a new hero is rejoin by an older one (Twig), who was featured in an earlier book. The imaginations of the creators are unbounded in art and story. You'll want to read this as well.

British writers often mention "The Railway Children," by E. Nesbit (Puffin, \$3.99), as a favorite childhood book. It's a good one to read in a handsome collectible edition.

The story may be a bit dated, but for girls who like "The Secret Garden" or other classic children's novels, it will be fine.

More modern readers and fans of video and computer games will be glad that Tor Seldner's back with "Brainbug and the DeathMaster" (HarperCollins, \$5.99). The thriller involves a mysterious software genius, some smart kids and the unusual Prairie Lab.

ABC still has dancing fever

ABC is ready for another turn on the dance floor.

Of the winking heels of its breakfast success this summer, "Dancing with the Stars" will return to the network at mid-season.

ABC announced Wednesday. It doesn't have a specific home yet, although the network could employ it as a way to give one of its drama series a rest or as a short-term replacement should one of its shows not take the fall.

"Dancing" has played a pivotal role in a great summer season for ABC, says Stephen McPherson, president of ABC Entertainment.

"The show is tremendous fun, perfect for our brand and a wonderful boost for our schedule. Having 'Dancing' and 'Brit Camp' both emerge this summer as assets for the future gives us great upside down the line."

The unabashedly cheesy show, an adaptation of a BBC hit which pairs (minor) celebrities with professional dancers in a ballroom competition, has been the runaway hit of the summer.

"Dancing with the Stars" averaged 11 million viewers in its six-week run, and the finale — which saw "General Hospital" star Kelly Monaco crowned the winner over ex-"Seinfeld" cump John O'Hurley — brought in more than 22 million people. It's also the highest-rated show of the summer among adults 18-49, advertisers' favorite target.

"I love everything about this show," says Andrea Wong, who oversees alternative programming for ABC. "It was an odd ball, so it's especially gratifying to see it embraced by so many people."

Duplicating that ratings success may be a little tougher in the more competitive environment of a TV season, but even if "Dancing" were to lose, say a quarter of its audience, it would rank in the Nielsen top 30. The show's success may also make it easier to attract celebrities.

"Two and a Half Men" gets an extra Sheen

Holland Taylor has a request for a boss on "Two and a Half Men," creator Chuck Lorre.

TV best bets

"This season," the recent Emmy nominees said Wednesday at the Television Critics Association press tour, "Martin Sheen will work on — and he better come on — me."

The line got a big laugh from the audience, but it also looks like it will become a reality — at least in part. Lorre says a guest appearance by Sheen "really looks like it's going to happen."

Sheen, of course, is the father of "Men" star Charlie Sheen and the star of his own show, "CBS' 'The West Wing.' But as his role as President Joe Bartlet on that show is winding down — his replacement will be elected this season — he'll have a little extra time to make a guest appearance on his son's series.

That's a big fan of the show, and he's said that he'd love to come on and play with us," Charlie Sheen says. "But to Chuck's credit, he didn't do it just to do it. Instead waiting for the right combination of availability and a good story to give to the elder Sheen."

Martin and Charlie Sheen have acted together a handful of times before, including in the Oliver Stone movie "Wall Street" and the 1990 military drama "Cadence," which Martin also directed. Martin Sheen also made a guest appearance on "Spin City" during Charlie's tenure on the show.

The question of whether Martin Sheen will try to woo Taylor's Evelyn Harper remains up in the air.

CBS pops corn with Sunday movies

In the tradition of "Locusts" and "Spring Break Shark Attack," CBS will salt its Sunday-movie franchise with a handful of "popcorn" movies in the coming season, particularly early on.

The movies include a quasi-sequel to "Locusts" called "Vampire Bats," scheduled for Halloween weekend; the true-crime story "The Hunt for the BTK Strangler"; "Mayday," a thriller based on a Nelson DeMille novel, and the previous announced November miniseries "Category 7: End of the World."

CBS isn't giving completely the way of the Sci-Fi Channel's Saturday night — the network still has three "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentations scheduled for 2005-06, along with a miniseries about Pope John Paul II, two new holiday-season offerings and two follow-ups to last year's successful "Stone Cold," with Tom Selleck reprising his role as small-town police chief Jesse Stone.

But as CBS Entertainment president Nina Tassler explained to reporters Tuesday at the Television Critics Association press tour, the "high-concept" movies are a way to counterprogram against ABC's "Desperate Housewives" led Sunday lineup. "We know we're up against 'Jergerson' on Sunday, so we're trying some high-concept and popcorn movies here," she says.

"Locusts" and "Spring Break Shark Attack" did reasonably well among younger viewers, and they're being an action-oriented fare might appeal to the audience that watches CBS' National Football League coverage on Sunday afternoons in the fall.

The, er, highlight of the popcorn slate — Tassler is already making self-offering quips about it — is "Probably 'Vampire Bats,' scheduled for Oct. 30. Lucy Laless and Dylan Neal will reprise their "Locusts" characters, who have moved to a college town in search of a quieter life after her brush with the mutant insects of the previous movie.

That, of course, is not to be, as Lawless' voracious-insect-eater-turned-professor is called back into action after a year of being dead, his body exsanguinated. She realizes that the culprits are, in fact, bats who have mutated into blood-sucking killers after drinking tainted water.

The "Locusts" producing team of Frank Von Zerneck, Robert Serner and Jill Thanner are behind "Vampire Bats" as well.

— compiled from wire reports

Fairfield parties on the prairie

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD — "Fiesta del Acapulco" group from Nampa at the park.

On Aug. 6, the 4-H Livestock Show is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., followed by the 4-H Livestock Buyers Barbecue at noon in the park.

The grand community parade will travel south on Main Street beginning at 1 p.m. Aug. 6.

To enter, sign up no later than 12:30 p.m. at the football field, said Ronnie Finkhouser, secretary of the Camas fair board and assistant coordinator of the 4-H program.

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 The Elmore County Fair will be held at the Elmore County Fairgrounds. Highlights include the rodeo and American Indian dancing from 5 to 9 p.m. on the midway. General admission to the fair for ages 7 and over is \$2; rodeo admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth, \$3 for seniors and free for under 6. For more information, call the fair office at (208) 587-2136, ext. 287.

Theater/Oakley
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Festival/Shoshone
 The Lincoln County Fair will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The carnival opens at 2 p.m. on the midway and the rodeo rodeo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets for the rodeo cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, \$3 for seniors.

Theater/Twin Falls
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Theater/Halley
 Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek's "The Quilters," at 8 p.m. 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 "Not My Cup of Tea," a comedy murder-mystery, in dinner theater. Dinner is served starting at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-show performance at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Dinner-and-show tickets are \$18.50; show-only tickets are \$5 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.

Folk/Twin Falls
 Henry Allan will play from 6 to 9 p.m. at D'on's. No cover charge. D'on's is located at 117 Main Ave. E.

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

Country/Rock/Twin Falls
 Renegade 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
 4-Play will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks. No cover charge. Hot Rocks is located at 170 South Park Ave.

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.

Variety/Twin Falls
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Country/Declo
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Karaoke/Twin Falls
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Karaoke/Twin Falls
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover 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 Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth 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.

Country/Caldwell
 Gary Allan will play the Canyon County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. The concert is free with full admission, but \$20 and \$25 reserved seats are available by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>.

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Rock/Oakley
 Collective Soul will perform at in The Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's T at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Rock/Merle
 Blue Merle will play Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning Smith's T at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

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SATURDAY

Art show/Twin Falls
 The Art Guild of the Magic Valley's 46th annual Art in the Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in City Park, with books, food and entertainment available. It's free.

Figure skating/Sun Valley
 2002 World Bronze medalists Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman 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 \$20 to \$50, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135.

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

Country/Jackpot
 Sammy Kershaw will play two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning

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Dance/Filer
 The Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. The Roseland

Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main St.

Rock/Country/Gooding
 Relative Rock will play at 9 p.m. until closing at the Wood River Inn. No cover charge. The Wood River Inn is located at 530 Main.

Blues/Gooding
 Sonny and Doctor Bob will play from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Rowdy's Pub and Grill. No cover charge. Rowdy's is located at 227 Main.

Rock/Country/Twin Falls
 Renegade 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/Rock/Bliss
 C & B Express will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill. No cover charge. Outlaws and Angels is located at 204 W. Highway 30.

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Karaoke/Burley
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Karaoke/Filer
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Moon Bar. No cover charge. The Moon Bar is located at 306 Main St.

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.

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Rock/Boise
 Blue Merle will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Alkimos'. Market in Please see EVENTS, Page C6

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'Must Love Dogs'

Diane Lane stars as a divorced woman who must overcome her well-meaning family and learn to trust her own instincts in order to rediscover romance. With John Cusack, Demot Mulrooney, Elizabeth Perkins, Richard Dreyfuss and Christopher Plummer. Written and directed by Gary David Goldberg. Based on the novel by Michael Cook. PG-13 for sexual content.

'Sky High'

The freshman son of superhero parents faces lofty expectations at special academy for such offspring. With Kelly Preston, Kurt Russell, Lynda Carter, Michael Angarano, Bruce Campbell and Dave Foley. Directed by Mike Mitchell. PG for action violence and some mild language.

Continuing

'Bad News Bears'

Richard Linklater is on to something. After an earlier academy for such offspring. With Kelly Preston, Kurt Russell, Lynda Carter, Michael Angarano, Bruce Campbell and Dave Foley. Directed by Mike Mitchell. PG for action violence and some mild language.

'Batman Begins'

Batman has finally come home. Christopher Nolan's 'Batman Begins' disdains the mindless camp and compulsive weirdness that mostly characterized its quartet of predecessors and unapologetically positions its hero at the dark end of the street. With Christian Bale in the title role, this is a film not Batman, a brooding, disturbing piece of work that starts slowly but ends up crafting a world that can't quite be seen. With Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Katie Holmes, Gary Oldman and Morgan Freeman. PG-13 for intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.

'Bewitched'

More bewildering than bewitching, this bizarre re-imagining of the classic TV sitcom stars Will Ferrell as a movie star on the decline who agrees to take a job on 'Dorin Stevens' on a TV remake of the show, and Nicole Kidman as the real-life witch he inadvertently hires to play Samantha. Michael Caine steals every scene he's in as Isabel's caddish dad. Steve Carrell does a Paul Lynde impersonation that could give Dorin Carrell nightmares. PG-13 for some language, including sex and drug references and partial nudity.

'Rize'

Filmmaker David La Chapelle



From left, Jamie Foxx, Jessica Biel and Josh Lucas star in the epic action adventure, 'Stealth.'

has delved into the evolution of a new form of artistic expression — the clown and subsequent krumpholtz dances — that emerged in South Los Angeles as a response to the earthquake and devastation of the 1992 riots under the auspices of a one-time drug dealer named Tommy Johnson, who has become a local celebrity as Tommy the Clown, a veritable Pied Piper to disenfranchised street kids. A real and enthralling experience. PG-13 for suggestive content, drug references and nudity.

'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Tim Burton gifts ensure you won't be able to take your eyes off the screen, but that doesn't necessarily mean you'll be happy with what you're seeing. This is a re-imagined version of the 1971 Dahl classic about the strange candy maker Willy Wonka (Johnny Depp) and a poor boy (Freddie Highmore) who wins a chocolate bar contest that awards a tour of the candy factory. From its opening images, which include chocolate-making machinery that brings instruments of torture to mind and factory chimneys more sinister than even Dickens imagined, 'Charlie' can't help but go to the dark side. This is a film that can make even chocolate seem inescapably evil. (1.55) PG for quirky situations, action and mild language.

'Cinderella Man'

This film tells James J. Braddock's story, but it does not share the boxer's confidence. While the real-life Braddock had enough belief in himself to accomplish miracles in the ring, this filmed biography's reluctance to have faith in its intended audience undercuts its chances to deliver complete satisfaction. With Russell Crowe in the starring role, 'Cinderella Man' also has an actor you never want to bet against, no matter what the odds. But the real difficulty is the sensibility of director Ron Howard, who is back to making feel-good indie and doing so with an earnestness that is counter-productive. Howard hurts our ability to enjoy this good story by reminding us plot points too insistently. Ron Swickard and Paul Giamatti co-star. PG-13 for intense boxing violence and some language.

'Dark Water'

Brazilian Walter Salles, who previously directed the Oscar-nominated films 'Central Do Brasil' and 'The Motorcycle Diaries,' guides this stylish remake of a Japanese film through treacherous territory to create a distressing, subtly suspenseful film full of emotional resonance. A new apartment becomes a

real nightmare for a mother (Jennifer Connelly) and her daughter (Ariel Gade) in this thriller. By concentrating on character and narrative to tell the story and stunning Camera/PlayStation pacing that plagues a lot of movies, Salles evokes the unspoken fears that fill contemporary urban life. With John C. Reilly, Tim Roth, Dougray Scott, Pete Postlethwaite and Camryn Manheim. PG-13 for mature thematic material, frightening sequences, disturbing images and brief language.

'The Devil's Rejects'

Working his way through the Z-movie pantheon of exploitation subgenres, rock-film-maker Rob Zombie transitions from house of horrors homage to serial killer road movie with this crass exercise in grindhouse stylistics. With Bill Moseley, Sheri Moon Zornik, Sid Haig and William Forsythe. R for sadistic violence, strong sexual content, language and drug use.

'Fantastic Four'

Based on the Marvel comic book, it's a prototypical all-conditioner movie, and it's probably only worth 10 bucks if your apartment is really, really hot or if you're a Jessica Alba completist. More superhero sitcom than comic-book adventure, the movie never really gets a compelling main story going. 'Fantastic Four' works best during its first half establishing the alternative quarter's super powers after an accident transforms their DNA, creating Mr. Fantastic (Chris Evans), the Thing (Michael Chiklis), the Invisible Woman (Alba) and the Human Torch (Chris Evans). Once that's done, the movie loses its way, and it becomes clock-watching time. PG-13 for sequences of intense action, and some suggestive content.

'Horrible: Fully Loaded'

The lovable Volkswagen bug is back as he takes his new owner (Lindsay Lohan) for an unlikely ride on the NASCAR circuit. The Volkswagen Beetle with a mind of its own and a weakness for speed proved popular enough to drag on the widest possible range of actors from Don Knotts to Helen Hayes — into a series of theatrical and TV sequels. 'Horrible' is made by people who understand playful. It may be by-the-numbers, but it knows that under the right circumstances those numbers can lead to a fair amount of fun. G.

'The Island'

Lincoln Six-Echo and Jordan Two-Delta (Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson) are cloned clones desperate to breathe the sweet air of free-

dom. But once they make good on their escape 'The Island' collapses like a punctured balloon. Chases, crashes and explosions are thick on the land in the second half of this movie, but though they are expertly done, their size, frequency and increasing disconnection to what was once a coherent story leave you feeling pummeled rather than exhilarated. With Djimon Hounsou, Sean Bean, Steve Buscemi and Michael Clarke Duncan. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, some sexuality and brief language.

'The Longest Yard'

A pointless remake of the 1974 hit starring Burt Reynolds, 'The Longest Yard' asks that we buy Adam Sandler as a former NFL quarterback and Chris Rock as a guy who could survive a day in prison. And pretty much all we get in return are jokes about testicles. If you're thinking of seeing it, do yourself a favor and rent the other one instead. PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, violence, language and drug references.

'Madagascar'

A lion, a zebra, a giraffe and a hippo raised in captivity in a

New York zoo find themselves shipwrecked on an island in this computer-animated adventure. The film is a good-humored, pleasant concoction that has all kinds of related fun bringing computer-animated savvy to the old-fashioned world of Looney Tunes cartoons. This film makes the most of the unlettered visual imagination its animators bring to the screen. With the expert voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith. PG for mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements.

'Mr. & Mrs. Smith'

Marriages, even the happy ones, can sometimes feel like combat zones. But what if a marriage really was a combat zone, with the husband and wife literally trying to kill each other? Plot coherence and major-league implausibility are the bread and butter of a film whose motto might be "look all you want but don't think too hard." Fortunately, when your stars are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, looking — and listening — will keep you well satisfied. PG-13 for sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language.

'Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith'

'Revenge of the Sith' is where the beloved Republic turns into the dreaded Empire, and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen), once thought to be the Chosen One, goes over to the dark side and ends up Darth Vader. The 'Star Wars' master fails to produce compelling dialogue or charismatic acting, but the strong visual effects make 'Revenge of the Sith' the best of the three 'Star Wars' prequels. Working in the spirit of his predecessors but with the kind of uncanny special effects they could barely dream of, Spielberg has come up with an impressive production that is disturbing in the way only provocative science fiction can. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Justin Chawlin and Tim Robbins star. Written by David Koepff. (1.57) PG-13 for self-violence and disturbing images.

'War of the Worlds'

A contemporary retelling of the I.I.G. Wells' sci-fi classic through the eyes of a U.S. family, Steven Spielberg has made what is arguably one of the best 1950s science fiction films ever, and that is not a backhanded compliment. Working in the spirit of his predecessors but with the kind of uncanny special effects they could barely dream of, Spielberg has come up with an impressive production that is disturbing in the way only provocative science fiction can. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Justin Chawlin and Tim Robbins star. Written by David Koepff. (1.57) PG-13 for self-violence and disturbing images.

'Wedding Crashers'

Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson play divorce mediators who spend their weekends as uninvited guests at strangers' nuptials, sampling the buffets and bridesmaids, until one of the falls in love with a politician's daughter. From the first scene of the movie, as screenwriters Steve Fayer and Bob Fisher's reunion jokes begin to spill from the mouths of the protagonists in great, cheerful bursts, it's clear that 'Wedding Crashers' harks to a simpler, more innocent time — a time before the movies were hijacked by family-friendly merchandisers and bully moralists. Willy, unbig and fearless, it's exactly the kind of movie we need now. With Rachel McAdams and Christopher Walken. (1.53) R for sexual content/nudity and language. Sources: Knight Ridder News Service, Los Angeles Times

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WEDNESDAY

Festival/Rupert

The Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo will be held at the fairgrounds. Highlights include the Lions Club barbecue at 6 p.m. at the Grass Arena, Kid Fiddlers show at 6 p.m. on the free stage and open-class horse gymkhana.

Festival/Jerome

The Jerome County Fair and Rodeo continues at the fairgrounds. Highlight includes the junior rodeo. Admission is free to the midway carnival, but a \$1 parking fee is required. Ticketed events cost \$3 for adults, youth and seniors are \$3.

Festival/Fairfield

The Camas County Fair will be held at sites around Fairfield. The event starts with the 4-H horse show at 3 p.m.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damaschek'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 788-6520.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present a free open-air concert at 6:30 p.m. in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Jazz/Twin Falls

Norm Bass 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 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul

Krunkers 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 Bruhars. No cover charge. Bruhars is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Rock/Utah

Reel Big Fish will perform at in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Rock/Utah

The Phx will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7:30 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. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

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THURSDAY

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/Rupert

The Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo continues at the fairgrounds. Highlights include local talent on the free stage from 6-8 p.m., two-man team sorting at 7 p.m., followed by the main rodeo in the arena. General admission tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 6 to 12. Family tickets (two adults, four kids) are \$20.

Festival/Jerome

The Jerome County Fair and Rodeo will be held at the fairgrounds. Admission is free to the midway carnival, but a \$1 parking fee is required. Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m.; adults are \$6, youth and seniors are \$4, and kids 6 and under are free.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damaschek'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 788-6520.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present a free open-air concert at 6:30 p.m. in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Festival/Fairfield

The Camas County Fair will be held at sites around Fairfield. Events include 4-H open-class division and carnival night with bingo at 4-11 P.M.

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

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

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Kat Walk Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to midnight at Kruezer's. No cover charge. Kruezer's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke/Burley

Krunkers 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/Burley

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

Rock/Utah

Howie Day and Anna Nalick will play the Capital Theater in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Capital Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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 "Lynxrd Skymryd: 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.

Rock/Utah

Motley Crue will perform at USANA Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 9 p.m. on AUG. 5. Tickets, which are \$26, \$61 and \$71, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. USANA Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 600 West.

Rock/Utah

Limbeck will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe at 8 p.m. on AUG. 5. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Rock/Utah

Ryan Shupe and Rubberband will play the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on AUG. 5. Tickets, which are \$7, \$9 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1300 East 9400 South.

Rock/Elko, Nev.

Great White, Skid Row and Warrant will perform at the Red Lion Hotel and Casino on AUG. 5. Warrant will play at 6 p.m., Great White at 7:30 p.m. and Skid Row at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by (775) 738-2111. The Red Lion Hotel and Casino is located at 2065 Idaho St.

Rock/Halley

Jefferson Starship and The Subududes will headline the 28th annual Northern Rockies Folk Festival on AUG. 5-6 in Hop Porter Park. Starship will perform at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 5. The Subududes on Aug. 6. Also featured on Aug. 5 will be Ketchum World Beat Street Band at 5 p.m.

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Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Molly Newman and Barbara Damaschek's "The Quilters" AUG. 5-6 at 8 p.m. and AUG. 7 at 3 p.m. Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Festival/Jerome

The Jerome County Fair and Rodeo will be held AUG. 5-7 at the fairgrounds. Admission is free to the midway carnival, but a \$1 parking fee is required. Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5-6, and the demolition derby at 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 in the Main Arena. Adults are \$6, youth and seniors are \$4, and kids 6 and under are free.

Festival/Rupert

The Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo will be held on AUG. 5-6 at the fairgrounds. The rodeo runs Aug. 5-6 in the arena. Aug. 5 is "mutton bustin'" followed by the main rodeo, which continues Aug. 6. General admission tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 6 to 12. Family tickets (two adults, four kids) are \$20.

Festival/Fairfield

The Camas County Fair will be held AUG. 5-7 at sites around Fairfield. Community potluck is at 6 p.m. Aug. 5, and livestock show at 8 a.m. and the parade at 1 p.m. on Aug. 6. Events conclude Aug. 7 with American Legion breakfast from 7-10 a.m. on Main Street, church at 10:30 a.m. in the park and music festival from 1-6 p.m. in the park.

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Theater/Boise

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will bring "King Lear" at 8 p.m. on AUG. 5-6 and at 7 p.m. on AUG. 7 in the festival's amphitheater on Boldest 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.

Country/Utah

Lynn Remms will do a free concert at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 6. For more information, call (801) 325-5847. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Rock/Utah

at 11 will play USANA Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 6:30 p.m. on AUG. 6. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. USANA Amphitheater is located at 5400 South 6200 West.

Rock/Utah

Vendetta Red will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 6. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

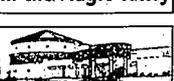
Rock/Utah

Gary Puckett will perform at the Sandy City Amphitheater in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. on AUG. 6. Tickets, which are \$13, \$15, \$18 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Sandy City Amphitheater is located at 1300 East 9400 South.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present free Please see CALENDAR, Page C8

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open-air concerts on AUG. 6-7 at 6:30 p.m. in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade. Eric Kunzel will conduct the pops concert on Aug. 6.

Country/Rickpot

Leann Rimes will perform at Cactus Pines Outdoor Arena at 2 p.m. on AUG. 7. Tickets, which are \$35, \$45 and \$60, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Rock/Utah

Sworn Enemy will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 7. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

NEXT MONTH

A Cappella/Twin Falls

The Standards will perform at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 8 at the Twin Falls High School Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$9 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, Girlfriends (downtown), Williams Chiropractic, Crowley's the Quad and Bell's Books in Twin Falls or online at www.thestandards.com.

Classical/Sun Valley

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony will present free open-air concerts on AUG. 9-9 and 11-15, 6:30 p.m. in a tent on the Sun Valley Resort Esplanade.

Theater/Bose

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will "King Lear" at 8 p.m. on AUG. 9-10, 18-19, 27 and 31 and at 7 p.m. on AUG. 28 in the festival's amphitheater on Bose's east end. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$26 on weeknights and Sundays and \$24 and \$32 on Fridays and Saturdays, can be reserved by phoning (208) 336-9221. The amphitheater is located at 5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Rock/Utah

Jem will perform in the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 10. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200th.

Festival/Carey

The Blaine County Fair will be held AUG. 10-13 at the fairgrounds.

Rock/Utah

Lifeshouse will play in the

Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on AUG. 11. Tickets, which are \$17, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Country/Utah

Sawyer Brown will perform at the Golden Spike Events Center in Ogden at 8 p.m. on AUG. 11. Tickets, which are \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Golden Spike Events Center is located at 1000 North 1200 West.

Theater/Bose

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival will present "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m. on AUG. 11-12 and 25-26 in the amphitheater on Bose'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.

Theater/Twin Falls

The Mad Hat's Theatre Company presents A.R. Gurney's comedy, "Sylvia," at 7:30 p.m. on AUG. 11-13 in the new Black Current Theatre for the

Community. Tickets, which are \$25 for the benefit performance on Aug. 12 and \$15 for the other nights, are available at the door or by calling 734-ARIN. The Black Current Theatre is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

Rock/Bose

Jack Johnson will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 8:30 p.m. on AUG. 12. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved

by phoning (208) 442-3232 or online at <http://www.ticketcity.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 16200 Can-Ada County on Nampa's east end.

Rock/Bose

The Nugent will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. on AUG. 12. Tickets, which are \$27.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in

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

Heritage/Glenns Ferry

The 20th annual Three Island Crossing is scheduled for AUG. 12-14 at Three Island State Park. Highlights include a parade at 7 p.m. on Aug. 12, entertainment in the park from noon to 5:50 p.m. on Aug. 13 and the crossing at 6 p.m. on Aug. 13.

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Get used to what? Giving up ninth place? Jerry Greene of the Orlando Sentinel about a full-page magazine ad for the IndyCar series that features a large image of Danica Patrick in front of six small images of male drivers. It reads: 'Get used to it, boys.'

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Trivia time: Not including league-wide number retirements, such as Jackie Robinson, who are the only professional athletes in baseball, basketball, football or hockey to have their numbers retired by three or more teams? ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball See related stories.

IN BRIEF

Kimberly man cards hole in one

TWIN FALLS — Rick Meade of Kimberly hit a hole in one on No. 6 at the Blue Lakes Country Club on Monday.

Meade used a pitching wedge from 185 yards out.

The witnesses were Jeremy Gibbons and Matt Middlecamp.

Snake River Summer Championships begin

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Marlins will host the Snake River Summer Championships on July 29-31 at the Twin Falls City Pool.

There will be 285 swimmers from Oregon, Idaho and Nevada.

Preliminary heats are from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday with finals from 6-7:15 p.m.

On Saturday, prelims are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. with finals from 6-7 p.m.

On Sunday, prelims are from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with finals from 6-7 p.m.

All ages 10 and under races will compete in finals during the morning sessions.

Mountain bike racing held July 30-31

ALBION — Wild Rockies Unplugged, the 7th annual Pomerelle Family X-Country mountain bike race will be held Saturday, July 30. This event is open to the public.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Beginners and Trailblazers start at 11 a.m. (Trailblazers ride one loop, beginners go two).

Sports, experts and pros begin at 12:30 p.m. with sports riding three laps, experts four and pros, five.

All races start at the base of Pomerelle lodge and test their endurance riding a trail that loops the entire mountain.

The awards and a free kids race for ages 10 and under begin at 3:30.

The 7th annual Pomerelle Pounder Downhill will be Sunday, July 31.

It is a tough mountain course for big bikes and big boys and girls.

This downhill is NORBA (National Off-Road Bicycle Association) sanctioned and part of the 2005 Utah Championship Downhill Series.

These events are presented by Pomerelle Mountain which is located 12 miles south of Albion.

For more information, contact Jody Burrows at (208) 673-5525.

Compiled from staff reports

Cowboys clinch berth

Twin Falls' A advances to state for first time

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
ST ANTHONY — A month and a half ago, anyone talking the Class A Cowboys chances of making the trip to state would have been something of an optimist.
Anyone predicting the Cowboys to challenge for the Area C championship would have been something else entirely.
A lot has changed since then. With their 20th win in their last 22 games, The Cowboys

dropped Blackfoot 5-2 Thursday afternoon in St. Anthony to advance to Area C title game Friday evening against Marsh Falls, who defeated Jerome 3-2 in 10 innings later in the day.
With Twin Falls' win came a guaranteed berth in the state tournament, the team's first ever.
Meanwhile, Buhl continued its loser's bracket quest for state with a pair of strong victories while Burley's season came to a close with a 6-2 loss to Hillcrest. Bear Lake ended Wood River's campaign, 8-2.

Twin Falls 5, Blackfoot 2
ST ANTHONY — The Twin Falls Cowboys made it this far by following a simple formula. Do what has to be done.
Seemingly, whenever a clutch play has been needed, at the plate or in the field, there has been a Cowboy there to make it.
Thursday afternoon at St. Anthony, center fielder Josh Barnes was that player.
Tied 2-2 with two outs in the fifth against a stiff Blackfoot fifth defense, Barnes drove a two-run single to lift the Cowboys



to a 4-2 lead.
'I'm so happy, I'm so happy for the kids, I don't know what to say,' said head coach Devin Kunz. 'They just don't quit. They're 14- and 15-year-olds playing against kids that have just graduated.
'I keep repeating it, it's all the hard work and paying attention to the small things. We're just playing awesome. I love it.'
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Cowboys AA crush Cyclones

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
POCATELLO — It was just a matter of time.
Time before the Twin Falls Cowboys started swinging the bats. Time before the Cowboys started swinging the action in game with the Rigby Cyclones. Time before they decided they wanted to win.
It may have come late, but the big offensive outburst did show up during the Cowboys opening game of the Class AA Area C American Legion baseball tournament, The Cowboys



plated 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth en route to a seven-inning, 14-4 victory over Rigby and a Friday date with the Idaho Falls Russets.
The Cyclones would lead 1-0 through seven, but wouldn't get anything else off Cowboys reliever Sean Lindsay, as the Cowboys would round with what they wanted — the bulk of their strong pitching rotation rested.

It's always tough to get up for Rigby's Carl said. 'If we did a pretty good job. I think we lacked some intensity for the first couple innings, but other than that, I'm proud of my team. I think we played pretty well.'

Carr led the Cowboys at the plate, finishing 3-for-3 with a double, a triple, five RBIs, three runs scored, and a stolen base. Gerrish finished 2-for-3 with two doubles and one run scored, while leadoff man Kenny Steelman went 2-for-4 with a run scored, a double, and two RBIs.

Stephen Wood led the Cyclones at the plate, finishing 3-for-4 with a triple and a RBI. The Cowboys will now turn their attention to the Russets, though it's uncertain which Idaho Falls pitcher they will face. Usual ace, Trent Johnson was out of the lineup due to illness on Thursday, but could return for the 4:30 p.m. game.

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Not a factor

Phelps falters in another new event

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Michael Phelps wanted to try some new events at the World Swimming Championships.

Maybe he should have stuck with the ones he does so well with. Phelps finished a disappointing seventh in the 100-meter freestyle Thursday night, an also-ran in a thrilling race won by Filippo Magnini.

The Italian held off the South African duo of Roland Schoeman and Ryk Neethling, winning in a meet-record time of 52 seconds.

Schoeman, on world-record pace at the turn, faded to the silver in 48.26, just ahead of Neethling at 48.44.

And what about Phelps? He was never a factor. "Michael is human," said Mary Descenza, another American swimmer. "I always hope for him to medal, but if he doesn't, I'm still proud to have him on our team."

The 20-year-old Phelps was last at the turn and managed to pass only one swimmer before touching in 48.99 — falling to even match his time from the semifinals a day earlier.

Poland's Otylia Jedrejczak had no such problems. She broke her own world record in the women's 200 butterfly and had only Jess Schipper to overcome.

The Australian led until the final 25 meters, when Jedrejczak pulled slightly ahead. Schipper made a great surge to the wall, but came up just short of the winning time: 2 minutes, 5.61 seconds.

Jedrejczak broke her previous record of 2:05.78, set three weeks ago in Beijing. In fact, Schipper also eclipsed the previous mark in 2:05.65, but it was only good enough for silver.

Japan's Aiko Higashimura took the bronze, nearly four seconds behind the top two.

Australia did capture a gold prize in the 200-meter breaststroke. Glenn Rooney won the non-Olympic event in 28.63, with China's Guo Chang taking the silver (28.69) and Germany's Antje Buschschulte the bronze (28.72).

Phelps and his coach, Bob Bowman, wanted to expand the swimmer's repertoire leading up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. So, they dropped



USA's Michael Phelps comes up for air during the men's 200-meter individual medley Thursday at the World Aquatics Championships in Montreal. Phelps won the gold medal in the event.

two of his winning events from the Athens Games — the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley — in favor of the 100 and 400 freestyle.

The decision didn't work out so well, at least in the short term.

Phelps failed to qualify for the final of the 400, managing just the 18th-best time in the preliminaries. And, even with defending Olympic champion Pieter van den Hoogenband sitting out the championships to recover from an injury, the American was no match for his

remaining competition in the 100.

Magnini, in the very next lane, celebrated his victory by balancing himself atop the rope — briefly obstructing Phelps' attempt to get a look at his time on the scoreboard.

Phelps can win no more than six medals in Montreal, which would be one short of his performance at the 2003 worlds and two shy of his six-gold, eight-medal haul from Athens.

He got a chance to quickly make up for his disappointing

swim, going into the 200 individual medley later Thursday as a heavy favorite.

Another American, Jason Lezak, finished fourth in the 100 free. He was surprised that Magnini improved on his personal best by a staggering 61-hundredths of a second.

"He dropped quite a bit of time, but it's a close race no matter who wins," Lezak said. "The 100 free has been a fast event for a long time and there has always been a lot of depth, but even more so now than ever before."

Chelsea holds off upstart DC United

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — For four precious minutes, D.C. United was actually beating the champions of English soccer. Loud chants of "DC" echoed among the 31,473 fans.

Then Chelsea woke up. The most expensive team money can buy started to live up to its price tag. The game was tied by halftime, and the Blues gave their American counterparts a soccer lesson for most of the second half.

Chelsea beat United 2-1 Thursday night in the first-ever game pitting reigning champions from the Premier League and Major League Soccer. It was only an exhibition — Chelsea is touring the United States to prepare for the start of its regular season next month — but the speed and poise of coach's Jose



D.C. United's Brian Carroll, left, and Demis Kovalenko box in Chelsea's Joe Cole, center, during the first half, Thursday, at FedEx Field in Landover, Md. Mourinho's \$200 million roster

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Baseball coach to stand trial for telling player to hit disabled boy

The Associated Press

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A youth baseball coach on Thursday was ordered to stand trial for allegedly paying one of his players \$25 to hurt a 9-year-old mentally disabled teammate.

Eight-year-old Keith Reese testified at a preliminary hearing that Mark R. Downs Jr. made the offer before a playoff game June 27.

"I told me if I would hit (the teammate) in the face, he would pay me \$25," Reese said. Reese warned up before the game with his mentally disabled teammate, Harry Bowers. His first toss hit Bowers in the groin area. As Reese walked away, he said his coach told him to "go out there and hit him harder."

"So I went out and hit him in the car," Reese said.

The 27-year-old Downs will be arraigned Sept. 15 on two counts of criminal solicitation to commit aggravated assault and one count each of corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy and recklessly endangering another person.

Downs' attorney, Thomas W. Shaffer, on Thursday again denied the allegations.

Reese's father, Keith Reese Sr., also testified Thursday. He said Downs admitted after the game to offering his son money to hit the other boy.

The team was part of the R.W. Clark Youth Baseball League. League organizers have said Downs' father was ordered to coach again if he is convicted of criminal charges.

SPORTS

Small comes up big again for Yanks Harr throws a beauty at regionals

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Small won his second straight start since the Yankees brought him up from the minors and Gary Sheffield drove in four runs, leading New York over the Minnesota Twins 6-3 Thursday.



New York Yankees pitcher Aaron Small delivers a pitch in the second inning against the Minnesota Twins at Yankee Stadium Thursday in New York. The Yankees won the game 6-3.

He gave up three runs and six hits in seven innings, walked none and struck out one, retiring his final 12 batters after striking out the tying double in the fourth. It was the longest outing in the major league career of Small, who has lost 10 starts among his 149 appearances.

Tom Gordon pitched the eighth, and Mariano Rivera finished with his 26th save in a run since falling in his first two chances of the season. New York closed within 15 games of fabled first-place Boston in the East. Joe Mays (5-6) lost his third straight start, giving up six runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He dropped to 1-7 against the Yankees, including a loss in New York.

The Yankees acquired pitcher Shawn Chacon from the Colorado Rockies for a pair of minor league leaguers Thursday night, filling the remaining opening in their injury-ravaged rotation. New York acquired Antonio Ramirez and Eduardo Sierra to Colorado for the 27-year-old right-hander, who will pitch this year against the Los Angeles Angels.

"Saturday we have a starter now. It's as simple as that," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Satisfying Ramirez trade request will be hard

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez's trade request will be difficult to honor because of his contract, Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said Thursday.

Lucchino also said he didn't think the left fielder's motivation for refusing manager Terry Francona's request to play Wednesday's afternoon game at Tampa Bay "isn't another outlier." Ramirez, who was sidelined with a strained muscle in his side, before the injury, Francona said Ramirez could have the day off.

Ramirez is batting .275 with 28 homers and a major league-leading 52 RBIs for the Red Sox, leading the AL East by 1.5 games over the New York Yankees. He is due \$64.2 million from his \$160 million, eight-year contract through 2015 from Friday through the rest of this season from this year's \$20 million salary. In 2008, \$18 million and 2007 and 2006, \$18 million. The deal also includes team options for two additional seasons at \$20 million annually.

Francisco may test the trade market because it is short in the outfield. With Nixon on the 15-day disabled list and Brian Roberts playing, Francisco used first baseman Kevin Millar in left field and rookie Adam Stern in right Wednesday.

Rangers 2, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE — David Delucci hit a tiebreaking ninth-inning homer, and Alfonso Soriano also connected to lead the Rangers past Baltimore.

The Rangers took three of four from the sinking Orioles, who lost starting pitcher Sidney Ponson with a bruised right forearm. Baltimore has dropped eight of nine and is one game over .500 for the first time since April 14.

Devil Rays 10, Royals 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer in a five-run fifth inning and

Tampa Bay overcame a five-run deficit to beat Kansas City. "Tampa's big inning gave it a 7-5 lead after falling behind 5-0 in the second.

Nick Green had an RBI single before Crawford tied it at 5-5 over an eighth-inning double (0-2). Aubrey Huff added a run-scoring double and Damon Hollins had an RBI single. Scott Kazmir (6-7) struggled early, but rebounded for his third consecutive win. He gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings. The left-hander struck out a career-high 10 and walked three.

National League Braves 5, Nationals 4

ATLANTA — Rookie Jeff Francoeur homered twice, Marcus Giles hit a two-run double in three-run fourth inning, and the Atlanta Braves beat the Washington Nationals 5-4 Thursday to complete a three-game sweep.

Francoeur, who had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning double Wednesday night, had his first multihomer game as he continued to establish himself as a regular in the Braves' lineup. With the sweep, the Braves stretched their lead over Washington to three games in the NL East after the teams entered the series tied for first place.

Cardinals 11, Padres 3

SAN DIEGO — Chris Carpenter became the NL's first 16-game winner. Jim Edmonds hit a three-run homer and tied his career high with five RBIs, and St. Louis routed San Diego, 11-3 after the Padres had three hits and two RBIs and Abraham Nunez added three singles for the Cardinals, who took two of three in the match-up of division leaders. St. Louis got 10 runs and 15 of its 17 hits off two Padres rookies in the first seven innings.

Diamondbacks 6, Cubs 0

CHICAGO — Rookie Brad Halsey pitched six innings of four-hit ball, and Luis Gonzalez and Chad Tracy homered to lead Arizona.

Halsey (7-7), acquired from the New York Yankees in the Randy Johnson trade, made nine, half-time substitutions as, even-into tried to give many players some work. United struggled to get their ball past the middle infield, although ballgame substitute Freddy Adu had a couple of nice moves.

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four hits, including a triple. Tracy and Gonzalez each added doubles and Luis Terrero had a two-run single in the ninth.

Reds 6, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Jason LaRue drove in five runs in the first time since June 21, allowing a run and four hits while striking out five. The left-hander, 0-4 with a 7.20 ERA over his previous five starts, retired 14 consecutive batters after giving up a leadoff homer in the first inning to Cesar Izturiz and single by Milton Bradley one out later.

Marlins 3, Pirates 0

MIAMI — Dontrelle Williams threw seven shutout innings for his first win in four starts, outdueling Kip Wells and lifting Florida over Pittsburgh. Williams scored twice in the sixth on Juan Encarnacion's RBI double and Mike Lowell's sacrifice fly, and that was enough for Williams (14-6). The All-Star allowed 23 earned runs in his last 13 innings coming in, but held the Pirates to three hits and struck out seven.

Wells (6-11) was just as stingy until the seventh, when he allowed a leadoff single to Jeff Conine, just the third by the Marlins. Encarnacion's double came on a crisp shot down the third base line three batters later. Lowell's fly ball brought home Paul Lo Duca with the second run.

Giants 3, Brewers 0

MILWAUKEE — Brad Hennessey pitched seven scoreless innings and took care of the offense with a three-run home run, leading San Francisco over Milwaukee. Milwaukee starter Victor Santos (3-11) took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before Hennessey hit a 10 pitch for his first home run in 30 career at-bats.

Hennessey (4-3), one of the first's first round draft picks in 2001, rebounded from the worst outing of his short career, when he gave up eight runs in a 1-3 inning in the right-hander in Florida on Saturday. The right-hander limited the Brewers to three hits and one walk while striking out seven in his 16th major-league start.

The winning goal came in the 56th, when Arjen Robben and Herman Crespo simply outran United's defenders on a counterattack. Robben kicked the ball ahead to Crespo, who easily slid the ball past advancing goalkeeper Troy Perkins and into the back corner of the net.

Until the final minutes, United's only real scoring threat in the second half came when newest Chelsea signing Lassana Diarra nearly shot the ball into his own net in the 73rd minute.

But United roared to life just before the final whistle, winning the ball for several set pieces in the Chelsea half of the field. Clyde Simms was close to tying the game with a close-range header, but defender Robert Huth headed the ball away to end the threat.

WEST LINN, Ore. — The Twin Falls Patriots swatted Willamette Valley, Ore. 4-0 behind a stellar pitching performance by Eric Harr at the Cal Ripken Baseball 11-year-olds Northwest Regional Tournament in West Linn, Ore. Harr threw a no-hitter striking out 11 in six innings for a complete game.

Harr gave up the lone hit in the sixth inning Earler in the fifth inning. Harr worked his way out of a bases-loaded jam by striking out three batters in a row.

"I was just trying to throw strikes," Harr said. "It's the first complete game I've thrown in my career."

Harr and Zane Slotten each napped two singles while Brandon Bradshaw hit a double and Scott Chapman got a hit. The Patriots play Nalinamo, B.C. at noon today.

Errors upend Spartans in district tourney

By Erik Larsen Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Sometimes, a coach just knows. "I'm not sure I minded odd that a Minico Spartans team that played so solidly in the field over the better part of five months should be worried about fielding heading into the 2005 Area C American Legion AA baseball tournament at Pocatello's Halliwell Park, Still, it happened. Coach Ben Frank could fret about.

His worries turned out to be well-founded. The Spartans committed seven errors during Thursday's tournament opener and fell to the No. 4 seed Idaho Falls Russes, 6-5.

"It happened to a T," Frank said. "To a T. I felt like offensively and pitching, we were where we needed to be, but defensively I didn't feel real comfortable going into the tournament, just because of the way we've been playing."

Russus jumped out to an early 4-0 lead by the end of two innings on a combined six hits and three Minico errors. Ever steady shortstop Cory Warbur-

Local sports

12-year-old regionals T.F. 4, West Linn, Ore. 1

MERIDIAN — The Twin Falls Nationals defeated West Linn, Ore. 4-1 to improve to 2-0 in pool play at the Cal Ripken Baseball Northwest Regional tournament in Meridian on Thursday.

The win assures the Nationals of a spot in the regional semifinals on Saturday. The Nationals play Kennewick, Wash. for the top seed in the pool Friday afternoon.

starter Trevor Lutz threw five solid innings before reliever Jayson Walker came on to pick up the save in the sixth. Walker crushed a two-run homer in the first inning for the eventual game-winning score.

"Selling a good pitching and Walker's home run kept us pretty much it," said coach Bob Ellis.

"They were a good ball club."

Babe Ruth Baseball 13-year-old state tournament

MOSCOW 6, Twin Falls 1 LEWISTON — Moscow's pitching helped the Twins Ball to only their first win in 6-1 Thursday at the Babe Ruth Baseball state 13-year-olds tournament on the Lewis-Clark State College campus in Lewiston.

Jared Jordan and Cody Burge each connected for hits for Twin Falls. Moscow's pitcher did an awesome job," said coach Kent Knigge. "We didn't play that bad. We just didn't get it done at the end."

"It was just a day of baseball where the other team beat us." Twin Falls plays Central Idaho at 1 p.m. this afternoon. A win puts Twin Falls in the state semifinals.

ton struggled in the field, committing an error in each of the game's first three innings. "It's unfortunate," Frank said. "I would roll him out there and 95 percent of 100, he'll make every one of those plays. It's just one of those deals that it happened to be on this day that he has his errors."

The Spartans would settle down in the middle innings though, as the defense behind pitcher Andy Carlisle seemed to find its groove. In the top of the fifth, the Spartans would also find their swings. Coning Douglas led off the inning with a run-scoring designated hitter led Frank would do the same. No. 9 hitter Colby Anderson sent a shot to short that ate up Aaron Ferrer, allowing Douglas to come in and narrow the Russes' lead to 5-1. After McCoy Worthington flew out to right, pitcher Nick Birch handled a Greg Christensen comebacker, but sent his throw to first wide right, allowing two more runs to score.

Warburton finished off the inning's scoring with a double that plated Christensen, cutting the Idaho Falls lead to 6-4. Justin Bennett led off the top

of the eighth with a double to left-center and Russus advanced third by a Matt Tracy sacrifice bunt. Douglas came out and laced the first pitch he saw past diving third baseman Josh Tew to plate Douglas and tie the game at 5-5.

The lead would not last though, as Russus would go on to score six runs in the bottom of the eighth, including a three-run blast by left fielder John Archard. "It was nice to see John hit another home run," Russus head coach Tony Archard said. "The little guy has a real powerful swing."

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was more than enough against the \$2.2 million team fielded by United.

"It came out strong and unmitigated, showing they weren't afraid to shove Chelsea's strikers around in a Rookie defender, Bobby Boswell, who has scored only once during the MLS season, gave United the unlikely lead with a glancing header from the right wing corner kick in the 31st minute.

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ARCA, Shop 'n Save 150, SPEED, 7 p.m.

Baseball

Diamondbacks at Cubs, WMN, 12:10 p.m.
Indians at Mariners, ESPN, 8 p.m.

Boxing

Light heavyweight, James Lubwana (16-2) vs. Rodney Toney (27-4), ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Fishing

Bassmaster Classic, day 1 weigh-in, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Golf

Scandinavian Masters, second round, TNT, 8 a.m.
Women's British Open, second round, TNT, 8 a.m.

Tennis

Mercedes-Benz Cup, quarter-final, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Giants of the semi-pro Northwest Baseball League will hold more tryouts at 7 p.m. Friday at Harmon Park.

NHL players' union head steps down
TORONTO — Bob Goodenow is stepping down as head of the NHL Players' Association, less than a week after the union and league approved a new labor deal to end a lockout that wiped out the entire 2004-05 season.

Alvarez to step down at Wisconsin after season
MADISON, Wis. — Barry Alvarez will step down as Wisconsin's football coach after the 2005 season to become the school's full-time athletic director.

No. 2 Puerta and No. 4 Gonzalez out in Austria
KITZBUHNER, Austria — Romanian tennis players Andrei Panu and second-seeded Mariano Puerta of Argentina at the Generali Open on Thursday.

Smashnova advances to Budapest quarterfinals
VIENNA — Russian tennis player Anastasia Smashnova defeated Croatian player Olga Savchenko 6-0, 6-1 Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Budapest Grand Prix.

Shanahan decides to return to Red Wings
DETROIT — Brendan Shanahan decided to stay with the Detroit Red Wings, announcing an option Thursday on the final year of his contract.

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SPORTS

Spurrer at odds with some S.C. high school coaches over pulled scholarships

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina coach Steve Spurrer says he has pulled several coaches in his new hometown when he revoked the scholarships of six players recruited by his predecessor.

The South Carolina Football Coaches Association's Board of Directors called the move "unethical" in a letter to Spurrer on Wednesday.

"We understand athletic scholarships are a year commitment," according to the board's letter. "However, we feel that unless an athlete 'breaks rules' or embarrasses the institution, to revoke a scholarship because of a coach's decision that one athlete cannot play at the level needed to compete in the Southeastern Conference is unethical."

The board's letter, signed by about 90 coaches, also recommended the South Carolina High School League find an alternate location for its five-state championship games, scheduled to be played at South

Carolina's Williams Stadium in December.

Spurrer sent letters to six players telling them they would lose their scholarships. Those affected included South Carolina high school products Grayson Mullins and Trent Usher, both recruited by the staffs of former coach Lou Holtz.

Scholarships are renewable each year.

"If coming out of spring practice you make the decision that's one thing," SCFCA board member Andy Twieto, an assistant coach at Daniel High, said Thursday. "Now, these kids are stranded, they have nowhere to go. He's left the kids high and dry."

Spurrer says there are a few players signed by the old staff whose new coaches did not think contributed much to the team.

"We had some walk-on players who were actually contributing more," Spurrer said at the Southeastern Conference football gathering in Birmingham, Ala. "So some of the high schoolers they got mad about it. I don't know what to say, but to me in life you put people on scholarship who deserve it the most and that's what we tried to do."

Spurrer last week said receiver Michael Flint and long-snapper Ike Crofoot, both walk-ons, were rewarded with scholarships.

Spurrer's arrival as Holtz's replacement has been greeted with mixed feelings by most South Carolina supporters. Twieto said the high school coaches were not trying to pick a fight with Spurrer or sour recruits on the Gamecocks; they were just making their case in one of the few ways they could.

"Some coaches are so upset about the way we welcome (South Carolina) recruits into their school," he said.

'The Walrus' Stadler ties Senior Open first-round record with 64

KETTERING, Ohio (AP) — Craig "The Walrus" Stadler shot a 7-under 64 on Thursday to match the U.S. Senior Open first-round record and held a one-shot lead over Tom Purtzer with seven others, including Greg Norman and Tim Watson — within another three shots.

Stadler birdied the first two holes and never let up, finishing with six birdies, an eagle and one bogey.

Purtzer, playing two groups behind Stadler, opened eagling on the 13th hole and was off to a 65.

Loren Roberts, playing in only his second senior event, was alone in third at 66.

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He finished at 71, his worst round at the Bulck Open since his first in 1997, and ended his tournament-record tying streak of eight straight rounds in the 60s. Woods won here in 2002, then tied for second and third the past two years.

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Wife, Sorenstam labor on wet, windy links

SOUTHPORT, England — Annika Sorenstam and Michelle Wie had trouble with the strong wind and heavy rains at the Women's British Open. Jeong Kang sailed right through with a 4-under-par 68 Thursday and the first round lead.

Being a South Korean looking for her first win in 5.5 years of the LPGA Tour, had an eagle and four birdies at Royal Birkdale for a one-shot lead over 2000 champion Sophie Gustafson.

Sorenstam's 1-over 73 left her five shots back in the bid for a 10th major title and third of her season, while Wie shot a 75 on her first visit to this regular stop

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Brown says Knicks job will be the last

NEW YORK (AP) — Last stop; Madison Square Garden.

That's the way it was for Larry Brown, a young man taking the subway to Knicks games, and that's the way he hopes it will be in his newest job.

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Larry Brown speaks at a news conference after being introduced as the New York Knicks' new head coach at Madison Square Garden Thursday in New York.

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Thomas will remain final say on personnel moves, but Brown will wield all the influence regarding who plays, how much they play and whether those players will remain in New York long-term.

The Knicks' current roster is overstocked with undersized power forwards and trigger-happy shooting guards, and the team's star — point guard Stephon Marbury — will be asked to change from the shoot-first, pass-second scorer he's been for nine NBA seasons into the type of playmaker and offensive initiator that Chauncey Billups became in Detroit.

The Knicks will be Brown's eighth NBA coaching job in a career (not including college jobs at Kansas and UCLA) that has taken him to Detroit, Philadelphia, Indiana, Los Angeles, San Antonio, New Jersey and Denver.

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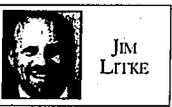
Gypsy king of coaching comes home

The gypsy king of basketball returned home to find his name already in lights outside the world's most famous arena.

Plus, the name "Larry Brown" on the marquee at Madison Square Garden flashed Thursday.

Being Larry Brown, he wasted no time returning to the arena. Taking over the Knicks was the "single greatest honor" of a long and storied career, he gushed Thursday, his "dream job."

"It's been my m.o.," Brown has now uttered that phrase in connection with every known pro franchise on five of the seven continents, and all but 17 of his 327 colleges in Division I. But no matter. This time he really meant it.



Larry, meanwhile, was skeptical enough to say, "It's going to be ugly early, I can promise you that."

It was an issue either, only four times out there that stretch has he pulled to take a pro team to the playoffs or into the NCAA tournament. Plus, Brown had walked away from a Pistons team that won an NBA Finals two seasons ago and just came up short in Game 5 of this one — in large part because of his masterful coaching.

If he's going to squeeze out the dozen or so more wins the Knicks likely will need to reach the postseason, Brown will have to make a lot of people better in a hurry. He's got two versatile talents in Jamal Crawford and Quentin Richardson, and a chance to teach Jerome James to make a difference in the post. But adjusting the attitudes of all three combined won't demand as much of his time and patience as getting through to Marbury will require.

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"Basketball started for me in this city," Brown said, "and I want to be here when it's finally time for me to stop."

It was a long way from the feeling that after all this time, he's met his match. So even if the people in Larry's old neighborhood in Brooklyn were celebrating, the rest of the town apparently is reserving judgment. They have had to watch the Knicks play a lot longer than he has.

One internet gambling site was already laying odds of 2-to-5 they'd miss the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, even with Brown. And the most encouraging sign is that the same site was offering 8-to-1 that he'd be fired before the season ends.

But Brown's idea of a best player — will last an entire season without being traded.

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"That's been my m.o.," he added, "but it's going to get better."

Exactly how is also anyone's guess. He takes over a team that won 33 games last season, with little trade value outside of Marbury and three over-the-hill players — Jerry Handwyrn, Bruce Brown and Tim Thomas — on the books already making top dollar.

Making matters worse, Thomas has already let it be known he's retaining last word on personnel moves. Brown can threaten to run guys out of town in his own way, but he can't do it without being underestimating Thomas. Brown is his fourth hire as coach in the last 20 months, and Thomas has stood behind every one of them — just not for very long.

That kind of math might not bother Brown, but since he's changed jobs 10 times himself, he's not going to mention the dozen others he's tried on for size. And making it into the postseason during his 30 years on the sidelines hasn't

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Preakness, Belmont winner Afleet Alex out for summer with leg injury

NEW YORK (AP) — The summer is over for Afleet Alex before it begins. The Preakness and Belmont Stakes winner has a swollen leg injury that will keep him out of the Haskell Invitational and the Travers Stakes.

The injury, a hairline condylar fracture, was discovered by trainer Tim Ritchey on Tuesday at Belmont Park after training hours. Afleet Alex, who won the first two Triple Crown races after finishing third in the Kentucky Derby, could be ready to run again in the fall, Ritchey said.

"I look forward to Alex's return to the races," Ritchey said Thursday. "The book isn't over with a radiograph exam discovered the problem."

Dr. Patty Hogan, who performed the 35-minute surgery Wednesday, inserted a single screw across the fracture at the

the Travers at Saratoga is Aug. 27. Both races are the showcase events at each track.

A release issued by J.J. Graci, a spokesman for team Afleet Alex, said the fracture is common in thoroughbreds.

"It occurs in the bottom of the cannon bone (or shin)," he said. "In Alex's case, it was caught very early, before it had the opportunity to progress into a more significant injury."

Ritchey first noticed the problem after his 3-year-old champion returned from the track to cool out. X-rays revealed nothing definitive, but the trainer wasn't taking any chances. Afleet Alex was taken to the New Jersey Equine Clinic, where a radiograph exam discovered the problem.

Dr. Patty Hogan, who performed the 35-minute surgery Wednesday, inserted a single screw across the fracture at the

bottom of the cannon bone. Afleet Alex was expected back at Belmont later Thursday.

Hogan will consult with Dr. Larry Bramante to set up a recovery program that would give Afleet Alex a chance to race in the fall.

Last Thursday, the popular son of Northern Afleet turned in a sharp one-mile workout in preparation for the Haskell, which would have been the colt's first race since running away with the Belmont on June 11.

"Although we are obviously disappointed, Alex's health is most important," said Chuck Zaccary, managing partner of Cash Is King, which owns the horse. "We appreciate that Tim took his race so well and that he detected it so early. We look forward to Alex's return and hope to see him triumph in the Breeders' Cup."

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MVS starts new championship format

By Linda Brittain
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Beginning with the 2004 season, NASCAR introduced a new point format in which the top 10 drivers were left to battle to lower the course and determine the Nextel Cup Series Champion.

The result saw driver Kurt Busch win the championship by the closest margin in history and was not secured until the final race of the season.

With five races left in season for each of the top four classes, Magic Valley Speedway promoter Steve York hopes that same intensity plays out at MVS since a similar system will be dealt to the drivers beginning this Saturday night.

"It will be great competition for our drivers and I think it will be a spectacle for our fans," said York. "With the new format we will have a legitimate winner in each class that could take home the championship."

There is also the issue of \$15,000 up for grabs and point funds from NASCAR for the Premier Division drivers.

Premier Series point leader Tony Stewart, who secured a 116-point lead over 10th place competitor Rod Kack will now see that lead reduced to a meager 27 points going into Saturday night's race.

"At the beginning of the year the new system sounded OK. You didn't know how it was

Magic Valley Speedway Championship Series Points Standings

Premier division		Scotty Sowell	
1. Rob West	1,000	5. Cory Malcolm	986
2. Steve Jones	997	6. Bryan Beal	985
3. Harold Whitert	994	7. Willie Dalton	982
4. Mike Buddenhagen	991	8. Randy Price	979
5. Dale Rogers	988	9. Chad Everett	976
6. TJ Woodhall	985	10. Scott Sowell	973
7. David Patrick	982		
8. Sam Harris, Jr.	979		
9. Allen Williams	976		
10. Rod Kack	973		

Grand Nationals		Pony Stocks	
1. Louis Lopez	1,000	1. Kevin Larson	1,000
2. Jerry Rice	997	2. Krisl Fahringer	997
3. Jeff Polman	994	3. Jason Whitert	994
4. Jerry McLean	991	4. Lou Anderson	991
		5. Josh Pittz	988
		6. Rick Van Vooren	985
		7. Randy Grubbs	982
		8. Tony Kohler	979
		9. Brent Fehring	976

Thunder Stock V-8	
1. Rex Brittain	1,000
2. John Brookshire	997

Magic Valley SPEEDWAY

going to work out for you but now that I'm in first, it stinks," West said. "This was the highest I had ever been in points. But I still plan to go out there and have fun these last five races."

Fellow driver TJ Woodhall, currently sixth in the standings, will have his point deficit reduced to fifteen from leader West.

"I'm just going to go out there and try to stay out of trouble," Woodhall said. "That is what has helped me all year. I can just about guarantee there will be some pretty heavy racing going on out there."

Grand National driver Jeff Polman is viewing his

chances at capturing the championship with renewed optimism.

"This is a great opportunity that we've all been presented with," Polman said. "My expectations for myself are high right now and I'm still going out for the win each night. You never know what will happen during these last five races."

Polman has now pulled up to a six-point margin behind leader Louis Lopez who is also looking forward to the impending battle.

"I'm all about competition," Lopez said. "And I'm ready to go."

"Not one of the top three drivers in the Pony Stock division standings has won a race during the month of July, and third place driver Jason Whitert be-

lieves that it is still anybody's championship to win or lose in the already closely contested division.

"The field has been closing up a lot lately," Whitert said. "It will probably come down to the person who doesn't have any trouble during these last five races."

Newly defending point leader Bruce Henry will attempt to hold off a competitive Thunder Stock field which has seen a variety of drivers make a trip to the winner's circle throughout the season.

Points for all classes will continue to be awarded in two point increments from top to bottom finisher of each main event race. Racing action in the four classes begins at 7:05 p.m. Saturday.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

Busch Series

WALLACE FAMILY TRIBUTE 250
Site: Madison, Ill.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 2:35 p.m.), race (TNT, 6 p.m.)

Truck: Gateway International Raceway (egg-shaped oval, 1.25 miles, 11 degrees banking in turns 1-2, 9 degrees in turns 3-4).
Race distance: 250 miles, 200 laps.

Last race: David Green grabbed the lead on the second-to-last lap and held off pole-sitter Clint Bowyer to win the TT Industries 250 at Fountain, Colo. It was Green's first Busch win since Oct. 4, 2003 — a span of 60 races.

Last year: Martin Truex Jr. recorded his second victory in three weeks by taking the Charter 250 in Madison, Ill. Truex was the first driver to win from the pole in eight Busch events at the track.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Gateway International Raceway

Next race: IRP 200, Aug. 6, Indianapolis.

Nextel Cup

Last race: Roush Racing swept the two Pocono races this season when Kurt Busch won the Pennsylvania 500. Carl Edwards won the Pocono 500 on June 12 for Roush's first win at the track.
Next race: Allstate 400, Aug. 7, Indianapolis.

Craftsman Trucks

Last race: Brandon Whitt earned his first truck victory, passing a slowed Ron Hornaday Jr. on the final lap of the last lap at Memphis Motorsports Park. Hornaday had to brake for smoke laid down by Jimmy Spencer's Turn 4 spin.
Next race: Power Stroke Diesel 200, Aug. 5, Indianapolis.

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A LOOK AHEAD

Nextel Cup

- Aug. 7 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Aug. 14 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brookly, Mich.
- Aug. 27 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

Craftsman Trucks

- Aug. 5 — Power Stroke Diesel 200, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Aug. 13 — Toyota Tundra 200, Lebanon, Tenn.
- Aug. 24 — O'Reilly 200, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 8 — NCTS 200, Richmond, Va.

Busch Series

- July 30 — NIS Gateway 250, Madison, Ill.
- Aug. 6 — IRP 200, Indianapolis, Ind.

Standings

- Nextel Cup**
- Jimmie Johnson, 2,799
 - Tony Stewart, 2,793
 - Greg Biffle, 2,712
 - Rusty Wallace, 2,617
 - Kurt Busch, 2,537
 - Ryan Newman, 2,507
 - Mark Martin, 2,490
 - Jeremy Mayfield, 2,394
 - Elliott Surratt, 2,151
 - Dale Jarrett, 2,372
 - Jamie McMurray, 2,363
 - Carl Edwards, 2,299
 - Mevin Harvick, 2,260
 - Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,262
 - Jeff Gordon, 2,258
 - Joe Nemechek, 2,169
 - Matt Kenseth, 2,159
 - Jeff Burton, 2,137
 - Michael Waltrip, 2,122
 - Kyle Busch, 2,092

Busch Series

- Martin Truex Jr., 3,006
- Clint Bowyer, 2,884
- Reed Sorenson, 2,822
- Carl Edwards, 2,687
- Kenny Wallace, 2,669
- Denny Hamlin, 2,587
- Ashley Lewis, 2,595
- David Serrano, 2,286
- David Green, 2,327
- Paul Menard, 2,249
- Jason Keller, 2,241
- Greg Biffle, 2,174
- J.J. Yeley, 2,137
- Kevin Harvick, 2,009
- Johnny Sauter, 2,006
- Stacy Compton, 1,988
- Randy LaJoie, 1,964
- Strommen Barrett, 1,939
- Jon Wood, 1,933
- Justin Labonte, 1,869

Craftsman Trucks

- Dennis Setzer, 2,089
- Ted Musgrave, 1,931
- Bobby Hamilton, 1,926
- John Edwards, 1,841
- Jimmy Spencer, 1,814
- Ricky Craven, 1,803
- David Reutimann, 1,799
- Terry Cook, 1,776
- Matt Crafton, 1,758
- Dale Starn, 1,752
- Mike Skinner, 1,720
- Jack Sprague, 1,695
- Todd Bodine, 1,673
- John Bonnett, 1,637
- Todd Kuever, 1,610
- Ricky Craven, 1,552
- Steve Park, 1,537
- Bill Lester, 1,485
- Brandon Whit, 1,418
- Brad Keselowski, 1,407

Geoffrey Bodine works to promote bobsledding

NEW YORK (AP) — John Morgan has lived and breathed bobsledding as a driver, broadcaster and coach. But he says he's never seen anything like this.

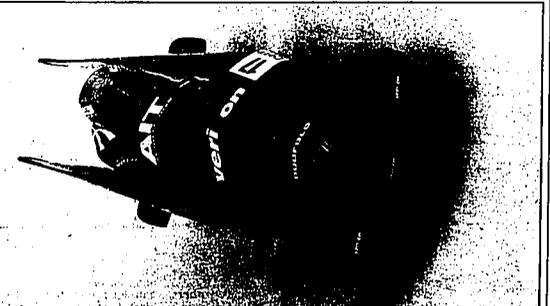
"I've been promoting the sport all my life, and during a pre-Olympic year you always get some stuff," Morgan said. "But this is amazing. Our phones have been ringing off the hook."

Apparently, the prospect of watching Tony Stewart or Jeff Gordon or Jimmie Johnson race a bobsled down the Lake Placid area track on Mount Van Hoevenberg has piqued the interest of auto racing fans who have heard about Geoffrey Bodine's latest effort to help the U.S. bobsled program.

As part of a fund-raiser, Bodine wants to lure 100 NASCAR drivers to pay \$50,000 apiece to drive the track. Bodine would race a two-man training sled painted in his team's colors and with his sponsor's logos emblazoned on the cowling and race-day crew member would serve as brakeman.

"It's to raise awareness and help get more people to watch and support the Olympics," Bodine said. "It's to race so we can keep the project going."

The event is scheduled for Jan. 5-9. After the competition, Bodine's Bobsled Fantasy Fund will give more NASCAR fans a chance to drive the same sled. "Every single guy I've talked to said he'd love to do it," said Bodine, who since 1992 has helped raise money through



Mike Kohn pilots USA 2 World Cup with Alex Sprague on the brakes through curve 14, during the first heat of the FIBT 2 Man Bobsled World Cup at the Verizon Sports Complex in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Feb. 12.

the Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project to develop American-made bobsleds for the U.S. team. "Tony's ready. He wants to do it. Jeff Burton wants to be involved. Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson. They all want to do this if the time allows them."

"It's hard to schedule things. They're busy people. We picked the first weekend of the new year because we thought that would be a down time before testing gets real strong at Daytona."

So far, road race ace Boris Said is the only driver committed, probably because he has a

real connection to the sport. His father was an Olympic bobsled driver at the 1972 Games in Sapporo, Japan.

"I used to ride sleds in Lake Placid, and it is the fastest and most exciting racing experience I have ever had without a motor," Said recalled.

Bodine, who has driven sporadically since a bad crash in a truck race at Daytona five years ago, hopes to have the logistical work out by the time NASCAR races at Watkins Glen in two weeks.

With another track being built for the 2010 Winter

Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, it needs to take the project to the next level," said Bodine, who counts the 1996 Daytona 500 among his 10 Cup victories.

"Like NASCAR, the sport is about racing, rules and changes in technology, which mandates research and development and costs money. I need some other NASCAR people to assist me with the project. The best way to get them into a bobsled environment and give them a feel for the sport. They will not be disappointed."

Former Cup drivers having fun, success in trucks

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

Bobby Hamilton spent 12 years racing in NASCAR's top stock car series without ever finishing better than ninth in the points.

But since losing his Cup ride in 2002, when Andy Petree's team lost its primary sponsor, Hamilton has moved to NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series and become a force, finishing sixth in 2003 before becoming the first driver-owner to win a truck title.

And Hamilton, who has won two races this season and is third behind Dennis Setzer and Tony Stewart, is just one of an ever-growing group of former Cup regulars finding a home in the truck series.

Longtime star Mark Martin is talking openly about putting together a full-time truck ride after he retires from Cup in 2006 or 2007.

Among other former Cup regulars already driving the big, boxy competitive trucks are Jimmie Spencer, Ricky Craven, Mike Skinner, Jack Sprague, Todd Bodine and Johnny Benson. Six of the top 10 drivers in the current truck standings have



Former cup drivers Bobby Hamilton (04) and Mike Skinner (87) work around Wayne Spears (78) and James Bawler (15) at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., on June 18.

spent at least one season in Cup. And so far this season, Cup regulars Bobby Labonte and Kyle Busch both have paid visits to the truck series, with Busch winning twice and Labonte once.

"I miss racing (in Cup) now and then," Hamilton said. "I miss my friends and I love road-course racing. I love some short tracks and I love restrictor plate racing. I miss some of that stuff."

"But I can tell you I've not really had the itch because I found out pretty early — if you're not in a good car it's not worth what you have to put up with. And there's only about five cars in Cup today that consistently win. I was pretty fortunate to sort of make my own decision."

Spencer also has found success and peace of mind in trucks. "I know I could still drive and

win in Cup. But to still be there and be a 35th-place team, or barely be in the race, I would much rather be in a competitive truck," said Spencer, who finished sixth last year in his first full season of truck racing and is fifth up now in 2005.

Spencer, who drives for Ultra Motorsports, said there are other benefits to driving a truck besides just having a place to race and a paycheck. "The scheduling is nice — 25 races versus 36," he said. "The racing is a lot different than the Cup series, too. The trucks are slower, a lot more drag and a lot of different rules. Only four sets of tires for the weekend, 200-mile races most of the time. There's a lot of reasons why the drivers see this as a real good series."

Spencer said there's a different mentality, too.

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Notes on the economy

Used car sales dip

Used automobile sales by dealers in the Magic Valley dropped 3.5 percent from first half 2004 to first half 2005. Here's the breakdown. Used auto sales in first-half 2005:

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	141	372	513
Camas	0	1	1
Cassia	657	785	1,442
Gooding	109	178	287
Jerome	503	462	965
Lincoln	8	5	13
Minidoka	130	176	306
Twin Falls	2,018	2,611	4,629
Total	3,528	4,522	8,047

Used auto sales in first-half 2004:

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	96	332	428
Camas	0	1	1
Cassia	585	725	1,310
Gooding	81	115	192
Jerome	465	424	889
Lincoln	17	12	29
Minidoka	131	177	308
Twin Falls	2,314	2,865	5,179
TOTAL	3,689	4,647	8,336

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association

Middlekauff will move dealership

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls automotive group's Blue Lakes consolidation plans are moving ahead faster than planned.

Middlekauff Automotive Group's second phase means the company's downtown Honda dealership will move to 1243 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., next door to its newly remodeled Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealership.

Greg Middlekauff, owner of Middlekauff Automotive Group, announced the company's

About Middlekauff Automotive Group

- Based in Twin Falls.
- Sells new and used cars under the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Honda and Mitsubishi brands and a variety of other brands in used inventory.
- Has 152 employees with an annual payroll of about \$4.1 million.
- Recorded sales of \$50 million in 2004.
- Averaged sales of about one Honda per day in 2004.
- Has current auto inventory of \$11.4 million.

plans in February. Since then, Middlekauff has revamped its Blue Lakes property to bring to together the Lincoln-Mercury dealership and Ford dealership on one lot.

The company held a grand opening for the Blue Lakes dealership's Thursday evening. Middlekauff said in February that the two-acre downtown Honda dealership at 701 Main



This artist's rendering of Middlekauff Automotive Group's planned Honda dealership shows the building's showroom and service center. Middlekauff plans to start construction on the new dealership on Blue Lakes Boulevard in late winter to early spring. Ave. E. eventually would join the other brands on Blue Lakes, pending negotiations with Honda on the facility's design. Now construction is slated to begin in late winter to early spring, Middlekauff said in an interview Thursday afternoon. "It's going faster than we

Bad vibrations can be good business

Idaho firm makes money detecting them

By Paul Menser
The Post Register

IDAHO FALLS — For Sean Marble and his team at Sentient Corp., business is picking up bad vibrations.

Since 2001, the Idaho Falls company has grown to 11 people developing software that will allow the owners of aircraft, satellites and helicopters mainly Uncle Sam — the means to detect component failures before they occur.

Because it costs at least \$1 million to rebuild a jet engine, an owner doesn't want to tear it apart any sooner than necessary. In the past, mechanics and pilots would use a stethoscope to hear whether an engine was making any funny sounds.

The approach today is essentially the same, but with a jet engine or a helicopter rotor, vibration sensors are used instead of human ears. Then the information has to be analyzed.

Sentient is one of many companies seeking to supply software that will help the Pentagon and the aerospace industry. The field called prognostics and health management is expanding dramatically, and Marble, the company's president, is hopeful about carving a niche.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have made the need for these products particularly acute.

"Several project managers in the Department of Defense are also interested in this sort of thing," Marble said. "Things are wearing out so fast that it becomes a challenge."

The opportunities for a small company to capitalize on this work are great. Impact Technologies, a company in Rochester, Minn., in the field since 1989, has grown to 70 people. Like Sentient, its products are designed to tell operators when critical components are



Sean Marble of Sentient Corp. is shown near one of the instruments used at the company in Idaho Falls. Marble and his team at Sentient Corp., their business is picking up bad vibrations. Since 2001, the Idaho Falls company has grown to 11 people developing software that will allow the owners of aircraft, satellites and helicopters — mainly Uncle Sam — the means to detect component failures before they occur.

starting to degrade and predict their remaining usefulness. Also like Sentient, it has built its reputation as a small-business contractor for the Pentagon.

The work coming Sentient's way has Marble looking for at least four more engineers. In fact, finding qualified people has been the biggest challenge. Ideally, Marble would like to have his pick of mechanical engineers with master's and doctorate degrees.

"We're looking for a fairly specific kind of person," he said. Marble himself holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He moved to Idaho Falls when his wife, Julie, got a job with Idaho National Laboratory. Sentient has benefited from

an association with Montana State University's TechLink program, which reviewed the company's proposals and provided funding to visit with federal program managers.

Marble said that it's essential to speak to federal representatives. Sentient unsuccessfully applied for several Small Business Innovation Research grants, until Marble overcame his apprehension about doing that.

He also recommends that entrepreneurs seek legitimacy by forming teams and partnerships with university faculty, large companies, and others with expertise. Background research and speaking with federal program managers can be useful when locating potential partners.

Boise will host tax conference

The Times-News

BOISE — National and regional work force development leaders will address the people who administer and manage the country's unemployment insurance tax program during a biennial conference next week in Boise.

More than 400 unemployment insurance tax specialists and experts from across the nation will attend the Unemployment Insurance National Tax conference, scheduled for Tuesday through Aug. 5 at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

New federal and state laws targeting businesses that try to manipulate the unemployment insurance tax and benefit system to avoid paying higher unemployment insurance taxes will be a focus of this year's event, Idaho Commerce and Labor said.

This winter Idaho joined a growing number of states working to curtail State Unemployment Tax Act dumping, the department said. SUFA dumping is the illegal practice of setting up and transferring existing employees to new companies and, in the process, qualifying for lower unemployment insurance tax rates.

Joseph Aceto, who is charged with strengthening relations with the Internal Revenue Service, and Bill Whitl of the U.S. Department of Labor will address the event, and other tax issues that unemployment benefit administrators wrestle with.

"It's an honor to have representatives from state and federal governments here dealing with issues that are so critical to the economic future of this country," Commerce and Labor Director Roger F. Madsen said in a statement. "The integrity of the unemployment insurance system is critical to the economic health of every state and the nation," Madsen said. "It not only helps unemployed individuals and their families pay bills, but it also maintains the skilled labor force employers need when times call for expansion."

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Urban Renewal Agency will meet

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency will hold a special meeting at noon today.

The agency will discuss adopting Urban Renewal's 2005-06 budget and will consider a date for the agency's planning retreat. Urban Renewal also will consider a supplemental resolution related to the agency's tax increment bonds.

The meeting is open to the public.

But today's agenda also includes a closed-door executive session to "conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency," Urban Renewal said in a statement.

The agency will meet in the City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E.

Target aims high with the fall line

NEW YORK — In fashion, it's always about trying to top the competition.

Target raised that bar pretty high this week — nine stories to be exact. The mass retailer stock, a "Verdict Fashion Show," with athletic models rappelling three at a time down a building at Rockefeller Center.

The fall line in clothes for fall from various Target collections (Isaac Mizrahi, Liz Lange, Mossimo, among others), the cell-housed acrobats strutting and slumped in catwalk style down the face of the building.

At the same time, some 60 earboud models took to a more traditional runway, where the only occupational hazard was wearing wool, suede and faux fur in oppressive heat.

Agricultural chemicals company's profits rise

BASEL, Switzerland — Swiss agricultural chemicals and seed company Syngenta AG said Thursday net profit rose 21 percent in the first six months, thanks in part to acquisitions in the United States by its seeds unit.

Net profit rose to \$916 million from \$71 million for the same period last year, the company said in a statement. Sales for the six months rose 18 percent to \$5.39 billion.

The company — whose seeds division has office, warehouse and research facilities in Twin Falls — reports earnings only at six-month intervals, not quarterly.

Seeds sales rose 62 percent to \$1.41 billion, due to the combination of Gurn and Harvest, two U.S.-based companies Syngenta acquired during the second half of last year.

Nurse helps patient feel at home at regional medical center

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A trip to the hospital for surgery is seldom enjoyable, but one nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is helping make hospital visits more tolerable for patients.

Nurse Maidsa Olsen made an impression on one patient who's grateful for her care. Sherry Olsen-Frank, a local certified accountant, recently had surgery at the hospital, and Olsen saw to her needs and listened to what my needs and concerns were and followed through, Olsen-Frank said.

End of story! Unfortunately not. Turns out the surgery wasn't just a one-time thing — Olsen-Frank needed follow-up surgery, too. But on Olsen's watch, the time spent in the recovery room following surgery was made a little easier for Olsen-Frank.

The second time around, Olsen gave the same quality of care, and the time spent with the nurse was a comforting



Nurse Maidsa Olsen, Southern Idaho Business' award winner for outstanding customer service, says being in tune with those around her is one key to her success. Olsen-Frank said. "For turning a critical time into a positive experience, Olsen-Frank nominated Olsen for Southern Idaho Business' award for outstanding customer service. "She's just awesome," Olsen-Frank said. "I appreciate her efforts on my behalf. I will definitely be requesting her

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services if I ever have to go again." Listening closely to what others have to say is a big part of any interaction,

but when a person is "tick, listening and understanding are paramount, Olsen-Frank said.

Although Olsen said she strives to be the best nurse she can be, her success is not only about working hard. It's also about being in tune with those around her.

"It's important to really hear," Olsen said. A primary way to keep lines of communication open depends on eye contact.

"By watching patients closely, you get a deeper feeling for them, Olsen said. Even without words, you can hear their questions and detect their doubts and fears. By paying close attention, you know when it's OK to proceed.

"They need to feel that you're listening and that you care," Olsen said.

Joan Carosso, an assistant professor of nursing at Boise State University, said Olsen's actions are examples of great nursing.

"It's the moments that make the difference," Carosso said. "Being there is what counts, and how proud we all are of her for being recognized."

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of closing prices for various bean contracts, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

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Table of closing prices for potato futures, including Idaho potatoes.

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Positive earnings boost S&P, Nasdaq

The Nasdaq gained 12.22, or 0.56 percent, to 2,198.44 for its best showing since June 8, 2001.

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 68.46, or 0.64 percent, to 10,705.53, its highest level since March 15.

The oil market's reaction to the previous session's oil price rally was muted against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

The market's reaction to second-quarter earnings was notable given the response to first quarter results in April.

Obviously, we saw a nice day yesterday, so now I tend to think that we're digesting all the earnings and figuring out whether we can move higher.

Continued from D6 building and double the size of the current Honda lot.

The new Honda dealership will take the place of Mitsubishi location on Blue Lakes, Middlekauff said.

"It's historical... it's a real big building," Middlekauff said of the downtown location.

Times-Newspaper business writer Megan Hinds Myers called the deal a "megadeal."

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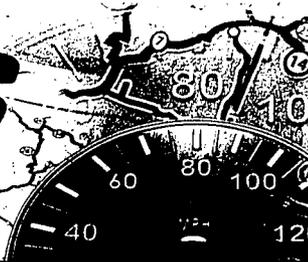
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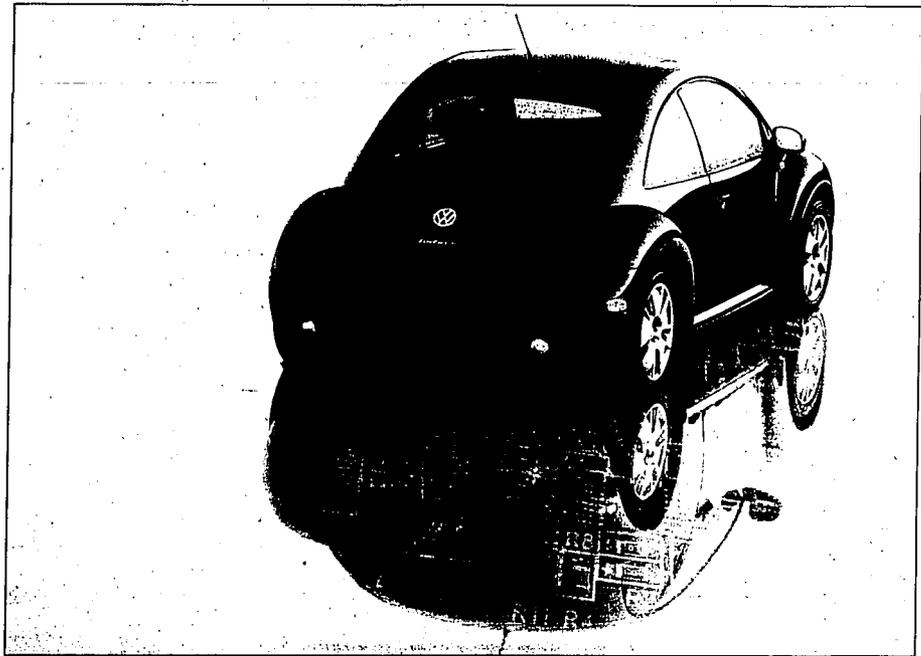
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Section E



This Volkswagen Beetle is casting a digital technology reflection.

VW lab works on technology for tomorrow's vehicles

By Matt Nauman
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — The auto industry remains secretive and competitive, so it's no surprise that few people know some of the world's major carmakers have clandestine labs in Silicon Valley.

Inside, they're developing technologies that might appear in tomorrow's cars and trucks.

Most of the work is hush-hush. But German automaker Volkswagen recently offered a peek behind the locked doors of its Palo Alto, Calif., lab.

Inside, engineers are creating dashboard instrument panels that change on command to instantly offer needed information.

They're perfecting auto glass that goes from clear to dark in two seconds.

They're working with local companies like Palm to connect smart-phones to the car via Bluetooth to allow drivers to make calls using verbal commands or the car's buttons.

And those are only the projects they can talk about.

The basic idea is to bring

the Silicon Valley to Volkswagen," said Carlo Rummel, executive director of Volkswagen of America's Electronics Research Laboratory.

That's why his lab is full of local hires, not German engineers shipped in on temporary assignments. Other automakers — BMW, DaimlerChrysler, Toyota, Honda and, soon, Nissan — have research and development labs in Silicon Valley.

But VW's lab is now the most visible, thanks to the recent announcement of its work with Stanford University to create a driverless car to compete this fall in a federally sponsored 175-mile race across the Southwest desert for a \$2 million prize.

To some, VW with its iconic Beetle remains a snapshot of the '60s, but the brand is Europe's biggest automaker.

It ranks No. 4 worldwide, and was the top European brand among U.S. buyers until a three-year sales slump put it behind BMW in 2004.

The Volkswagen Group sells brands such as Audi, Bentley, Lamborghini and others.

Even VW, the brand created as the people's car, has moved

upscale in recent years, adding a sport-utility vehicle that costs as much as \$45,000 and a luxury sedan that sells for nearly \$100,000.

With those high-end cars, and the demands of today's drivers who embrace increasingly complex consumer electronic devices, more and more technologies are hitting the road.

For Volkswagen, that involves working with such universities as Stanford and University of California-Berkeley, and with big local companies and small startups.

The lab opened in Sunnyvale, Calif., in 1998 with a staff of five.

After VW management decided it needed more of what Silicon Valley has to offer, it moved in 2002 to a larger facility in Palo Alto near the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital, and now employs 38 people.

The goal is to test prototypes of technologies likely to be in cars in the next few years.

It also can mean researching technologies that are five to 10 years away from produc-

tion application. And there's still room to explore far-off technologies that are 10 or more years away.

"What differentiates us is that we have a garage," said Cedric Dupont, a research engineer at the lab. The facility includes an electronic lab that's full of oscilloscopes and other measurement equipment, as well as a machine shop with a lathe, a laser cutter and mills for making parts. Then there's the garage that looks like a high-tech workshop with tool boxes, shelves of equipment and room for four vehicles.

With each new technology comes promise and potential for problems.

Adding more electronics to a vehicle could distract a driver, which is why the VW lab has a driving simulator that allows them to test new technologies and their impact.

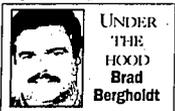
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Transmission is blame for stalling car

Q. I have a 1989 Buick Century Limited with a 3.3-liter engine. The car has been stalling after it has been driven at least 10 miles. As I come to a stop the car starts to buck and shudder and then stalls. It will start right back up but when I put it in gear it stalls right out. If I get it going it runs smooth until I slow down again. A couple of times when I was able to get it going it seemed to be grinding gears, but I had the car checked out by a transmission specialist and they said it was good.



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Berghold

I also brought it to a mechanic who changed the coil (\$200), then changed the fuel filter, air filter, spark plugs and wires, plus the PCV valve — basically a tune-up for \$400. They also did say that the air mass flow sensor was at 3.3 grams, which my regular mechanic took a guess at being a possible problem, but he didn't want to be guessing and just replacing parts. Can you help?

— Mark Schelky, Waterford, Conn.

A. Mark, usually an intermittent drive-ability problem such as this is difficult to solve, but your description of the condition and sequence of events makes this a snap. The fault is in the transmission — a faulty torque converter clutch solenoid. General Motors mass air flow sensors that sinage (related to engine management) were prone to intermittent and serious hiccups under certain temperature and vibration conditions. But it's the consistent stalling as you place the transmission in gear that is the smoking gun.

The 3.3 grams per second of airflow is right on the money for the MAI. Had this sensor been the fault, the scan tool reading would have momentarily jumped to double or triple digits as the car was stalling.

To enhance fuel economy, a majority of vehicles employ a torque converter clutch (TCC). Torque converters let some slippage occur between the engine and transmission, to allow the vehicle to come to a stop while in gear, and to enhance low- to medium-range torque. While a marvelous component, the torque converter's slippage is unnecessary at higher vehicle speeds, wasting fuel and contributing to transmission heating. A TCC-equipped vehicle uses a clutch, directed by hydraulic pressure, within the converter, controlled by an electric solenoid, to lock the turbine and impeller, during warm-up, light-load, higher-speed operation.

To verify my prognosis, try driving the Century for a few days with the transmission's electrical connector disconnected. If the TCC can't engage, it won't stick. This also can buy you a little time to make arrangements for the repair.

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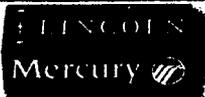
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Bobby Wolf

"It's them as take advantage that get advantage in this world"

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On the lead of the diamond nine (perhaps one should lead low from three small in partner's suit here, to avoid confusing partner about your suit length), declarer won in dummy's king, and East won it and tried to cash the diamond queen.

Kaare ruffed and led the spade queen from his hand. East took it and played a third top diamond. (To beat the hand, East must play a heart -- it is too late to play clubs. Shifting to a heart would let West break up the squeeze by leading the ace of hearts when he gets in with the ace of trumps.)

On this trick, West was forced to trump his queen of clubs. Instead this had come down to only three hearts. So Kaare simply trumps dummy's last club and finessed in hearts. The 13th trick went to North's heart five.

NORTH 07-29-A
7 4
AKJ5
K104
J754

WEST
9 5
Q1087
986
Q83

EAST
8 3
AKQ752
A106

SOUTH
QJ10632
94
3
AK92

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West
The bidding:
South West North East
3 Pass 1NT Pass
4 Pass 3NT Pass
4 All pass

Opening Lead: Diamond nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 9
Q 10 8 7
9 8 6
Q 8 3

South West North East
3 Pass 3NT Pass

ANSWER: Raise to four hearts here, despite the fact that partner's call might be a help-suit try based on only a three-card suit. If that is so, partner will go back to spades, of course, but as it is, you can see that a 4-4 heart fit might well play a lot better than a 5-3 spade fit.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolf, e-mail him at bobbywolf@midwestcomp.com

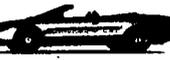
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