

The long reach of terrorism

Attacks raise fears of today's terrorists, depth of networks

By David Rising
Associated Press writer

LONDON — When the bomb he tried to detonate aboard a London Tube train failed to explode, police say Osman Hussain jumped out a carriage window, ran along the track, then hopped through back yards before making into the city's bus-

After going underground for five days, Hussain boarded a train at Waterloo station — pos-

sibly walking past his picture and those of three other suspected July 21 attackers on posters that blanketed the city. Then he slipped away, traveling from London through France to Rome.

His ability to escape a massive British dragnet, coupled with the arrest of another suspect in Zambia with al-Qaida ties, raised fears about the global reach of today's terrorists and the depth of their networks. "The way people fanned out

after the bombings, it's brought it home to people ... that it is part of a kind of a network, interconnected — all the fingerprints are there," said Michael Cox, a professor at London's Royal Institute of International Affairs specializing in the post-Sept. 11 terrorism threat.

"They have to have a much wider support base than just those who are active suicide bombers."

Hussain, an Ethiopian-born Briton, was captured Friday at

his brother Ramzi Isaac's house in Rome, where police traced him through his use of a relative's cell phone. Italian newspapers said investigators suspected Hussain's real name was Hamdi Isaac.

The arrest sparked more than a dozen follow-up raids across the country, as Italian authorities tried to determine if any attacks on Italy were being plotted.

In addition to Hussain, at least two of the other July 21

suspects were of East African origin, and Italian Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisani said the country was watching the area closely.

"We are following the evolution of the overall situation in the Horn of Africa where, in stateless lands, al-Qaida has arrived, has settled, and from where it tends, in various ways, to dispatch its followers into Europe and the rest of the world," Pisani said.

Though officials have not yet said they found links between the deadly July 7 attacks and the

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CSI releases class schedule for fall semester.
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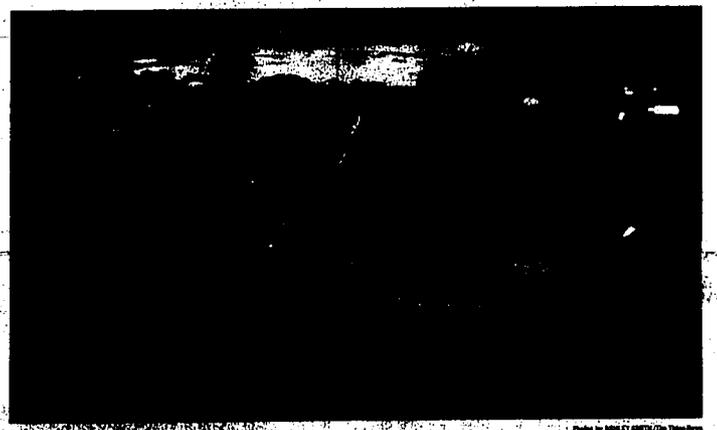
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Movie night at the drive-in



Above, Cineplex presents an outdoor movie in the auto for the movie, "Stealth" at the Grand-Vu drive-in theater with his sisters Kelsey, 16, and Madison, 14, (left) friend Nicki, 14, of Boise, (left) with him Friday evening in Twin Falls. The four had a good view of the screen while watching the movie from the Super sandy track. Top, Tracie Martz preparing the projector Friday night to show "Stealth".

Longtime tradition beckons Magic Valley residents

By Garrett Hytton
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — Wednesday was a good night at the Grand-Vu drive-in theater.

The sky was clear, the stars were out and the weather was cool, but not uncomfortable. At the Grand-Vu, that's what brought 27 cars out to see "Mad News Bears" and "Fantastic Four" as projected through a 40-year-old Xenolite projector taking 35 min. from an equally old Christie Autowind.

"This is perfect weather. I think," said Joe Johnson, manager at the Grand-Vu as he got ready to start the movies at dusk.

The cars had the 230-car parking lot to themselves.

People lay on the ground and in the back of trucks, relaxing to watch the movies.

That's the beauty of drive-in movie theaters and the attraction for people trying to find a piece of American nostalgia.

Kids get in free and tickets for adults are only \$6 for a double feature.



The Grand-Vu manager at the corner of Interstate Drive and Addison Avenue West.

"It's something different to do with the whole family," said Eric Ralen from the bed of his truck. "And it costs less than going to the theater."

Drive-ins are still a bit of a rarity, but they are making a comeback.

According to the United Drive-In Theater Owners Association, there are 405 drive-ins in America. Idaho has 11 of them, including two in

doing what they were doing 15 years ago," Roper said, referring to the drive-ins slight resurgence.

The movies have been shown using the same projector and autowind for almost 30 years and Johnson uses the same equipment to splice film as other drive-in managers have used for years.

"It all adds to the rustic feel. I'm on vacation this week and it's something to do," said Ralen, who used to go to the drive-in as a kid in Lewiston. "It's the nostalgia of the drive-ins."

The hot dog still dances at intermission just like it has for decades, but gone from yesterday's experience are the pole-mounted speakers.

"I think the biggest (change) is the FM (radio) sound," Roper said. "People have so much more in their car. Now you have the whole movie experience in your car ... that's given us a chance to compete with the sound that's provided at indoor theaters."

The Motor-Vu and Grand-Vu, both owned by Interstate Amusement, have been in simultaneous operation for more than 40 years in Twin Falls.

"We've now got the drive-ins

Washington — U.S. shoppers should get a price break on shirts and pants made in Central America, American farmers and manufacturers are hoping to gain new sales in the region.

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CAFTA winners & losers

Trade pact will hurt U.S. sugar producers

By Martin Cutsinger
Associated Press writer

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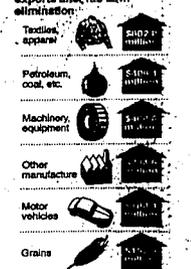
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Trade agreement

A study on the impact of the U.S.-Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement shows that several industries would benefit from the agreement.

Estimated increase of U.S. exports after full tariff elimination:



SOURCE: U.S. International Trade Commission

Fun together
How about yoga for a date?
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On the road
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Tuesday

Lumpy road to Idaho
You think you know potatoes?
Wednesday

Going deep
New vistas along the Grand Canyon.
Thursday

Recycling diamonds
Does a used ring represent failed romance?
Friday

At church
Discover what's going on in your congregation.
Saturday

On track
Take a look at unusual trends in seldom-covered industry.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and hot temperatures. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tonight: Clearing skies and warm temperatures. Lows in the lower to middle 60s.
Tomorrow: Sunshine early then patchy clouds and possibly a thunderstorm. It will be hot. Highs in the lower 90s.

BOISE FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and hot. Highs near 90.
Tonight: Pleasant sleeping weather. Lows in the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Fairly to mostly sunny and hot with a gully-late day thunderstorm possible. Highs near 90.

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Morning sunshine and warm temperatures will fuel isolated thunderstorms over the next few days. Strong winds will be the main threat for any thunderstorms.

BOISE

Mostly sunny skies and hot temperatures will continue through Monday. Tuesday will be a little bit cooler as a cold front rolls through the region.

NORTHERN UTAH

Weather here is expected to be hot, but with morning sunshine will fuel isolated thunderstorms over the next few days.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast grid for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday with icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. Index.

MOON PHASES

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

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Monday and Tuesday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index levels: Low, Moderate, High, Very High, Extreme.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

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Table listing national forecasts for various states including Alaska, Arizona, California, etc.

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Table listing world forecasts for various countries including Canada, Mexico, Europe, etc.



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Theater

Continued from A1. Other than the sound improvements, things have remained pretty much the same at Twin Falls drive-ins.

Terrorism

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Police search landfill for teen

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — Police and volunteers used heavy equipment, shovels and trained dogs Saturday to pick through a landfill where a witness claimed he saw men dumping a female body two days after an Alabama teenager vanished.

CAFTA

Continued from A1. agreement, found that it will have a tiny but positive impact on the U.S. economy — a gain of 0.01 percent in output in an \$11 trillion economy.

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A news release from the Idaho Transportation Department was issued in Tuesday's edition. The construction project on Idaho 77 from Declo to Albion has a width restriction of 12 feet for vehicles exceeding that which will be required to detour around the work areas using Idaho 81 from Declo to Malin and then Idaho 77 from Malin to Albion.

Correction

Some trade experts say the tight vote might convince Republicans that they need to make a more concerted effort to win Democratic support.

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. military served eviction notice
Uzbeks say they want air base removed within six months

By **Mary Reynolds** and **David Hooley**
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Uzbekistan has issued an eviction notice to a U.S. air base that has been used since 2001 to stage military and humanitarian operations in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said Saturday.

The notice, delivered Friday to the U.S. Embassy in the capital, Tashkent, gives the United States six months to comply, Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood said. "The bottom line is, they want us out," Flood said.

Uzbekistan said Saturday that it wanted the U.S. military to leave the air base within six months to comply with the United States' request to remove the base. "The bottom line is, they want us out," Flood said.

The Uzbek government increasingly has bristled at the U.S. military presence ever since the state Department joined international allies in calling for an inquiry into the shooting deaths of several hundred people (mostly men) in the eastern Uzbek city of Andijon in May.

Uzbek authorities describe the incident as a well-orchestrated plot that left 187 people dead, mostly "terrorists and extremists" in addition to police and security forces responding to fire weapons to quell the violence. Witnesses and human rights groups say that the gathering was an anti-American protest and that security forces killed more than 500 people when they fired into the crowd.

The diplomatic maneuvering the base agreement

arrived hours after neighboring Kyrgyzstan permitted the United Nations to admit refugees that it had been sheltering since the violence in Romania. From Romania, the refugees will be resettled in other countries, including the United States, Uzbekistan had demanded their return.

Anticipating eviction by Uzbekistan, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld won pledges from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan last week to let the United States continue using airfields there for operations in Afghanistan.



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White House shows its clout with passage of bills

By **Jim Vandell** and **Chase Robinson**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shacked for months by a familiar band of partisan critics, President Bush and the Republican leaders in Congress last week suddenly found a key A long-stalled energy bill, an international trade accord and a massive highway appropriations measure all moved to passage — handing big victories to business interests.

This surprising midsummer rush of legislation made clear that the reality of Washington's current balance of power is more complicated than surface appearances. On a number of high-profile ideological issues — the proposed overhaul of Social Security, chief among them — a unified Democratic opposition in the Senate has created an impression of GOP impotence.

All three now have an answer to those who question their effectiveness. They beat back challenges from liberal Democrats and some of their own members to pass the most expensive highway and transit bill in history, an energy policy loaded with tax breaks for oil and gas companies, and a first-ever trade pact with Central America, known as CAFTA.

protecting gun manufacturers from lawsuits. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who is running for re-election in 2006 in Washington, said the president and congressional Republicans made a wise calculation to jettison "a lot of side show things" to home in on the bread-and-butter economic concerns this week.

Conrad voted with the GOP this week on the energy, gun and highway bills. Earlier this year, he similarly supported the White House and business interests on measures that overhauled laws covering bankruptcy and class-action lawsuits.

Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Nebr., whose votes matched Conrad's on those measures, noted a timeless Washington truth: It is easier to pass highway and energy bills because they can be funded with enough pork-barrel projects to attract a majority.

There's more that will unite you than you will divide you, as long as you realize there are projects in Nebraska and projects in Kansas and New York and what have you," Nelson said.

The energy and transportation bills were well-rehearsed with tax breaks and other incentives. "Some" cap-and-trade legislation, the White House editorial page, accused Bush and Republicans of "letting us say too much to win" the 2004 election.

Conrad, a political history professor at the University of North Dakota, said that the changes he said, will be felt over time by average Americans in concrete ways.

The measure includes pet projects requested by individual members that sometimes carry the lawmaker's name —

such as \$200 million plan for a bridge renamed "Don Young's Way," after the Alaska GOP congressman who championed the bill to expand the bill to \$275 million or larger, but Mr. Delay said he "tried" to get the project in the bill's "big" week for after (measures), such as CAFTA, which has been passed by the House but not the Senate.

The president still faces many challenges to his agenda, including tepid support at best, even among Republicans, for his plan to restructure Social Security, reform the immigration system and extend the No Child Left Behind law to high schools.

But even many Democrats acknowledge Bush is likely to benefit politically from this week's flurry of activity.

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A YEAR LATER

After separation, formerly conjoined twins seem reborn

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press writer

VAILHALLA, N.Y. — One year after a neurosurgeon separated them by cutting through a section of brain, Carl Aguirre says "Wow!" as he whizzes a toy truck off the tray of his high chair and his brother Clarence holds his nose to let his mother know his diaper is dirty.

After "starting their life over," the formerly conjoined 3-year-old Filipino boys have been amazingly free of significant complications, doctors say. Clarence is about to take his first steps and therapists say Carl will soon follow.

"When they emerged from the OR as separate boys, it was almost as if that was their second birth," said Dr. Robert Marion, the boys' pediatrician. "Their motor skills are what you'd expect of a 1-year-old. They're starting to walk. They're playing appropriately in the way that a 1-year-old would. Their speech, also, is like that of a 1-year-old."

Until last Aug. 4, when they underwent the fourth in a series of major operations at Montefiore Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, Carl and Clarence had been unable to sit up, stand straight or see each other's face. Joined at the top of their heads, they were limited to lying on their backs, which stunted their development and subjected them to chronic pneumonia caused by inhaling food.

"They were going to die," Marion said. "And now seeing them with unlimited potential, it's the most gratifying experience I've ever had in medicine."

The boys and their mother, Arlene, came to New York in 2003, when Montefiore agreed to take the boys' case for free — it has cost more than \$3 million so far — and the Blythedale Children's Hospital in Vailhalla agreed to donate housing and therapy.

The children's hospital team of neurosurgeon Dr. James Goodrich and plastic surgeon Dr. David Staffenberg separated the boys in a gradual "staged" approach, pushing apart their



JOE JACOBSON/THE Associated Press

Formerly conjoined twins Carl, left, and Clarence Aguirre, take a break from physical therapy and share a moment with their mother Arlene Aguirre at Blythedale Children's Hospital on Wednesday in New York. The 3-year-old boys are wearing custom built plastic helmets so that the rebuilding of their skulls can be postponed and they can stay in therapy designed to get them walking and talking.

brains and dividing the blood vessels in four operations from October 2003 to August 2004. In between, the boys were given time to heal. It was a departure from the more common single marathon operation.

During the final operation, the surgeons found that the boys' brains, which scans had indicated were abutting but separate, were actually shared and seamless at one point. Dreading whatever complications he might cause, Goodrich studied and consulted and finally found a place to cut where veins seemed to go in opposite directions.

"I am not a religious person," Goodrich said last week. "But I do think there was something guiding us along there." Marion said Carl suffered some seizures in the month

after the separation, but Goodrich said his principal fears — neurological problems and liquid on the brain — did not develop.

During a reporter's recent visit to Blythedale, Clarence walked proudly holding onto a therapist with one hand and pushing his stroller with the other. He was so energetic that at one point he stepped out of his pants and staffers had to find him a belt.

Meanwhile, Carl stood, a bit unsteadily, to play a bead game on a table.

Later, the boys laughed as they tumbled down a padded slide together. Though their skulls have not yet been reconstructed — doctors don't want to interrupt their therapy — and specially designed plastic helmets haven't fit well, the doctors

say the boys' heads are protected well enough by their "burdages" even for horseplay. Arlene Aguirre tried to hide while she watched her sons' therapy session, because when they see her the boys want to do nothing but cuddle.

"Both of them want my attention all the time," she said. "But it's very exciting that I have to stretch with two children. Before the separation, I was thinking 'Will I ever see them again?'"

She said she is encouraged when she hears Clarence say "yogurt" and call his brother by name. Carl says "walk" and "mama" and both boys use sign language to convey such phrases as "please more eat."

Aguirre said she expects to move from Blythedale soon and set up a household with the boys, and hopes to eventually return to the Philippines.

"My friends and family, I want to share the boys with them," she said. "It will be so exciting to go back there, holding one boy with each hand."

The success of the operation has brought honors for Goodrich and Staffenberg, although Goodrich says the best prize he's received is a Montefiore parking space. They are constantly invited to speak or write about the procedure, which has been published in journals for neurosurgery, plastic surgery and anesthesia.

The surgeons recommend their "staged" approach not just for conjoined twins but for other severe craniofacial cases. In the only separation of similar "craniofacial" twins in the U.S. since the Aguirre boys, surgeons at Johns Hopkins used the marathon approach on 1-year-old German girls and only one survived.

Goodrich said an upcoming procedure overseas — he wouldn't say where — will be performed their way.

He said he initially tried to keep an emotional distance from the boys, but confessed you can't go around something like we did and not get attached. You can't be around them and not love them."

U.S. Congress inserts 'John's Law' into bill

By Troy Graham
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — John's Law is poised to become the law of the land. The New Jersey drunken-driving legislation inspired by the death of Navy Ensign John Elliott was included in the federal transportation bill passed by Congress. President Bush has promised to sign the bill.

The legislation provides federal grants to encourage other states to enact John's Law, which gives police the authority to impound a drunken driver's car. "It's exciting," said Elliott's father, Bill. "It's one of those bittersweet occasions that is a victory."

Elliott became a crusader against drunken driving after his son died in 2000, lobbying to pass two landmark bills in New Jersey named for his son. The first was the car impoundment law, the second allowed police to hold drunken drivers until they sobered up.

John Elliott, a recent Naval Academy graduate, was killed in Salem County by a drunken driver who had been arrested earlier in the evening, then released.

The driver, Michael Pangle, also was killed. Three hours after his arrest, he was released to the custody of a friend while still intoxicated. The friend took Pangle back to his car.

Under the new federal law, states could enact John's Law to help them meet a set of criteria necessary to win federal drunk-driving prevention and other law enforcement grants.

John's Law was introduced in Congress by Sen. Jon S. Corzine, D-N.J., and Rep. Frank A. Lo-Blundo, R-N.J.

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NATION



In this image from NASA TV, space shuttle Discovery Mission Specialist Steve Robinson's helmet camera catches his reflection on a panel in the payload bay of Discovery during a space walk Saturday.

Astronauts take first spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two astronauts floated out of shuttle Discovery for the mission's first spacewalk Saturday and tested repair techniques developed after the Columbia tragedy more than two years ago.

The astronauts worked side-by-side in Discovery's open cargo bay, testing the repair men on a variety of deliberately damaged tile and carbon samples brought to space. It took up nearly half of the six-hour 50-minute spacewalk.

Steve Robinson and Sotchi Noguchi, a Japanese astronaut, worked with tools similar to an oversized caulk gun and large putty knives to apply an experimental material to the sample tiles that NASA hopes can be used in future missions to repair cracks in the delicate carbon

panels lining the shuttle's wings. The astronauts rearranged their schedule to perform their repairs while temperatures outside the shuttle were ideal for the experiment. Temperatures change very quickly. If they are in the sun, it can be up to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. When it's dark, it can be 250 degrees below.

Robinson applied experimental material to the shuttle. It can be used to repair cracks or coating loss up to four inches long, but won't work on holes such as the one blown into Columbia's left wing by a 1.67-pound chunk of foam in 2003. All seven astronauts aboard that shuttle died.

In certain areas of the wing, NASA says cracks or coating damage measuring 2 inches long and .02 of an inch wide

could doom the spacecraft. NASA has developed a repair technique for holes in its carbon panelling, but that technique — which involves installing a patch over the hole and then bolting it inside the wing — will be tested inside Discovery later in the flight.

During their first spacewalk ever, Robinson and Noguchi also coated thermal tile samples with a caulk-like material in hopes of restoring the tiles' heat-rejecting ability — necessary for the shuttle to safely re-enter the Earth's atmosphere.

The sample tiles won't be tested for heat resistance until the astronauts return to Earth, but researchers want to see how well the mixture adheres in space and if there are any problems applying it in zero-gravity.

Astronomers claim discovery of 10th planet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's icy, rocky and might be bigger than Pluto. And according to scientists who found it orbiting the sun, it's the newest planet on our solar system's block.

The object is the farthest-known in the solar system — is currently 9 billion miles away from the sun, or about three times Pluto's current distance from the sun.

"This is the first object to be confirmed to be larger than Pluto in the outer solar system," Michael Brown, a planetary scientist at the California Institute of Technology, said Friday in a telephone briefing announcing the discovery.

Brown labeled the object as a 10th planet, but there are scientists who dispute the classification of Pluto as such.

Astronomers do not know the new planet's exact size, but its brightness shows that it is at least as large as Pluto and could be up to 1.5 times bigger. The research was funded by NASA.

Brown has submitted a name for the new planet to the International Astronomical Union, which has yet to act on the proposal, but he did not release the proposed name Friday.

The briefing was hastily arranged after Brown received word that a secure Web site containing the discovery was hacked and the hacker threatened to release the information.

Brown and colleagues Chad Trujillo of the Gemini Observatory and David Rabinowitz of Yale University first photographed the object in 2003 using a 48-inch telescope at the Palomar Observatory.

But it was so far away that its motion was not detected until data was analyzed again this past January. It will take at least six months before astronomers can determine its exact size.

It has taken scientists this long to find the planet because its orbit is at an angle compared to the orbits of most planets. The new planet is rocky and icy, smaller to Pluto, Brown said.

Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo., said he was not surprised by the discovery since other objects around the size of Pluto have been found in the Kuiper belt, a disc of icy debris beyond the orbit of Neptune. What's unique about the latest finding is that the object appears to be bigger than Pluto, he said.

"It has they've made a grave mistake, this is for real," said Stern, who had no role in the discovery.

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WORLD

Bird flu strain found in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of fowl in Siberia have died of the same strain of bird flu that has been found in this country. Asia — the Russian government said Friday.

No human infections have been reported from the Siberian outbreak, Russia's Agriculture Ministry said in the brief statement identifying the virus as avian flu type H5N1.

“The viruses we need for undertaking quarantine measures

of the widest scope,” the statement said. Ministry officials could not be reached for elaboration.

Since 2003, the H5N1 strain has killed at least 57 people in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia, which reported its first three human deaths this month.

International health experts repeatedly have warned the bird flu virus could evolve into a highly contagious form passed easily from person to person,

sparking a global pandemic. So far, most cases have been traced to contact with sick birds.

The outbreak in Russia's Novosibirsk region in central Siberia apparently started about two weeks ago when large numbers of chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys began dying. Officials say that all dead or infected birds were incinerated, but it was unclear whether that would effectively stop the virus from spreading.

Indian death toll could reach 1,000

By Ramola Talwar Badam Associated Press writer

BOMBAY, India — Hundreds of angry demonstrators blocked traffic for hours Saturday to demand restoration of drinking water and electricity during clearing of rotting animal carcasses after this week's monsoon rains in western India. Officials said the death toll could reach 1,000.

Rescuers found more than 100 bodies in the debris of collapsed homes Saturday, bringing the official death toll from the devastating floods in Bombay and the surrounding Maharashtra state to 853. They fear more bodies are buried in remote areas, and the death toll could increase by 100 to 150, said Chief Secretary Prem Kumar, the state's top bureaucrat.

Kumar said rescue work was mostly over and officials were focusing on relief.

Newspapers warned of the threat of waterborne diseases, and hospitals and health centers geared up to distribute free medicines to check any outbreak.

Rain showers began intermittently hitting Bombay and its outlying areas again Saturday though with far less force than earlier in the week.

Hundreds of residents in five Bombay districts raised anti-government slogans and blocked traffic for hours Saturday to demand an immediate cleanup of the city. While some shielded themselves from rain with plastic sheeting, others got drenched as they protested outside civic offices.

“For so many days we have been lifting the bodies of the dead and now we are clearing animals from the roads. Is this our work?” asked a furious Hafeez Irani, his face covered with a handkerchief against the rain.

The drums are choked. We still have no electricity,” said Irani, a construction worker.

“We have these handkerchiefs on all the time.”

Civic leaders pleaded for police equipment and workers to clear roads and drains were being called in from other areas hit by landslides.

The recovery of 104 bodies in four middle-ringed villages in Raigad district and two Bombay suburbs raised the official death toll to 853 on Saturday, said Kumar.

Most of the deaths were caused by landslides and flooding after Tuesday's torrential rains cut off the state from the rest of the country. Rainfall was as much as 37 inches in parts of Bombay.

Four days after the deluge, government and relief officials said there was little likelihood of finding any survivors.

The government issued orders to stop all construction in the city so trucks could be used to transport garbage, debris and animal carcasses, mostly of cows that can be found floating in most Indian cities, said Satish Shinde, a civic official.

The miserable conditions in Bombay's northern suburbs were exacerbated by the presence of dozens of cowsheds near shantytowns and residential apartments. The flooding killed hundreds of livestock and cattle.

As many as 409 people were killed in Bombay, most of them drowned in floods, buried by landslides, or electrocuted.

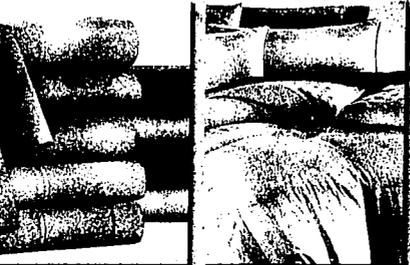
Repeated renewed warnings from authorities to residents in shanties built into small, crumbling hills in the city's northern neighborhoods urged them to evacuate.

“We came from the village because there is no work there. Only in our home now,” said a 60-year-old, 14-year-old and three children. “We know they're unsafe... but move where?”

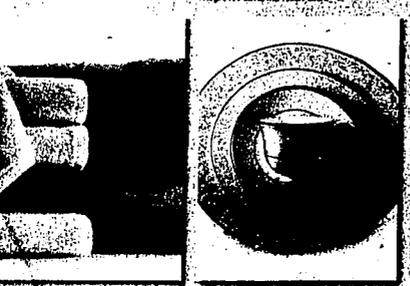
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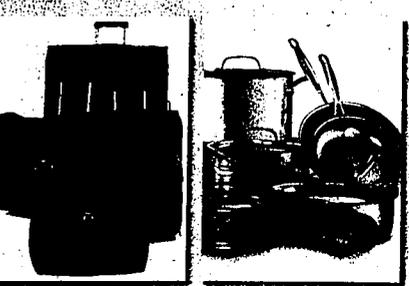
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WORLD

Why Africa goes hungry

It doesn't take much to tip a hungry nation over the edge

By Todd Pittman
Associated Press writer

DAKAR, Senegal — In Niger, a desert country twice the size of Texas, most of the 11 million people live on a dollar a day. Forty percent of children are underfed, and one out of four dies before turning 5.

And that's when things are normal. Throw in a plague of locusts, and a familiar spectacle emerges: skeletal babies, distended bellies, people too famished to brush the flies from their faces.

To the aid workers charged with saving the dying, the immediate challenge is to raise relief money and get supplies to the stricken areas. They give it to the economists and politicians to come up with a lasting remedy.

One such economist is James Shikwati. He blames foreign aid. "When aid money keeps coming, all our policy-makers do is strategize on how to get more," the Kenya-based director of the Inter-Region Economic Network, an African think tank, said.

"They forget about getting their own people working to solve these very basic problems. In Africa, we look to outsiders to solve our problems, making the victim not take responsibility to change."

Moving the aid can be nightmare in itself. Africa's good roads are few, and often pass through the front lines of civil wars. But Shikwati notes an additional problem: Even African countries that have food to spare can't easily share it because tariffs on agricultural products within sub-Saharan Africa average as high as 33 percent, compared with 12 percent on similar products imported from Europe.

"It doesn't make sense when they can't even allow their neighbors to feed them. They have to wait for others in Europe or Asia to help," he said. "We don't have any excuses in Africa. We can't blame nature. We have to tell our leadership to open up and get people producing food."

Nature, of course, does bear some of the blame. Recurring drought is a part of life in Africa. Farmers have learned to cope, but exploding population growth sucks up water, pasture and livestock.

Many food crises result from bad government and civil wars. For 30 years after winning independence from France, Niger was ruled by coup and military dictatorship. Now it's a peaceful multiparty democracy, but its desert is getting bigger and drought is unrelenting.

All it took was the locust swarms of a year ago, the worst



SCIENCE PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD/Associated Press

A boy suffering from malnutrition cries while being measured in a makeshift hospital in the town of Agule, 43 miles from Maradi, Niger. To the aid workers charged with saving the dying, the immediate challenge is to raise relief money and get supplies to the stricken areas.

In 15 years, to start tipping Niger over the edge. The crop-devouring insects ravaged some 7,000 square miles of Niger farmland. The combined drought-locust onslaught cut cereal production by 15 percent last year, according to the United Nations.

At first, few noticed. Places like Niger "were never on anybody's radar" screen. They're not considered important, geopolitically or resource-wise," said Cathy Skoula, executive director of U.S.-based Action Against Hunger. "It comes down to a question of priorities. But any human life is important."

Aid groups say Niger's catastrophic could have been averted — that early warning systems were in place, and the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies warned of imminent food shortages late last year.

In November, Niger's government issued an emergency appeal for 78,000 tons of food. Donors, busy with higher-profile crises, barely responded.

The following month came the Indian Ocean tsunami that entirely eclipsed Africa's misery on the world's TV screens.

Aid workers say heading off famine needs long-term, steady funding.

"Prevention doesn't sell that much," said Stefanie Savariaud, spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program in Niger's capital, Niamey. "The world has to wait for images of dying children to react. The question is, how to mobilize the international community when it's still preventable?"

Ironically, only three weeks

Food starts arriving in Niger

MARADI, Niger (AP) — Food by the truckload is finally reaching remote northern Niger, eight months after the first pleas for help for the hungry.

Almost a third of Niger's population of 11.3 million people risk starvation in this already desperately poor West African nation, hit first by a locust invasion and then by drought.

Children are the most vulnerable — some 800,000 under age 5 are suffering from hunger, including 150,000 faced with severe malnutrition.

But repeated U.N. appeals beginning in November went almost unanswered until the situation reached crisis proportions.

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NATION/WORLD

Experts support reduction of troops in Iraq

By Philip Dine
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — The administration's talk about sharply reducing the number of American troops in Iraq starting as early as next spring gets a strong endorsement from military experts, both those who support the war and those who question it.

But they also say there is much more to the "trial balloon" floated by U.S. officials last week than the situation on the ground, which Gen. George W. Casey, commander of American forces in Iraq, says is stable enough to draw down the troop level.

One key factor cited from across the political spectrum is the mounting strain on the U.S. military, particularly the Army, Marines, National Guard and Reserves, whose members are facing multiple deployments to Iraq.

"The U.S. military is pretty tapped out," said Michele Flournoy, a senior Pentagon official in the Clinton administration and now an expert on military strategy and planning at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "There are military strains that are causing them to think about whether they can manage in Iraq with fewer forces."

James Carafano, military analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation and a 25-year Army veteran who teaches at the Naval War College, says, "We're at the point where we're eating the force, so it's definitely a good idea to start doing a draw down now. Hopefully, that we're out of a year behind schedule."

Lawrence Korb, former assistant secretary of defense in the Reagan administration and now the military expert at the Center for American Progress, agrees the administration has no choice because of the effect on American soldiers. Problems the military is already having recruiting new soldiers will turn into problems of retaining current ones, he said.

"If they don't withdraw them in a year, or draw back significantly, they break the Army," Korb said. "They know that."

At the same time, the administration's hand also is being forced by other factors, experts say, including:

A need to signal to Iraqi officials that they cannot rely on the American presence, to provide security, and must speed up formation of a permanent government and development of their own military and police forces.

Hopes of showing the Iraqi public, including those disaffected by the American presence, that the United States has no long-term designs on their country, contrary to the claims of insurgents.

The desire to reassure the American public, whose support for the war is flagging according to polls, but progress is being made, allowing the government to begin the orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Next year's mid-term congressional elections, in which second-term presidents have traditionally seen their party do poorly, and where the touting of success in Iraq would bolster Republican prospects.

The administration's statements will resonate in various quarters, said former Maj. Gen. William Nash, first commander of U.S. forces in Bosnia and a veteran of Vietnam and the first Gulf War. "Whether they mean to or not, they're speaking to multiple audiences," Nash said. "To a domestic political audience, to the troops, and they're trying to tell the soldiers that there'll be some relief."

Michael O'Hanlon, military expert at the Brookings Institution, says the administration is smart to send a signal to Iraqis. "I think it helps with the politics of the whole thing, helps to diffuse the idea that we are occupying force, that we want to control the oil and use Iraq as a springboard for other regional actions," he said. "That has been a major motivation for the insurgency."

The other signal is to Americans, says Jim Lindsay, vice president of the Council on Foreign Relations and former director of global security at the National Security Council.

"To American voters and particularly to Republicans on Capitol Hill, the message is, 'Your boys are not going to stay in Iraq forever.' Congressional Republicans are not looking forward to running for re-election in 2006 with a large contingent of U.S. presence in Iraq," Lindsay said.

"If you're a congressional Republican and can say, 'Yes, the president fought the war, yes the occupation has been difficult, but now we have an orderly withdrawal,' that is a strong position. It's much better than to say, 'We've got to stick it out.'"

If it security situation has not improved by the middle of next year, the question of whether American forces can disengage could be turned around to ask why they should

continue to stay, O'Hanlon says. One potential problem is that signaling the intention to significantly reduce troops could indicate to insurgents that they only have to wait the Americans out. That's a point the administration itself has long made in opposing calls for a deadline.

White House national security spokesman, Frederick Jones noted that "no definitive, hard date" has been set.

And Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said U.S. troops should not leave until "Iraqis themselves are capable of running their country and protecting their citizens from the terrorists."

Navy veteran Harlan Ullman, who completed 150 combat missions in Vietnam and later

commanded a destroyer in the Persian Gulf, called the administration's new stance "a grudging admission that we need to look at the length, size and disposition of our deployments."

But the problem, he said, is that the draw down of troops is likely to take place against a

backdrop of continuing violence. Unless U.S. training of Iraqi forces is dramatically stepped up in the next few months.

Otherwise, he said, there is a risk of "a real civil war, with the government in disarray and the danger of an autocrat or a despot taking over, or a cleric."

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Jamboree proves to be disaster-riddled event

Five die and scores suffer illnesses

By Kristan Gellineau
Associated Press writer

BOWLING GREEN, Va. — Their motto is "Be prepared." But as the disaster-riddled National Boy Scout jamboree carries on following five deaths and hundreds of heat-related illnesses, event planners from across the country are wondering just how prepared the Scouts were.

"That's the part that breaks my heart — there are things you can avoid and things you can't," said Phyllis Cambria, an event planner from Boca Raton, Fla.



Boy Scouts are treated for heat-related symptoms Wednesday during the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Va. Scores of scouts collapsed Wednesday from heat-related illnesses.

who has written several books on the subject. "This one sounds like it was an avoidable one."

Scout officials say they are not ready to place blame and are still investigating the incidents. But several outside specialists said allowing tents to be placed near power lines and failing to keep Scouts cool in searing heat were enormous oversights.

On Monday, four Scout leaders were electrocuted in front of several Scouts after they lost control of the towering metal pole at the center of a large, white dining tent, sending it toppling into nearby power lines. The day before, a volunteer was taken to a hospital where he died of an apparent heart attack.

On Wednesday, 40,000 Scout enthusiasts waited hours in the stifling heat for an appearance by President Bush, who ended up postponing his visit due to the threat of severe thunderstorms. Sun-sick Scouts began collapsing and more than 300 people were treated for heat-related illnesses.

"I don't think it's wise to make judgment — on things that could've, should've, would've been done," Jamboree spokeswoman Renee Faltrer said.

The troops involved in the electrocution accident hired a contractor to set up the dining tent. The contractors asked the Scout leaders for assistance in creating the structure — directly below a set of power lines.

Sam Waltz Jr., a crisis management specialist from Wilmington, Del., said organizers should have laid out a grid map in advance that clearly identified danger areas where

power lines hang and planned for tents to be set up far away.

"If someone had gridded it out, then no one would have been putting a tent under that particular power line," he said.

The Scouts also should have insisted on conducting a background check of the contractor, Cambria said.

Scouting teachings dictate that tents not be erected under trees or power lines, a Jamboree spokesman said. And potential Scout leaders go through rigorous safety training before they join the organization, said Scout leader Kevin Rudden, 51, of Mendon, Mass.

'FIT FOR DUTY'

Bush declared in good health

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

BETHESDA, Md. — President Bush was pronounced "fit for duty" after an annual checkup Saturday that showed that the 56-year-old commander in chief, an avid mountain bike rider, has lost 8 pounds since his last physical exam in December.

"I'm feeling really good," Bush said as he left the National Naval Medical Center in suburban Washington.



President Bush

in December, Bush weighed 199.6 pounds, six pounds more than in the summer of 2003. He attributed the weight gain to munching too many doughnuts during his re-election campaign.

On Saturday, the scales showed the nearly 6-foot Bush at 191.5 pounds. A four-page medical summary issued by the White House said Bush remains in the "superior" fitness category for a man of his age.

A separate statement signed by nine doctors who conducted the physical said there is "every reasonable expectation that he will remain fit for duty for the duration of his presidency."

Doctors prodded and prodded the president for a little more than three hours, checking his heart, lungs, eyes, muscles and skin.

Doctors used liquid nitrogen to freeze a noncancerous skin growth on his neck. The medical summary indicated the president has skin lesions consistent with sun damage and recommended that he use sun screen and wear a hat.

Bush scored above average on a wide range of tests. Bush's overall cholesterol count remains at a healthy level, despite a slight rise to 176 from 170 seven months ago. There was a small drop in his high-density lipoprotein (HDL) count, or "good" cholesterol, and a small rise in his low-density lipoprotein (LDL) or

"bad" cholesterol. Still, both levels were within healthy ranges.

Doctors said cholesterollowering drugs were not necessary. The president was advised to continue healthy eating and exercise habits.

"I'm in superior health," White House spokesman Dana Perino told reporters after Bush returned to the White House. "I think you all know he's got a terrific fitness routine. It's a good example for Americans."

The president's medical profile shows a low to very low risk of coronary artery disease. His resting pulse rate dropped to 47 beats per minute from 52. Well-trained athletes typically have resting pulse rate of between 40 and 60 beats per minute.

Doctors made Bush run on a treadmill for more than 26 minutes as part of a test that evaluates the performance of his heart. His heart beat reached 163 beats per minute, no signs or symptoms of cardiovascular problems were noted.

Other information from Bush's checkup included:

- His body fat percentage fell to 15.79 from 18.25. It was 14.5 percent at his physical in August 2003.
- His ability to see at a distance was 20/20 in both eyes. He uses reading glasses at times to see more clearly up-close.
- A prostate screening test registered at 0.5. A desirable level is anything under 4.
- Bush suffers from occasional reflux of stomach acid after drinking coffee or eating peppermint, two items that doctors recommended he reduce or eliminate from his diet.

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Talks with North Korea slow in progress

China proposes draft statement at nuclear talks

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — China proposed a draft statement Saturday in a possible sign of unprecedented nuclear talks aimed at convincing North Korea to disarm, but the chief U.S. envoy said an agreement this weekend was unlikely.

Work on the statement of "agreed principles" came as the talks crunched into an unprecedented fifth day, and after U.S. and North Korean diplomats held four sets of one-on-one meetings this week.

Delegates from all countries at the negotiations — China, Japan, Russia, the two Koreas and the United States — met Saturday morning for 20 minutes, a South Korean official said on condition of anonymity due to the delicacy of the talks. "China has proposed a draft, based on which further negotiations on the statement will take place among No. 2 delegates," the official said. The Chinese hosts "must have thought (negotiations) have developed to a degree where we can start discussions on the statement."

Earlier, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said negotiators would be working on the statement but that "it's not going to be finished today or even tomorrow, because even though the texts will be rather brief, they're rather important too," he said as he left his hotel Saturday morning.

The negotiations, renewed this week after a 13-month hiatus, have produced no tangible breakthroughs and their most significant achievement appears to be that the Americans and North Koreans have continued to talk.

Beck said the latest round of talks had continued because neither the North nor the Americans seemed to want to be blamed for scuttling the discussions by walking away. Talks this week have been more flexible than previous rounds, which were rigidly scheduled and limited to three days each.

Hill said that rather than get bogged down in detail, the aim of the current round of talks was to secure agreement on a set of principles that would provide

the foundation for later negotiations. "There is a growing consensus that where we end up is the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula — that is, no nuclear weapons, no nuclear weapons programs ... no nuclear programs that could conceivably be nuclear weapons programs," he said.

However, there was still disagreement over "sequencing," Hill said. The North wants aid and concessions before giving up its nuclear trump card while Washington wants to see the weapons programs eliminated before it rewards the North.

Hill said the North has also insisted it should have the right to use peaceful nuclear technology for power generation if it rejoins the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The United States maintains the North shouldn't be allowed to do so because of proliferation concerns.

South Korea's JoongAng Ilbo daily reported that North Korea said it wants to build nuclear reactors for energy in addition to receiving electricity aid from South Korea.

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Palestinians pledge calm for planned withdrawal

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian forces desperately need better weapons and military equipment but will maintain calm during Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip "even if we have to use clubs," a Palestinian official said Sunday. Israel has threatened harsh retaliatory action if Palestinian militants attack settlers or soldiers during the withdrawal, set to begin in mid-August. At the same time, it has been reluctant to allow more weapons to reach the Palestinians, fearing they could be used against Israeli targets.

Palestinian forces are ill-equipped in all major areas — including arms, ammunition, transportation and communications — but they have devised a detailed plan to maintain calm during the pullout, said Interior Ministry spokesman Tawfiq Abu Khoussa.

"We are planning to take control of Gaza after the withdrawal to ensure a smooth and quiet and safe withdrawal, even if we have to use clubs," he said.

"Having proper equipment will enable us to do our job in a better way, and a lack of ammunition and arms will weaken our capacity. But we are determined to do our job as much as we can," he added.

Abu Khoussa's comments followed an independent report last week that found Palestinian forces are poorly armed, overstuffed and corrupt. The Palestinians said the report failed to take into account recent reforms, noting they are still trying to rebuild forces severely weakened by four years of fighting with Israel.

Abu Khoussa said the Palestinians have repeatedly asked Israeli and American officials for better arms and equipment. Israeli defense officials say they are considering the request, but have not made any decisions.

Security forces will be on "high alert" during the withdrawal, Abu Khoussa said. "The entire security apparatus will be involved in ensuring a safe withdrawal," he said.

The plans include sending Palestinian police into abandoned Jewish settlements to prevent looting and stationing forces outside settlements and in some open areas to prevent militants from firing rockets at Israeli targets. He said 400 militants have been shared with officials in Israel and Egypt.

Under the withdrawal, Israel is to pull 21 settlements from Gaza and four small communities in the West Bank. Roughly 9,000 settlers will have to leave the area.

Despite numerous meetings between Israeli and Palestinian officials, almost every major issue over the future of Gaza remains undecided. They include the fate of abandoned settlers' homes, which Israel plans to demolish, and the border crossing with Egypt.

Former World Bank President James Wolfensohn, a special international envoy on the Gaza withdrawal, met Saturday with Palestinian leaders in the Gaza Strip to discuss coordination efforts. Despite distrust between the sides, he believes coordination is improving, he said.

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WORLD

On the line

Running for office in Afghanistan is dangerous business for women

By N.C. Azobanem
The Washington Post

CHARKHI, Afghanistan — The Noorzi slipped under Mahmood Shah's front gate with a letter in a tidy, graceful hand. But the message brimmed with venom: "If you don't stop campaigning for Noorzi Charkhi, your life will be in danger. Also tell Noorzi Charkhi that she should give up her candidacy. Aren't you ashamed to put up posters of your family's women in the bazaar?"

Charkhi, 36, is a journalist based in the capital, Kabul, who is campaigning for a seat in Afghanistan's new parliament. But in this mud-walled village in Logar, the home province she sought to represent, Charkhi's candidacy is such a challenge to tradition that she and her relatives, including her cousin Shah, have had repeated scares.

"I'm not going to quit, because I want to show people that a woman should be able to do these things. But I'm even more afraid that they will smear my reputation," she added. "That would be worse than death."

Charkhi's sliver of under-scores both the difficulties facing female candidates running for office in the Sept. 18 parliamentary elections and the determination many have expressed as they embark on an unprecedented bid for political power.

Even though many Afghan families still prohibit wives and daughters from showing their faces in public, 328 women are running for the lower house of parliament, where 68 of 249 seats have been set aside for female representatives.

An additional 237 are running for seats of provincial councils that will by law appoint a third of the upper house.

Despite the traditional restrictions on women, the guaranteed quota of legislative seats for them has given political parties, tribal leaders and powerful families an incentive to promote female candidates whom they might otherwise have ignored—or even banned from running.

"There is quite a bit of support for women running in the parliamentary elections — much more than we expected," noted Rana Azmat, a U.N. political affairs officer who is monitoring



Noorzi Charkhi, holding a campaign poster, has received repeated threats as she runs for a seat in Afghanistan's new parliament. "I'm not going to quit," she says. "But I definitely fear for my life."

the elections.

Yet female candidates in provinces across the country have complained of receiving phone calls and letters threatening them with death if they don't withdraw.

In southern Helmand province, U.N. officials are investigating reports of letters circulating that offer a \$4,000 reward for killing female candidates. In southeastern Zabul province, unknown gunmen tried to hijack a car belonging to Zamina Fathana, a candidate and employee of a local aid organization. Afghan and U.N. officials said they are investigating whether the attack was a routine crime or an attempt to intimidate her.

In Logar, Charkhi is not the only female candidate to face threats. Zobia Stankel, 52, a school supervisor running for parliament, said she has little doubt about the motives of whoever set fire to the door of her mud-walled home several weeks ago.

"They were trying to scare me into dropping out," said Stankel, whose home was also attacked with a grenade last year when she took a job registering women to vote in the presidential election. "But my decision to be a candidate is unshakable."

Despite the large number of female candidates, women are still seriously underrepresented in the coming elections. They make up 12 percent of candidates for parliament and 8 percent of candidates for the provincial councils.

Much of the animosity toward female candidates appears to reflect a traditional discomfort with women in public roles, a view that was further entrenched during the 1990s, when the country was controlled first by warring Islamic militias and then by the extremist Islamic Taliban movement.

Officials from the election management commission, which is composed of both Afghans and foreign nationals, said the complaints they receive about female candidates frequently assert that the woman in question should be disqualified because she has loose morals or a "notorious character."

Still, observers said, it is not always clear whether female candidates are being targeted because of their gender or whether that issue is being used by adversaries who oppose them for other reasons.

In Charkhi's case, for instance, opposition to her candidacy may be tangled up in both family and religious politics. She

believes the threats have originated with Shah Mohammed Youssafzai Charkhi, a burly, bearded rival candidate and distant relative from her home village.

Youssafzai Charkhi's brother-in-law is the fugitive former Taliban governor of eastern Nangarhar province. Noorzi Charkhi and other villagers claim that Youssafzai Charkhi was a powerful Taliban subcommander in his own right. She said relatives told her that at a recent tribal gathering, Youssafzai Charkhi called her candidacy shameful and said someone should kill her.

"It's totally against women candidates," Noorzi Charkhi said.

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Riot police take on protesters

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Riot police and government supporters attacked dozens of pro-reform activists, beating them with clubs, kicking them and throwing them into police trucks during a Saturday protest in the Egyptian capital against President Hosni Mubarak.

Opposition groups were attempting to hold the protest in Cairo's main square two days after Mubarak announced he would run for re-election in a Sept. 7 vote. The protesters, however, were met by a line of riot police blocking the square.

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WORLD

Canada's 'Prince of Pot' arrested

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — Marc Emery has built a multimillion-dollar business selling marijuana seeds and paraphernalia while thumbing his nose at authorities in his native Canada, even challenging them to arrest him.

Friday the man known as Canada's 'Prince of Pot' was arrested in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on a U.S. indictment charging him with selling millions of dollars worth of marijuana seeds to customers throughout the United States.

Emery, the 47-year-old leader of British Columbia's Marijuana Party, has earned about \$3 million a year selling the seeds through his Internet Web site and by mail, federal officials said. Emery and two accomplices, Gregory Williams, 50, and Michelle Bailey-Fenkner, 34, were arrested by Canadian authorities on a warrant issued by federal officials in Washington state.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff

Sullivan said Emery will be tried in the United States because he committed most of his alleged crimes in this country. The Seattle-based office of the Drug Enforcement Administration led the investigation.

Sullivan said Emery will be extradited from Canada to the United States for trial, but the process could take anywhere from six months to two years.

While Emery owns a Vancouver store that sells marijuana, paraphernalia and seeds, police say at least 75 percent of the illegal transactions involved U.S. customers.

Vancouver Police Department spokesman Howard Chow said U.S. authorities are hoping to prosecute Emery in Seattle under an agreement called the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, which allows the prosecuting agency to determine where to try defendants. Authorities likely thought there was a better chance of conviction and harsher punishment in the United States, Chow said.

Emery, a self-styled activist who once called himself a "libertarian capitalist," has become a spokesman for British Columbia's movement to legalize marijuana and is publisher of the Canadian magazine Cannabis Culture.

During a 1996 interview with The Seattle Times, Emery discussed an arrest by Canadian authorities for selling seeds at his Vancouver store. He said he wanted to be arrested to "challenge this stupid law and overturn it."

Nell Boyd, professor of criminology at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, Canada, said Emery's arrest may not have occurred if U.S. authorities had not been involved.

"It's not unusual for Canadian police to arrest a person who has committed a serious crime in another country. What's unusual about this case is that they are arresting a person for conduct that attracts very serious penalties in one country and potentially no penalties in Canada," Boyd said.

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EDITORIAL

Wal-Mart aims to wear down opposition

Few topics inspire more debate than the mere mention of Wal-Mart.

It happens in cities nationwide whenever the retail giant announces plans to expand or build a new store.

Let us say right up front that we're not crazy about Wal-Mart even though we might envy its success.

Wal-Mart is often bad for newpapers and it usually doesn't advertise much in newspapers and it can frequently drive out of business other retailers that are good newspaper advertisers.

In spite of all of that, we're not opposed to Wal-Mart building a store in Twin Falls.

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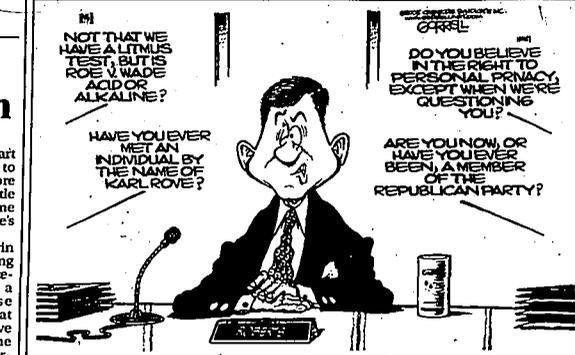
Brad Hurd... Publisher Chris Steinbach... Editor

Effort to catch terrorists leads to enormous waste

WASHINGTON — Six percent of British Muslims — more than 100,000 citizens — thought the July 7 London terrorist bombings were justified.

These numbers, attesting to a naive failure of assimilation, are inconceivable in the United States with its centuries of successful Americanization.

Which is why, whatever terrorist attacks might be in our near future, in the long run America is much safer because its enemies



Roberts perhaps a pick too good to fight over

President Bush's nomination of John Roberts for a seat on the Supreme Court may have spoiled things for those spoiling for a fight.

There's no question about his legal skills, nor about his integrity. I have to agree, Roberts is a good bet for confirmation.

The interest groups are already lined up for and against Roberts (you can check their Web sites yourself) over his statements about Roe.

There are no flame-throwing articles or speeches, no judicial opinions that threaten established precedent.

Letters

State can do more to protect environment

Animal agribusiness is infamous for disturbing its neighbors ("Feedlot faces over 560,000 in Ag Dept fines").

CHARLES BIERBAUER

breaks 6-3, presumably in acceptance of Roe v. Wade.

There are no flame-throwing articles or speeches, no judicial opinions that threaten established precedent.

Charles Bierbauer covered the U.S. Supreme Court for CNN from 1997 to 2001.

Residents better get promises in writing

When the Sempra coal-bition says its coal cost will cause any pollution, think of a tobacco company saying its low-tar cigarettes won't cause cancer.

In selecting John Roberts, President Bush would seem to have avoided both pitfalls.

For instance, will the energy this plant would produce really sell at market prices?

Letters

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Jack Daniel Morton, 24, 675 Calico Avenue, charged with the same, pleaded guilty to this private counsel, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 10:00 a.m. **County records**

Ruby Dean Horton, 22, 820 Handala Street, Twin Falls, charged with no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 11:00 a.m.

Jason Ryan Grigg, 27, 415 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, possessor of a controlled sub-

stance, no plea entered; to his private counsel, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 10:00 a.m.

Joseph Jason McHenry, 20, 21455 Binford, Grendale, probation violation—possession of a controlled substance—possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for Aug. 11, 10:00 a.m.

Timothy A. Baker, 27, 1003 Elizabeth Street, Twin Falls, probation violation—driving without proper license entered; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for Aug. 18, 10:00 a.m.

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Debra A. McGrath, 23, 1321 Fifth Ave. E., No. Twin Falls, charged with no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 12:00 p.m.

Negar Scragh-Saravanti, 24, 1509 Jupiter St., Twin Falls, one count grand theft, two counts forgery of a financial transaction; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 10:00 a.m.

No. 48, Twin Falls, failure to appear—violation of no contact order, telephone harassment; no plea entered; public defender appointed; sentencing hearing set for Aug. 18, 10:00 a.m.

E. Twin Falls, driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 5, 12:00 p.m.

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MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Jeffrey K. Scott, 47, speeding amended to failure to notify upon ending returns on highway, dismissed; District Judge Mark Ingram.

Sam Scott, 48, speeding amended to failure to notify upon ending returns on highway, dismissed; District Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentences

Ruben Jacob Anderson, 19, violation of protection order—violation, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, 75.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 25 days suspended, two days credited time; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Thermy James Curtis, 12, one count violation of no contact order, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine (suspended), 12 months probation, 180 days in jail with 153 days suspended, 27 days credited time, two days

credit toward fine/costs; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael H. Canrose.

Joshua Joe Denton, 27, one count driving without proper license, found guilty, \$200 fine, 378.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 180 days; 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 88 days suspended, two days credited time; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, pleaded innocent, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Henry Duncan, 44, one count burglary amended to theft, pleaded guilty, \$80.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail with 170 days suspended, two days credited time; one count unlawful entry, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Doroteo Isaac Estrada, 44, one count use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, \$26.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail (suspended); one count possession of controlled substance amended to use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail (suspended); one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Joanetta Elnigan, 38, inattentive/careless driving, found guilty, \$35.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail (suspended); Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Nicholas L. Gowen, 18, driving without proper license, found guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Cristal B. Kicker, 22, driving without proper license, pleaded innocent, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Christina Kalamitnapua Marmala, 35, one count domestic violence/battery amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, 138.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 87 days suspended, three days credited time; one count contempt of court, pleaded innocent, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Tyler E. Miller, 30, driving without proper license, amended to failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded innocent, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Lyle Morgan, 37, driving without proper license, amended to failure to purchase valid

driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Lisa R. Torres, 19, driving without proper license, amended to failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded innocent, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Driving under the influence sentences

Casey Renate Bantam, 21, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$87.50 court costs, driver's license suspended six months, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 25 days suspended, credit time event; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine (suspended), \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

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Utah voting machines could be flawed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The brand of electronic voting booths selected for use by Utah voters was rejected in California by officials who say the computer freezes and printer jams too often to be reliable.

The electronic voting machines, made by Diebold, are slated for their first use in Utah in primary elections next June.

Utah election officials say they'll stand by the \$27 million purchase despite California's claims and expect Diebold to fix any glitches.

41 in conflict when Diebold ships their product to Utah it

will work the way we need it to," said Michael Cragun, director of Utah's elections division.

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson said a California newspaper last week that in a mock election held July 20 the machines had a failure rate of about 10 percent.

"And that's not good enough for the voters of California and not good enough for me," he said.

Diebold spokesman David Bear has said the company will fix the problems.

State governments nationwide are looking for equipment to satisfy requirements of the

Help America Vote Act of 2002, which mandated more accurate voting devices after the Florida election controversy of 2000.

Besides Diebold, just one other company bid for Utah's business.

All calls of the contract are still in negotiations. About 7,500 electronic machines would be purchased at a cost of \$3.150 million.

The new booths will give voters touch-screen voting that corrects mistakes like selecting multiple candidates in the same category, or skipping a race. Blind voters can also follow audio prompts to vote.

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merger matters

News and Updates About Health Care In Our Community



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.

To learn more...

Visit www.mergermatters.org for additional information about the proposed merger, including the full proposal as submitted to the Twin Falls Board of County Commissioners.

"We support the merger because for us, it's about our patients. A merger between Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's will assure that we have the facilities and services we need to provide the best care possible, from diagnosis through every step of the treatment process."

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Kurt Seppi, MD, Pediatrician; Brian Fortuin, MD, Internist; Mark McKain, MD, Surgeon

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

State reports construction update

SHOSHONE The Idaho Transportation Department released the following construction update for south-central Idaho this week:

• U.S. 93, Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1: Preparation for construction of the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route project is under way. Utility companies are relocating equipment, which will require intermittent lane closures. Motorists can expect delays of 10 to 15 minutes. Flaggers will direct traffic through the work zone at the Washington Street-Pole Line Road intersection and through the construction corridor that extends from west of Grandview Drive to west of Washington Street.
• Utility trenching on the south side of Pole Line Road, from Key Bank to Fillmore Street and then the north side of Pole Line Road from Fillmore Street to Washington Street, will begin Tuesday. Access will remain open to area businesses, though some driveways may be temporarily blocked. Utility crews are expected to complete trenching by Aug. 15.
• Construction is expected to begin in the next two weeks, depending on weather and project schedule. Within the next two weeks, the contractor will complete temporary repairs to the deteriorated and rutted intersection of Washington Street and Pole Line Road. The repairs will make the pavement smoother and safer for motorists until the intersection is

rebuilt in 2006 as part of the project. Western Construction of Boise is the contractor for the Stage 1, \$18.9 million project.
• Idaho 75, Mammoth Cave to Richfield Canal: Traffic on an eight-mile section of Idaho 75 is reduced to one lane. Flaggers and pilot cars will direct motorists, and vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 12 feet through the work zone. Expected delays are 10 to 15 minutes. During evenings and weekends, lanes of traffic will be open. Passing is prohibited in the construction zone.
• Idaho 77, Declo to Albion: This road reconstruction project begins five miles south of Declo and continues to Albion. A width restriction of 12 feet is in effect on the road. Declo to Albion will be required to detour around the work areas using Idaho 81 from Declo to 10 minutes, and then Idaho 77 from Malta to Albion. Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible. The speed limit is 35 mph and traffic is restricted to one lane. Crewing, expected to be complete in October, will create a smoother and safer road surface.
• City of Rocks and Blackfoot Bypass: This reconstruction project from Idaho 77 to Almo involves a detour using Highway 77, East Road, and 2800 South Road. Delays of 15 minutes are expected. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of August.
• U.S. 93, Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge: Crews are paving bridge approaches to prepare

for expansion of the bridge, about two miles south of Halley. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone. Delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected. The speed limit through the work zone is reduced to 50 mph and vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 14 feet. Crews will work weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., although inclement weather could result in some weekend work. Motorists are reminded to slow down in highway construction zones. The project is expected to be completed by Friday. The transportation department is working in cooperation with the Idaho State Police on this project. A patrolman will be present at the construction site to monitor the department's work. Part of Idaho's enhanced work zone safety program.
• I-84, King Hill to west of Bliss: Engineering work to determine how best to rehabilitate a section of Interstate 84 is under way between King Hill and Bliss. Westbound traffic is reduced to one lane while crews drill core samples. The samples determine how the existing roadway has changed and the best mix of asphalt should be when the road is rehabilitated in 2007. The engineering contractor is American Construction of Boise. Asphalt pavement on Idaho 75 between Halley and Ketchum will begin Monday. Work will be

done in four sections, each about two miles in length. The asphalt will be removed and replaced with new pavement. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during nighttime construction (7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.). Flaggers and pilot cars will direct traffic. The work is expected to be complete by Aug. 12. Idaho Sand and Gravel Co. of Boise is the contractor for this project and will cover costs of replacing the asphalt that was used in a fall 2004 resurfacing project.
• U.S. 30, seal coat projects: Sections of U.S. 30 will receive seal coats over the next few weeks. Seal coats prolong the life of highways and provide better traction for motorists. Rock Creek to Filer will be seal coated beginning Monday. Part of this segment also will include seal coating the off ramps at the U.S. 30-U.S. 93 junction. Beginning Aug. 6, Crews will draw to Banbury. Crews will seal coat flaggers and pilot cars will direct motorists through the work zone. Delays of 10 to 15 minutes can be expected. The speed limit on U.S. 30 will be reduced in some sections depending on surface conditions. Crews will work weekdays, but some work may be necessary on weekends due to inclement weather. Motorists are reminded to drive slowly and carefully. The project is funded from other vehicles to reduce risk of windshield damage. Snake River Construction of Kimberly is the project contractor. Estimated cost, all part of a \$995,000 contract. Work is expected to be complete by mid-August.

FIREFIGHTERS GO HIGH-TECH

Radiometric airborne mapping data helps crews identify hot spots

By Rachel Brand Rocky Mountain News

DENVER — Five days after the Mason Gulch fire erupted near the town of Beulah, J.L. Johnson boarded her specially rigged helicopter and headed toward the charred land along the fire's edge.
Just 250 feet above the ground, the copter sailed above blackened and still-alive trees, burned-over rocks and smoldering grass in the mountain area 150 miles south of Denver. Johnson sat behind her laptop, observed the territory through a radiometric thermal-imaging camera and mapped the land in red, green, yellow and purple.
Four hours later, her company, R&M Systems LLC, would provide fire command with a nuanced guide to underground hot spots, smolder and smoke, cool areas and those ablaze. It was a road map for what needed to be cleaned up.
Normally, crews would walk a 300-foot swath along the fire's perimeter and feel each rock, shrub and tree for heat — potential sources of another fire.

This time, fire officials used Johnson's radiometric airborne mapping data to direct mop-up crews to hot spots along the fire's 21-mile edge. That released the rest of the 800 firefighters to rehabilitate and rescue the forest.
"You're talking about land you can't really map or walk around," said Jason Dombrowski, spokesman for the Mason Gulch Fire, which began July 6. "The imagery helps us detect where the real heat is hiding."
Jim Wallace, operations section chief for the fire, estimates the \$500,000 a day spent on maps saved \$500,000 to \$600,000 in labor costs.
Technology such as radiometric thermal imaging is now part of the firefighters' arsenal. Not much can replace old-fashioned shovels, water and retardant for ground fire combat, but technology allows crews to better plan and communicate.
"The biggest help is information. Information is power," said Dombrowski. "Expect to see as on large wildland fires, crews drive in from across the state or out of state and don't know the terrain.

Some of the new tools were used before a shovel of dirt was turned.
The basics of wildland firefighting are this: Start at the heel of the fire, scrape a firebreak around the fire's perimeter and finally pinch off the fire's head. Before crews dug in at the fire, the fire managers set up portable repeater stations atop mountain peaks. These stations helped firefighters to communicate by radio when they're thick in the action — a key for safety.
Then firefighters used information gleaned from an airborne infrared camera to create a plan of attack.
Such cameras take large pictures of land units to document buildings, access roads or specific stands of trees. In some cases, airborne cameras have detected endangered species or protected stands of mesquite to be saved.
Some workers employed personal digital assistants to access reference guides on scene.
Boulder, Colo.-based Pocket Mobility has developed software that stores safety guidelines, map scale conversions and fire behavior patterns in the hand-held devices.

In the past, operations managers had to page through stacks of books, reference papers and laptop computers to find the same data.
Using Pocket Mobility field crews on the scene could input the temperature, slope, weather, time and surrounding fuels. The PDA predicted how fast and high the flames would move.
"It's kind of like magic when you punch that in, and it comes up with numbers," said John Covele, president of Pocket Mobility and a firefighter himself.
His company has 5,000 customers, and his software is used, he estimates, on every major wildland fire.
Dombrowski, who works alongside Covele in the Boulder Ridge Fire Department, says he appreciates how technology speeds decisions. But what happens if a phone, radio or PDA fails?
"The one problem is, you get new generations of people coming in, and they may never know how to do it by hand, and they only know how to do it by computer," he said. "If we get completely reliant on technology, we may be setting ourselves up for some problems."

Crump

Continued from B1 came in a series of bottles with a list of complicated instructions, the substance of which was that if you used the dye and not the setting solution, embarrassment could ensue.
Unfortunately, Jed was not a striver after directions. He had a date with Sarah Jane Sorenson that evening to see "Singin' in the Rain" at the Chiel Theater in Pocatello.

By all accounts, they got along pretty good — shared popcorn, and after the picture was over, they went to Fackler's Diner for malted milk.
Then they went for a walk, and the story goes, Sarah Jane Sorenson, in a fit of pique, as it were, just as it began to rain.
Suddenly, Jed was transformed into Gene Kelly, swinging on lampposts and splashing through puddles. Sarah Jane was positive-

ly enchanted until she noticed by the streetlights that the puddle in which Jed was doing a buck and wing turned green.
Then Sarah Jane glanced up at his face, where every raindrop and bead of sweat was dripping. She expected, with a run down his cheeks in little green rivulets.
Today, Jed did it still in a bachelor, and he keeps himself pretty much to himself except for one

day each spring when he goes to the barbershop in American Falls for a haircut.
The neighboring farmers also choose that Saturday for a trim, for local legend has it that if Jed's hair is still green, it is time to plant the sugar beets.
Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that it's not gray; it's blond with lowlights.

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BLM may revise drilling plan

Agency may opt for clustering

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

BATTLEMENT MESA, Colo. — With the rugged front of the Roan Plateau as a backdrop, federal land managers on Friday said they were reconsidering a key piece of their plan for natural gas drilling on the mammoth landmark to protect wildlife.

The Bureau of Land Management said it may revise its original proposal to defer drilling on top of the plateau and opt instead for the uncommon practice of clustering drilling in big blocks. Agency officials at a meeting with local and state government leaders said clustering could result in fewer pipelines, roads and less traffic, which would mean less disruption for the large deer and elk herds that roam the area.

The BLM is writing a management plan for the area, which has some of the country's richest natural gas reserves and wildlife that draws visitors and hunters from across the country to northwestern Colorado.

The federal agency had advanced the idea of delaying drilling on top of the Roan Plateau until 80 percent was drilled on the bottom in response to calls for no development on the top.

Jamie Connell, manager of the BLM office in Glenwood Springs, said she was surprised by the negative response to that plan as tens of thousands of people commented on the environmental impact statement for the plateau.

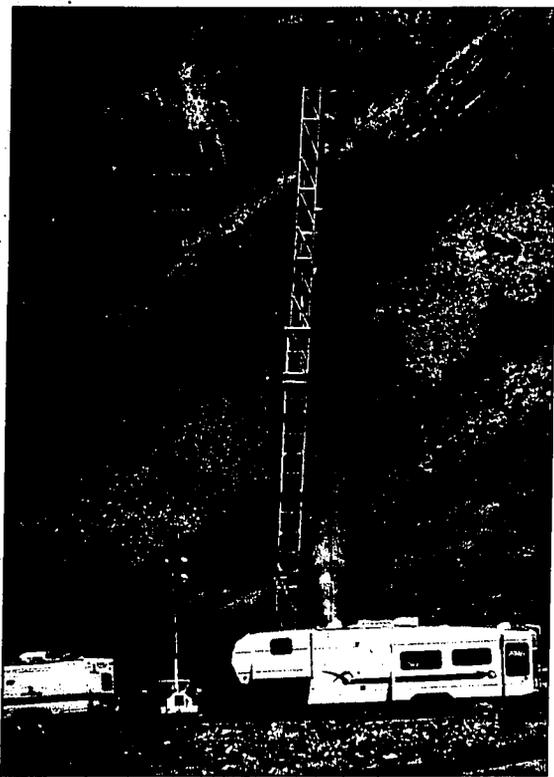
"We received a lot of comments that it's not a good thing from a wildlife perspective," Connell told state and Garfield County officials during a meeting in this town on a mesa over which the Roan Plateau hovers.

The town was built by Exxon during the oil shale boom in the 1970s, which closed its \$5 billion Colony project on May 2, 1982, triggering an economic downturn in the area and signaling the end of the boom.

A new energy boom is spreading gas wells across Garfield and other counties, generating new jobs and revenue and concerns about the long-term effects.

Friday's meeting is one of a series the BLM is holding with state agencies and elected officials from communities affected by the energy development. The focus was wildlife.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has joined environmental and hunting groups in



Water and gas are blown from the hole on a gas well during drilling at the base of the Roan Plateau near Battlement Mesa, Colo., on Friday. Nearby at the Battlement Mesa activities center, Bureau of Land Management officials met with state and local officials concerning effects of gas well drilling on wildlife and fisheries on the Roan Plateau.

criticizing the BLM's plan for managing drilling on the federal land. State wildlife officials have said the plan downplays the impact on wildlife and doesn't adequately protect habitat.

Division of Wildlife biologist John Broderick, however, said consolidating drilling in big blocks would be better than postponing drilling on the plateau's top. He said concentrating development at the bottom as a trade off for delay-

ing development on top would severely damage the habitat below.

Deer and elk spend winters at the bottom of the plateau, where more food is available, and summers on top, where it's cooler.

Garfield County Commissioner Larry McCown said he didn't understand the opposition to drilling on top because that would "likely intensify drilling at the bottom."

"They were willing to sacrifice.

the bottom as long as you did nothing on top," McCown said.

The Colorado Mule Deer Association and other conservation groups have drafted recommendations that include planning development in blocks. They have suggested allowing only one well pad per 620 acres, or one square mile. The typical density in the area now is one pad per 40 acres.

The groups, however, are split on whether there should be any drilling on top.

City council suspends entire fire department

PRIEST RIVER (AP) — The entire 22-member volunteer fire department in this small northern Idaho logging town has been suspended after one member was arrested on charges of raping a 16-year-old girl enrolled in the department's Junior Firefighter program.

Firefighter Byron Morgan, 29, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Wednesday in 1st District Court in Sandpoint. He was arrested July 22 for the alleged incident, which authorities said took place two days earlier.

Morgan is out of jail after posting bail. Priest River City Attorney Phil Robinson said the City Council's decision to suspend the volunteer fire department is part of an administrative review spurred by allegations surrounding the case.

Morgan is the only suspect, officials said.

"This issue has brought up some issues of personnel management in the department," Robinson said, declining to give specifics.

In order not to leave the city unprotected as the peak of fire season on the northern Idaho Panhandle approaches, Priest River signed a pact with the nearby West Pend Oreille Fire District to provide service to the city of about 2,000.

The 30-day interim contract includes a clause to let the city to renew the agreement if necessary. Morgan is suspected of agreeing to take the teen home after a training session July 20. She alleges that he instead drove her to a remote area and demanded she have sex with him, threatening to beat and abandon her if she refused.

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Polygamy investigation draws complaints from school officials

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — An Arizona Attorney General's investigation is hampering the ability to run the Colorado City Unified School District's three schools officials say.

In May, Arizona authorities investigating an alleged mismanagement of school funds seized district records and computers.

The raid of school records is part of a larger investigation into the Fundamentalist

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, whose members make their homes in Colorado City and its sister city of Hildale, Utah, just across the border.

The church, which preaches the practice of plural marriage, has been under increased scrutiny by authorities in both states after allegations of rampant sexual assaults, underage marriage of girls and fraud.

Utah authorities have successfully frozen church assets

held in a trust and are seeking to replace the managing trustees.

The FBI has also offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of church leader Warren Jeffs, who is wanted on sexual assault charges, but has not been seen publicly in more than a year.

Arizona authorities took 240 boxes of files in the school raid, district superintendent Alvin Barlow told the school board at a Friday meeting.

To date, just 40 have been returned.

That's making it tough for school officials to prepare for the school year set to begin Aug. 22. Some critical files are missing and staff is working overtime to get the system running again, the district's assistant business manager Oliver Barlow said.

"We had to create new files and our computers were returned with cloned hard

drives," Oliver Barlow said.

Superintendent Alvin Barlow says some of the records taken went beyond the scope of a the Attorney General's search warrant and that the district has other concerns about some affidavits filed by authorities.

"We are the custodians of these public records - not the Attorney General," Oliver Barlow said. "We are accountable to the public and the records should be here so they can be managed

properly."

The district's trouble getting ready to open the schools prompted a telephone conference with school officials, the district's insurance company, the Attorney General's office and a judge.

Alvin Barlow said the judge ordered insurance and law enforcement officials to prepare a priority list of seized items needed by school officials to open next month.

Cattle rustling irks state ranchers

Lyman Grazing Association in eastern Idaho offers reward

REXBURG (AP) — City slickers who thought cattle rustlers and their ilk had gone the way of the American frontier, "Have Gun - Will Travel" reruns and the covered wagon should talk to Madison County ranchers.

The Lyman Creek Grazing Association in this eastern Idaho county says thieves stole of shot thousands of dollars worth of its ranchers' livestock last year.

The loss has prompted ranchers to team with law enforcement to offer \$5,000 in rewards for information leading to the arrest of rustlers or vandals who shoot cows.

"We'll do whatever we can to stop it," Madison County Sheriff Roy Klingler said.

One rancher believes he lost 25 cows last year to rustlers, worth as much as \$50,000. And just last week, a cow worth about \$1,000 was found shot to death, which brings to at least eight the number of cows that have been shot and killed since 2004.

Bears and mountain lion attacks account for the disappearance of some mem-

bers of ranchers' herds every year, though the loss of 25 from a single spread indicates foul play, Klingler said.

Evidence of a wild animal kill also hasn't been found, officials with the Lyman Creek association say, leading them to believe that outlaws are at work.

Some in the region blame an influx of new residents for killing cattle, cutting fences and breaking equipment in this sparsely populated region just west of Yellowstone National Park.

With greenhorns arriving, some say, so have conflicts with traditional users of the land on ranch operations that have occupied the high valleys here for more than a century.

"It's gotten to be a real problem here in the last few years with the influx of people here," said Bill Luthy, the Lyman Creek Grazing Association's president.

Still, it isn't just eastern Idaho where cattle thieves are preying. In 2004, a Fresno, Calif., man was convicted of stealing a neighboring ranch's cattle after investigators used DNA evidence linking the heifers to the

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SPORTSQUOTE

When his statue goes up, it'll be in his spitting image.

— Tim Kawakami of the San Jose Mercury News about Gaylord Perry having his number retired by the San Francisco Giants

TRIVIA

QUESTION: When was the first time two managers/coaches both at least age 70 opposed each other during a game in any of the four major pro sports?
ANSWER: Below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball
See related stories.

IN BRIEF

Volleyball officials, coaches meet

A mandatory state volleyball clinics for all officials and coaches will be held Thursday, Aug. 4 at Burley Junior High School and Monday, Aug. 8 at Twin Falls High School. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and clinic is at 7 p.m. each night. All officials and coaches must attend one of the meetings. A rule book will be given out at each meeting. For more information, call Velma Jean Mabey at 674-7252.

Trujillo cards hole in one

JEROME — Bill Trujillo recorded his career ace on Hole No. 7 at the Jerome Country Club last week. He used a 7-iron from 142 yards out. The witnesses were Tom Purves, Jim Purves and Tony White.

M-C youth football sign-ups are Monday

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Youth Contact Football League registration begins Aug. 1 for grades 5-7. The M-CYFL Mini Camp will be held from 8-9 p.m. 8-10 at Burley High School. The cost of the camp is \$20 if registered by Aug. 6 or \$25 if registering at the camp. T-shirts will be provided. Boys and girls are welcome. Fourth-graders weighing 80 pounds or more are also welcome. Sign up for both the camp and the league at Donnelly's in Burley or the Rupert Trading Post. For more information, call 260-0260.

St. Nicholas golf scramble announced

RUPERT — Rupert Country Club will host the seventh annual St. Nicholas nighttime golf scramble and barbecue Wednesday, Aug. 3, beginning with registration at 5 p.m. A barbecue dinner is slated for 7:30 p.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 p.m. Golf by the dark, golf balls will be provided, and there will be prizes for longest put, longest drive, closest to the pin, first and second team scores, and a Hazardcast vacation, plus a shot at \$1 million for a hole-in-one.

TRIVIA ANSWER

On July 22, 2005, Roger Kinnear, age 70 and manager of the San Francisco Giants, faced Jack McKeon, age 74 and manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. This was the first time two managers/coaches both at least age 70 opposed each other during a game in any of the four major pro sports.

Cowboys survive Saturday

Minico battles, but falls in second game

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
POCATELLO — Charles Darwin would probably love a good district tournament. It came down to survival of the fittest during Day 3 of the Area C Class AA American Legion baseball tournament at Pocatello's Halliwell Park. In the end, the Twin Falls Cowboys crawled out on the primordial ooze, but out of the losers' bracket to get a Sunday shot at a state tournament berth. In doing so, the Cowboys knocked off a game Minico Spartans team 7-3. With the game docketed at 3 p.m. on Saturday, the Cowboys finally found a way to rally against

Spartans pitcher Cory Warburton. Third baseman Nate Ramirez led off the inning with his first base hit of the day before advancing to second on Tim Mealer's bunt single. Lead-off man Kenny Steelman continued the rally with a chopper that took a big hop over leaping Spartans third baseman Dallas Garner and drove in Ramirez. Catcher Drew Bernhardt sent the first pitch he saw into right-center field to plate Mealer, before Steelman would come in on a Paul Gerrish single

American Legion Class AA Area C tournament

Saturday's games
Loss-out: Twin Falls 11, Highland 4
Minico 12, Pocatello 2, seven innings
Twin Falls 7, Minico 3
Championship game
Idaho Falls Russets 8, Idaho Falls Reds
Saturday's game
No. 1 Twin Falls vs. No. 3 Reds, 11 a.m.

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two batters later to make the score 6-3. The Cowboys would tack on another run in the bottom of the seventh, as Nick Carr Please see SUMWV, Page C2

OLD SCHOOL



Tony Spanbauer, of the Vancouver Occidentals, swings the bat, while Rachel Nelson and Nick Peck look on during the game between the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry and the Vancouver Occidentals, last Saturday, in Vancouver, Wash.

America's pastime as it was played, way back when

By Anne M. Peterson Associated Press writer

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Long before Kenny Rogers showed two cameramen an angry outburst of "Blame my buttons" could cost a base ball player a half-day fine.

And had Rogers played back in the 1860s, he would have been called a hurler. Opposing batters, called strikers, would have let him know which pitch they preferred. Every year, base ball the precursor to modern baseball — is re-created at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve in southern Washington near the Columbia River.

Similar vintage games, and even entire leagues, are cropping up around the country harkening back to a day when the game was charmingly innocuous — albeit scrappily. One reason? Gloves hadn't been invented yet.

The game was played in the 1860s by troops stationed at the U.S. Army's Fort Vancouver, later renamed the Vancouver Barracks, according to documents at the historic reserve, part of the National Park Service.

The idea was to give the soldiers a break from tedious garrison duty. "Knowledge of base ball was spread by soldiers during the Civil War," ranger Doug Halsey said. "When the soldiers came home, they brought base ball with them."

On a recent balmy evening, a group of Fort Vancouver battlers and volunteers re-created the game for a crowd of about 20. They were known back then, Ladies in hoop skirts slipped past as the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry took the field against the Vancouver Occidentals. "Bill" Earl Call DeBerry served as umpire.



Second base tender Jeremy Eakman of the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry team, catches a batted ball during a vintage exhibition with the Vancouver Occidentals, last Saturday, in Vancouver, Wash.

proclaiming "One man dead!" after the first out. A brass band played between innings. Because the players didn't wear gloves, a fly ball could be caught on the first bounce and still be counted as an out. Hurlers politely asked each batter, "Where would you like to hit?" and then delivered an underhanded pitch. A strike was called only after a swing and miss. There were no balls, and consequently, no walks. After one strike, was thrown

Some of the lingo used by 1860s base ball players

- WAVCOUVER, Wash. — Here is some of the lingo used by 1860s base ball players, and the modern-day translation:
Ballist: ballplayer
Hurler: pitcher
Striker: batter
Ballist catcher: catcher
Captain: manager
Aor: run
Muff (or muffed): error
Gardner, outfield
Hot Corner: third base
Short Scout: shortstop
Tender: baseman
Crackie (or rooster): fan
Leg it: run.

out "legging it" to first, he politely shook hands with the first base tender in a show of good sportsmanship. Despite a late rally by the Volunteers, the Occidentals won 10-8. With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, the Occidentals' behind (that's a catcher in today's terminology) ran up the first base line imploring the cranks to cheer.

Nick Peck, who works for the Bonneville Power Administration, served as the score-keeper, dressed in a dapper suit and hat from the period. He has been involved with the vintage re-enactment since it started the years ago.

"We just love being a part of living local history," he said. "It's a way of bringing history to life and to share it. And it's just fun." Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard also came out for the game.

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Buhl falls short of American Legion Class A state berth

By Michelle Garretts Times-News writer
ST. PATRICK — Sometimes what a little white car can do for a conference catch-up. For some games, it looked like Buhl might not see any more action. He was on the bench for the first two games of the tournament. The Twin Falls Bulldogs were forced to make a last-minute catch-up on Wednesday night. With a star-ruby red jersey over

Idaho Falls, a batting practice against No. 2 seed Rex Lake and a split of Jerome, Buhl was making the long trip (six of the seven games took him a half-day). But the last stop on the trip was against No. 1 seed Upper Valley Saturday morning. The Bulldogs had a big effort, set back in the first inning. And they had recovered that game, turning a 10-1 in five innings on Thursday. The Bulldogs took the state tournament

run over four tournament games. "I just thought we had too many offensive weapons," Indeed, Buhl brought plenty to South Fremont High Saturday morning, but couldn't manage to take advantage of the opportunities, they produced. After giving up 1-0 in the first inning, the Bulldogs held the game in its batters' hands, holding the Bulldogs to no runs over the next four innings. By the fourth, they began to

deliver with catcher Zach Leckey leading off with a single. First baseman Remington Daniels then garnered a walk, which was followed by Leckey later with another single from catcher Will Chivers to load the bases with one out. But the Upper Valley defense held fast, throwing Leckey out at home from third base on a fielder's choice play. The inning then came to a close with a walkout on an eight-pitch at Please see BULL, Page C2

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

AL BOXES WITH COLOR CORRELATIONS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX vs BALTIMORE ORIOLES. Home 8, Away 2, Total 10. Score: 8-2.

DETROIT ATHLETIC vs CLEVELAND INDIANS. Home 8, Away 2, Total 10. Score: 8-2.

CLEVELAND INDIANS vs SEATTLE MARINERS. Home 8, Away 2, Total 10. Score: 8-2.

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS vs TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS. Home 8, Away 2, Total 10. Score: 8-2.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: GP2 Championship Series, SPEED, 6:30 a.m.; FI, Hungarian Grand Prix, SPEED, 8:30 a.m.

Baseball: Pirates at Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.; Hall of Fame induction ceremony, ESPN Classic, 11:30 a.m.

Fishing: Bassmaster Classic, day 3, ESPN2, 9:35 a.m.; Bassmaster Classic, day 3, weight, ESPN, 9:30 p.m.

NL BOXES: WASHINGTON NATIONALS vs FLORIDA MARLINERS. Home 8, Away 2, Total 10. Score: 8-2.

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Golf: European PGA Tour, Scandinavian Masters, final round, TBS, 6 a.m.; Women's British Open, final round, ABC, 11:30 a.m.

Motorports: MotoGP 250, German Grand Prix, SPEED, 9 a.m.; MotoGP World Championship, German Grand Prix, SPEED, 10 a.m.

Soccer: Mexican League soccer, San Luis vs. UA de G, Univ., 11 a.m.

Tennis: WTA Tour/US Open Series, Bank of West Classic, championship match, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

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Rally for the Cure

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will hold the Rally For A Cure' golf tournament on Aug. 4. The cost to enter is \$15 plus greens fees and cart if needed.

Padres, Rangers swap Nevin for Park

SAN DIEGO — The Texas Rangers traded pitcher Chan Ho Park to the San Diego Padres for slugger Eli Nevin on Saturday.

McDougle expected to miss four weeks

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jerome McDougle is expected to miss at least four weeks while recovering from a gunshot wound, the team said Saturday.

Mets sign Cordero to minor league deal

HOUSTON — Former All-Star Wally Cordero signed a minor league contract with the New York Mets on Saturday and was sent to Triple-A Norfolk of the International League.

Yankees sign Embree to bolster bullpen

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was walking through the New York Yankees clubhouse Saturday morning when he stopped and did a double take.

Ramirez scratched, Cameron upset by talk

Manny Ramirez was scratched from Boston's lineup just before Saturday's game, but he said he was upset by talk that he could be traded.

Defending champion Massu out in semifinals

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Defending champion Nicolas Massu was eliminated from the Generali Open on Saturday, losing to unseeded Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie running back Carnell Williams runs with the ball as safety Will Allen, right, defends during the first day of training camp in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Friday. The former Auburn star was the fifth player selected in this year's draft.

Forget the BCS, Auburn just searching for a new backfield

HOOPER, Ala. (AP) — Tommy Tuberville isn't weeping over the loss of four first-round NFL draft picks, even if it included Auburn's heralded running duo and quarterback.

In fact, he calls this his most talented team and says he voted the Tigers "in the Top 10" in the preseason coaches' poll. Tuberville and his players might be alone in those lofty opinions at this point, even though the Tigers are coming off a 13-0 season and No. 2 national finish.

This year, the three letters playing Auburn are NFL not good.

Tuberville must replace tailback Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams, quarterback Jason Campbell and cornerback Carlos Rogers — all first-round picks.

Sophomore Brandon Cox established himself in the spring as the Tigers' No. 1 quarterback. Kenny Rains, a South Carolina transfer, and junior Te Smith are the expected backups.

But Tuberville still expects Auburn to compete for the Southeastern Conference title, if not the national championship.

"I will probably have the most talented team we've had since I've been at Auburn, top to bottom," he said Thursday at SEC media days. "But we don't have the one thing that sometimes you need, and that's experience."

McBride happy to be back in Utah

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Coach Mac is back in his adopted home state.

Former Utah coach Ron McBride is now coaching Weber State, hoping to turn around yet another struggling program far from the university where he made a 13-year run that fans haven't forgotten.

"I just feel like I belong here," McBride said. "I've been all over the country as a coach, but I always seem like I end up back in Utah."

It's McBride's fourth stop in Utah and second as a head coach. He coached the Utah team from 1990 to 1997. McBride spent the last two seasons coaching linebackers at Kentucky, but when he learned Weber State was interested, McBride knew he'd be heading west again.

"I kind of just snowballed from there," McBride said.

A native of Los Angeles, McBride has roots in the state. He was an assistant twice at Weber State and was head coach of the Utahs in 1990. The grandfatherly McBride, who turns 66 in October, is known for his close relationships with players and strong community ties.

"He has got great people skills. He's got that infectious smile and his genuine," said Weber State interim athletic director Jerry Grimbale, the man McBride replaced as coach. "He wants to know your name. He wants to know your affiliation. He thinks that's served him well over the years."

McBride had already planned on returning to Utah, but returned sooner than expected when he took the Weber State

Hokies favored to win division a year after surprise ACC title

HOT SPRINGS, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer followed the lead of a couple of Hokies players by leaving his Atlantic Coast Conference championship ring at home during the league's annual media kickoff.

Defensive end Darryl Tapp and tight end Jeff King also put away the gaudy jewelry in their sessions with reporters earlier, and the message from all was clear: Last year's title was great, but this is 2006.

In this business, his year-to-year, and we're trying to get ready for this year," Beamer said Monday. "I'm awfully proud of what we did last year, but it's time to get another ring."



Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer, seated center, is surrounded by reporters as he answers questions during interviews at the 2005 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Kickoff at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., last Monday.

If the preseason poll is any indication, Beamer and the Hokies could have a chance to do just that. They were picked to win the Coastal Division and more than doubled the first-place votes given to Miami, which earned its second Virginia also got a vote for the top spot and came in third.

The addition of Boston College to the Atlantic Division did little to change things — at least in the minds of the voters — as Florida State was the easy choice to nab the top spot in the league's first championship game later in the year. The Eagles were second, followed by North Carolina State and Clemson.

Last year, the Hokies were picked to finish sixth in what is considered the toughest conference, but they completed a surprising run to the championship by beating the Hurricanes on the last week of the regular season.

"We accomplished all," Tapp said. "This year, we haven't accomplished anything. It's only preseason. It's nice to be honored, but it doesn't mean anything. We have to go out there and work for it, every day from when you start practice to when you play N.C. State last week."

Beamer clearly appreciated the attitude of his players and their rings. He also realizes that Virginia Tech had a magical run to the top of the ACC a year ago.

"It's a duplication, but that would take a similar effort."

Of course, his team should be loaded. The Hokies return 14 starters and eight on offense — one at Miami and Boston College at home.

"Last year, we probably didn't have as much talent, but we played great together," Beamer said. "I do think our kids understand there's work to be done."

Virginia Tech also gets the talented offensive lineman Marcus Vick back at quarterback. He was suspended from the university for the 2004 fall semester after a party in which he possessed and drank wine and beer, and he later pleaded guilty to reckless driving and no contact with the media.

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Wick was cleared to re-enroll in school in January and seems to be making the most of his opportunity. He won the starting job in spring practice but wasn't available to reporters this week.

"I don't have concerns about Marcus," Beamer said. "He's been there and he's been working out, he's leading the team. That's why I named him the starter. I think he's getting ready to have a great year. He's prepared for it."

The Hurricanes finished two games behind the Hokies last year in the for third, a surprising result for a team used to battling for the national championship. The slide started with a loss to North Carolina and continued with a couple more to Clemson and Virginia Tech.

"These results have lowered expectations at Miami."

"I feel we can run the charts," defensive end Thomas Carroll said. "When I look at our team and our schedule, there's no reason why we shouldn't."

To get there — at least the top of the charts — the path again likely goes through the Hokies.

ACC adds two bowls to postseason in 2006

HOT SPRINGS, Va. (AP) — The newly expanded Atlantic Coast Conference will add two bowls to its postseason in 2006, the league will add at least two more.

Linebacker John Swofford announced agreements Tuesday with the Emerald Bowl and the Music City Bowl that will give the league at least eight bowl games following next season, including one in the Bowl Championship Series. The ACC also extended its existing bowl agreements, allowing it to invite two-thirds of the league's 12 teams to move into the postseason if they qualify.

"We'll probably be a little short of bowls for one year," Swofford said Tuesday at the final day of the conference's media kickoff. "The thing we'll have to do is watch over bowls that are created following a team who may not be able to fill their bowl slots."

"But we think we upgraded our postseason opportunities immensely."

All eight bowls will be played after Dec. 25, avoiding a problem such as the one last year that led Virginia Tech to decline an invitation to the Champs Sports Bowl because its title came during exams. The game has been moved to later in the month.

"We wanted to get away from the old three restraints games," Swofford said.

In addition to a pit change, the "Champs game will date the old-fashioned bowl game. The opponent instead of one from the Big 12. Also, the other team in the Gator Bowl will rotate between Florida State, the Big 12 and Notre Dame."

In the Music City Bowl, the opponent will come from the Southeastern Conference, joining the Peach Bowl as one of the matching teams from the two power conferences based in the South.

Finding the perfect fit a process of savvy, secrecy

By Eddie Pells Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — His Rolodex is impressive. His reputation is impeccable.

Often, when big schools such as Georgia or Florida or Colorado are looking for the delicate task of finding a new football coach or athletic director, one of their first calls isn't to a candidate, but to Chris Neinas.

With 45 years of experience at the highest levels of college sports, Neinas is one of the best-kept secrets in the college business. Working from his small office in Boulder, Neinas uses his connections to undertake the job of finding out who might be available and who isn't, all while keeping the process under the radar.

"I have a file," Neinas said of the thousands of names of contacts he's made over the years. "But the thing I also have is I have a network of contacts who are trustworthy. Very trustworthy."

He is, indeed, a high-stakes game, and much of it is played out well before a vacancy even develops.

Neinas (pronounced Ni-neas) spends lots of time on the phone with coaches and athletic directors, asking probing questions if they're happy with their job and, even if they are, if there is any other job they might leave their current one to take.

"When an university hires him to help look for a new football coach, the process usually begins with an athletic director asking a long list of questions filled with obvious topics, such as the school budget and scheduling and the not-so-obvious, such as whether the school would be willing to pay for a house-hunting trip for the coach's wife."

Beyond that, Neinas says, no two searches are alike.

Some involve schools that al-

ready have a list of candidates and want Neinas to augment the list from the long scroll of head coaches and top assistants to whom he keeps in touch. Others seek Neinas only as a go-between for an athletic director and an outside coach.

"He does a thorough job," said Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley, who hired Urban Meyer in 2003. "He's a negotiator. He's a complex because Meyer was under contract at Utah and also considered a candidate at Notre Dame."

He helps you find out information on the front end that helps," Foley said. "You find out who's interested, who's not interested. He's responsive. If you call him, he calls you back. If you ask him to find something out, he finds it out."

At the end of all, Foley said, "he doesn't talk to anybody" in the media, or anywhere else that could turn a search into an embarrassing situation, a more public inquiry now than it was 20 years ago, before reporters and the Internet turned up the spotlight on seemingly every search.

Neinas tells one of his situation — no names, please — in which a school hired the coach that was really the best choice.

"The third guy was highly successful, but they don't want to know they're third," Neinas said. "I can be embarrassing for a sitting head football coach to have his name out there and not wind up with the position. It's basically to protect all the parties involved from having an embarrassing situation. You can't always control that because there are leaks. But it's worth it from me."

Neinas has built his contacts over four decades of work in college sports.

He began in the 1960s as an administrator for the NCAA, where one of his assignments was to organize national cham-

ionship competition; he oversaw the beginning of the huge growth of what is now NCAA basketball tournament.

From 1971-80, he was commissioner of the Big Eight. Then he headed the College Football Association. That group is best known for giving college football the expanded TV exposure it had long lacked. But he also played a huge role in setting standards for recruiting and academic eligibility.

It was at the CIA that Neinas worked with Mike McElroy, the new athletic director at Colorado — a search Neinas had a role in.

Neinas said searches for athletic directors are almost always more complex than those for coaches, simply because there are more issues to deal with and more administrators who have a role in the decision.

"He helps with searches," Bohm said. "But I think many people underestimate his ability to help with understanding other issues around intercollegiate athletics. It's not just the hiring process. He has a keen insight into the business issues associated with the business."

In all, Neinas has a list of 51 institutions he has helped in recent years with a new coach or administrator.

About half the Southeastern Conference is on the list — Meyer at Auburn, Mark Richt at Georgia Tech, Johnson at Vanderbilt, Les Miles at LSU — as an Arizona State, Michigan, Kansas and Neinas' own alma mater, Wisconsin.

He makes it clear that he's not an advisor, merely a "consultant" for schools in search of a good fit.

"It's a high-pressure world he works in, but Neinas says the pressure never gets to him. "I just enjoy it," he said. "I'm not motivated, but I feel that I'm helping institutions, and that's what I like to do."

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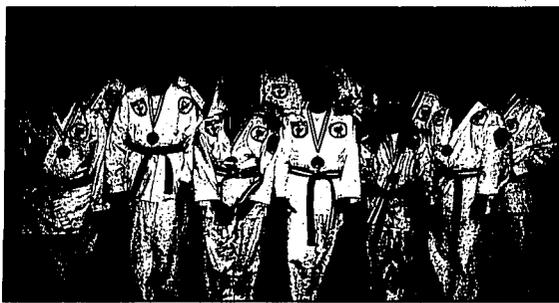
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BEAT THE BOYS



The Beat the Boys Team won the intraschool Sparring Tournament part on by Pii Sengi Martial Arts of Rupert. The tournament was a warmup tournament for the National Tournament in Seattle this month. Each team had a black belt, three colored belts and a white belt. The tournament was held at Immanuel school in Twin Falls. The judges were Jacob Fulcher, third degree black belt; Master Don Rider; Senior Master Jay Hartwell; Bill Fulcher, fourth degree and Ray Farnsworth, second degree.

BUTTERFLY TEAM



The butterfly team from Pii Sengi Martial Arts took second at the recent June Intraschool Tournament held in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls team took third.

NATIONAL CHAMPS



Photo courtesy of PII SENGI MARTIAL ARTS

Tony Farnsworth is pictured on the left and Ray Farnsworth on the right. They went to the National Tournament in Seattle, Wash. on July 2 and won national championships in their respective divisions. Tony came home a double national champ both in forms and sparring. Ray took first in sparring. Both train at Pii Sengi Martial Arts in Rupert. Competitors at the national tournament were from Canada, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho.

INTRASCHOOL WINNERS



Photo courtesy of PII SENGI MARTIAL ARTS

The winning team at the recent Intraschool Tournament in Twin Falls was the Pii Sengi Martial Arts' grasshopper team.

NATIONALLY RANKED



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Pii Sengi Martial Arts national tournament entrants are pictured. From left to right are: Lisa Farnsworth, Tony Farnsworth, Ray Farnsworth and Rick Farnsworth. In the middle kneeling is Bill Fulcher. Lisa took third in forms and sparring and second in board breaking. Tony took first in forms and sparring. Ray took first in sparring; and Rick took third in forms and sparring. Bill Fulcher took third in forms competition. All five are now ranked nationally.

Con Paulos senior games draw near

Last week, we talked about the start of the 2005-06 season. This week, let's get updated on one of the first big events for the season: The Con Paulos Hart Memorial Senior Games. This is an annual event and will be held on Aug. 26-28. The games include: bowling, duplicate bridge, cycling, golf, pinocle, swimming, tennis, track and assisted living walk. There's something for everyone age 50 and up.

Let's focus on bowling now. There is a four-person team event, doubles event and singles event. There are also five divisions within each event. In the doubles and team events, the divisions will be determined by the youngest member on the team.

Divisions are as follows: ages 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70 and up. Competition times are 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Aug. 26; 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Aug. 27; 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Aug. 28. All bowling is Nine Pin No Tap. You will be using your last year's book average. If you don't have one, most will use 180 and ladies will use 160. Handicap will be 90 percent of 250. All the events will be held at the Bowldrome, 220 Eastland

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T.F. Muni ladies announce golfer of the month

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for July Golfer of the Month on July 28. Charlotte Brunell shot an 86 to take Golf of the Month, and Colleen Thiel shot a 90 for Net Golfer of the Month. In the A flight, Virginia Ud-hjem took first gross with a 71 and Charlotte Brunell took second place with her 86. Patty Lee shot a net 58 for first net and Carol Kessel shot a net 67 for second place. In the B flight, Colleen Thiel took first gross with 90, and Jan Beck took second gross with a 102. Joan Tugaw won first net with a 71 and Colleen Adams shot a net 74 for second net.

played a game of Black Mark at the Clear Lakes Country Club. Black marks were given for penalties, three putts and going in the sand traps. The committee of the day put some humor into awarding balls and tees. Balls went to Betty Lou Wilson and Ruth Crawford for having two marks. Marcie Jensen received tees for turning in the nearest card, Lois Cowan received a ball for having the most black marks and Ginger Rogers for the most putts. Gobbies were made by Oleta Roberts, Rose Black, Sandra LeMoyné and Bette Lund.

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Clear Lakes ladies play Black Mark

BURLEY — On July 21, 20 ladies played a game of Black Mark at the Clear Lakes Country Club. Black marks were given for penalties, three putts and going in the sand traps. The committee of the day put some humor into awarding balls and tees. Balls went to Betty Lou Wilson and Ruth Crawford for having two marks. Marcie Jensen received tees for turning in the nearest card, Lois Cowan received a ball for having the most black marks and Ginger Rogers for the most putts. Gobbies were made by Oleta Roberts, Rose Black, Sandra LeMoyné and Bette Lund.

Burley women announce weekly winners

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20 UNDER 40

Meet 20 Magic Valley professionals who are achieving success in their 20s and 30s

Chamber leaders earn praise

By Megan Hinds Myers
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The playwright George Bernard Shaw once said, "Youth is wasted on the young." It's too bad Shaw never had the chance to meet the heads of Magic Valley's three largest chambers of commerce — he might have changed his mind.

Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Elizabeth Thomas, director of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce; and Matthew Fygaro, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, work to set the agenda for business in Magic Valley.

"They've proven their value to their respective communities and the valley as a whole through their leadership and economic development skills. And they're all under the age of 40."

All about balance

Buhl-born Barigar's journalism background took him to television stations in both Twin Falls and Boise before he returned to Magic Valley to work as the spokesman for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He also was elected to Twin Falls' City Council in November 2003.

Barigar, 33, was chosen to lead Twin Falls' premier business group last October, replacing retiring longtime executive Kent Just.

Replacing Just meant Barigar had some big shoes to fill, said chamber board member Jed Hepworth, who has known Barigar since high school days. Just used the chamber post to become Twin Falls' quintessential spokesman; Barigar has taken over that job, also making the nonprofit chamber organization run more like a business, Hepworth said.

"He's demonstrated through past experiences his skills in public relations during his time with KMYT and the hospital as well," Snelson said.

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"There were some issues in disarray, and he's gotten us back on track," Hepworth said.

While some questioned Barigar's ability to avoid conflicts of interest as a councilman and chamber executive, Hepworth said Barigar has managed to balance both roles with finesse.

"He has a unique talent in knowing what to get involved in and what to stay out of," Hepworth said. "But he's not afraid of conflict."

Balance is what Barigar is all about. He balances business issues with city issues, he balances a busy work schedule with his family life and he acts as a liaison between the "old guard" of Twin Falls business folks and the

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believes his board trusts his judgment and "out of the box" mentality.

"Youth definitely gives you a different outlook, but experience is a big thing," he said. "Especially in chamber work, there's a pretty steep learning curve. You bring your experience with you because you have to wear a lot of hats."

Fygaro said he's not going anywhere anytime soon.

"It's easy to see myself here for a long time," he said. "This is definitely a position you can make a career out of."

Earning trust

Like Barigar, Thomas returned home when she accepted her job as Jerome's chamber director. The Hagerman native worked for the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce before her husband's job transferred them to Magic Valley in 2000.

"I was very excited about the potential of the job at the chamber — and three days later I was at work," said Thomas, 34.

Thomas' past chamber experience was the clincher for the job, said Sylvia Moore Futrell, president of the Jerome chamber's board.

"I can't say enough good things about her," Moore Futrell said. "She knows how to deal with people."

Now living in Hagerman again, Thomas said she loves her job because each day brings new challenges. Thanks in part to the booming dairy industry, Jerome has seen incredible growth in the last four years, and the chamber has been a vital part of that economic development.

"We've seen a lot of success in the last four years," she said.

Since the Jerome chamber's board — like that of most chambers of commerce — changes each year, Thomas has had four new bosses during her tenure. That "would be daunting to some people, but she takes it in stride," Moore Futrell said.

The chamber's board members have gradually expanded Thomas' decision-making power over the years because they trust her judgment, she said.

"She's helped us become financially sound and more active in the community," Moore Futrell said.

Thomas said she strives to think regionally — not just within Magic Valley, but the entire Northwest. Thomas recently was elected to the board of directors of the Northwest Chamber Leaders, which includes chambers of commerce heads in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Alaska and Canada.

"That's a really exciting type of environment to be in," Thomas said.

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Shawn Barigar

Elizabeth Thomas

Matthew Fygaro

Southern Idaho Business honors the valley's young professionals — nominated by you

younger "movers and shakers" crowd.

"Being in the position I'm in, I feel like I have to fit into every group," Barigar said. "I do have some advantages in that I'm a local person. When I was in high school cruising Blue Lakes, it was all hayfields and trees."

The benefit of experience

Before being selected to head the Mini-Cassia chamber last August, Fygaro was up-close and personal with the area's economic woes. As a case manager for Idaho Commerce and Labor, Fygaro helped hundreds of workers displaced by the 2003 closure of Heyburn's J.R. Simplot potato-processing plant find new jobs and education.

Now the region is recovering economically, with new businesses moving into the old Simplot facility and advancing commercial and residential growth. And Fygaro, 31, is the person who gets to tout those accomplishments.

"Indirectly, the area lost probably between 1,000 and 1,400 jobs," Fygaro said. "But those people stuck around. This is where people want to live. That really helps in recruiting new businesses — to let employers know that this is a very community-oriented place. People want to be here."

Fygaro apparently wants to be there, too. The Highland, Utah, native — who's fluent in Spanish — earned a master's degree in business administration from Salt Lake City's Westminster College in 2003 before moving to Magic Valley with his wife to be closer to her family. The numerous outdoors opportunities didn't hurt, either.

Marvis Brice, a Mini-Cassia chamber past president who helped hire Fygaro, said Fygaro's variety of experiences and enthusiasm made him an excellent candidate.

"It's a big job," Brice said. "You have to know everything that's going on at all times."

Fygaro said his youth may give him a different outlook on chamber issues, and he said he

20 under 40: The next generation of business



Marlin Antrim
Age: 34
Company: Jack in The Box
Twin Falls
Position: Manager

TWIN FALLS — Being a "people person" is more than just a cliché at Marlin Antrim. In fact, it's the concept the manager of Twin Falls' Jack in The Box restaurant

takes to heart in dealing with his employees and his customers.

"I'm in the people business — I just serve burgers," Antrim said. "We've got a great clientele. They come here for a reason and we just treat them well."

Antrim has been with the company for seven years and has managed the Twin Falls restaurant for the last five. Time management and supervisory skills are the most important attributes he brings to the job, he said.

"The company has continuous ongoing training for us to increase our management skills," Antrim said.

Antrim also gives much credit to his employees.

"I'm definitely proud of my crew and the accomplishments we've made as a team," he said.

Antrim's philosophy has paid off. The restaurant has received a trophy case full of company awards and the past two years has been named a Jack in The Box "Center of Excellence Restaurant," an honor reserved for only about the top 10 percent of the company establishments.

Antrim's mother, Shitely Antrim, is obviously proud of her son.

"It's always looking for ways to improve services," Shitely Antrim said.

"This employees look up to him and respect him. He took over a restaurant that was floundering and made it into one of the top ones in Idaho."

Again, good employees were the main factor in the restaurant's turnaround, Marlin Antrim said.

"Recognition for my employees is how things came together," he said. "Internal recognition is huge for us. I take care of my people. They take care of me. That's why I'm still here."

Marlin Antrim and his wife, Janelle, live in Twin Falls with their two children.

— Terry Smith

Times-News correspondent
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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Robin York

FILER — Robin York has been on hand at Cedar Draw Living Center as facility administrator for about a month.



"I have been working with the elderly since I was 13 years old," York said. She has been a licensed residential care administrator with the state of Idaho since 1989 and has years of experience working in elderly care facilities.

"As administrator of the facility, York is responsible for everything," she said. She oversees patient care, works closely with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, does paperwork and handles employee relations such as hiring and firing.



Billy Frugo

Commercial drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced recent graduates.

Billy Frugo, David Wendall, Charles Rippee and received Class A commercial driver's licenses with endorsements.

Ryan Telford

BUHLEY — Northwest Farm Credit Services appointed new local advisers to its advisory committee, including Ryan Telford of Paul.

"The purpose of adding customers to the committee was to add more representation from the agricultural program," Telford said. The committee was created in 2001 to provide financing to young, beginning, small and minority producers. The new advisers will serve as a communication link between customers and the Farm Credit board and management.

Telford operates a sugar beet, grain, corn, hay and custom farming operation northwest of Paul. He grew up on a family farm northwest of Paul in College in Reburg. Following graduation, he took over as dairy manager on his father's dairy and also entered into a partnership with his brother, Aaron, called Triple T Farms. He is a member of the Burley Area Chamber of Northwest Farm Credit Services.

Lee Wagner

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho State Broadcasters Association elected officers for the 2005-06 year at its annual meeting July 22 in Sun Valley.

Lee Wagner, general manager of KWTV-TV in Twin Falls, is the new secretary-treasurer.

Gregg Miller

TWIN FALLS — Gregg Miller joined First Federal Bank as assistant auditor.

Miller was previously employed at First Federal as a teller and during the summers of 2000 and 2001 before earning his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance at Idaho State University. He graduated from Twin Fall High School in 1996.

Bankers

BUHLEY — The Idaho Bankers Association held its annual convention in Coeur d'Alene and elected new officers for the 2005-06 year.

"New officers and members include immediate past chairman John Evans, II, chief executive of D.L. Evans Bank in Burley, and board member Jim Latta, chief executive of First Bank of Idaho in Ketchum.

Tony Rost

TWIN FALLS — Tony Rost is the 2005 recipient of the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award presented by the Idaho Pharmacy Association and sponsored by Elian Biopharmaceuticals.

It was presented during a tri-state (Idaho, Washington, Montana) annual convention held in Coeur d'Alene.

Rost was recognized for his efforts in the development of an outpatient Diabetes Care Clinic with a focus on teaching patients how to self-manage their disease. He developed the clinic while he was pharmacy manager at R & R Pharmacy in Jerome. The clinic recently graduated 20 patients who completed the 10-month course on diabetes self-management.

Rost has been a pharmacist in Magic Valley for 27 years. He received his pharmacy degree from Idaho State University in 1978 and has served as a preceptor to pharmacy students from ISU for more than 20 years. He recently became manager for the new Target pharmacy in Twin Falls.

Debra Caryl

TWIN FALLS — Debra Caryl is the new first-grade teacher at New Christian School.

Caryl has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a teaching credential and an early childhood education and a business management degree. She worked in a public school for 10 years and taught first through eighth grades, specializing in multigrade classrooms in the Reno-Idaho, Nev., area for about 10 years.

She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters and live in Twin Falls.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Music Magic

A professional disc jockey service owned by Sid Vanderpool and based in Twin Falls, facilitates the donation of high-quality sound equipment for the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind business in Jerome by offering...

Several years ago, Vanderpool helped ISDB design a sound system that had the best sound in the area. The system is to be used by the school at dances, social functions, meetings and student production.

When he learned about the replacement needs of the system's sound mixer, he contacted Steve and Jennifer Bland, New Jersey and asked for a donation of a new sound mixer plus a dual CD player to upgrade to the existing system. The combined contribution from Music Magic and Gemini is valued at about \$1,000.

Canyon Falls Dental

Owned by David and Jennifer Bland, is thanking the Magic Valley for its first three years of service in Jerome by offering "Three for Free" — free dentistry for three days in its office at 143 E. Main in Jerome.

The project will help families and individuals who don't qualify for Medicaid and are unable to get dental insurance. These qualify individuals or families who are not on any insurance must fill out a form explaining their dental needs. Those whom Canyon Falls Dental determines have the greatest need will be given an exam to diagnose the situation and a one-hour appointment with Dr. David Bond or Dr. Makay Barlow to do as much work as possible.

Application forms can be completed at Team Con Paulos in Jerome and Twin Falls, Mtx 103 or Canyon Falls Dental. Deadline to apply Aug. 15. Selected applicants will be notified around Sept. 1. Dates of the free dental services are Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

For information, call 324-7007.



Macy's annual food drive resulted in 12,000 pounds of food collected for area food banks, including the South Central Community Action Partnership. Pictured left to right are Patty Hartz, store manager; Leanne Trappan, community service director for SCCAP; and Sheila Davis, Partners in Time coordinator at Macy's.

■ Every June 13-26, Macy's holds its annual food drive run by its employee volunteer program, Partners in Time. All Macy's stores in the Northwest have a focus on teaching patients how to self-manage their disease. He developed the clinic while he was pharmacy manager at R & R Pharmacy in Jerome. The clinic recently graduated 20 patients who completed the 10-month course on diabetes self-management.

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■ US Bancorp Foundation presented a \$4,500 check to Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley Inc. Chuck Kluck, manager of the Shoshone Street branch of US Bank, presented the check to Gordon-Saffrey, president of Habitat for Humanity July 22.

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MILESTONES

Prescotts purchase Cedar Draw Living Center

FILER — Husband and wife Andy and Janet Prescott purchased Cedar Draw Living Center in February along with Andy's parents, Roy and Judith Prescott, and his sister, Kati and Janet Prescott.

Andy Prescott is a dentist in Jerome. Janet Prescott is a nurse practitioner in Jerome. They have three children and live in Twin Falls.

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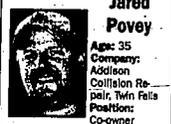
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20 under 40: The next generation of business

Continued from D3

Jared Povey

Age: 35
Company: Addison Collision Repair, Twin Falls
Position: Co-owner



TWIN FALLS—Jared Povey is the other half of the ownership equation at Addison Collision Repair in Twin Falls. His co-workers say Povey's level-headed nature keeps the shop on an even keel.

"Jared has the uncanny ability to problem-solve and think through any given situation," said business partner and fellow nominee Justin Simmons. "He has tremendous patience and the ability to make smart decisions without allowing emotions to impede his judgment."

Erik Bosen, a collision tech man who works for Povey and Simmons, agreed.

"If there is a problem, instead of throwing a fit, he doesn't get upset," Bosen said. "Today he was out here and one (job) was not quite good enough. He was out in the shop helping us make it right."

Povey has lifted the industry standard of excellence for collision refinishing in every shop at which he has worked, Simmons said.

"His attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile have also made him a valuable part of the collision repair team," he said.

Sacrifice and years of hard work have brought Povey to the point where he is today, Simmons said. Povey graduated from Idaho State University's auto body program and is a certified master refinisher.

"He went out on a limb to start a new business — even with a wife and three kids to support," Simmons said. "It has taken great courage and effort to be where he is today."

Shortly after the business opened two years ago, Povey had to deal with the early passing of his father, who also was his best friend. His strength in dealing with the death inspired his co-workers.

"I just got through that terrible situation and moved forward with courage and faith," Simmons said. "It was impressive to all of us around him to see him continue on in such extenuating circumstances."

Povey also has made the move from the paint shop to the office, where he has taken on the task of bookkeeping.

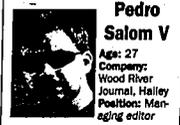
Learning the software necessary to operate the bookwork for the business from the Col-

lege of Southern Idaho's evening classes and through hours of trial and error is some of the experience that shows Povey's ability to accomplish whatever he sets out to do, Simmons said.

—*Lorraine Cavenar, Times-News correspondent*

Pedro Salom V

Age: 27
Company: Wood River Journal, Halley
Position: Managing editor



HAILEY — In the world of newspapers, Pedro Salom has seen the kind of rise often seen only in the movies.

He started at Halley's Wood River Journal just two years ago as a part-time circulation manager and has quickly risen through the ranks, becoming first a reporter and — as of October, 2004 — the paper's managing editor.

"Pedro is a very talented up-and-coming young editor," said Stephen Hargen, the journal's publisher. "He has a great future in the business if he chooses to stay in it."

His co-workers say he's ambitious and hardworking but still takes the time to show compassion toward others.

"Pedro has a huge heart but often doesn't want people to know it," said Kim Patterson, the paper's general manager. "He silently does nice things for people in need or feeling low and is always a loyal friend."

A step inside Gypsite Sun's front door is proof that Shelton means what she says.

Contemporary flooring, pastel wall colors, a soothing fountain and floral archway. Warm sunlight brightens the same room where the hair design crew seats clients. Anyone waiting can relax in a comfy overstuffed couch next to a window, pick up a magazine or enjoy a friendly chat.

Shelton's signature candles add a pleasant fragrance and are on display along with numerous beauty products.

As one walks to the back of the shop, Gypsite Sun's relaxing atmosphere transitions to muted lighting and soft darker colors. Wall murals in the tanning rooms beckon one to "come in and unwind."

A 20-minute nap in a tanning booth really perks up the spirit," Shelton said.

Greta Meyer, one of Shelton's employees, nominated her boss for the 20 Under 40 award.

Shelton is "always willing to go the extra mile to help her fellow business owners," Meyer said. "If all business owners

were as willing to help each other as she is, Jerome would grow richer."

A native of Jerome, Shelton believes working hard to achieve business success not only benefits her but also the community.

"I've watched Jerome rise up and I want to be a part of that," she said.

It seems to be working, because Shelton says she "can't go anywhere without seeing someone I know." It comes back to her belief that "how you treat someone is how they will treat you."

—*Cathy Roemer, Times-News correspondent*

Gypsite Shelton

Age: 33
Company: Gypsite Sun Bath and Body, Jerome
Position: Owner



JEROME — Selling fragrance candles from her husband's newly established flooring business proved to be too good of a sideline venture for Gypsite Shelton.

"I was selling so many candles, my husband told me jokingly, 'Why don't you get your own store?'" Shelton said. "So I did."

That was four years ago. Today, Jerome's Main Street is home to Gypsite Sun Bath and Body, a full-service beauty salon offering tanning beds, facials, massages, body wraps and more.

A licensed cosmetologist, Shelton attended Bon Losses Academy in Utah and Juan's Beauty School in Twin Falls. She combined her marketing skills with her education to create a business with "a great atmosphere where people can feel at ease and relax."

"Our motto is 'Come in a Stranger, Leave a Friend,'" Shelton said.

Shelton graduated at the top of his class from the College of Southern Idaho's auto body program, earning an associate degree. He also attended college in North Dakota on a full athletic scholarship and obtained some additional schooling at Idaho State University.

Gary Jones, who works as a collision tech for Addison Collision Repair, agreed with Povey. Jones worked with Povey at the shop before Povey and Simmons took over as owners.

Sometimes collision techs, also known as body men, can be out only for themselves because they work on a percentage basis, Jones said. While the techs at Addison Collision Repair do work on a percentage basis, it's a team effort overall.

Simmons "works hard to keep us all busy," Jones said. "If

he doesn't keep us in work, we don't make any money."

The shop has built up its reputation through handling insurance contracts, Povey said. That provides an opportunity for a positive customer experience and efficient repair process, Povey said.

Justin is an honest and trustworthy individual in every aspect of his life," he said. "He learned at a young age the value of hard work and sticking to a task until it is accomplished. He has the ability to assess any situation and find the positive within."

—*Lorraine Cavenar, Times-News correspondent*

Justin Simmons

Age: 26
Company: Addison Collision Repair, Twin Falls
Position: Co-owner



TWIN FALLS — Justin Simmons sets the mood at Addison Collision Repair, the Twin Falls auto-repair business he co-owns with fellow nominee Jared Povey.

At the body shop, Simmons, 26, is the point of contact with all incoming customers and insurance representatives.

"Through exceptional organizational skills and dynamic communication styles, Justin keeps attitudes positive in a profession that is typically negative," Povey said. "He lives his life by following the golden rule and treating others with the highest level of respect."

All that hard work paid off. Valdez worked under an aesthetician in Sun Valley and learned how to cater to clients accustomed to similar services in larger cities like Beverly Hills, Calif., and New York.

"Even though we might be in a small environment, we should still have the best that's available," she said.

After learning that the higher-maintenance clients expect, Valdez says she was ready to start her own business in Twin Falls. She opened the doors to Elements Day Spa and Wellness Center in September 2002.

Since partnering with Le Duke Salon in Twin Falls a few months ago, Valdez says her business has doubled.

Valdez says she expects her business to continue to grow because Elements focuses on holistic approaches to beauty. She looks for natural products, and while her procedures are non-invasive, she has received medical training to help prepare plastic surgery patients before and after operation to re-

duce bruising and swelling and reduce the recovery time. She's also looking forward to continuing to expand her business and their offerings.

"Our industry is changing every day," she said. "I like being able to continue my education."

Valdez makes staying on top of new technology and trends in her profession a top priority, and she says she thinks that's why her clients keep coming back.

"She's very outgoing and motivated," said partner Julie Kodesh. "She's really good at marketing, which is my weak point. So we work very well together."

—*Candace Baltz-Smith, Times-News correspondent*

Tonja Valdez

Age: 39
Company: Le Duke Salon and Elements Day Spa and Wellness Center, Twin Falls
Position: Co-owner



Kimberly — Paying attention to detail, taking care of his employees and just plain being friendly are attributes that have helped Dean Wilsey build a successful and growing business in two years.

Wilsey is the owner and manager of DW Classics in Kimberly. The company produces handmade solid wood furniture sold mainly in resort towns like Sun Valley, Jackson Hole, Wyo.; Vail, Colo.; and Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Wilsey came to Maple Valley in 2002 from Pennsylvania. After working one year at Peterson's Custom Collection in Kimberly, he started his own business. From humble beginnings in a one-car garage workshop, DW Classics now occupies an 8,000-square-foot building and employs six people full-time.

Wilsey has spent most of his adult life in the hand-crafted furniture business. He holds a technical degree in cabinet making and worked for 12 years at a Pennsylvania company.

"We love the West," Wilsey said. "Twin Falls is a good central location for a lot of markets."

Wilsey attributes his success to the support of his family, the dedication of his employees and the help he received from former employer Le Peterson.

"I've been extremely focused on the details of his business — that's one of the things I've noticed about him," said Peterson. "Dean is a very likable guy; it's hard not to like Dean. He does very well with his clients."

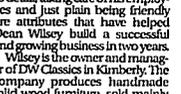
Wilsey said she's proud of the success of the company, but he's not motivated by money. Making an honest living is more important, he said.

Wilsey lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Leah, and their two children.

—*Terry Smith, Times-News correspondent*

Dean Wilsey

Age: 35
Company: DW Classics, Kimberly
Position: Owner/manager



What to do in the workplace when your boss is a jerk

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Do you work for a jerk? During your career, it's likely that you will, at least once, have to deal with a manager who

makes you crazy. And despite how many other wonderful bosses you may have — who demonstrate strong communication skills, skillful leadership and emotional maturity — it's the one who does not who will

stick out in your mind. However, putting things in perspective can save you a lot of anxiety. So if you are finding yourself increasingly unhappy with a manager, consider:

- Having some empathy. Per-

haps your jerk manager is just following orders from an even jerkier manager above him.

- Looking inward. Are you working up to your potential, or is your work performance perhaps, adding to much than alleviating

the stress on your boss?

- Walking a mile in his or her shoes. The family problems, self-doubts, stress and performance issues you have are probably very similar to those of your manager.
- Moving on. If you really do

labor for a tyrant and you're unable to do your work properly, consider your other options. Speak to your human-resources representative about your situation, ask for a transfer — or start looking for a new job.

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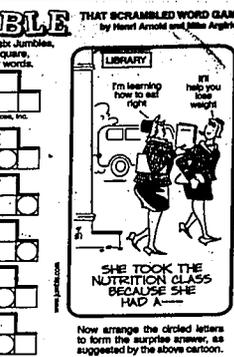
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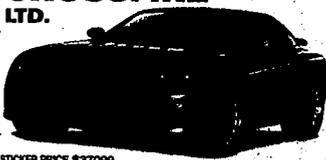
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Potty train early so kids learn good habits

My recent column on early toilet training prompted a good amount of reader response, both pro and con.

Not surprising, the older the person, the more likely he or she was to agree that it is not only quite possible to toilet train younger than 2, but it is also generally easier than training a child who is well into his or her third year of life.

Younger respondents tended to feel the older the child, the more quickly he or she will "get it." That would seem counterintuitive. But in fact the opposite is true.

Researchers have found, for example, that the older the child at training, the more likely it is that the child will withhold bowel movements (called "retentive bowel syndrome"), a fairly common problem today.

As the average age at which American children are trained has increased, so has the length of training as well as the number of problems experienced by parents.

Fifty years ago, the untrained 24-month-old was the exception.

Today, the untrained 3-year-old is commonplace, and toilet training problems abound.

It is easier, is it not, to house train a 6-month-old puppy than a one-year-old dog? In fact, it one waits until a dog is a year old to begin training, the dog may not "get it" for quite some time.

On the other hand, it takes a matter of several days to a week to successfully house train a puppy of three to six months of age, after which one need hardly be concerned with accidents.

Why is that? After all, the older dog is more familiar with its handlers and has better understanding, therefore, of their instructions.

Ah, but the critical variable is not familiarity or understanding; rather, it is habit, and the longer one allows the dog/human to eliminate at will, without regard for circumstances, the harder it is going to be to change the dog/human's "new trick."

And yet the majority of pediatricians, following Dr. T. Berry Brazelton's lead, believe that while it is remotely possible to train a child younger than 2, such training, because that age child is not generally toilet trained, will require "force." This is hogwash.

The truth is that as a child ages beyond 24 months, the habit of releasing at will strengthens, the more "force" will be required to break the child and the more "traumatic" the process will be for both parent and child.

Some folks wondered what if any difference it makes in the long run whether a child is trained before 2 or around age 3. When they are 12, are you able to be able to "train" them apart? one reader asked.

Maybe not, but it is no less an insult to the intelligence of a human being to use the restroom of mess himself until age 3 than it is to allow him to eat with his fingers until age 3.

It is quite possible that if earlier a person is civilized, the more civilized he will be.

It's quite possible, furthermore, that power struggles over toilet training, which are clearly more likely as the child ages beyond his second birthday and into the terribly obstinate years, may well set the stage for later power struggles over everything imaginable.

Early training on the other hand, may set an equally strong precedent for an "easy" parent-child relationship, one that is generally stable and untroubled by conflict.

PARENTING
John Rosemond



Scott Gearhart puts Nilla, a Lab, through a series of agility skills during a training session at All About Dogs in Woodbridge, Va. The owners are treating their pets more like family members, said All About Dogs owner Robin Bennett.

PUPPY LOVE

"They're worth every penny."

— Sherry Shumaker, dog-owner

The Washington Post

Sherry Shumaker has grown to "Dancing Queen," "Wild Thing" and "Doo-Wah Diddy" with her dancing partner Heidi—a Doberman pinscher.

Heidi has taken lessons in standing on her hind legs, walking backward and spinning, all in time to music and in sync to Shumaker's dance steps.

In addition to dance lessons, Shumaker, 43, a systems analyst, considers its spending a "ridiculous" amount of money on her three dogs, giving them such luxuries as acupuncture therapy and organic food.

"I just wish I could use them for a deduction every year," she said, laughing. "They're worth every penny."

Last year, pet owners across the country spent plenty of pennies—\$24.4 billion—caring for their pets, more than double the \$17 billion a year spent a decade earlier, according to American Pet Product Manufacturing Association Inc., a Greenwich, Conn.-based trade association. Much of that went for routine veterinary visits and over-the-counter food, but more owners are paying for toys, gourmet biscuits and a nice haircut. Cats outnumber dogs, but more of the money is going to the dogs.

The owners are treating their pets more like family members," said Robin Bennett, who owns All About Dogs Inc. in Woodbridge, Va. Her business specializes in obedience and agility training, including the freestyle dance class Shumaker takes her dog to.

Companies that once served only humans now consider their animal companions their customers. Paul Mitchell, Omaha Steaks and Harley Davidson are among the companies extending their brands to pets by offering grooming, treats and attire, respectively.

Rebecca Kalch carries brand-name pet clothing, leashes and collars at her Four Paws Bakery Inc. in Occoquan, Va. For example, she sells the Buff pet clothing line, including boots. "This is for the canine that's going places," said Kalch, who also sells poles to match an owner's shirt.

Her bakery, which opened in November, makes Barkday and Bark Mitzvah cakes for those special occasions. Kalch is trying to get other boutique pet stores to carry her homemade treats—with names like Pupperoni and Pnut-Butter Pudy-It's—and pet meals.

Kalch is breaking even on her expenses and sales, which she didn't expect to happen until the end of this year. She attributes some of her sales to couples with fewer or no children, along with senior citizens purchasing treats for their "grand dog" or "grand kitten."

"They realize that that's all they're getting, so they might as well spoil something," Kalch said.

Shumaker says she and her husband were thinking of their two rescued Doberman pinschers, Heidi and Sabie, and her cocker spaniel, Hobbes when they chose their Subaru Outback and their home with its large yard.

Pet acupunctureists and chiropractors make regular house calls. When five-year-old Heidi broke a tooth, she had a root canal. Hobbes, 16, requires the most medical care, including his own cardiologist.

"He has more doctors than I do," Shumaker said.

In the late 1980s, dog day-care facilities began appearing on the East and West coasts, said Susan Briggs, co-owner of Houston-based Urban Paws, who is leading an effort to establish operating standards through the American Boarding Kennel Association, based in Colorado Springs.

Now, there are more than 1,500 dog day-care centers, including some operated by such giants as PetSmart and Petco. Some pet owners seeking exercise and socialization for their dogs, Briggs said.

In the past two years they've grown quickly, spreading from urban areas to the suburbs and charging at least \$25 a day. Jessica Rocko, manager of the Waggin' Tails Junction in Manassas, Va., which provides day care to at least a dozen dogs a day, says many of her customers are office workers, teachers and government con-

tractors who spend long days working and commuting and are too tired to exercise their dog or play with their rowdy puppy.

"I think they feel guilty," said Rocko, as boxes, retrievers and pit bulls climbed up and down a child's plastic playground set, caught tennis balls and occasionally fought over a toy to the sounds of country music.

When MaryAnn and Michael Settemyere adopted Bailey, they discovered the chocolate Labrador was "deadly afraid of water"—even a puddle, she said. Bathing the three-year-old left them more soaked than their pooch and they didn't want Bailey to be terrified during a vacation to a beach or lake, so they enrolled him in canine swimming classes.

"We're the first people to take some teaching lessons," said MaryAnn Settemyere, 36, a teacher who doesn't have children.

They watched from behind a glass wall as obedience trainer Kim Sewell cajoled Bailey into the 40-foot-long pool during his first swim lesson at Yapple Cutters, a dog spa in Manassas Park, Va.

MaryAnn Settemyere jokes that Bailey—who was rescued from an abused home—is a "thousand dollar rescue dog" because they spent nearly \$1,000 on an invisible fence for their back yard. Swim classes cost at least \$20 a lesson. Now that Bailey has scored well on his personality evaluation, he'll attend day care at least once a week. The couple also give Bailey toys, expensive food and private obedience lessons.

"If you are going to have a dog and take care of him appropriately, it can be costly," she said. "I think an animal is a luxury."

Yapple's spa packages include a 30-minute run on an underwater treadmill. Suites for overnight guests have beds, Yapple hosts birthday parties to which dogs can invite their closest canine pals.

Of course their dogs are worth it, owners say.

"When we come home, there's nothing better," MaryAnn Settemyere said. "He's excited to see you."

Affluent owners pamper their pets

Rescue your family road trip this summer with these car strategies

Etc...

- Allow plenty of time for frequent breaks. Stop often (once every 90 minutes, at a minimum, more is better) to get out of the car, move around a bit, get some fresh air, use the restroom. You'll keep both body and brain refreshed.
- Before leaving, administer a child-sized dose of over-the-counter motion sickness medication if necessary. Chewable, fruit-flavored tablets are available at most retail pharmacies.
- Give each child his own small duffel filled with his own stuff: books, coloring books,

Label "Emma's Summer Mix CD" to get the idea. Later, listening to this CD will bring back fond memories of the trip.

• A portable DVD player will provide at least two hours of entertainment, and if the player is equipped with headphones, at least two hours of quiet for the parents. These players are reasonably priced and operate on rechargeable batteries or via the "cigarette lighter" outlet in the car. It is impractical to supply each kid with his own portable DVD player, so rent a handful of kid flicks before the trip and pre-determine the order in which

they will be viewed. Allowing the kids to choose which one to see first while on the road will lead only to arguments.

• Bring pillows. This makes napping a more comfortable option.

• Stock up on small snacks: Seedless grapes (pre-washed and stemmed), dry cereal, sugarless gum, Fruit Roll-Ups, Life Savers (if kids are old enough for hard candy). These will mitigate the munchies between meals. Small (four-ounce to six-ounce) bottles of water are a critical part of this tactic. "I'm thirsty" can be as undramatic as "When are we

going to be there?"

• Intersperse, hectic activities, such as board games, CDs, and DVDs, with good old-fashioned travel games, such as 20 questions, travel bingo and license plate bingo.

• Engage the kids in the trip experience with maps and atlases. Give older children their own travel atlas or road map and encourage them to follow your progress to your destination. This frequently stimulates questions about geography and history—a good opportunity for learning and discussion.

Source: Kansas City Star

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Grown kids blush at sight of their motorcycle mama

DEAR ABBY: I love my mother very much; however, during the past few years she has changed drastically. My siblings and I are at a loss as to what to do.

A few years ago, my parents found a new hobby — motorcycling. My 50-something parents are now the proud owners of a Harley Davidson, and they're having the time of their lives.

The problem is my mother has changed her physical appearance. She now wears her hair halfway to her waist, tanned and bleached a strange shade of yellow. She wears only clothing that says "Harley Davidson" on it.

These shirts are designed for girls in their 20s, not women in their 50s. Mom may be happy, but she looks like a classic Motorcycle Mama — and it's embarrassing.

Should I say something? Should I tell her I want to see her dress like my mother, not some leather biker queen? It has reached the point that I don't invite her places because I'm afraid she'll show up wearing her HD gear. How can I ask her to dress more appropriately?

Please don't mention my name or state. Mom would kill me if she knew I wrote about her.

—EMBARRASSED IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Look at the bright side. You are blessed with parents who are active and in good health. Many families are not so lucky.

That said, because your siblings are in agreement, approach your mother as a group and have a "mini-intervention." Tell her you love her and you're happy she and your father are enjoying themselves, but when you invite her places with you, you wish she'd dress more conservatively. You're entitled to your feelings — and your preferences.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man I'll call "Zack" for nearly a year. Zack is



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

smart, funny, attractive, well-educated, and has a well-paying job that could provide us with a very good lifestyle if our relationship becomes permanent.

Several months ago, after a few drinks, Zack confided in me that he had always fantasized about me spanking him. Having had a few myself, I decided to make his fantasy come true. Afterward, we had the most amazing night.

I have indulged Zack once a week ever since, and I'm a little ashamed to admit this, but I rather enjoy it. It gives me a feeling of power.

Should I continue in this relationship? I don't think I'm being abusive because Zack has requested the spanking. We are both in our late 20s. He was never spanked as a child and seems to have a wonderful relationship with his folks.

—QUESTIONING IN CANADA

DEAR QUESTIONING: Because you both enjoy it, see no reason not to continue the relationship. Whatever happens between consenting adults in the privacy of their bedroom, as long as it hurts neither one, is no one else's business, including mine.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently at a party where I felt very uncomfortable. The guests were all speaking fluent Spanish and I could barely understand a word they were saying. The party was hosted by a close friend and was being held for a mutual acquaintance. How could I leave the party without ruffling anyone's feathers?

—UNEASY IN

RANCHO SANTA FE
DEAR UNEASY: It's easy! Just smile and say, "Gracias y adios."

SUNDERLAND-ROBERGE

RUPERT — Lee and Marjorie Sunderland of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Sunderland, to Darrell Roberge, son of Carol and Fred Chretien of Hartford, Conn., and Alan and Mishel Roberge of Port Falls.

Sunderland is a graduate of Minico High School and Idaho State University, where she studied dietetics. She will begin an internship dietetics at ISU in the fall. She is employed at ISU and Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

Roberge is a graduate of East Hartford High School and is currently attending ISU, majoring in micro-biology and bio-chemistry. He is employed at ISU and

WELLS-MAXWELL

RUPERT — Eldin and Annabelle Wells of Lodgepole, Neb., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Denise Wells, to Taylor Jay Maxwell, son of Alan and Martha Maxwell of Rupert.

Wells is a 1995 graduate of Arctid High School in Arctid, Neb., and a 1999 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan. She received her Ph.D. in clinical health psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in 2005.

Maxwell is a 1993 graduate of Minico High School. He received his bachelor of science degree in zoology from Brigham Young University in 2000.

He is currently attending graduate school studying genetics at

SHOEMAKER-EVERY

TWIN FALLS — Andy and Sherry Shoemaker and Bill and Barbara Every announce the engagement of their children, Candice Ann Shoemaker and Nathan Alexander Every, both of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Kathryn Albertson Park in Boise. A reception will be held in Nampa following the ceremony. The couple will reside in San Diego, Calif., where he is a nuclear engineer in the U.S. Navy.



Darrell Roberge and Jennifer Sunderland

The wedding is planned for Thursday, Aug. 4, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 4 at Sunrise P River Ranch, 400 S. 150 E., Rupert.



Taylor Maxwell and Rachel Wells

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 5, in St. Louis. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the home of Alan and Martha Maxwell, 100 N. 93 W., Rupert.



Candice Shoemaker and Nathan Every

SHAW-GAMMILL

BURLEY — Christie Lynn Shaw and Bradley Ryan Gammill announce their engagement.

Shaw is the daughter of George and DeEtta Hanks Shaw, formerly of Burley.

Gammill is the son of Richard and Barbara Gammill of Huntsville, Ala.

Shaw is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is vice president with Wachovia Bank.

Gammill is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology and is pursuing a master's degree.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Laie, Hawaii, LDS Temple.



Bradley Gammill and Christie Shaw

SHAW-WOOD

BOISE — Tom Shew and Jocelyn (Willis) Shew of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Shew, to Craig Wood, son of Chuck and Jeannine Wood of Meridian.

Shew is a graduate of Capital High School and Boise State University. She is employed by the Idaho Hospital Association.

Wood is a graduate of Meridian High School and BSU. He is employed at Applied Materials and also is the commander of the 124th Aerial Port at Gowen Field.



Jessica Shew and Craig Wood

The wedding is planned for Friday, Sept. 3, on a Baja cruise. A celebration with family and friends is planned for Friday, Sept. 30.

WRIGHT-NICKENS

TWIN FALLS — James A. Wright of Medford, Ore., and Pamela A. Wright of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Mamee Wright, to Austin O'Neal Nickens, son of Pastor Brian and Doreen Nickens of Jerome.

Wright is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed by Red Lion Inn in Twin Falls.

Nickens is a graduate of Light-house Christian High School. He is employed by Red Lion Inn in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Light-



Austin Nickens and Tara Wright

house Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls.

Find weddings, anniversaries and more engagements on page E5.

Sinusitis Quiz

Sinusitis is an inflammation of the lining membrane of any sinus and can cause misery. How do you know if you suffer from sinusitis? Evaluate these symptoms to see if you have sinusitis.

YES NO

- 1. Do you experience facial pain or pressure?
- 2. Do you have nasal discharge, post-nasal drip or throat irritation?
- 3. Do you have pain in your upper teeth?
- 4. Have your symptoms persisted for 10-14 days?
- 5. Do you have congestion or a stuffy nose?
- 6. Do you have chronic bad breath?
- 7. Do you experience increased pain/pressure when leaning forward?
- 8. Have you experienced frequent coughing & throat clearing?
- 9. Do you have nasal congestion?
- 10. Are you suffering from sleep disturbances?



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