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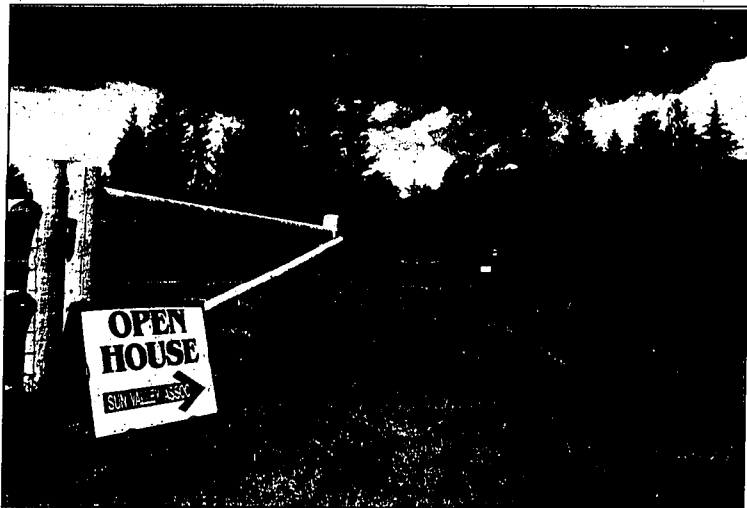
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PRICEY PADS



A sign advertises a vacant building lot open house Aug. 2 in Ketchum. The red-hot real estate market in Idaho's Blaine County, where real estate agents stage open houses for vacant building lots, has many longtime homeowners complaining of escalating property taxes that are forcing them to sell their houses and move away.

Rising property taxes have some scraping by in Sun Valley

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press Writer

KETCHUM — The three-bedroom home that Wendy Jaquet and her husband, Jim, bought for \$65,000 in 1976 is undergoing its fourth remodeling and is now valued at more than \$723,000.
But in the jargon of Sun Valley real estate deals, it's still a "scrapper."

"If we were to sell our house, they would just scrape it off the lot and build a new one," says Jaquet, a Ketchum Democrat and the House minority leader on the state Legislature. "It's crazy."
Jaquet will be joining other members of the Legislative Council on Property Taxes for a

hearing Wednesday in nearby Halley, part of a statewide series to gather comments on legislative strategies for a potential overhaul of the property tax system used to fund local services and schools.

Record jumps in the assessed market values of homes across Idaho have triggered a nascent property tax revolt, with homeowners fearing the effect skyrocketing values will have on property tax bills. An initiative petition to put caps on assessed values and property tax increases has been filed with state officials in the hopes of gathering enough signatures to put it before voters next year.

But sentiment favoring sweeping changes to Idaho's statutory requirement for annual

assessments based on "fair market value" has been building for years in Blaine County, home to Sun Valley resort and multimillion-dollar "Log Majors." As national demand for recreational property and mountain resort lifestyles rises, so has the assessed value of property in this rural county of approximately 19,000 people.

This year, Blaine County's overall private property value rose 21 percent from last year to a total of \$8.7 billion. That's more than four times the annual operating budget of the state government.

"People are coming in and asking why they are getting taxed for money they don't actually see," says Marisa Nelson, appointed earlier this year by

Blaine County commissioners as the county's property taxpayer advocate. "Homeowners are taxed on assessed value, but that value only means something if you want to sell it."

Real estate has long been a hot commodity in the county's signature resort-area communities of Sun Valley, Ketchum, Halley and Bellevue. Open houses are scheduled when vacant lots go on the market and recently, a "scrapper" home off the fairway of the Sun Valley golf course sold for \$2 million and was leveled.

Even in the outlying communities of Blaine County, the rise in property values is rapidly accelerating, with residential

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Energy bill signed

BILL SIGNED: President Bush signed a 10-year, \$12.3 billion energy bill but said it would not give America's energy problems right away.

THE DETAILS: The bill will extend daylight-saving time, give tax breaks to fuel-efficient car buyers and promote new nuclear power plants. It does not include a plan to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

CRITICISM: Opponents say the bill gives tax breaks and subsidies to energy companies but doesn't promote renewable energy.

Bush signs energy bill into law

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — As crude oil prices hit a new high Monday, President Bush signed a bill that will give billions in tax breaks to encourage home-grown energy production but won't quickly reduce high gasoline prices or the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

"This bill is not going to solve our energy challenges overnight," Bush said in a speech shortly before he signed the 1,724-page bill at the Sandia National Laboratories. "Most of the serious problems, such as high gasoline costs or the rising dependence on foreign oil, have developed over decades. It's going to take years of focused effort to alleviate those problems."

In the near term, the new legislation will extend daylight-saving time, give tax breaks to drivers who buy cars with fuel-efficient technologies and try to jump-start the construction of new nuclear power plants.

Supporters say that in the long run, the new law will reduce the nation's energy prices and promote cleaner and alternative sources of energy.

"The bill recognizes that America is the world's leader in technology, and that we've got to use technology to be the world's leader in energy conservation," Bush said.

Environmental groups and other opponents say the bill

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Authorities say Duncan is a computer expert

The Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Joseph Duncan III is a computer expert who has died online, days before authorities believe he killed three people in Idaho, about a tell-all journal that would not be accessed for decades, authorities said.

Duncan, 42, a convicted sex offender, figured technology would catch up in 30 years, "and then the world will know who I really was, and what I really did, and what I really thought," he wrote May 13.

Police seized Duncan's computer equipment from his Fargo apartment last August, when they were looking for evidence in a Detroit Lakes, Minn., child molestation case.

At least one compact disc and a part of his hard drive were encrypted well enough that one of the region's top computer forensic specialists could not access it. The Forum reported Monday.

Detective Jess Schoon, a Fargo Falls (Minn.) officer and a specialist for the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, checked the equipment for evidence in the Detroit Lakes case.

"Without a doubt the most challenging system I've looked at," Schoon said of Duncan's encryption.

Most of the seized discs and computer files were accessible and revealed nothing significant, he said. But he could not get at the hidden data.

"Nobody that I know of has the ability to crack that encryption," Schoon said.

A Becker County prosecutor later charged Duncan with

child molestation in the Detroit Lakes case. He posted a \$15,000 check for bail in April and disappeared within weeks. He was arrested last month in Idaho.

"The FBI, which continues to investigate Duncan in the Idaho killings, now has the encrypted data," Schoon said.

Special Agent Brent Robbins, whose Salt Lake City office is leading the case, said he could not comment on the material.

Another spokesman in Washington said the agency would not discuss the FBI's decryption abilities, citing national security and crime issues.

While basic encryption is not necessarily difficult to apply, Schoon said, Duncan appeared to be "very, very highly skilled" on the computer.

He came to Fargo after a 20-year prison sentence in Washington state for raping a 14-year-old boy.

In 1987, prison psychologist S.C. Stout wrote that Duncan "has gained respect here for how well he has mastered computers."

In Fargo, Duncan took computer science classes at North Dakota State University and worked for a computer consulting firm in Moorhead, Minn.

He is charged in Idaho with the May 16 killings of Brenda McKenzie, 40, her 13-year-old son Slade, and her boyfriend Mark McKenzie, 37.

LEST WE FORGET



Left, Doves fly over the Peace Statue at the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing in Nagasaki, Japan, today. Above, Catholics offer prayers at an early morning mass to pay respect to the victims of the atomic bombing at the Uraikami Cathedral in Nagasaki, Japan. The bomb killed some 80,000 people and sealed Japan's defeat in World War II.

Study suggests snuggling can help lower blood pressure, reduce stress

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A simple snuggle can help lower blood pressure and reduce stress, a new study suggests. The researchers' theory is that a heart-warming pause and cuddle suppress stress hormones and release oxytocin, a human hormone that's associated with maternal love.

Thirty-eight couples participated in the study, which measured blood pressure, stress levels and oxytocin before and after they discussed a happy moment together, watched five minutes of a romantic film and shared a 20-second hug.

The result, according to an ar-

ticle in the latest issue of the journal Psychosomatic Medicine, was lower levels of the stress hormones cortisol and norepinephrine and higher levels of oxytocin in both men and women. Those shifts all contribute to cardiac health.

Women were found to be more responsive to warm partner contact. Dr. Karen Greven, a psychiatrist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and lead researcher, said oxytocin and the female reproductive hormone estrogen were closely related, which may be why women were more responsive to the hormone than men were.

Greven and her fellow re-

searchers theorized that beneficial hormonal shifts stimulated by mellow romance use a health benefit that marriage confers. Conversely, the shifts may help explain why divorce is linked to increased mortality.

"Not all marriages appear equally protective," Greven reported. "The quality of the marital relationship seems to play an essential role in health outcomes."

While the sample size was adequate to show a role for oxytocin, it was too small to suggest anything about causation, Greven said. The study also lacked a comparison group that didn't receive warm partner contact.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and hot temperatures. Highs in the lower 90s...
Tonight: Clear skies and pleasant temperatures. Lows in the lower 60s...
Tomorrow: Continued hot with a few afternoon clouds. Highs in the lower 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Abundant sunshine and hot temperatures. Highs near 90...
Tonight: Starlit skies. Low in the middle 50s...
Tomorrow: Another very warm day under mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Warm days and cool nights will continue through Thursday. There will be a few gusty thunderstorms around, especially in the higher mountains.

BOISE

This sunny and hot streak of weather will continue through Thursday. Temperatures will gradually cool on Friday and through the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH

Sunny and hot early. Thursday and early Friday are expected each afternoon and evening.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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U.V. Index: Low, Moderate, High. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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Pollen Count: High, Moderate, Low. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

Moonrise and Moonset

Moonrise and Moonset times for Twin Falls.

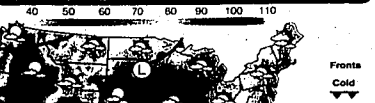
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. Eric Hoffer, 1922-1983, author and philosopher

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Study sheds light on euthanasia

CHICAGO (AP)—A study released Monday sheds new light on euthanasia in the Netherlands, the first country to legalize it for terminally ill people, finding that nearly one in eight patients who officials acknowledged last year that they had carried out mercy killings of terminally ill newborns.

Energy

Continued from A1 amounts to a gift to energy companies that does nothing new to promote renewable energy. The bill price tag—\$12.3 billion over 10 years—is twice what the White House had first proposed. It does not include Bush's desire to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration. Drilling advocates, however, have a backup plan that is expected to unfold in mid-September.

The measure funnels billions of dollars to energy companies, including tax breaks and loan guarantees for new nuclear power plants, clean coal technology and wind energy.

Before signing the bill, Bush toured the Energy Department's national solar thermal test facility, which was built in 1976 in response to the oil embargo and energy crisis. Bush walked in a field of mirrored solar panels, wearing shirt sleeves and sunglasses to ward off the bright midday sun.

For members, the bill would provide tax credits for buying hybrid gasoline-electric cars and making energy-conservation improvements with wind turbines and appliances in new and existing homes. Also, beginning in 2007, the measure extends daylight-saving time by one month to save energy, starting three weeks earlier in the spring, and adding a week in the fall. Bush waived from his Texas ranch to sign the bill in the

home state of Republican Sen. Pete Domenici, the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Domenici was the driving force in ending a four-year stalemate in Congress and getting the measure passed with bipartisan support last month. New Mexico Sen. Jeff Bingaman, the Energy Committee's top Democrat, praised the passage of the bill but said more must be done to fight the potential of global warming and use less oil from overseas. The bill did not "markedly reduce these imports," Bingaman said in a statement. "We need to build a consensus around effective steps to reduce less oil in our transportation sector, which is the basic cause of our increasing reliance on oil imports."

"Shortly before Bush signed the law, crude oil rose to a record high of more than \$63 a barrel, reflecting market fears over the U.S. embassy closure in Saudi Arabia due to security threats and concerns that shut-downs of U.S. oil refineries would reduce supply.

"The bill also would do nothing to improve the environment, reduce dependence on foreign oil or bring down gas prices even in the long term. "They did as little as they possibly could in order to keep a nice talking point," she said.

Feds turn up heat on 'ecoterrorists'

Newsway

Who is a terrorist? Is it The Arrow, a.k.a. Michael Scott? Or is it the implacable environmental activist, a suspected arsonist who posted an "I love you, moon" message on his website on Mother's Day and who reads books from "The Da Vinci Code" to "vegan diet guides?" Or is it Osama bin Laden, the hawk-nosed, turbaned al-Qaida chief whose heavy-lidded eyes have been staring at Americans from wanted posters since he ordered the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks?

According to the FBI and to an increasing number of lawmakers, both fit the bill, a conclusion drawing fire from environmental, animal-rights and civil rights groups who say the "terrorist" label is being bandied about too freely in the post-Sept. 11 world, particularly in regard to so-called ecoterrorists.

That's not to say they support Arrow 31, originally from Florida, who has been accused of masterminding firebomb and arson attacks against logging and cement trucks in Oregon. The acts in April at Alabama, California and Utah cost \$50,000 in damage and were linked to the Earth Liberation Front, whose supporters have claimed responsibility for scores of such incidents. "When you're talking about something at that level, and it does pose a threat to human health, it is very serious," said Michael Markarian of the

Humane Society, the country's largest animal-rights organization. Like other mainstream groups, it opposes violence and distances itself from Arrow, ELF and the militant Animal Liberation Front, which is being investigated in connection with threats against a Long Island, N.Y., pharmaceuticals executive and his family. "We applaud the FBI and law enforcement authorities for trying to crack down and root out these criminals, but we don't think we need a new law."

The harshest since 2001, 14 states have introduced laws aimed at ecoterrorism, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of conservative state legislators spearheading efforts to pass the laws.

The harshest would outlaw unauthorized filming of animal enterprises — a frequent method for groups investigating animal groups — and donations to organizations alleged to support ecoterrorism. In addition, they would encourage penalties for crimes such as trespassing and vandalism if committed in the name of animal or environmental activism. "We're not saying that Utah and Colorado have passed laws, ALEC says, but opponents of legislation say other states' measures to follow suit is disturbing. They say state laws against arson, vandalism and other property crimes are sufficient, and that environmental activists have caused no casualties

Ohio teen one-ups her mom, is crowned Miss Teen USA

Management, a custom-designed wardrobe, a four-day trip to the Caribbean or Mexico, a scholarship to The School for Film and Television in New York and a one-time appearance on the NBC soap opera "Passions."

During her reign, LaForce will share an apartment in Manhattan with Miss USA and Miss Universe, though she will fly back and forth to Ohio to finish high school.

LaForce plays varsity basketball, volleyball and softball and also bang at Carnegie Hall with her school choir.

LaForce said she plans to carry on the work on drugs and alcohol awareness started by her predecessor, Louisiana's Shelley Hennig, Miss Teen USA 2004.

"I definitely think it's a big issue facing teens and it can be changed with a little positive influence," she said.

Taxes

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property in the town of Carey 45 miles from Ketchum jumping 175 percent in value this year. Such a steep increase may lead to an investment portfolio, but for many longtime Blaine County residents, the annual property tax assessments have become eviction notices.

"To a lot of people, it's not an issue of what the value of their houses is, they just want to keep living here," says Ted Gray, Ketchum, president of the Sawtooth Board of Realtors. "I make a nice living and I'm living in a \$40,000 for the lot my house is on 20 years ago but there's not a chance in hell I could buy it today."

mostest 2,400-square-foot home on less than a half-acre.

Without help, my own mother would be forced to leave here because of the property taxes," says Ted Gray. The cost of living in Blaine County is substantially higher than other counties, and with the increases in income and taxes, we've impacted more than the rest of the state."

Nelson has been preparing a list of recommended changes to Idaho's tax system to present to lawmakers at Wednesday's hearing. They include increasing the minimum \$50,000 tax exemption now given to homeowners who use the house as their primary dwelling, allowing counties to impose sales taxes

on nonfood items to supplement the local tax base, limiting real estate sales price disclosures so assessors can more accurately estimate fair market value and limiting assessments to only a percentage of market value.

"There are a lot of things on the table," he said. Besides the 1 p.m. hearing Wednesday at the Halley Community Center Rotary Room, the legislative committee studying property tax reform will hold public hearings at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Thursday in Boise, the Idaho State University Student Union Building in Pocatello and 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cottonwood Inn in Tetonburg. The final round of hearings will be Aug. 24 in McCall and Emmett and Aug. 25 in Boise and Nampa.

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Low clouds keep Discovery aloft

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Low clouds kept shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven from making their much-anticipated return to Earth, and NASA vowed to bring the spacecraft down sometime today in Florida, California or possibly even New Mexico.

"We will attempt to land somewhere," flight director LeRoy Cain said after Monday morning's two unsuccessful landing opportunities.

The delay disappointed the astronauts' families, who were waiting at Kennedy Space Center for their loved ones' return after nearly two stressful weeks in orbit.

Discovery's astronauts woke up Monday evening to The Beatles' "Good Day Sunshine" and were ready to get back home.

"It's a day for sunshine and it's a day for feet on the ground," Mission Control radioed the astronauts.

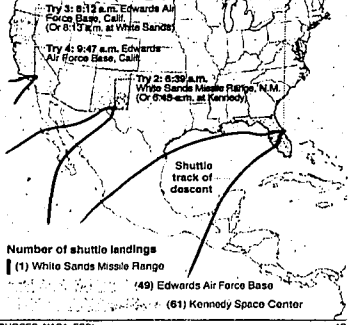
"We sure hope we get our feet on the ground to meet astronaut Wendy Lawrence responded.

It is the first shuttle flight since Columbia's catastrophic re-entry in 2003, and the ground crew experienced a series of problems that required emergency spacewalk repairs and constant engineering analysis.

More cloudy weather was expected at Kennedy Space Center today with a chance of rain, but

NASA vows to land Tuesday

Space shuttle Discovery has four tries with three possible landings from coast to coast on Tuesday.



It remained NASA's first choice for an early morning touchdown, Edwards Air Force Base in California's Mojave Desert was the next choice, followed by the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, the absolute last resort.

Good conditions were expected at Edwards, while rain was in the forecast for White Sands.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin insisted "there's no agony" associated with the one-day delay in getting Discovery home. Like other space agency officials, he was waiting for "wheels stop" on the runway before even thinking about celebrating.

Come Tuesday, "We're going to land one way or another, one place or another, and all we're talking about is where," Griffin said.

"It's better to be on the safe side," astronaut John Herrington observed from the runway. In fact, a thick, dark layer of clouds covered overhead at the designated touchdown time.

Astronaut Scott Parazynski said from the landing strip that he is certain that crew members were disappointed at having to put off their family reunions. But on the other hand, "It's another day to look out the window and savor a day in space."

Indeed, some rock 'n' roll and country music drifted down over Discovery's airwaves as the astronauts settled into their extra day in space.

"Thank you for a great day off and sure looking forward to being back on solid ground," radioed astronaut Stephen Robinson, a one-time DJ.

Admitted Ohio highway shooter drops insanity defense in deal

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The mentally ill man who admitted committing a series of highway shootings that terrorized central Ohio has agreed to drop his insanity defense and plead guilty, a judge said Monday.

Charles McCoy Jr.'s plea would avoid a second trial. Jurors could not decide earlier this year whether McCoy was legally insane during the shootings, which happened over five months in 2003 and 2004. One woman was killed.

Barring a last-minute change of heart by McCoy or prosecutors, McCoy will enter the plea Tuesday afternoon. Judge Charles Schneider said after meeting with McCoy's attorney Monday.

With the plea, McCoy, 29, faces decades in prison for the shootings. Schneider said he will recommend that McCoy be ordered to serve his sentence in a prison mental health wing so he can be treated for his paranoid schizophrenia.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien refused to confirm a deal had been reached but said an agreement would be

discussed Tuesday. Messages seeking comment were left with McCoy's attorneys, who have said they would not confirm anything before O'Brien does.

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Founder of 'Ebony' and 'Jet' magazines dies at 87 years old

CHICAGO (AP) — Publisher John H. Johnson, whose Ebony and Jet magazines countered stereotypical coverage of blacks after World War II and turned him into one of the most influential black leaders in America, died Monday, his company said. He was 87.

LaTrina Blair, promotions manager with Chicago-based Johnson Publishing Co., confirmed Johnson's death. Further details were not immediately available.

Johnson broke new ground by bringing positive portrayals of blacks into a mass-market publication and encouraging corporations to use black mod-

els in advertising aimed at black consumers.

Born into an impoverished family in Arkansas, Johnson went into business with a \$500 loan secured by his mother's furniture and built a publishing and cosmetics empire.

Johnson built Ebony from a circulation of 25,000 on its first press run in November 1945 to a monthly circulation of 1.9 million in 1997. Jet magazine, a

weekly, was founded in 1951 and a third magazine, Ebony Man, a monthly men's magazine, was started in 1985.

Johnson launched Ebony just after World War II, as black soldiers were returning home. At the time there were no black players in major league baseball and few blacks in politics.

With blacks' incomes far below white Americans, the idea of a black publishing company was widely dismissed. Civil rights leader Roy Wilkins advised Johnson to forget the publishing business and save himself a lot of disappointment; Wilkins later acknowledged he gave Johnson bad advice.



John H. Johnson

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Pirroro will challenge N.Y. Sen. Clinton

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Jeanine Pirro, the high-profile district attorney from suburban Westchester County, will seek the Republican nomination to challenge Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's bid for re-election next year, a top adviser said Monday.

The adviser, speaking only on condition of anonymity to allow Pirro to make the announcement herself, said the district attorney planned to tour the state Wednesday to formally announce her decision.

Pirro began calling top New York Republicans on Sunday night to tell them of her decision, said the adviser and another top Republican source familiar with her plans.

There was no immediate comment Monday from Pirro. Pirro, 53, announced May 23 she would not seek a fourth term as district attorney, but would run for statewide office in 2006.

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R.I. dog track, gambling executives found guilty of attempted bribery

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A dog track and two former executives were found guilty Monday of conspiring to bribe the speaker of the Rhode Island House with \$4 million to arrange support for allowing more slot machines at the track.

No bribe was ever paid, and the House speaker was never charged.

But the Lincoln Park dog track, former General Manager Dan Bucco, and Nigel Potter, former chief of executive of the track's British parent company, Wembley PLC, were each convicted Monday of conspiracy and wire fraud.

Bucco faces up to 25 years in prison. Potter faces up to 20, and both men and the track could each be fined \$1 million or more. Sentencing was set for Oct. 28.

Prosecutors said the track, Bucco and Potter conspired in 2000 and 2001 to bribe then-House Speaker John Harwood, hoping to gain the legislative support necessary for the track to add more slot machines. They also wanted Harwood to oppose a rival casino proposed for West Warwick, R.I., prosecutors said.

To hide the bribe, prosecutors said, the defendants planned a series of payments to Har-

wood's law partner who also did legal work for the track.

The defendants said the payments were meant as a performance bonus to their lawyer for a job well done, and they were never approved by Wembley's board of directors.

Potter, who is British, had told the jury that he had trusted American executives to tell him what was proper. His lawyer said he would appeal.

Bucco's lawyer, Anthony Traini, said his client hadn't decided whether to appeal. He did not put Bucco on the stand or call any witnesses during the trial. "The evidence was not there," Traini said.

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Wildfire burns through 100-plus cabins

POMEROY, Wash. (AP) — Firefighters strengthened their grip Monday on a 35,000-acre wildfire that had whipped through canyons, wheat fields and forestland in southeastern Washington, destroying dozens of homes and cabins.

Fire crews had good lines around three sides of the fire Monday, but remained concerned about heavy timber in the Umatilla National Forest to the south.

"Within the forest, it is a true firestorm," said Clay Barr, director of emergency management for Garfield County.

Firefighters are still working to assess damage in areas still smoldering. While more than 100 structures were believed to have burned, about 20 of those

were probably full-time homes, with the rest being hunting cabins, recreational homes and smaller structures.

One firefighter was injured when a vehicle overturned Monday.

The cause of the blaze remained under investigation, though fire officials believed it was not caused by lightning, said Don Ferguson, spokesman for the Northwest Fire Coordination Center.

The fire, some 10 miles east of Pomeroy, was estimated at about 150 acres Saturday morning, but then blew up, forcing rapid evacuations. Farmers plowed broad swaths through fields of wheat and other crops, trying to create fire breaks and save this year's harvest.

In central Washington, a 1,100-acre wildfire near Lake Wenatchee that had threatened homes was 60 percent contained, officials said Monday. No homes had been evacuated.

And in north-central Washington, a blaze estimated at 1,300 acres was 25 percent contained.

The fire, about 21 miles southeast of Tonasket, started Saturday and destroyed a barn.

Elsewhere, authorities ordered a number of homes evacuated near the small town of Eureka, Mont., where a wildfire had blackened about 875 acres Sunday. Farmers nearby the Forest Service nor Lincoln County officials had a count on the number of homes affected.

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WORLD

Iran, N. Korea pose twin threats to global effort to contain nukes

By William J. Kole
Associated Press Writer

Analysis

VIENNA, Austria — Both Koreas are suspected of running covert nuclear weapons programs. Both are increasingly defiant, accusing Western envoys of meddling in what they insist is their right to develop peaceful nuclear technology.

By refusing to enter link-nudge, Iran and North Korea have the international community scrambling to cool and contain two high-potential cases of nuclear brinkmanship — one in the Middle East, the other on the Korean peninsula.

Clearly these issues are raising critical issues at the same time," he said. "You're seeing the limits of treaties and diplomatic activities. It's been said that treaties bind the ropes of paper. They're certainly not useless, but there are limits."

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency holds an emergency meeting of its 35-nation board of governors on Tuesday to review the stand-off with Iran, which announced Monday it resumed uranium conversion at one of its nuclear facilities.

The IAEA could refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council, which has the authority to impose economic and political sanctions on Tehran — punitive measures that threaten the country for years to come.

Tehran insists its nuclear program is peaceful and geared solely toward generating electricity. But the United States and others contend it's hiding a weapons program.

With its vast petroleum reserves, Iran has a credibility problem. Why, many wonder, does it need nuclear energy when, by some estimates, its natural gas reserves won't run dry for 200 years?

"There is no logic behind a peaceful nuclear program in Iran," said Alireza Asgari, an Iranian scientist living in exile in Austria.

President Bush once called Iran, Iraq and North Korea "axis of evil." Ever since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, Iran has been concerned that it might be next.

North Korea's motivations are clearer — its army faces hundreds of thousands of South Korean and U.S. troops just across the border, and for years, Pyongyang leaders were convinced they faced the threat of a full-scale American invasion.

Up to now, diplomats have resorted to a combination of threats and enticements in an effort to get both nations to abandon their nuclear ambitions. Neither has achieved a breakthrough, though envoys involved in talks with North Korea have expressed economic and energy needs will be the lever the West is looking for.

Britain, France and Germany, negotiating for the European Union, offered Iran a package of economic, political and technological incentives in return for assurances that it would not pursue nuclear weapons. On Saturday, Iran rejected the package.

It's now clear that the best course of action is to refer the case directly to the U.N. Security Council, said Taidi Buzdantsev, the Paris-based National Council of Resistance of Iran, an exiled opposition group.

The IAEA board is expected to issue at least a sternly worded warning to Iran, and the U.S. and the United States are likely to demand the U.N. Security Council involvement.

But getting agreement on sanctions from key Security Council members — including Russia, which has a \$800 million contract to build a reactor in the southern Iranian port city of Bushehr — could be tricky.

For now, the international community is playing for time and hedging its bets on expert assessments that suggest Tehran is a long way from building a warhead.

Even the most concerned and skeptical intelligence agencies now estimate that Iran is nearly a decade away from developing a nuclear weapon, said Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Washington-based Arms Control Association.

North Korea, by contrast, is widely considered far more advanced in its nuclear program. Pyongyang claimed in February that it already had atomic weapons.

On Sunday, deadlocked disarmament talks aimed at persuading the North to renounce nuclear weaponry entered a three-week recess. U.S. officials said the negotiations stalled over the North's demand that it be given a nuclear reactor — a notion all six countries involved in the talks rejected.

"If they can come to a conditional agreement regarding North Korea's peaceful nuclear program, the talks could have a chance," said Lee Geun, professor of international relations at Seoul National University's Graduate School of International Studies.

The IAEA's ability to intervene in North Korea is limited because Pyongyang — unlike Tehran — has withdrawn from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

"There's a lot at stake there," Taylor said. "North Korea is not just an issue of nuclear capabilities. They also have a very large conventional (weapons) capability. That raises questions about what they could do if it came down to the use of force."

But Taylor sees some chilling similarities between the two regimes.

"They are both very serious threats. If they develop full nuclear capabilities, they would represent a threat not only to countries in their own region but to the world," he said.

"The trick is to find out what it is that will make them stop."

William J. Kole is Vienna bureau chief for The Associated Press.

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Iran resumes uranium conversion activities, stepping up confrontation

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran resumed uranium conversion activities at its Isfahan nuclear facility Monday, a step that Europeans and the United States had warned would prompt them to seek U.N. sanctions against the Tehran regime.

Work resumed at the conversion facility in central Iran quickly after inspectors from the U.N. nuclear watchdog finished installing surveillance equipment.

The move came a day before the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board of governors is to hold an emergency session to discuss Iran's nuclear program that was expected to produce a sharply worded warning to Iran.

The IAEA, meanwhile, said work had resumed at Isfahan behind the surveillance equipment had been tested to ensure it was operating properly.

Israel says it wants to move border crossing

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister said Monday the government will insist on checking traffic in and out of Gaza after its pullout from the coastal strip, ruling out, for now, the possibility of foreign inspection.

World in brief

tors replacing Israeli guards. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz outlined the position during a meeting of Israel's Security Cabinet to consider border arrangements after Israel completes the Gaza withdrawal scheduled to begin in a week.

Zimbabwe's president rejects calls for talks

HARARE, Zimbabwe — President Robert Mugabe on Monday rejected calls for talks with Zimbabwe's opposition leader on resolving the country's political and economic crisis.

In a clear reference to neighboring South Africa, Mugabe said he is getting pressure to hold talks with opposition Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai from "quarters that should know better."

"Today we tell all those calling for such ill-conceived talks to please stop their misdirected efforts," Mugabe told thousands of cheering supporters at the annual commemoration of the war to end white rule in this former breakaway British colony.

Suspected militant appears in British court

LONDON — A suspected Islamic militant accused of organizing a terror training camp in Oregon appeared in a British court Monday after the U.S. requested his extradition. A judge ordered that Haroon Rashid Aswat, a 30-year-old British citizen, be held until Thursday when the case will resume at a central London court.

Three of the four main suspects in the failed July 21 London bombings appeared also at a high-security court Monday, charged with attempting to murder passengers on London's transport system.

The fourth suspect attacker, known both as Osman Hussain and as Fiamid Issac, is being held in Rome.

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Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect arrested, officials say

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — A top Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect, indicted by a U.N. tribunal for some of the worst atrocities in the Bosnian war, was arrested Monday in Argentina.

Milan Lukic was being held at a police station in Buenos Aires and was to be questioned by a judge after being arrested in the city on an "international request," according to Argentine Federal Police.

Lukic was indicted by the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, in 2000 for crimes against humanity. He also has been sentenced to 20 years in prison in Serbia for war crimes in the late 1990s.

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Sandstorm delays Iraqi meetings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A blinding sandstorm in Baghdad Monday forced the postponement of marathon negotiations between Iraqi political leaders working to overcome obstacles blocking agreement on a new constitution, with only a week before a deadline to complete it.

Saddam Hussein's family spokesman said it has dissolved his Jordan-based legal team and appointed Iraqi lawyer Ali al-Dabbas as the "one and sole legal counsel." The move was seen as reorganizing the defense ahead of Saddam's upcoming trial.

At least six Iraqis were killed in scattered ambushes Monday in Baghdad. U.S. forces also clashed with insurgents in the volatile city of Ramadi, 40 miles west of Baghdad, but no casualties were reported, Iraqi police said.

President Jalal Talabani hosted a first round of constitutional talks at his Baghdad home Sunday, but a second meeting, originally scheduled for Monday evening, was canceled as the storm reduced visibility in the capital to near zero. Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani had planned to attend, but was stranded in northern Iraq since the storm grounded aircraft.

Participants said the 2.5-hour meeting Sunday produced no breakthroughs with the Aug. 15 deadline looming, and Sunni Arabs repeated their opposition to transforming Iraq into a federal state — a key demand of the Kurdish minority seeking to protect the self-rule its region has held since 1991.

Sailors rescued from sub went out of hospital

The Los Angeles Times

PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKY, Russia — Seven sailors rescued from a mini-submarine hours before their air supply would have run out faced a new problem Monday: Confined to a hospital, they wanted out.

"The crew were almost complaining about being put in a general ward. We're OK, we just want to go home," said the captain for Rossiya television reported in a newcast.

The men, trapped 600 feet under the Bering Sea, were rescued Sunday after a remote-controlled British "Scorpio" underwater craft cut through cables and fishing nets that had ensnared their mini-sub since Thursday. They had an estimated six to 12 hours of air remaining when they finally surfaced.

"They also had been running short of water, the men said Monday in comments on Rossiya and MTV television.

"We went out of water, we just didn't have enough of it," said crew member Alexander Ubyin. "We were short of oxygen, too. Not badly, but we could feel it in our heads when we weren't getting enough."

Ubyin said his first wish when the mini-sub surfaced was "to take a breath of fresh air."

A reporter asked what they had most wanted when they reached a rescue ship. One of the men called out, "To eat."

"We went out of water, we just didn't have enough of it," said crew member Alexander Ubyin, a representative of the company that made the 43-foot AS-28 mini-submarine. He said the men had simply tried to be patient.

"We realized we were on the bottom and reported it," he said. "All we could do was wait for whatever decisions were taken. After we'd said we were stuck, we just lay down and waited."

"Temperatures in the craft reported were about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, and the men tried to share their body heat during the ordeal. "We put on (thermal) diving overalls, and when you are keeping very close together, you get warm," Bolonin said.

Defense Minister Sergei B. Ivanov told reporters that Russian robotic vehicles similar to the British Scorpio, but it would have taken longer to bring them to the scene.

"Our mini-subs even eclipse Scorpios in some specifications, but trail them in mobility," Ivanov said at a news conference in Vilyuchinsk, in the Kamchatka region. "Air-lifting of our deep-water robots to Kamchatka would have taken much more time."

The rain in Spain ... isn't falling

Los Angeles Times

MADRID, Spain — Spain is suffering its worst drought in more than half a century. Rivers are withering, vital crops have been scorched to death, and drinking water is being rationed just as the country hits its peak tourist season.

Rain forest fires have raged through thousands of parched acres, and a heat wave in much of southern Europe has put hospitals and emergency-care workers on alert.

With poor water management the norm, the crisis is only going to worsen, experts and officials warn.

"It is very probable that next year will also be a dry year," Environment Minister Cristina Narbona said. "A new drought cycle (of several years) could be starting."

Agricultural losses have already been put at nearly \$2 billion, at least a quarter of that in the southern Andalusia region, where Spain's olive groves are starting to suffer the same devastation that has so far caused the loss of tons of wheat, barley, sugar beets and other vegetables.

Cows and sheep are also threatened, farm unions say, as are wild animals. Flamingos, storks, boars and the endangered Iberian lynx in Spain's Donana and other national parks are said to be suffering



A small burnt plant rises up from the bottom of the Arenos reservoir near Pueblo de Arenos, eastern Spain. Spain is experiencing its driest summer since record-keeping began in the 1940s.

from serious dehydration, which could interfere with their reproductive and migratory habits.

Portugal and parts of France and Italy also have been hit by drought this season. But the problems in Spain, which has one of the highest per capita water consumption rates in Europe, are compounded by a construction boom and big-

business agriculture that Narbona and others say irrigates inefficiently.

Sprawling apartment complexes, fancy resorts and water-guzzling golf courses are sprouting along Spain's arid southern coastlines at a frantic pace. A record 700,000 homes were reportedly built last year, and with them, thousands of illegal wells.

The crisis is chronic, southern Mediterranean Spain has been parched for centuries. But demand has soared during Spain's rapid growth of the last couple of decades and the modernization of its economy, said Jose Antonio Sotelo, a scientist with the Institute of Environmental Sciences at the Complutense University of Madrid.

Japanese leader dissolves Parliament

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese lawmakers rejected legislation to split up and sell the nation's postal service Monday, leading Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to call snap elections next month. He promised to make the vote a referendum on his reform plan and pledged to resign if it fails.

The shutdown could shake the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's grip on power, since defections from Koizumi's LDP helped defeat the postal plan on a 125-108 vote in the upper house of Parliament.

It was a painful setback for the prime minister's longtime quest to privatize the postal services and insurance businesses and open their \$2.9 trillion in assets to private investors. He hoped the move would provide a boost for the struggling economy, which is only now emerging from a decade-long slowdown.

"The upper house decided that postal privatization is not needed. So I would like to ask the general public whether it supports or opposes it. That way I dissolved Parliament," Koizumi told reporters.

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EDITORIAL

Gun auction goes off without a controversy

What started as a showdown between gun vendors and Twin Falls city leaders a few years ago ended last month in an amicable draw.

The gun fracas resulted in a few juvenile bumper stickers ("Chop a council member, not our guns") and brought some change on the council itself.

The policy, however, didn't really change until the stockpile grew again this year. This time, city officials decided to work with merchants to make a safe and profitable auction.

Our view: City leaders hit the bull's-eye with a successful and carefully planned gun auction.

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

In the end, all sides emerged winners in the dispute over auctioned guns by keeping their emotions holstered. Careful decision-making by city council members, persistence from local merchandisers, and tight oversight by city police helped make the city's initial gun auction a success.

A six-hour auction held July 30 featured 14 fully licensed buyers and resulted in gross sales of around \$27,000. Once additional fees are thrown in, the final amount will go into the city's coffers.

The result of years of police confiscations, the city's stockpile of guns became a controversy in 1999. That year the City Council opted to destroy 174 confiscated guns in the police vault. Police Chief Lee DeVore said those weapons were mostly illegal or useless.

But that didn't stop some late critics from mounting a campaign to change city policy and auction the guns for return profits to the city.

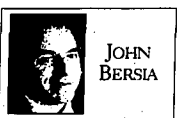
owners have no felony records. Sgt. Mark Marvin of the Twin Falls Police Department provided additional guidance as to which weapons should be returned, destroyed or put on the auction block. In the end, 259 of the 371 guns inventoried went up for sale to merchants with federal firearm licenses. All of those guns were sold as well.

The last thing city officials needed — especially going into another city election year — was another round of debate over gun. By working with gun merchandisers and police, the city hit a good chunk of change in its budget, and one less controversy.

U.S. will suffer until it fixes Iraq strategy

Every time an American soldier falls in Iraq — a disturbingly frequent occurrence in recent days — concerned minds should ask: How much longer will the Bush administration persist with the fiction that the United States and its allies have sufficient military capabilities to end a conflict that now stretches well into its third year?

Indeed, how can U.S. officials even dare propose a substantial withdrawal of American troops from Iraq in 2006?



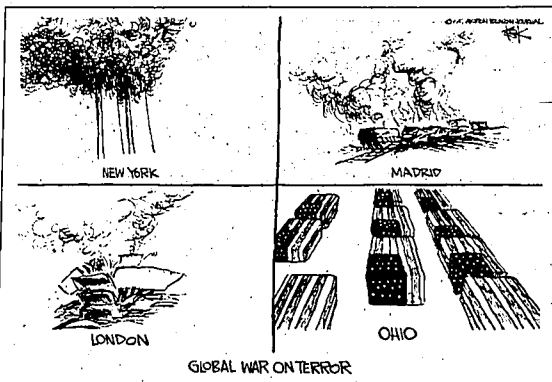
JOHN BERSIA

An anticipated drawdown in the face of victory would reemerge plausibly. Similar talk under the questionable circumstances that currently exist inspires little confidence and is virtually guaranteed to have a nonstop revisiting of the last week's gruesome toll. If I were an insurgent in Iraq, I would see this opportunity in all directions.

During the past several days, the insurgents have taken advantage of some of those opportunities, and the casualties have hailed mainly from Ohio. Tomorrow, the casualties may be disproportionately inflicted on another state although, my very fallen soldier belongs to all Americans. That is no way to wage — or win — a war.

No one should expect to intervene in another country without fatalities. But the U.S. government should not have to stretch and contain its messages for Americans to understand that the sacrifice of their family members and other loved ones serves the national interest.

Let me be clear. I believe that the Bush administration prematurely rushed into Iraq, and I said so well in advance of the intervention. Subsequently, as Iraq developed into a major front in the war against terrorism, I understood the danger and the need for the United States to retain troops there until the Iraqi government was capable of defending itself.



But we have not yet arrived at that point, nor can we realistically hope to reach it by this time next year — unless we and our allies, especially in NATO, manage to dispatch enough troops, an additional 100,000 or more, to lock down Iraq from end to end. I am talking about the kind of lockdown that should have been imposed town by town and region by region during the early days of the intervention, one that would allow the rounding up of disruptive parties, the confiscation of weapons, the sealing of borders and other necessary steps.

Otherwise, Americans will continue to witness horrific and hemorrhaging that, with each passing week, will suffer their opposition to the intervention and induce them to press for premature withdrawal. What could be more pleasing to the insurgents, whether they swear allegiance to terrorism, Saddam Hussein's old system or some other errant calling?

If the Bush administration

has no intention of gathering sufficient troops to complete the task, it might as well pull out the ones currently deployed, spare American families further misery, and let Iraq slide down the tubes into chaos this year rather than next.

But that would not serve the best interests of Americans, Iraqis, Europeans and others who stand to gain immeasurably from a secure and democratic Iraq. If we wish to deliver a safer world to our children and grandchildren, eliminating the roots of terrorism in places such as Iraq is critical.

If we leave Iraq and kindred problems to the vagaries of the wind and the manipulation of diabolical misfits, their troubles eventually will drift to America, and the casualties we now sustain will appear small by comparison.

America went to war in Iraq, as Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld once famously said, with the Army it had, not the one it wanted. Well, it was still enormously capable and powerful. I happen to believe that the U.S. military could handle Iraq or any other crisis, if re-

leased from artificial constraints that appear driven by political considerations.

Every new American casualty in Iraq tells us that the current strategy is not working. The troops on the ground have known that for some time. The insurgents know it. So does the Iraqi population and anyone else who has examined the crisis in an objective manner.

The situation leaves the United States with three clear choices: the status quo, which would allow the insurgents to sap the mission's remaining strength and stamina; withdrawal, which would doom Iraq to relentless turmoil; or decisive action, which would finish the job properly. The last option is the only one that would serve long-term U.S. interests, while offering relief from what has become, for many Americans, the most painful and dubious phase of the intervention.

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LETTERS

Locals must speak up on Cassia County dairies
It is an insult to suggest that homeowners in agricultural areas should by as much adjoining property as possible to avoid having factory farms as neighbors. Cassia County considers CAFOs. Aug. 4, 2005.

Whether or not you live directly next door to one, animal factories make bad neighbors. Warehousing tens of thousands of animals in close confinement leads to a slew of environmental problems, such as water pollution and noxious gas emissions from animal waste lagoons, shown to cause a range of acute and chronic illnesses. Factory farms also give rise to foul odors, noise, fly infestation, lowered values for surrounding property and impaired quality of life.

The inherent abuse of factory-farmed animals is also cause for great concern. Dairy factory farms treat cows as mere milk-producing machines. The animals are impregnated every year, often pumped full of hormones, and milked for 10 out of 12 months. When their milk production wanes, they're slaughtered at a fraction of their adult age.

cision makers to approve more confined animal feeding operations in the area. Cassia County residents should voice their opposition before they find themselves living in a forest of factory farms. Doing so would protect the environment, the community and the animals.

GOWRI KONESWARAN
Washington, D.C.
Editor's note: Gowri Koneswaran is the program manager for farm animal welfare with the Humane Society of the United States.

Children used to learn to work for their lunch
My mother, Katie, was the tray lady in the cafeteria at Morningside Elementary School in the early 1960s.

She supervised the children who washed the trays and who worked in the kitchen. They didn't or couldn't pay for their lunch. So after they ate their lunch, they washed the trays. They worked for kind, not for money.

This was a good work skill for them to learn. Also, they learned it was better to work for their lunch instead of just getting it for free.

CHRIS WAIN HEILEMAN
Twin Falls

Carlsbad, California, cracks through on housing

CARLSBAD, Calif. — When 36-year-old Chris Uthe moved into the swanky resort community of La Costa this spring, it was a bigger deal for her than for many of her neighbors in their million-dollar homes. Uthe, a multiple sclerosis patient who uses a wheelchair and is living on her disability benefits, was one of the first residents of La Costa Paloma, an affordable housing complex set up in the middle of one of America's richest golf and tennis resorts.

"It's been an absolute lifesaver for me," she told a visiting reporter. "I was living in senior citizen housing in San Diego — a 180-unit complex with just two elevators. Now I'm surrounded by young people. I have my own patio, which gives me privacy but also allows me to visit with my neighbors, and the apartment I'm in has a lowered sink and a huge bathroom, big enough for me to turn my chair around."

La Costa Paloma is a handsome, 180-unit complex of two- and three-story stucco structures, whose exterior design and architecture mirror the nearby private homes. It was built by two nonprofits, San Diego-based Community HousingWorks in partnership with Mercy Housing, a national organization, on land donated by the commercial developer, in fulfillment of the Carlsbad inclusionary housing requirement.

That ordinance, passed unanimously by the Republican-dominated city council in 1993 and enforced with mini-



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mal controversy for a dozen years, requires developers of new homes to include 15 percent of below-market units in every new project.

Deborah Fountain, the head of the housing and redevelopment department for this city of 95,000, said the ordinance has produced 1,500 units in a dozen sites. It offers a model solution for a growing national problem: the shortage of affordable housing close to the jobs people hold.

By requiring the affordable housing to be built on the same tractable as the market homes, Carlsbad has largely avoided outbreaks of "NIMBY," or older residents objecting to lower-income families moving in. There was a protest from neighbors of La Costa Paloma, a lawsuit filed, but the threat of a lawsuit dissipated as the meetings persuaded homeowners that parking would be adequate and the architecture in keeping with the surrounding neighbor-

hood. "Facts overcome fears," she said. Fountain credits much of the success of this and other affordable housing projects to the skills of the nonprofits that arrange the financing and manage the units. "They are very smart about naming trash and graffiti and other blemishes, she

Inclusionary housing requirements cannot solve the whole problem. But Carlsbad leaders are convinced that the policy makes sense.

said, "often more than the managers of old market-rate projects."

In this case, Community HousingWorks and Mercy Housing tapped a variety of sources for the \$23 million project. Morrow Development, which built the surrounding homes, contributed the land, the city of Carlsbad put in \$2 million from its housing fund, and loans came from Clubbank, Fannie Mae and other sources.

That makes it possible to rent the units, ranging from one bedroom to four, for \$600 to \$1,100 a month, compared to the \$1,500 to \$2,000 range for the typical two-bedroom in Carlsbad. Sue Reynolds, the executive director of Community HousingWorks, said that more than 2,000 people applied for the 180 units and that many of those who were in the first wave of new residents in June "had tears in their eyes when they walked into their brand-new homes."

Because so many of the households have both parents

working, an after-school program opened immediately in the newly built community room, equipped with computer terminals for the youngsters. While Carlsbad was a pioneer in mandating that developers assure that a portion of the new units be affordable, Reynolds and Fountain both said that economic forces are bringing other communities to the same policy.

"Our employers want affordable housing for their workers," Fountain said. "We did a survey and found that 70 percent of the people who work in Carlsbad live somewhere else. That means they are spending the money they earn here somewhere else."

Reynolds noted that the shortage of affordable housing has become a barrier to economic development in much of the San Diego area, as elsewhere in the country. "All the people in service jobs would like to live close to their work," she said. "But instead, they are forced onto the highways, adding to the congestion."

A survey last month by the San Diego Association of Governments — a regional body — found that traffic and housing costs rank as the two biggest problems for residents, with more than half the respondents saying they might leave the area because of the unaffordability of housing.

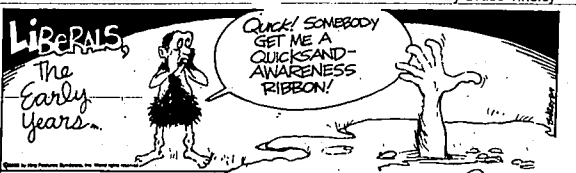
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Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Bush's hunch suppresses his intellect

As somebody who does not have the slightest feeling one way or another about baseball star Rafael Palmeiro, I have to say it seems pretty clear that Palmeiro has used steroids. Palmeiro recently tested positive for steroid use.

JONATHAN CHAIT

And then there's former teammate Jose Canseco's allegation that he and Palmeiro both used steroids, which is impossible to verify but would seem to explain why Palmeiro's annual home run total nearly doubled after Canseco explained him on the Texas Rangers.

None of this is ironclad proof, but it seems the simplest way to reconcile the available data. President Bush, though, doesn't see it this way at all. When asked about Palmeiro's positive steroid test, Bush—who knew Palmeiro when the president owned the Rangers—replied, "Rafael Palmeiro is a friend. He testified in public and I believe him. He's the kind of person that's going to stand up in front of the Klieg lights and say he didn't use steroids, and I believe him."

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ing. You see, President Putin, I think you judge a person on something other than just politics.

I think it's important for me and for you to look for the depth of a person's soul and character. I was touched by the fact your mother gave you the cross. Bush publicly testified of Putin, "I was able to get a sense of his soul."

Personally, I put less weight on the fact that Putin got a cross from his mother, and more on the fact that Putin has smothered Russian democracy by outlawing opposition parties, shut down any remotely skeptical media outlet and subjected his critics to political show trials.

Yet this sort of evidence has had barely any effect on Bush. Two years ago, he was still praising Putin's desire for "a country in which democracy and freedom and rule of law thrive." Bush is even apt to apply

this particular brand of illogic to his own character. In one of the 2000 presidential debates, Al Gore pointed out that Bush as governor of Texas opposed a measure to expand children's healthcare and instead used the money for a tax cut. The debate moderator then asked Bush, "Are those numbers correct? Are his charges correct?" To which Bush replied, "If he's trying to allege that I'm a hard-hearted person and I don't care about children, he's absolutely wrong."

The style of Bush's reply is telling. Gore was trying to make a point about Bush's moral priorities by establishing a series of facts about Bush's behavior.

Rather than deny having chosen tax cuts over children's healthcare, or explain his rationale for having done so, Bush changed the subject to more comfortable ground: judging people's hearts. He asked the audience to intuit,

based on the way he carries himself, that he is a warm-hearted person, and thus to reject out of hand any facts that might clash with this impression. The point isn't just that Bush refuses to engage with facts he finds inconvenient. (Many fact checks test.) It's that Bush rejects reason itself. Reason is a process by which we draw our broader conclusions from an accumulation of specific evidence.

When the evidence changes ("Hey, this Putin guy seems to be squelching dissent"), our conclusions can also ("Perhaps he doesn't love democracy as much as he said he did"). Bush, on the other hand, arrives at his beliefs through intuition. His supporters march right down there to the Marine recruiters. His response was quick and firm, "With that! I ain't going over there."

When that in mind, it was brought to my attention shortly thereafter, since the Republicans love this war so much, there should be a poll tax on Republicans: about \$10,000 a month per head should cover some of the cost. Additionally, the Republicans should willingly deliver up their first-born. Draft 'em. Republican families first.

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Latest tragedy should change tours of duty

Thirty-three days safe at the ranch, unless a cyclone fall. The age of the guards is being increased — why not spend some of that training one received while in the guard and do a short tour of duty. Such a sad day for so many families with the latest tragedy. YOLANDE BENNETT Halley

If Republicans want this war, start signing up

I remember about two weeks after 9/11, a male employee came into our control room spouting off about what "we" (notice it's always "we") should do to the Arabs. It was the usual diatribe about taking their gas and turning their countries to glass, etc. I stared at him for a moment and said, "If you feel that way you should march right down there to the Marine recruiters." His response was quick and firm, "With that! I ain't going over there."

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raise a number of independent brigades — like during the Spanish Civil War. This should give more hostages the opportunity to kill somebody.

Second, this "Click It, Ticker" program, what rubbish. Obviously the police haven't enough to do, so raise a division (about 22,000) of these heroes, and send them to Iraq. No, ya say why not? I'll bet had three SS Polizei Divisions on the Russian front. They did remarkably well. I think the Bush administration's reply missing out here. In America, we have trained jailers in abundance; and since the plan is to remake the world into America, how can we do that without more jails and prisons? America the jailer's dream, so just think of it as kind of a reallocation of resources.

"Freedom isn't free," this "Boobus Americans" in White House continually reminds me but I don't see the Bush daughter in the lead five-ton surging truck dodging RPGs and IEDs on their way to Fallujah — all I see are soldiers like, God bless her, Corp. Carrie French. But Republicans, you are right, freedom isn't free, and that's all the more reason why the recommendations above fit so well into your agenda of an all-out attempt to democratize the world at the point of a gun. You want to play, not I. So don't be shy, step up to the plate, and put your money and your own blood where your mouth is. Quickly now. His Imperial Majesty QW awaits.

MARK SCHUCKERT Twin Falls

Put the focus of the WTC memorial on Sept. 11

A New York's ground zero, where religion gone mad killed 2,749 people on Sept. 11, 2001, an unending and avoidable dispute has arisen.

In brief, it is this: Will the World Trade Center Memorial be a place to learn about what happened there and commemorate the people who died or will it be a platform for learning about such matters as the Polish Solidarity movement, Martin Luther King Jr. and, as one official put it, "great sacrifices that have been made on behalf of a free and open society?"

This debate should end. The 9/11 memorial should be about 9/11 so that the world has a place to focus on the evil events of that day and the precious lives — including my own nephews — lost to the custodians of radical Islam.

But the planning of memorial aspects of ground zero has lost its focus. As things stand now, the rebuilt World Trade Center site will include not only skyscrapers and shops, but four cultural institutions: The International Freedom Center, the Joyce Theater International Dance Company and a fine arts drawing center.

The International Freedom Center plans to use its exhibition space to "honor humanity's march toward freedom and highlight America's role as a beacon of freedom throughout the world." These words and the "great sacrifices" quote come from Tom A. Bernstein, the Freedom Center's co-founder and chairman.

Various organizations made up of 9/11 families (none of which I belong to — see

BILL TAMMEUS

www.takebackthememorial.org have protested the Freedom Center's plans to use its ground zero space for an expansive purpose, in response, Bernstein said recently that his group has "taken a step back" to consider the complaints.

And when Whithead, chairman of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, said his agency was taking "one last look" at various alternatives, though he seemed to forecast the result by saying it's "not likely" that another location for the Freedom Center will be found.

In fact, it's not the center's location that's the main problem.

If it were to focus solely on 9/11, I doubt that any family members would object. Nor is it wrong for the center to want to tell important freedom stories and let us share them. Our widespread historical ignorance makes that telling necessary.

If the ground zero memorial should be about what happened there in the 2001 terrorist attacks and the 1993 World Trade Center bombings. In display space about that would be happy for visitors to find a modest sign that said something like this: "To learn more about how what happened here fits into a broader picture of ideas that free and open societies promote, please visit exhibition space at (some nearby) location." Then quit.

Distracting visitors to the ground zero memorial with tales of Abraham Lincoln and the Holocaust and Jim Crow laws is simply foolish.

Not only would it diminish the effort to describe events and causes of the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, it also would dilute efforts to help people understand what they simply must know about Lincoln, the Nazis and the post-Civil War South if they are to be informed citizens.

It is hard enough to understand the enormity of what happened at ground zero without distracting people with other matters. In fact, we as a culture haven't done nearly enough to unpack the causes and meaning of terrorism that roots itself in religion.

We haven't yet identified as much as we can about what contributes to religious violence. We haven't thought through how to move people from a deep commitment to the lies of radicalized religion to a willingness to live and let live. We don't know yet whether the spiritual sickness of violent religious fanaticism is a permanent part of modern life or simply a passing phase.

If planners of the World Trade Center memorial want to stretch out what they offer visitors beyond the artifacts and stories of 1993 and 2001,

they might think about creating thoughtful and engaging exhibits that would begin at least to ask some of those questions.

Let museums in Gdansk and Gettysburg and Birmingham and Berlin teach us about Solidarity and Lincoln and civil rights and the Shoah.

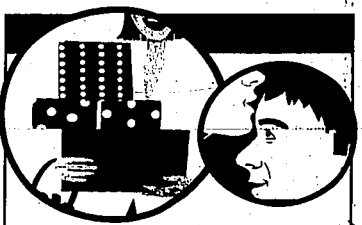
When I go to ground zero, I want to remember my nephews and understand better the fatalities who killed him.

Bill Tammeus is a columnist for The Kansas City Star.



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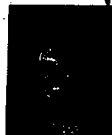
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Shirley Johnston
BUHL — Shirley Johnston, 66, Buhl, died at her home in Buhl.

Broy G. Harding
FILER — Broy G. Harding, 81, of Filer, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at the VA Hospital in Boise.

Josephine Marie Short
POCATELLO — Josephine Marie Short, 57, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, at Portneuf Medical Center.

Harry J. Eden
SHOSHONE — Harry J. Eden, 90, a resident of Shoshone, Idaho, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at Shoshone Rehabilitation & Living Center.

Deming's Shoshone Chapel.
Marjorie J. Skinner
BUHL — Marjorie J. Skinner, 72, of Buhl, died Aug. 7, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Pete Landholm
TWIN FALLS — Pete Landholm, 65, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at his home in Twin Falls.

Karen Lynette Andrews
TWIN FALLS — Karen Lynette Andrews, 53, of Twin Falls, and formerly of Boise, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at her home.

Willard W. Harpster
SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Willard W. Harpster, 89, of San Diego, Calif., died Thursday, June 23, 2005.

Dora M. Reynolds of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Park Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Caldwell, service at 10 a.m. today at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell (Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel).

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Legislators criticize power plant plan
By John Miller
Associated Press Writer

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James Richard Plummer of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 210 E. Bureau Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Henry Donald "Don" Henson of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome. Friends and family may also visit one hour before the service.

Gertrude Adele Stoddard of Twin Falls, graves service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

BOISE — Republican legislators, county officials and proponents of a coal-fired power plant in eastern Idaho have blasted a Democratic proposal for a new state board to govern when power plants can be located.

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Marjorie A. Jensen of Halley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Wood River Chapel).

Robe J. Crystal of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Paul Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis St.

Jean Tegan Carl of Boise, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

The measure, discussed Monday by the 2005 Legislature's interim energy committee, would create a panel of officials from state environment, wildlife, health and water departments, as well as local leaders, to scrutinize proposed power plant projects.

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Lloyd Gillespie
RUPERT — Lloyd Harding Gillespie, an 84-year-old lifelong resident of Rupert, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital's Extended Care Facility.



(Ray) Moog; his sisters-in-law, Louise Cook Reser and Mary Hendrix Cook; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Lloyd worked for Kraft Cheese Plant for 38 years. After retiring, he began his second career, community service.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, June; an infant daughter, Susan Marie; his brother, DuBert Gillespie, a grandson, Matthew Gerald Gillespie and an infant great-granddaughter, Serena Scott.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at the Rupert Third and Tenth Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 505 S. E. Street, with Bishop Gary Mochizuki officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at Rupert Cemetery.

HEYBURN — Marvin Loi Cannell, age 67, passed away Aug. 7, 2005, at his home in Heyburn with his wife, LaRay, of 43 years at his side.



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Marvin and his wife, LaRay, had four children: Terry (Billie) Cannell of Heyburn; daughter, Linda (Andy) Leckeny of Carlin, Nev.; seven grandchildren, his brothers

and sisters, Lena Shoko, John Cannell (deceased), Glenn Cannell, Leo Cannell (deceased), Beth Jankovich, Arvil Cannell (deceased), Norman, Merlin, Lavern, Gene (deceased) Cannell, Ruth Warner, De Mendenthal and Ann (Nick) decessed Martin.

BOISE — Fern L. Smith passed away in Boise, Aug. 2, 2005, at the age of 86, with her son by her side.

Fern loved flowers and was happiest when working in her beautiful garden. Fern was a life member of Soroptomist International and active member of the First Christian Church.

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Shasta won't have to testify immediately

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The decision by Judge Edward Duncan III to waive his preliminary hearing this week means that 8-year-old Shasta Groene will not immediately have to testify about her ordeal at the hands of the registered sex offender, the prosecutor said Monday.

Duncan was arrested on July 2 while he dined in a restaurant with Shasta, who is the only survivor of the mid-May attack on her family's home. So far, Duncan has been charged with killing the girl's mother and her boyfriend and one of her brothers. Federal prosecutors plan to charge him with kidnapping the girl and her 9-year-old brother Dylan, and with killing Dylan.

While it is The Associated Press' policy not to identify alleged victims of sexual assault in most cases, the search for Shasta and her brother was so heavily publicized that their names are widely known.

Law enforcement authorities around the country are taking a closer look at whether Duncan, 42, may be linked to other crimes against children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has provided the FBI with a list of "a host of children" to determine whether Duncan could be responsible for their disappearances or deaths, center spokeswoman Joann Donnellan said.

Investigators in Riverside County, Calif., said last week they had matched a latent fingerprint to the 1997 murder scene of a 10-year-old California boy.

A spokesman for the sheriff's department in King County, Wash., said investigators are reviewing a 1996 kidnapping and murder case to determine whether Duncan may have been involved.



Jason Jeffries, 10, left, watches as Chad Jamagan, 9, falls off the log roll during a kids' camp Monday at the Gargen Ski Ranch in Bakerfield, Calif.

EPA: Tribe can speed water quality standards

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe will set standards for how clean the waters of its portion of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe River must be, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Monday.

"This tribe a few years ago won a U.S. Supreme Court decision to claim ownership of the lower third of the scenic lake, and now the tribe is setting standards for the lake, said EPA regional administrator. The river flows into the southern end of the lake. The state sets standards for the upper two-thirds of the lake.

The tribe said the decision follows six years of effort.

"This is a good thing for the Coeur d'Alene tribe," said Chief Allan, the tribal chairman. "Protecting tribal waters is as essential to the tribe's survival today as it was in 1873."

The tribe will not set standards for nearby Heyburn State Park or other areas of the reservation, the EPA said. The tribe said it hoped to pursue authority over those areas later.

Once the tribe sets water quality standards, they will be released for public review and comment.

It is important that waters of the lake and the St. Joe River within the reservation receive protection similar to that provided to the northern portion of the Lake and throughout the state of Idaho," said Ron Kreizenbeck, acting EPA regional administrator.

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Report: Ranger died of head injuries on day he disappeared

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, Colo. (AP) — Park ranger Jeff Christensen died of head injuries from a fall on the same day he disappeared, officials said Monday.

Christensen's body was found after an intensive, eight-day search over 26 square miles of mountainous wilderness. He was believed to have died between 6 p.m. and midnight on July 29 — the same day he left on a patrol, according to an autopsy report done by the Larimer county coroner's office and released by the park.

Park officials were still investigating Christensen's death, said Al Nash, spokesman for the National Park Service headquarters in Washington. Christensen was believed to be the first ranger to die on duty in the park's 90-year history.

A hiker found the 31-year-old body near Spectacle Lakes at about 13,000 feet Saturday, three miles east of where he had begun his patrol. The site was two to three miles away from an area where searchers heard gunshots and radio static that they thought might have been Christensen trying to signal them in the middle of last week.

Dale and Chris Christensen of Forest Lake, Minn., arrived in Colorado Tuesday to wait for word on their son.

They thanked scores of volunteers who looked for the younger Christensen.

Dale, a machinist, and Chris, an administrator for an insurance firm, said their son knew he wanted to move to Colorado while he was still attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

BSU looks for space for new buildings, parking

BOISE — Boise State University is turning to nearby neighborhoods to find space for new buildings and parking lots.

But some residents fear they'll eventually be forced out of their homes by the expansion.

"It won't be long before they'll be knocking on my door asking me if I'm going to sell. And I hate that, I just hate that," said 76-year-old Ann Smith. "The college has just gotten so big that people can't live around it."

Boise State University officials say the school needs more space for students so that it can become more competitive with other universities.

Development just south of the main campus began about three weeks ago and construction of two structures is expected to start within the next two years, said Frank Zang, BSU spokesman. More development in the neighborhood is expected this fall.

"We have been busting at the seams," Zang said.

Boise State expects to start building a \$13 million student health, wellness and counseling center in the area about a year from now. The school is also planning to build a \$10 million parking garage in two years.

Idaho In brief

seven minutes of a heart attack, it can increase the chance of survival by as much as 49 percent, according to the American Heart Association.

The devices, provided through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, are valued at \$1,000 each.

Officials: Immunization rates rise in Idaho

MOSCOW — Immunization rates for toddlers are rising in both Idaho and Washington, public health officials said.

Both states saw a 2 percent increase in immunizations since 2003, according to statistics from the 2004 National Immunization Survey.

More than 80 percent of Idaho children and more than 77 percent of Washington children received the standard series of immunizations, according to the study.

"We are all moving in the right direction, and our strategies are working," said Michele Peril, a health educator with the Washington State Department of Health's Immunization Program.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare uses a statewide electronic immunization registry, designed to remind parents when it is time to have their children immunized.

Washington state is promoting a similar program.

"Though many of the diseases children are vaccinated against may seem rare, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said parents need to remember that immunizations are still needed.

"In some countries, these diseases are still prevalent and anyone can get on a plane with them," he said. "We like to say 'All of these diseases are just a plane ride away.'"

— compiled from wire reports

Search for missing hiker called off

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The search for a St. George hiker missing in Washington County has been called off.

Bryan Butas, 35, reportedly planned to go hiking alone July 30 in the area near Leeds.

His car was found the next day near the Oak Grove campground in Dixie National Forest.

The search, which began a week ago, was called off Monday because no evidence has been found, but the investigation continues, said Tom Bergin, a spokesman for the Washington County sheriff's office.

Butas' mother, Kathy, said her son is an ex-Marine who is physically fit and has good survival skills. She fears he's been hurt.

Butas' wife and three children recently showed up and Butas was planning to join them in December.

On Saturday, more than 100 volunteer searchers combed an area adjacent to the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness Area, about eight miles west of Leeds.

The search was scaled back Sunday with about 20 volunteers.

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"A national holiday thought?"

"Well, that may be a bit extreme, but it would be a nice surprise to have a national miss work or skip class without the guilty conscience.

Because after Madden is in my mind, it's back to the apartment to barricade myself in my room for three straight days of game time.

News is important and all, but this is the kind of earth-shattering, life-changing event that I've marked on my calendar every year since the Clinton administration.

This week is all about me ignoring society to take my lowly Oakland Raiders to the Super Bowl as many times as possible before I have to return to menial, real-world tasks like showering and eating.

"It's probably not all I've said it is, but it is the game that I raised me.

Now excuse me while I get back to playing."

Garrett Hylton is the reporting intern at The Times-News. He will be a junior this fall at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Madness

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nity of having the full effect right in your living room."

"So what's with the Madden craze?"

"I think No. 1, it's been around 16 years so we've had a fan base that grows with the game, which I think has been helpful," said Chris Erb, Madden's senior product manager. "The second thing is that it gets better every year."

At this year's improvements are plenty.

Aside from Madden's franchise mode that keeps players coming back for more and threatens marital communication nationwide, this year's game has several new features to add another dimension to the game.

The big improvement is NFL Superstar, a mode that allows gamers to build their own player and then follow him all the way to retirement.

"It's the biggest addition to Madden since we added the franchise mode," Erb said. "You can go to the barbershop or get tons of cash and you have to earn playing time."

Another new feature involves the quarterback's vision. The days of rolling to the right and throwing back to the left flat for easy yardage are over. Now the quarterback has to have the receiver in his field of vision to produce an accurate pass.

Just like with NFL quarterbacks, the faster a player reads the defense the more success he'll have in passing the ball.

Finally, for those who love bone-jarring hits, there's the truck stick.

Now with a flick of the analog stick, running backs can lower their shoulders and lower the boom on defenders.

"I'm really excited about this

Want it?

Here are a few tips to getting the most out of your Madden video games.

- **Early Arrival:** For those who couldn't wait, Madden NFL '06 was available shortly after midnight at Wal-Mart in Jerome.
- **Gamestop is opening at 8 a.m.,** two hours early. Target and Kmart also will open at 8 a.m., their normal business hours.
- **Cost:** It's \$49.99 most places, but Hastings offers the console version for \$44.99.

one," said Luke Hawkins, a Best Buy employee and Madden enthusiast.

This is the first year EA Sports has exclusive rights with the NFL, meaning Madden's the only game in town to feature

real player and team names.

With competition for the valuable NFL simulation market cranked, EA Sports is trying to avoid a monopolistic meltdown.

"Our competition is very much internal," said Erb, who added that Madden's competition is game like Halo and Grand Theft Auto, not just sports games.

"A lot of these guys have been working in this game since the beginning."

Exclusive rights also mean more access to the league.

"That's going to make the game better for the fans," Erb said.

William Mullins just wants to win with his favorite team.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how good Pittsburgh is," he said. "Hopefully, they're built up good so I can take them to the Super Bowl."

Gamestop's going to open two hours early today at 8 a.m. and Best Buy is going to bring in a big TV, leather couch and all the fixings for fans to hang out and play.

And the employees might get in on things as well.

"Fuck it, if people want to play I'll play anybody," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said his day of Madden is not over there, either. "He'll have his copy when he goes home, and it might see some action right away."

"I'll be playing it all day at work and if I like what I see, I'll probably play it when I get home, too."

Work won't be all games for Hawkins, but the buzz is about making a fun day for everybody involved.

After all, Madden's all about excitement.

So far, defibrillators go unused in Madison County

REXBURG — So far, Madison County Sheriff Roy Klinger says his officers haven't had to use the five defibrillators that the department got last year through a grant.

Still, this year he's getting another four, so that nearly every patrol car will have one of the emergency devices.

"We're excited; it helps us a lot," Klinger said. "It's another service we can provide to the community and be prepared."

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: A BIT OF AN OXYMOORON, I'D SAY.

Panel 2: NOT REALLY.

Panel 3: WE CATER TO SLUGS.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: GUESS WHAT? NOW LET ME TAKE A SHOWER INSTEAD OF A BATH!

Panel 2: HEIL BABY IT WOULD BE GREAT.

Panel 3: SHOWERS ARE A LOT BETTER THAN BATHS.

Panel 4: IF YOU'RE CAREFUL, AND STAND REALLY CLOSE TO THE WALL, YOU HARDLY GET WET AT ALL!

Panel 5: WANDA!

Blado By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Panel 1: WELL, IT FINALLY HAPPENED.

Panel 2: WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Panel 3: I'M IN THE AGE WHERE I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE ABOUT IT... OR BRAG ABOUT IT.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: ...AND NO TEETH-GRINDING, LIP-SMACKING OR TONGUE-CLUCKING!

Panel 2: HIS MEMO ON "FORBIDDEN OFFICE NOISES"!

Panel 3: THERE'S A WHOLE CHAPTER ON "KNUCKLE CRACKING"!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: HEY PAL, I HAVE A REAL HOT TEAM HERE.

Panel 2: NO WAY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR PHONY DEALS!

Panel 3: NO, NO, THIS IS THE REAL THING!

Panel 4: ALL RIGHT, WHAT IS IT?

Panel 5: IT'S A GENUINE INVITATION TO THE BUMSTADES' ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: DO YOU REALIZE, WHAT A FUTURE, I'M AROUND THIS OFFICE?

Panel 2: OF COURSE I DO! IN FACT, IF YOU WERE ANY MORE FIXED.

Panel 3: I WOULD HAVE TO WATER YOU ALONG WITH THE PLANTS!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS.

Panel 2: THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE COMPANY IS GOING TO SPONSOR A CORPORATE MARATHON TEAM.

Panel 3: THE BAD NEWS IS THAT ONE OF YOU HAS TO RUN 26 MILES TOMORROW!

The Elderberies By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Panel 1: The topic of discussion at this week's meeting of the Gossip Club is "What do Women at Elderpark really want in a man?"

Panel 2: I think that in these later years, we women are looking for companionship... someone to talk to... share experiences with...

Panel 3: Since "Bodie" died I have no one to order around anymore.

Panel 4: Well... there's that, too.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: HE DROVE AWAY BUT I GOT HIS LICENSE NUMBER.

Panel 2: HOWARD'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO ME - HE'S JUST CREEPY.

Panel 3: LET ME HANDLE THIS FOR YOU IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN, WE'LL DO SOMETHING.

Panel 4: I'D RATHER DO SOMETHING BEFORE IT HAPPENS AGAIN!

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: OW!

Panel 2: OW!

Panel 3: OW!

Panel 4: OW!

Panel 5: OW!

Panel 6: NEVER IRON PANTS WHILE YOU'RE WEARING THEM.

Panel 7: THANKS, I'LL REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT TIME I WEAR PANTS.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: WHY DON'T WE JUST QUIT DOING THIS?

Panel 2: WE COULD SAVE A BUNDLE OF HEALTH INSURANCE!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: I SAW A SHON ON TV ABOUT "THE OCEAN..."

Panel 2: IT LOOKS MUCH FASTER AWAY UP CLOSE!

Classic Poems By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: SEE? I GOT A BILL FROM "ACE AIRLINES" FOR A HUNDRED DOLLARS!

Panel 2: WHY SHOULD I PAY FOR A TRIP I NEVER GOT?

Panel 3: THE LAW FINDS ITS PHILOSOPHY IN THE NATURE OF HUMAN NEEDS!

Panel 4: WILL YOU HANDLE MY CASE?

Panel 5: AFTER I FINISH THIS DOUGHNUT.

Pears Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: ...AND SO, RAT AND PIG... THIS IS MY DEN. IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

Panel 2: YES, HONORABLE. THAT IS IMPRESSIVE... THAT IS IMPRESSIVE... WHAT'S IN THE OTHER ROOM?

Panel 3: IT'S NOT AS IMPRESSIVE...

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: LOOK AT HIM THERE TRYING TO IGNORE ME!

Panel 2: NO ONE CAN RESIST PETTING A BIG FLUFFY CAT!

Panel 3: YEAH!

Panel 4: HOW DARE YOU REJECT ME? GROW!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: LET'S JUST KEEP THE ATTITUDE IN CHECK WHILE WE'RE AT THE MALL, OKAY, SERENITY?

Panel 2: WHAT??

Panel 3: I'M JUST SAYING...

Panel 4: YOU DON'T HAVE TO NOTICE ME, MOM. I'M JUST SOME BRITTY LITTLE KID WITH NO SELF-CONTROL!

Panel 5: AT LEAST NOT UNTIL I GO SHOPPING WITH YOU!

Donis the Mercator By Hank Ketchum

Panel 1: "WHEREVER HAPPENED TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH?"

Panel 2: "Owl! Ouch! Don't put me down! The sand's HOT!"

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Panel 1: LIFE'S ROAD TRIP..

Panel 2: NO I'M SORRY, YOU SEE, MR. CROMLEY PASSED ON YESTERDAY.

Panel 3: CAN YOU PLEASE LEAVE A FORWARDING ADDRESS?

WEST

Hearing on expansion of Utah landfill will be today

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A proposal to nearly double the size of the Envirocare landfill for low-level radioactive and hazardous waste is scheduled for a public hearing Tuesday.

If approved, Envirocare would expand its site from 543 acres to 1,079 total acres with land immediately north.

"Quite simply, it's for the (proposed) capital improvements at this time," said Envirocare spokesman Mark Walker. "To put new equipment on the part of our site that's already licensed would take up disposal space."

The state Division of Radiation Control must take public testimony on the matter before it finalizes the preliminary license for the expansion. The Legislature and Gov. Jon Huntsman also must give their approval before the license is issued.

Envirocare has said it has adequate capacity at the landfill to accept low-level radioactive and hazardous waste for up to 20 years.

The license application allows for the possibility of disposal in the new area, along with receiving and storing waste.

All that would be needed for additional disposal, if legislative and gubernatorial approval were already given, would be a letter from Dan Fierirock, the state director of radiation control, who also serves as executive secretary of the advisory Radiation Control Board.

Oregon residents skeptical terror camp could have gone unnoticed

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Even in a town as small and out of the way as Bly, Ore., local folks find it hard to believe that Islamic militants might think they could train with assault rifles on a sheep ranch without anyone noticing.

"Ridiculous," said Marilyn Thomas, who runs the Pit Stop convenience store in Bly, a tiny ranching community in the high desert of south-central Oregon.

"I'm from Chicago, where I didn't even know my neighbors," she said Monday in a telephone interview. "Here they know what you're going to do before you do it. And if you don't do it they get mad."

An "alleged" complaint "unsealed in a New York court alleges that Haroon Rashid Aswat, 30, a British-born citizen of Indian descent, spent a month at a sheep ranch outside Bly in December 1999 as a representative for a religious leader in London to teach if it would serve as a base for training Islamic militants" from London and the United States to fight in Afghanistan.

A fax outlining a recruiting brochure for the camp said people could train in "archery, combat, martial arts and rifle and handgun," according to the complaint.

Authorities have said the camp never materialized beyond a dozen people taking target practice in a cinder pit. Even that was abandoned, for unknown reasons.

Aswat is the fourth person arrested in connection with the camp.

The complaint does not identify the religious leader who sent him from London or his contact in Seattle. However, it tracks charges brought against Muslim cleric Abu Hamza Al-Masri and James Ujanah of Seattle. Ujanah pleaded guilty to lesser charges and authorities have said he agreed to cooperate in the investigation.

Aswat is accused of violating a federal law prohibiting conspiracies and preparations for killing, kidnapping and maiming people in a foreign country.

Bly is an unincorporated town of a few hundred people located 50 miles east of Klamath Falls. Its name comes from the mispronunciation of an Indian word for a place where two rivers come together.

The high school closed in 1960, and the town has been struggling to survive since a lumber mill shut down about 20 years ago.

Environmental groups split over grizzlies

The Washington Post

MISSOULA, Mont. — As the Bush administration prepares to remove Yellowstone's grizzly bears from the endangered species list, a schism has emerged in the environmental movement over whether the bears remain at risk.

The nation's largest environmental group, the National Wildlife Federation, supports

delisting the bears, whose numbers have bounced back impressively after three decades of federal protection.

But other powerful organizations, including the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Earthjustice, are threatening to sue the Bush administration if, as expected, it removes Yellowstone grizzlies from the list.

"The recovery has been a

huge success, but removing federal protection now is too risky," said Heidi Godwin, regional representative for the Sierra Club in Montana. "You don't go from emergency room to the parking lot. The bears still need intensive care."

The National Wildlife Federation, though, says it is time for environmentalists to rethink how to manage Yellowstone's grizzlies — both as a matter of

science and as a political tactic in an era of Republican rule. "We think we should embrace success when it happens," said Sterling D. Miller, a grizzly bear specialist and senior wildlife biologist here in the federation's Northern Rockies office. "If we don't, we play right into the hands of the people who are trying to kill the Endangered Species Act by reforming it."

A draft proposal to take the grizzlies off the endangered species list went out this summer from field offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Montana to Interior Department headquarters, said Chris Servey, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for Fish and Wildlife.

Senior officials at Interior are reviewing the plan, Servey said.

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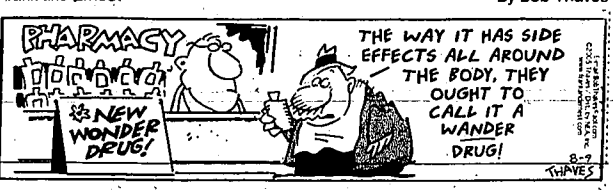
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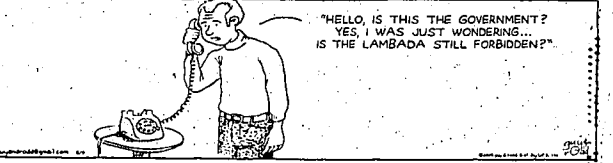
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South's one-spade response was sporting; passing would have been the normal action. His decision to bid, coupled with North's distinctly aggressive raise to game (three spades would have been enough here), landed Ofir in an extremely delicate contract. He proved to be up to the task, as he played the hand almost double dummy.

The opening lead was a heart, and Ofir took dummy's ace, then played the heart king, ruffed a heart low, played a diamond to dummy, and ruffed the last heart with his 10. When West could not overruff, Ofir's chances had increased dramatically. Next came a second diamond to dummy and a diamond ruff. Ofir now ducked a club, won the club return, and ruffed a club.

He had now reached a three-card ending with the lead in dummy, which was down to nothing but the K-9-5 of spades. Ofir now led a low spade off the dummy to lead the bare seven of trumps in his hand and East was caught. He could win the spade jack, but had to concede trick 13 to dummy. That was 10 tricks for a magnificent plus 620 to Ofir.

NORTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ A K 10 8
♦ A K 2
♣ 10 3

EAST
♠ A Q J
♥ Q 9 5 6
♦ 7 6 3
♣ K Q J

SOUTH
♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ A 7 6 4 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart four

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ A Q J
♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ 7 6 3
♣ K Q J

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Jump to three no-trump to suggest an alternative contract. With your balanced hand you are more concerned about finding the right game than looking for slam, so here you should suggest no-trump. You would expect partner to pass if he has a relatively balanced hand, or if he had raised hearts with three-card support.

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SPORTSQUOTE

He's ugly, he stinks, his mouth stinks, his breath stinks, and basically his soul stinks, too. Not too many people have personalities like that and survive in life.

Carolina defensive tackle Keri Jenkins on Warren Sapp

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What two teams were in the first World Series played entirely on Astro turf?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

M.H. cowboy killed by bull

GRACE — A rodeo bull flipped in the ring and landed on its rider at the Caribou County Fair and Rodeo, and the rider died of his injuries the next day, officials said.

Daniel Dopps, wearing a vest and a black helmet, was the third contestant out of the gate in bull riding at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, the first event of the night, and never let go of the bull, county sheriff's Cpl. Rick Stokoe said.

A few steps into the ring, the bull made a few small bucks and tripped, putting its head down, digging a horn into the ground and flipping onto Dopps, about 19, of Mountain Home, said Stokoe, who rushed to provide aid.

The rider, ranked 20th in the Wilderness Circuit bull riding standings, was taken first to Caribou Memorial Hospital and then to Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls, where he died Sunday.

Most of the near-capacity crowd stayed for the windup of the two-day rodeo, which resumed later in the evening after a brief delay, said Keith Rigby, a fair board member.

"We didn't know what his real condition was until two or three hours after the cowboy fell on the back of the bull. It was kind of a freak deal," Rigby said Sunday night after being informed that Dopps had died.

The rodeo will include bull riding in the future, Rigby said. "The cowboy wouldn't want it to change any," Rigby said.

TFHS cross country starts soon

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School cross country practice begins at 3 p.m. behind Baun Gymnasium on Friday, Aug. 12.

Canyon Springs club championship is soon

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Golf Course club championship will be held this Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Deadline to register is 3 p.m. Wednesday. All men and ladies association members are eligible. Call 734-7609 to register. The entry fee includes Saturday's dinner banquet.

LeMoynes cards first-ever hole in one

TWIN FALLS — Marta LeMoynes of Twin Falls recorded her first-ever hole in one on July 31 at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

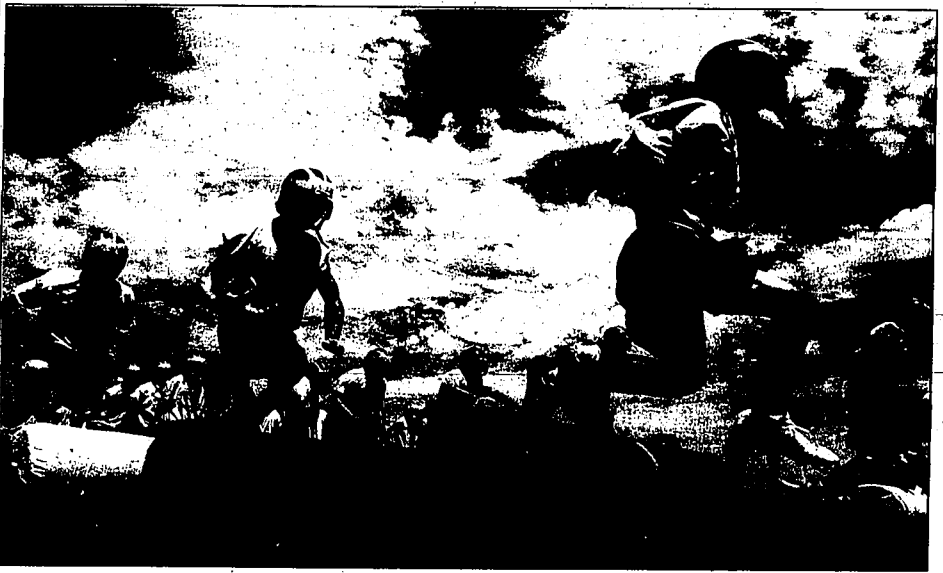
LeMoynes did it on Hole No. 5 from 100 yards out using a 3-iron. Witnesses were Dusti Van Winkle, Ann Keoplin and Lynda Varden.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Philadelphia Phillies and Kansas City Royals, in 1980.

Living on the grid(iron)



Members of the Wendell High School football team train during the first day of practice Monday afternoon.



Filer High School head football coach, Jaxon Schweikert, yells encouragement to his players during practice at the school Monday.

Area teams gear up for 2005 football season

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

WENDELL — A great football tradition can't be built in August — it can only be built upon. The 70 maize and navy blue-clad bodies hustling across Wendell High School's practice field Monday afternoon were a testament to where a successful program has been and reason for optimism about where it's going in 2005.

That's what tradition will do for you. —Trojans head coach Steve Goodbody said, looking toward the throng of players going through foot-speed drills.

After a 10-1 season and a third-place finish at the 2004 Class 2A state tournament in what some thought would be a rebuilding year, an experienced Trojans roster is ready to challenge for another state title. As it always does for Goodbody's team, it will all start with defense.

"These kids know how to play defensive football and they really enjoy it," Goodbody said. "We really push the defense. We like to fly around and call it the 'Blue Storm' defense, and all the kids get proud of that. It's just a great tradition — great tradition — for us."

That tradition may put players on the field, but those players must win the games.

Wendell will be blessed by the return of a number of all-state and

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'We have to walk the talk'

Nicked up Nationals struggling after great start

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In one corner of the Washington Nationals clubhouse stood leading slugger Jose Guillen, talking about the ailing shoulder that's kept him out of the lineup and explaining his philosophy that nobody looks out for you but you.

A few feet away sat the staff ace, Ivan Hernandez, with a volleyball-sized ice pack on his balky right knee and concern on his mind about all the recent losing.

All around the room after Sunday's sweep-capping loss to San Diego, there were other signs that the Nationals, the feel-good story of the baseball season's first half, don't have a whole lot to feel good about right now, having lost 17 of 23 since the All-Star break.

There was Esteban Loaiza, trying his best to be stoic while discussing how little margin for error the pitchers have, given the lack of offense. There was the previous night's starter, Ryan Drese, who questioned why he was lifted with a 2-2 count on a batter. There was outfielder Matt Copekly, clearing out his locker and grumbling about why he was being let go.

There's a lot of bad things going on right now, but we're still in this thing, outfielder Brad Wilkerson said, trying his best to find the silver lining.

It's hard to figure out why we're not scoring runs, why we're not winning one-run ballgames. It's just something for everybody to deal with. I feel like we need to find a way to grow through it, mature as a team, and deal with it. It should be a lot more fun than this.

About the only thing for the club to take heart in is this. For all of their woes, the Nationals entered Monday just two games out in the NL wild-card standings.

Still, the one-run games the Nationals couldn't lose in May and June, claiming 12 in a row? Well, they've lost 13 straight. All the magic in their new home city? They dropped four of six at RFK Stadium last week to teams that came to Wash-



Washington Nationals outfielder Jose Guillen leaves the batter's box after striking out swinging in the ninth inning against the San Diego Padres at RFK Stadium in Washington in this file photo.

ington under .500. That 5-5 game lead in the NL East on July 3? The Nationals are much closer to last place than first right now.

All the warm and fuzzy talk about perfect team

Please see TALK, Page D2

'The Great One' to coach the Coyotes

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Wayne Gretzky, the most prolific scorer in NHL history, will coach the Phoenix Coyotes this season, hoping to revive a perennially disappointing team in a league emerging from a lockout.

"I heard people say, 'Why would he want to do this?' My answer is 'Why not?' It is what I love. It's what I know," Gretzky said at a news conference Monday.

Co-owner Steve Ellman said Gretzky's stake in the team remains the same but his five-year contract with the ownership group is now an open-ended agreement.

The move should help revive a sport that missed an entire season due to a lockout, Ellman said.

"It's huge. Fans around the world will tune in to watch Gretzky coach," he said.

A coaching job for Gretzky, the team's managing partner and hockey operations director, has long been speculated, but he had pushed off questions "until the lockout was resolved last month."

Gretzky said he was looking forward to the challenge of coaching. The nine-time league MVP said he feels he's the best person to lead the team, and didn't solicit anyone's advice before taking the job.

He said he was encouraged by a discussion with Pat Riley, the president of the Miami Heat and former coach of the Los An-



Wayne Gretzky

gels Lakers, who told him coaching was exciting "and that I would probably love it."

Gretzky retired in 1999 after 20 seasons in the NHL.

Edmonton Oilers won four Stanley Cups and set career goals (894), assists (1,963) and points (2,857).

He is unproven as a coach, but his fans note that he helped Canada win its first men's ice hockey gold medal in 50 years during the 2002 Winter Olympics. He served as executive director of the club that year, a role he will revive for the 2006 games.

Asked what kind of coach he would be in Arizona, Gretzky said, "You know I believe in common sense. I really believe in basics, fundamentals of the games."

"We're going to be a team with speed," he said. "We're going to be a team that's unselfish. We're going to be a team that works together."

SPORTS

Ricky's return is rough

Law joins Jets, Westbrook back with Philadelphia

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Rookie Kyle Orton brought a breath of fresh air to the often-stale Chicago Bears offense.

Orton rattled Miami's third-string defense on two late touchdown drives, lifting the Bears past the Dolphins 27-24 in the Hall of Fame game Monday night.



Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams (34), bottom, gets tackled by Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, right, and safety Mike Brown (30), top, on Monday, during the second quarter of the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

Williams entered on Miami's second series and had a 29-yard run. He had another 2-yard run

and gained 2 yards on a swing pass on which he stumbled during the rest possession.

Williams had runs of 3, 2 and minus-1. He finished with 6 yards on five carries.

The Associated Press

Law found a new home with the Jets. Westbrook returned to his NFL team Monday.

Law landed with the New York Jets, agreeing to a multi-year deal that could be worth as much as \$28.5 million for the first three years.

The 31-year-old Law is inattentive on showing the Jets and the league he is completely healed from a serious foot injury that kept him out of the Super Bowl in February.

"I think I have something to prove all the time anyway, that's just my mind-set. It's how I approach the game. Law said, "I can hold my head up high and I'm going to continue that. I have a lot left to go."

"I'm going to prove to all the doubters, if there are any out there, that I'm still the best cornerback in football."

Westbrook is one of the best all-around running backs in the game, but he had little bargaining leverage with the Eagles. The four-year pro last season led all NFL running backs with 73 carries for 703 yards and six touchdowns, while adding 812 yards and three scores on the ground. He had been holding out for a long-term contract after signing a one-year restricted free agent offer for \$1.13 million.

"I did have a visit with him and we went well," Eagles coach Andy Reid said after practice. "We mainly talked about football. He was anxious to get back out here and get himself going and playing and catching up on the things that he missed. But he did a good job today."

Westbrook had little choice but to report for camp by Monday. He risked forfeiting a year of service if he stayed out any longer.

Then he would have been unable to become an unrestricted free agent next season — possibly missing out on a big payday.

Eagles teammate Terrell Owens was sidelined after reinjuring his groin Sunday in injury initially sustained last Thursday. The All-Pro receiver

also is unhappy with his contract, a seven-year, \$49 million deal, but has been at training camp since the team reported late in July.

The Eagles will retire Reggie White's number 92 during a ceremony Dec. 5. Team owner Jeffrey Lurie said. The two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and an ordained minister known as the "Minister of Defense" died of a heart attack on Dec. 26, 2004, exactly one week after his 43rd birthday.

Steelers Running back Duce Staley underwent surgery Monday to repair a lateral meniscus tear in his right knee.

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher expects him to miss a month, but isn't worried about Staley's health in the long run. "He felt good about what took place when he came out," Cowher said. "We're hopeful to have him by the opening of the season."

Staley practiced only once with the team before full build up in his knee. He rested three days and tried to practice Saturday, but didn't feel comfortable and decided to have it examined. An MRI exam Sunday revealed the tear.

The injury hurts Jerome Bettis back into the role of starter.

Browns Offensive lineman Marcus Spears, an 11-year veteran who signed as a free agent during the offseason, was released.

Spears had the longest NFL career of any Cleveland offensive lineman. A second-round pick of the Bears in 1994, he played in all 16 games and made three starts last season with the Texans.

He also played for Kansas City, starting 16 games in 2001.

Saints Wide receiver Az-Zahir Hakim's hamstring injury is not considered serious, but the eight-year veteran missed practice Monday. He was hurt in an intense scrum Saturday night.

Coach Jim Haslet said he could be sidelined for a week or so. Hakim's expected to miss the season opener against Seattle on Friday.

Yankees edge White Sox, 3-2

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Mussina outpitched former teammate Orlando Hernandez, and Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer that sent the New York Yankees to a 3-2 victory Monday night over the Chicago White Sox.

Mariano Rivera got his career-best 30th consecutive save, and the Yankees (50-50) moved 10 games over .500 for the first time this season. They improved to 2-32 when scoring three runs or fewer and won for the fourth time in five games overall.

It was New York's first meeting this season against the AL center-leading White Sox (72-39), who have the best record in the major leagues.

Hernandez (8-5) got a nice ovation before the game from Yankees fans who remember all he accomplished during two stints in pinstripes from 1998-04. The enigmatic right-hander with the deceptive left arm won 61-40 for New York and 9-3 with a 2.65 ERA in the postseason.

Tigers 9, Blue Jays 8, 12 Innings TORONTO — Vladimir Guerrero hit a go-ahead single in the 12th inning and the Detroit Tigers ended a three-game losing streak with a 9-8 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

National League Reds 9, Cubs 4 CHICAGO — Brandon Claussen allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings and Ken Griffey Jr. hit a three-run homer Monday night in the Cincinnati Reds' 9-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs, who have lost six straight games.

Rockies 4, Marlins 3, 11 Innings DENVER — Marlin Anderson hit a two-run home run in the first inning in seven starts, and the Colorado Rockies completed a doubleheader sweep of the Florida Marlins on Monday with a 5-3 victory in Game 2.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Sunny Kim and Byung-Hyun Kim became the first players with the same last name



New York's Alex Rodriguez watches his two-run home run in the first inning off Chicago White Sox pitcher Orlando Hernandez on Monday.

to start each end of a doubleheader since brothers Gaylord and Jim Perry did it for Cleveland on June 22, 1974, at Boston.

Cardinals 8, Brewers 4 MILWAUKEE — Mark Grudzielanek homered and drove in a career-high five runs, leading the St. Louis Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers 8-4

Getting to know the beast of Baltusrol GC

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — The 17th hole at Baltusrol Golf Club is the longest in major championship history, measuring 650 yards down a tree-lined fairway and across a patch of bunkers and rough to an elevated green. Most think that Tiger Woods and John Daly are the only ones who have a chance to reach it two.

And even that might be a stretch. Woods didn't get the chance Monday morning during a practice round for the PGA Championship. He hit his tee shot well into the rough and landed in a conventional par 5. And if he had hit the fairway, "It's 650 yards," said his caddie, Steve Williams, as if the question was the most absurd he had ever heard.

What about a monster drive and a 3-wood? "A 300-yard drive, you still have to get it up. And I've repeated, 'It's 650 yards.'"

That one hole says a lot for Baltusrol, which is the longest course of the majors this year, but still not as meaty as Whistling Straits (7,514 yards) in Wisconsin last year at the PGA Championship.

For some players, it felt like Baltusrol had a lot of par 5s. "It doesn't seem like the same course," said Davis Love III, who tied for 33rd in the '93 U.S. Open. "It's longer. I don't think it adds up to 7,400 yards."

Love doesn't profess to be an expert in math, but the Lower Course felt much longer than 7,392 yards — at a par 70, with the only par 5s on the last two holes.

"You've got 17 and 18 that are 1,200 yards, and 6 and 7 are 1,000 yards," he went on.

Small wonder that when a spectator asked him what he thought about the course as Love played the eighth hole, he called out over his shoulder, "Fit it 300 yards and straight every time, and you'll be perfect."

That's what awaits the 156-man field of professionals when the PGA Championship begins on Thursday.

Football

Continued from D1 all-region performers.

"We have Matt Myers at quarterback and (Will) Howerston in an all-state linebacker who is a good running back. Goodbody said. "Of course, (halfback) Zac Davis. We're just real lucky to have Zac Davis. He makes a lot of plays look really good no matter what you see with them. He's just a real special kid. A hard worker and a leader."

Davis rushed for 1,244 yards to lead the Trojans last season. With a bigger, smarter line to run behind and an improved redshirt corps to stretch the field, that number could balloon in his senior season, which starts on the road against 2004 Class 2A state runner-up, New Plymouth.

"Our line is just getting older, a little more wiser, and they'll be ready to step in there and know what they do," Davis said. "We have some great experience. We've been able to play in some

big games. A lot of us were up there at the state championship as sophomores. We should be able to keep our composure in a big game and come out with a win."

Just southeast of Wendell, a new-look Filer Wildcats team opened practice in hopes of building on a 5-4 campaign in 2004. With standouts Brad Silverster, Brad Griffin, Dan Ramseyer, and David Ryan graduating, head coach Jason Schweikert will look to talkback Casey Dabney, wideout Travis Wiserna, and a solid group of athletes to produce.

"Every year you lose your seniors and you say, 'Man, I just don't know if I'll be able to replace those guys,' Schweikert said. "And the next year when you start, new kids rise up and they're just as good — or better — and off you go."

Being a safety Jared Denton and Trent Garner will battle for the starting quarterback position. Both could see a good

measure of playing time if the Wildcats receive signal callers like they did last season.

"I think we'll bring some power into the running game," Denton said. "I don't know about passing yet, because I don't know the plays, but I know that would be pretty good."

Dabney will give the Wildcats more speed in the backfield while a stout defense will look to lock down the clamps, starting against Wood River.

"Our deal is we're going to do what we do, and we're going to teach our kids how to play football," Schweikert said. "We sit in our house and we think we do a really good job of teaching these kids how to play football instead of how to line up a million different ways."

Across the valley, other area teams began work on Monday. Tim Perriotti's Minico Spartans should be a force in the Great Basin, while the boys' basketball Dale Saylor and quarterback Dane Broadhead

returning, but Jerry Diehl's Jerome Tigers and quarterback Greg Boesiger will have a say in the conference's final standings.

The Class SA defending state champion Irwin Falls Bruins will begin practice Friday, with center Ian Falk and Brody Miller clearly in the spotlight. New head coach Brock Berryhill will have a number of quality athletes to work with, including Brandon Stokes, Tyler Anderson, and Nate Robertson.

It may not be game time in the Magic Valley yet, but from Malina's Park River Trojans to the Pilots of Glenns Ferry, everybody's getting ready.

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Talk

Continued from D1 chemistry? Not so warm and fuzzy anymore.

And now comes the longest road trip of the season, a 113-game trek that opens Tuesday at the Houston Astros, who lead the wild-card race.

Before Saturday's game, Robinson conveyed a 104-minute closed-door clubhouse meeting with everyone associated with the team except front-office types. While no one would go into specifics on the record, players acknowledged there was confrontation. At a certain point, we have to walk the talk," Bowden said.

"How many meetings can you have? This isn't a corporation. This is baseball. I want to see the talking on the field."

That session was followed by a loss, and on Sunday, Robinson sat out all but two regulars. How did that work out? A shutout loss to a guy with a bruised middle finger on his pitching hand.

The pitching is mostly still outstanding, led by Hernandez (13-4). The season's starter John Patterson (2-12 ERA) and closer Chad Cordero (majors-high 36 saves). But the offensive problems that have been there all along are really becoming glaring.

Only one regular, first baseman Nick Johnson, is hitting over .300. The club's .252 batting average is the worst in the majors. So is the .383 slugging percentage. And the 77 homers. And the 31 steals.

A poor road trip could put the Nationals in last place, somewhere they haven't spent a single day in 2005. That in itself is quite an accomplishment for a club that was the Montreal Expos not that long ago.

"If you go out there and have a miserable road trip," Robinson said, "you can say you're not playing for anything — you're playing for next year."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Men purchase RV park on Blue Lakes

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls developer Joe Russell and orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Heimler, partners in a newly organized R & R Retail Investments LLC, plan to close in early October on their purchase of a recreational-vehicle park on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Russell said Monday.

The RV park is directly north of the KAVI television offices on Blue Lakes.

Russell and Heimler, who already have collaborated on developing an office park elsewhere in Idaho, intend to develop the two-acre parcel on Blue Lakes for build-to-suit retail use, Russell said. The land, once cleared of RVs, will be large enough for about 20,000 square feet of retail use and 100 parking spaces.

Russell said the spot could work well for any number of retail uses, and the partners are in talks with a couple of potential occupants. He didn't elaborate on prospective retail uses.

Russell and Heimler might collaborate on other development ventures, as well.

"He and I are looking at a couple other opportunities," Russell said.

Leaders celebrate new business park

JEROME — Sen. Mike Crapo will turn the first few shovels of dirt today to kick off the development of the new Jerome High Tech Business Park.

The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Jerome Butte. To get there, turn east one-half mile north of the blinking lights on Idaho Highway 93. Tents and balloons will mark the turnout at Jerome Butte.

The Jerome High Tech Business Park was made possible with a \$2.7 million Economic Development Administration grant. Crapo will present the grant check to Jerome Development Corp. during today's ceremony.

Any business that needs access to high-speed Internet could benefit by locating at the new business park, said Bryan Craig, president of Jerome Development Corp. For example, he cited businesses that do programming and catalog companies.

The business park is touted as a good location for high-tech businesses for several reasons, such as low workers' compensation rates, relatively cheap land costs, airport access, low utility rates and the safety of a remote location.

"It is exciting for us to see this size to have access to this kind of business park," Craig said. "It will help diversify the economy."

CSI hosts pair of free business boot camps

TWIN FALLS — The next free Business Boot Camp sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center will be held at 10:30 a.m. today in room C77 of the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen building.

Another free workshop for people in Mini-Cassia will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Idaho Commerce and Labor office at 127 W. Fifth St. in Burley.

The boot camps are designed to help those who are thinking about getting into their own businesses do the proper planning and preparation before they seek funding or obtain permits, organizers said. The two-hour workshops provide basic business information, discuss how to prepare a business plan and resources for prospective business owners.

To reserve a spot, contact ISBDC training facilitator Shirley Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports.

Online profits

EBay is key for these entrepreneurs.

WEDNESDAY IN MONEY

Triad needs land rezoned

Jackpot Advisory Board gives the planned resort preliminary approval

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — A resort development proposed south of Jackpot could create jobs and give local real estate a boost, if county leaders approve the plan.

In June, Triad Resorts LLC approached the Jackpot Advisory Board with a plan to develop land recently purchased on the south side of the unincorporated area.

Of the 113 acres available for the project, Triad would first develop roughly 30 acres with a condo/hotel, water park, events center and RV park, according to the plan given to the advisory board.

Two upcoming meetings

Triad Resorts' rezoning application is now in the hands of Elko County's planning and zoning board. The public is invited to the zoning board's meeting at 5:15 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Elko County Courthouse, 574 Idaho St., room 105, in Elko.

Meanwhile, the Jackpot Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, more details on Triad's plans could emerge then. The board meets at the Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive.

There would be 50 covered horse stalls and another 50 portable stalls for larger events. The arena would boast four concessions stands that would cater to events such as rodeos,

Loaded loaves

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Americans' grain consumption Based on an analysis of a 1959-2000 survey

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Cooked cereals/pastatize 2%
Other whole grains 3%

SOURCE: Department of Agriculture AP

Fake white bread sneaks in fiber for picky eaters

OMAHA, Neb. — Looks like white bread. Tastes like it, too. But is it?

It took scientists eight long years and millions of dollars to sneak whole grains into spongy, yeasty loaves of U.S. health-unconscious consumerism. Now that they've done it, food manufacturers have begun releasing a bevy of products they hope will get people to eat whole grains.

The thinking was to get more health into the bread and other products people like. But in the process, they've created some confusion, even as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is still trying to define whole grain products.

ConAgra Foods Inc., one of the nation's largest food makers, spent at least eight years and several million dollars developing Ultragrain White Bread. The grain was bred for its properties and is not considered genetically modified, said Garth Neuffer, a spokesman for the Omaha, Neb.-based company.

The company — parent of the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls — won't disclose sales expectations for Ultragrain products.

One year since its unveiling, Ultragrain is turning up in cookies, pasta, crackers and other products.

Sun Lee Corp., one of ConAgra's larger customers, last month introduced its Smooth Bread, a loaf with Ultragrain that appears white, but is 30 percent whole grain. Meanwhile, Interstate Bakeries Corp.'s Wonder Bread — a name synonymous with fluffy white bread — is test-marketing its own white bread with 100 percent whole grain, and plans a wide release next year.

It's the business of balancing genetics, later to be the government's nutritional guidelines that's attracting people like Tammy Yarnon, director of nutrition for the Office for Public Yields. Products that pack extra fiber or other nutrients make the balancing act easier as she tries to average out nutritional requirements.

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guidelines recommend at least three daily servings of whole grain — over a week.

"The hardest thing is to get a kid to eat something that's brown or anything that looks like it has seeds in it," Yarnon said.

Some 2,600 school districts have signed up to carry at least one of ConAgra's Ultragrain items — which include burritos, chinchangas and Max pizza, said Yarnon, whose charges gobble up pizza at the rate of 28,000 slices a month.

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Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Mickey Damon Jones and Karl Lynn Jones, also known as Karl J. Carpenter, 1661 E. Hood, 1030, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41727.

Ebbie Lee Meyer Jr., 277D Idaho Highways, 50-29, creditors, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41710.

William Claude Brander, 245 Locust St. N., 200, creditors, and Nina Brander, 212 Barnage St., Twin Falls, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41717.

Bruce Eugene Dallman and Sabrina Dallman, also known as Sabrina Hill and Sabrina Drake, 115 W. G. Jerome, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41724.

Wendy Crystal Brown, also known as Wendy Crystal Machack, 451 Quincy, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41724.

Larry Moss, 401 14th Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41728.

Mike Leon Spencer and Marlene Louise Spencer, 120 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, estimated number creditors not listed, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41734.

Christopher James Siemert and Kristie Renee Ruitler, 410 Oak St., Twin Falls, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41733.

Florence Blondin, 250 Carbonate Drive, No. 2, Huley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41740.

Fernando E. Yalc, 2023 E. 16th St., Burley, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41740.

Tessa Widmanson, 422 Elm St. N., No. 4, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41742.

Dorcas Evelyn Shell, 800 Normal Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41744.

Louis G. Lorch Jr., 445 E. 700 N., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 05-41757.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Camron B. James, also known as Camie B. James, Camron B. Beazer and Camie B. Beazer, 651 Sherman Drive E. No. 204, 16-49 creditors, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 05-41712.

Candace R. Critchfield, also known as Candy Critchfield, 1429 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 05-41747.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Jody Andrew Bohr and Amanda Florene Bohr, also known as Amanda Florene Bohr and Amanda Curt, 640 Idaho St., Burley, individual nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$500,000, liabilities under \$50,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 05-41711.

Daniel William Bart and Ubelia Bart, 624 12th Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 05-41720.

David W. Wynn, speaking, also known as Terry Spockman, doing business as IT Fuel Inc. and Jan Marie Spockman, 500 Main St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 05-41723.

Sharon Evans and Sumanika Ann Evans, 2549 Palmbush Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 05-41734.

Larry Williams, doing business as L & A Professional Wedding, formerly doing business as Williams Cleaning and Anna Jean Muse, also known as Anna Jean Grubbs Muse, formerly doing business as Muse's Treasures, 504 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 05-41734.

Nico N. Edth, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 05-41780.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

Kevin D. Legault, 560 Locust Drive, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities under \$500,000, Case no. 05-41728.

Nico N. Edth, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 05-41780.

Tax help for those who are considering energy incentives

WASHINGTON — Thinking of sprucing up the old homestead to make it a little more energy-efficient? It may be able to save yourself some money on utility bills?

Um, you may want to wait a few months. The good news is, Congress wants to give you a helping hand in paying for some of those upgrades, but the bad news is, the IRS isn't coming right away and it isn't that much.

The huge energy bill that lawmakers managed to disgorge last month before going home for their August break includes about \$14.5 billion in energy "incentives," and while the bulk of this goes to businesses, it includes some benefits for

only for items purchased or placed in service after Jan. 1, 2006.

Maybe that isn't such a bad idea, though. At least it will give suppliers and builders time to figure out exactly what qualifies, and possibly what the best combination of incentives may be.

For homeowners there are two key provisions to look into. The first allows a 10 percent tax credit for improvements to the energy efficiency of existing homes, up to a lifetime maximum per taxpayer of \$500. The credit applies to property placed in service in 2006 and 2007 only.

The second offers a 30 percent credit for the purchase of certain kinds of solar-powered

water-heating systems, photovoltaic equipment (which converts sunlight to electricity) and fuel-cell systems. The maximum credit is \$2,000 for solar systems and \$500 per kilowatt of fuel cell capacity. This one likewise applies only for items placed in service in 2006 and 2007.

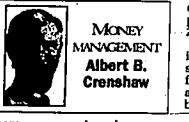
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MONEY MANAGEMENT
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Washington Group falls to Q2 loss

BOISE (AP) — Construction and engineering firm Washington Group International Inc. Monday posted a second-quarter loss after a hefty charge offset improved business across most of its segments.

Washington Group held its projected net income outlook for the year despite lifting its revenue expectations, citing better-than-expected construction and positive trends in several businesses.

The company's loss was \$554 million, or 2 cents per share, compared with earnings of \$13.3 million, or 49 cents, a year ago. Results account for a \$34.6 million charge related to three large, long-planned construction deals, the company said.

Quarterly revenue totaled \$773.2 million, a gain of 13 percent from \$684.5 million a year earlier, Washington Group added.

Still, Washington Group's latest-quarter earnings came in well below analyst estimates for income of 9 cents per share and revenue of \$807.6 million.

Looking forward, the company maintained its earnings forecast for 2005 at \$55 million to \$60 million, but said earnings would be a penny less at \$2.11 to \$2.30 per share.

Washington Group also boosted its revenue projection to a range of \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion from a prior forecast of \$2.9 billion to \$3.2 billion.

Analysts are looking for 2005 profit of \$2 per share on \$3.14 billion in revenue.

In 2004, Washington Group earned \$1.86 per share and had revenue of \$2.32 billion.

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STOCKS FALL ON RECORD HIGH OIL PRICES

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell for a third straight session Monday as oil prices soared to record highs after the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia said it would be closed for two days because of security threats.

Wall Street retreated after oil prices jumped \$1.63 to \$41.90 a barrel, settling at \$63.94 a barrel, the New York Mercantile Exchange following the U.S. embassy's statement that there was a "threat against the lives of our citizens in the kingdom. It was the second alert from the embassy in two weeks.

Meanwhile, gasoline futures also hit a record high of \$1.86 per gallon on the NYMEX, adding to the markets gloom with heightened fears of a slowdown in consumer spending.

Two things are primarily at work. Oil prices are higher than ever because of a tight supply and a little profit-taking, said Joseph Lipad, editor of Standard & Poor's weekly newsletter, The Outlook. We had a 3.6 percent rise in the S&P 500 last week. It was the best July since 1997, better than two-thirds of all July since 1928."

Jackpot

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That information—such as new roads and stipulants that will be made—by Aug. 18, when Tread will meet in Elko with the planning and zoning board for a public hearing on Tread's conditional-use permit and rezoning applications.

A Tread spokesman declined to elaborate on the company's plans last week. Tread already has the Jackpot Advisory Board's recommendation in favor of rezoning the site.

"The board thinks that it will do Jackpot good for this project to come to light. It may mean more houses get built and bring in more employment opportunities," Frank said.

The advisory board is also working for zoning studies and the engineering plan for the development.

"We may see more informa-

tion come into the next meeting," Frank said. The advisory board meets at 6 p.m. Thursday in Jackpot.

If Tread is successful in rezoning and sees the project through, lets would lead to Jackpot, both temporary and permanent ones.

Estimates, from the proposal board in the advisory board in June, pegged the number of construction jobs needed at 140. Permanent and part-time jobs at resort could total roughly 240. Construction cost is estimated at \$35 million to \$40 million.

Patrick Howard, spokesman for Tread Resources, said: "The project planned could bring a lot of excitement to the area."

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Wheat

Continued from D4
guidelines, products must have only whole-wheat flour to be labeled as "whole wheat."

Consumers know they want whole grains in their diets, said Lynn Shilman, vice president of Oprion Dynamics Corp., a market research firm. Some 51 percent of those surveyed said eating whole grains is a high priority, he said.

Most consumers are more likely to embrace a whole-grain trend more than they did the trend-based Atkins Diet, Shilman said. He noted the company behind the diet, Atkins Nutritional, recently filed for bankruptcy.

Manufacturers recognize this, and as the low-carb craze slowed down, bakers and millers stayed alive by creating more whole grain products, said Judi Adams, president of the Grain Foods Foundation, a group representing those industries.

Adams, a registered dietician, said the whole wheat products will help consumers gradually shift toward all whole grain, the same shift that moved people from drinking whole milk to skim.

But Shilman said manufacturers shouldn't jump to change standard products to appeal to people, he said, they think brown, he said.

"I think there's a general ten-

denity to want to eat things that are intuitive. And whole grain bread that's white? I don't know how good it will respond to."

It's always a good thing when children eat something with whole grains in it, said Dr. Reemeh, a pediatric nutritionist in the Nutrition Evaluation Clinic at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Although these new products are great for children, the whole wheat bread—between 3 and 4 grams for two slices compared with upward of 5 or 6 grams in whole-grain bread—may be more basic than what white bread, which sometimes doesn't have any fiber.

Parents should still be cautious about other ingredients such as high-fructose corn syrup—a sweetener—and should read labels to make sure whole grains are as the first ingredient, she said.

"By educating families to read food labels, we can help them to make the healthiest food choices," Unger said.

Pescatore argues that parents shouldn't just take the leap and change to whole grains.

"If we don't make really significant inroads in this, where will we be in 10 to 15 years?" Pescatore said. "We can't afford to have people continue to be sick and eating themselves to death."

Energy

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credits for energy-efficient vehicles. Some are new, some replace deductions allowed by current law, and they have low or different expiration dates.

Homeowners will likely find the 10 percent credit the most appealing. It applies to improvements to a building's "envelope," so such things as insulation improvements, metal roofs coated with heat-reflecting pigments, and energy-efficient windows, doors and skylights are eligible. The maximum credit is \$500, meaning a homeowner would have to invest \$5,000 worth of work to get the full amount, but only \$200 of the credit can come from expenses for windows.

This same 10 percent credit also applies to a list of specific items, each with its own maximum. Some of these are a bit on the esoteric side, and you may need to consult both your plumber and your accountant to figure out whether they are useful.

On the list are advanced main air-circulating fans, which qualify for a credit of up to \$500. Also, certain natural gas, propane or oil furnace or hot water boilers, which are eligible for a credit of as much as \$150. Also, some electric and geothermal heat pumps qualify for a credit up to \$300.

When you take those amounts, add up those from any improvements you've made to the envelope, then apply the \$500 maximum, with not more than \$200 for windows. So if you have the most amount, considering prices nowadays," said Bob D. Scharin, editor of Warren, Gorham & Lamont's ATAS Energy Tax Strategies, a monthly publication for tax professionals.

The credits can be taken on 2006 and 2007 returns, but the \$500 total is a "lifetime" one, meaning that you can't increase it by spending the same amount two years. The credit also applies only to your "principal residence." The law doesn't define that, but presumably it means you can't get it for improvements to your beach house unless you really live there.

Homeowners interested in making use of advanced technology in their homes can take the 30 percent credit for solar water-heating, photovoltaic and fuel-cell equipment. It apparently can be taken in addition to the 10 percent \$500 credit.

While this credit is more generous, it has some quirky limitations. First, these gadgets can't be used to heat swimming pools, hot tubs or the like.

"If you can afford those luxuries," Scharin observed, it might make sense to assume you don't need help paying for the equipment. "On the other hand, if the thrust of the bill is to improve energy efficiency, you should not be as reluctant."

Second, the bill specifies that fuel-cell equipment must be installed at the taxpayer's principal residence to qualify, but photovoltaic and solar water-heating equipment need only be installed on the taxpayer's residence. "It appears that photovoltaic (equipment) and solar water heating installed in a second home will qualify for the credit," according to an RIA analysis.

On the automotive front, the bill provides credits not only for the purchase of hybrid and fuel-cell vehicles, but also cars and trucks that employ advanced "lean burn" fuel systems, or run on alternative fuels.

The credit varies depending on the vehicle's weight, fuel economy and the amount of fuel it is expected to save over its lifetime. This calculation is so complicated, Scharin said, that consumers will have to rely on car manufacturers to figure it out and, presumably, include that information with the car's specifications.

Another "odd thing" in the bill, Scharin said, is that it limits the full credit for hybrid and fuel-cell cars and trucks to 60,000 miles per manufacturer, after which it is reduced under a complex formula related to when the vehicle was produced.

This is not a joke, at least not an intentional one. It is ostensibly meant to encourage companies that haven't been doing much with this technology to get going, but it may also be a shot at Honda, Toyota and others that new mass-produced qualifying vehicles. It would also seem to be a provision that oil companies like.

Aside from all the other questions you have to ask at the dealer, Scharin said, "you now have to ask, 'Is this vehicle really eligible?' for the full credit."

How this is to be enforced is another mystery.

Albert B. Crestshaw writes for The Washington Post.

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