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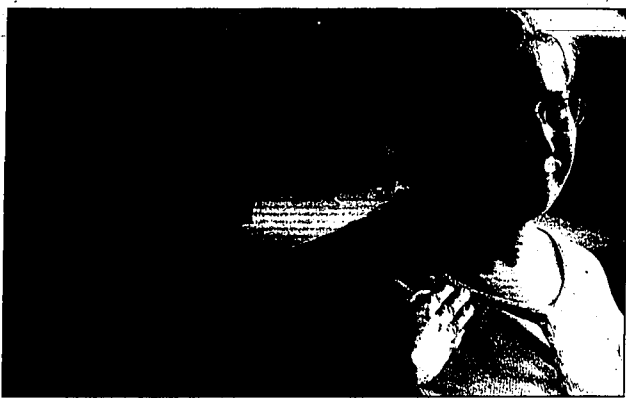
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# PEACE VIGIL



**Diana Rowe Pauls** holds a button with a picture of her brother, Marine Capt. Alan B. Rowe, who died last year in Iraq. Rowe Pauls helped organize a peace vigil at the Gooding County Courthouse on Wednesday. The peace vigil, attended by some 12 supporters, was one of hundreds across the country.

## Locals join nationwide war protest

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — As the sun set outside the Gooding County Courthouse, Diana Rowe Pauls and 12 others, from across Magic Valley, held a local vigil that questioned the reasoning behind the Iraq war. Pauls was compelled to help organize the vigil in memory of her brother, Marine Capt. Alan B. Rowe, who was killed a year ago in Iraq. "Let me tell you that my brother was killed in Iraq," Pauls told those gathered with her. "And then let's see if you can say he died for an honorable cause."

The event in Gooding was one that organizers said was an estimated 1,600 candlelight vigils across the nation Wednesday. The demonstrations were a coordinated show of support for Cindy Sheehan, who has become the focus of the anti-war movement since she began camping near President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, on Aug. 6. Sheehan's son, Casey, died in Iraq last year. "I want to let people know that Cindy Sheehan is not the only one who wants answers to questions about the war," Pauls said. Outside the Gooding County Courthouse and below an American flag, local demonstrators prepared themselves with candles that they went to light at dusk. Audrey von Lindern of Hagerman held an oversized candle the size of a rolling pin close to her shirt that says, "Son-of-a-Bush," on the front.



**Nine Spellman, 5**, looks at a candle her mother, Christine Spellman, lit in Westport, Conn., on Wednesday. The candlelight vigil was one of hundreds in support of Cindy Sheehan, the California woman who is camped outside President Bush's ranch in Texas to protest the war in Iraq.

"I think our rights are being taken away and this is something that I need to do," Lindern said. The demonstrators came from as far as Wells, Nev., after receiving e-mail notifications from Pauls, other friends and even MoveOn.org, a national civic action group. Mary McGinnis and her granddaughter, Christy, came from Rupert to show their opposition to the war. "Personally, I'm against the war," Mary McGinnis said. "It's not ethical or Christian. Pauls was concerned that supporters of the war would mistake

her intentions as being disrespectful to American troops in Iraq. "Our troops have a duty to the commander-in-chief of the military," Pauls said. "But we as citizens have a duty to see that the commander-in-chief is doing the right thing." In addition to the vigils across the U.S., a large vigil was also set at Paris' Peace Wall, a glass monument near the Eiffel Tower that says "peace" in 32 languages. As the sun set at Sheehan's vigil in Crawford, about 100 protesters lit candles, and as the sun set in Gooding, 12 others did the same.

# Possible sixth case of CJD identified

## An Elmore County man is receiving treatment

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho health officials are investigating a sixth possible case of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, this time a man in Elmore County, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The man is over the age of 60 and is currently being treated for the neurological disease. He is the sixth person to be diagnosed with CJD since January in southern Idaho.

"We are monitoring it and he is receiving treatment," said Tom Shanahan, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on Wednesday. Shanahan said that if the man dies, health officials will request an autopsy. Five women, four from Twin Falls County and one from Minidoka County, have died after being diagnosed with CJD. The fifth woman, Marjorie Skinner of Buhl, died almost two weeks ago.

All five of the women were between the ages of 60 and 83 and given their ages, Idaho health officials suspected the women had sporadic CJD and not the variant form of CJD that people get when they eat meat from a cow with bovine spongiform encephalopathy — commonly known as mad cow disease. The average age of people who've died from sporadic CJD is 68. The average age of people who've died from the variant form of CJD is 28, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, the only way to determine the type of CJD is by examining brain tissue. Autopsies were performed on three of the women and their brain tissue has been sent to the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland to be studied. Shanahan said. Two of the women died before their CJD was reported by their physicians, and autopsies were not performed. Shanahan said. "We learned about two of them after death had occurred," he said. "Temporary rules were in effect last year, but it was only this year that CJD officially became a reportable disease in Idaho. Health officials have already reviewed the preliminary test results on brain tissue of one of the women, which revealed that she did indeed die of a prion disease. Officials will have to wait another week for the final results on the woman, Shanahan said. "Initially, it looks like sporadic, but we won't know for sure for another week or so," he said. "There's always a possibility of a variant." CJD is a fatal disease carried by prions, an abnormal form of protein in the brain. Prions cause folding of normal protein in the brain, leading to disastrous results. Please see CJD, Page A2

# Israeli troops drag away sobbing, screaming settlers in Gaza pullout

**The Associated Press**  
NIVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip — Jewish settlers sobbed and screamed some of them ripping their shirts in mourning, as Israeli troops dragged them from homes and synagogues Wednesday — the beginning of the end of Israel's 38-year occupation of the Gaza Strip. In the West Bank, a settler killed four Palestinian laborers in a shooting rampage, which Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon denounced as a "twisted act of Jewish terror" designed to stop the historic pullout.



**Israeli security forces** carry a resisting settler, with her daughter clinging on, to a waiting bus as settlers are evacuated Wednesday from the Kerem Atzmona settlement in the Gaza Strip.

Despite the escalation of Israeli-Palestinian tensions, the eviction of die-hard settlers and their nationalist supporters who flooded into Gaza in recent weeks moved forward — with anguish, anger and tears, but more swiftly and smoothly than anyone anticipated. A convoy left before dawn Thursday, beginning the second day of the forcible evacuation. Army Radio reported that a large force was poised outside Kfar Darom, an extremist center. Sharon proposed his "disengagement plan" two years ago to ease Israel's security burden and help preserve the country's Jewish character by placing Gaza's 1.3 million Palestinians

outside Israeli boundaries. Under the plan, Israel will remove all 21 settlements from Gaza and four from the West Bank — the first time it has removed veteran settlements from either area. Some 14,000 unarmed Israeli soldiers and police entered six settlements throughout Wednesday, forcibly evicting residents who refused to leave voluntarily. According to the army, 1,842 people were evacuated Wednesday. Of 1,600 families

in Gaza, only 600 remained by the end of the day. Soldiers and settlers clashed, argued and hugged, reflecting intense and mixed emotions at the uprooting of settlers whose government years ago encouraged them to move to Gaza for the sake of Israel's security. "It's impossible to watch this ... without tears in the eyes," Sharon said, but he insisted the pullout would make Israel safer. Palestinian militants said. Please see GAZA, Page A2

# REINTRODUCTION?

## Scientists suggest elephants, lions could find new home on Great Plains

**The Associated Press**  
DENVER — Lions stalking deer in the stubble of a Nebraska corn field. Elephants trampling across Colorado's high plains. Cows trampling through the West Texas scrub. Prominent ecologists are floating an audacious plan that sounds like a Jurassic sequel — reintroducing African wildlifers to the Great Plains of North America. Their radical proposal is being greeted with gasps and groans from other scientists and conservationists who recall previous efforts to relocate foreign species halfway around the world, often with disastrous results. The authors contend it could help save Africa's poster species from extinction, where protection of its spotty and habitat is vanishing.

### 'Pleistocene' park

A proposal is being floated to re-introduce big-game animals into the Great Plains similar to those animals that existed 13,000 years ago, such as large lions, caribou and elephants.

They also believe the relocated animals could restore biodiversity on this continent to a condition closer to what nature was like before humans overran the landscape. They suggest starting with zoo animals. The perpetrators of newly created reserves would be to some dump site in the dark and turning loose a bunch of elephants," insisted Cornell University ecologist Harry W. Greene, one of the plan's authors. While most modern African species never lived on the American plains, the scientists believe those animals could duplicate the natural roles played by their departed, even larger cousins — mammoths, caribou and saber-toothed cats — that roamed for more than 1 million years. Please see PLEISTOCENE, Page A2





An Iraqi police officer clears away onlookers at a makeshift morgue near the scene of one of the three massive car bombs that exploded at a main bus station and hospital Wednesday in Baghdad. The bombs killed about 40 people and injured more than 80.

# Terror attacks rock Baghdad

Sunni group criticizes constitution talks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A thunderous explosion ripped through a crowded bus station, triggering fires that incinerated travelers in their seats. Minutes later, a second blast rang out, then a third. Up to 43 people were dead in the bloodiest attack in Baghdad in weeks.

The horrific attack Wednesday — clearly directed at civilians — stunned residents of a city hardened by years of violence. Terrified survivors ran weeping through the smoldering debris, crying out for their relatives.

Men used hot cutters to free the body of a woman blown lifeless into a barbed wire fence by the force of the blast.

The first explosion, triggered by a car bomb, struck the city's biggest bus station shortly before 8 a.m. at the height of rush hour. As police and rescuers rushed to the scene, a suicide bomber blew up a second vehicle.

As ambulances were racing the injured to nearby Kindi Hospital, another suicide bomber blew up his car along the route.

Police Capt. Abdul-Quader said 43 people were killed and 85 were wounded in the attacks. The U.S. military put the casualty toll at 38 dead and 68 injured.

"We want our voices to be heard by the president of the republic and every official to tackle such violence," shouted one dazed security guard who would not give his name. "All those who were killed are innocent people. There were no American nor Iraqi troops on the scene."

The attacks were the deadliest series of single-day suicide bombings in Baghdad since

## Baghdad bloodshed

Car bombs targeted a busy bus station and nearby hospital killing more than 40 and wounding 85.



SOURCE: NIMA

mid-July, although suicide attacks with far lower death tolls occur here nearly daily.

Twenty-five people died in a suicide blast July 10 at an army recruiting center in Baghdad. On July 13 a car bomb in Baghdad killed 27 people, including 18 youths and one American soldier.

Four suspects were detained at the bus station on suspicion of involvement in Wednesday's bombings, the Transportation Ministry said.

The attacks occurred shortly before the leaders of Iraq's political factions met Wednesday to try to finish drafting a constitution by a new deadline in only five days time. If no agreement can be reached this time, the interim constitution requires that the parliament be dissolved and that a new transitional assembly and government be elected in December.

Some Shiite officials spoke of progress in the Wednesday talks. However, the largest Sunni

group, the Iraqi Islamic Party, issued a blistering attack on the drafting committee, accusing it of bias and incompetence. The party, which has members on the committee, said major differences remain on the same issues that blocked a deal last week.

"They included federalism, the role of the Shiite clergy and the distribution of Iraq's vast oil wealth. The Sunni party also insisted that the new constitution affirm the country's Arab and Islamic identity and demanded that Islam be declared a main source in legislation — a measure opposed by Kurds and women's activists."

"The battle of the constitution is not over yet," the Sunni party said. "Our people should be awake and cautious and the popular will should arise to put pressure for a free Iraqi national draft constitution that preserves the sovereignty and unity of its people."

That raises serious questions whether the new constitution, if it can be completed in time, will achieve a major U.S. objective of luring disaffected Sunni Arabs away from the Sunni-dominated insurgency.

Once the draft is approved by parliament, it will be submitted to the voters in a referendum Oct. 15. If two-thirds of the voters in three of the 18 provinces reject the constitution, it will be defeated. Sunnis form the majority in at least four provinces.

Failure to finish the constitution by the original deadline last Monday was an embarrassment for the Bush administration, which insisted that the timetable be followed to maintain political momentum and "blame Iraq's deadly insurgency."

# Convicted spammer gets prison time

NEW YORK — A 25-year-old former America Online employee who admitted he became a cyberspace "outlaw" when he sold all 92 million screen names and e-mail addresses to spammers was sentenced Thursday to a year and three months in prison.

"I know I've done something very wrong," the soft-spoken and teary-eyed Jason Smathers told U.S. District Judge John Helderich as he apologized for a theft that resulted in spammers sending out up to 7 billion unsolicited e-mails.

Smathers' lawyer Jeffrey Hoffmann, called the theft a "dumb, stupid, insane act" that his client feels terrible about.

Smathers apologized to a half dozen members of his family who had flown from California and Indiana to attend the sentencing.

Earlier this year, he had pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in a plea deal which had called for a sentence of at least a year and a half in prison.

## Nation in brief

Taft, a Republican and member of a distinguished U.S. political family, becomes the first governor in Ohio history to be charged with a crime. The charges are also an embarrassment for a politician who has pushed for high ethical standards in his office.

Taft could be fined \$1,000 and

sentenced to six months in jail on each count if convicted, though time behind bars was considered unlikely.

Taft will respond publicly today and is not planning to resign, spokesman Mark Rickel said. Prosecutors said they expected the governor to appear in court Thursday.

The gifts were worth about \$5,800.

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## Ohio governor charged with ethics violations

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. Bob Taft was charged with four ethics violations Wednesday for failing to report dozens of gifts that included dinners, golf games and professional hockey tickets, deepening a scandal that has rocked Ohio's Republican Party.

## Emergency Response

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MORNING BREAK

# Host's good-natured exit line sends guests home smiling

**DEAR ABBY:** I am responding to the letter from "Sleepy in New York," whose dinner guests often say well past their bedtime.

My late father used to tell a story that always made us laugh, and it ends with a line that "Sleepy" could use.

He had an aunt and uncle who lived in the Deep South and who had a similar problem with guests overstaying their welcome after dinner. If their guests hadn't left by the time they normally went to bed, his uncle would say to his aunt, "Well, Harriet, it's time to go to bed so these good folks can go home!" According to Dad, this line never failed to do the trick.

—CAROLYN  
IN ALLEGETOWN, PA.  
**DEAR CAROLYN:** I love the line. It's far more "couth" than "It's time you people hit the road so we can hit the sheets." Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to respond to "Sleepy in New York." My father is also an early-to-bedder, and whenever we had company that stayed a little late, Dad would slip into his bedroom and put on his pajamas and



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

robe. Then he'd return to the living room, winding his alarm clock.

Everyone always laughed and took the hint.

—LISA IN  
PIKEVILLE, TENN.  
**DEAR LISA:** Your father should have been a performance artist. All he needed was a tape recording of "Goodnight, Sweetheart" playing in the background.

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Sleepy," the early-riser who could not seem to get dinner guests to go home, brought back a funny memory.

Many years ago, after a dinner party, we had adjourned to the living room for coffee and continued conversation. It was approaching midnight and we were starting to nod off, wondering how we could politely

"nudge" our guests out the door.

Suddenly, the mantel clock struck 12 and the living room lights, which we always kept on a timer and had forgotten to reset for the party, went off. Plunged into almost total darkness, our embarrassed guests leaped to their feet and said, "Oh, goodness, we had no idea it was so late!" We all laughed as we fumbled our way toward the well-lit front hall and exchanged goodbyes.

The clock still strikes the hour. We have never bothered to turn the automatic timer off.

—SAVED BY THE BELL  
INVA.  
**DEAR SAVED BY THE BELL:** Not should you turn it off. It's good insurance.

In a more serious vein, sometimes guests are afraid to leave a dinner party for fear of appearing rude to their hosts. One way to avoid the problem would be for the hosts, when extending the invitation, to say, "I'm giving a dinner party next Saturday between 7 and 10 p.m. Cocktails will start at 7 — dinner will be served at 8." That way everyone will be clear about the time frame.

# USA grows by one individual every 11 seconds

According to the Census Bureau, the United States averages one birth every 8 seconds, one death every 13 seconds and gains an international immigrant every 25 seconds. As a result, our population counter adds one person every 11 seconds. We're rapidly approaching 297,000,000.



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

What a romantic guy! Astronomer Asaph Hall named the largest crater on Mars' second moon "Stickeen" after his wife's maiden name.

The weird cut of poodles was from the time they were water retrievers. With half their thick hair short, they were more buoyant, while the tufts around their bodies and joints protected them from injury and cold. Tying the hair on the head kept it out of the poodle's eyes; tying it with colored ribbon allowed the hunter to keep track of his own animal.

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# Scorpio shines like a superstar in public

**IF AUG. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**, the year ahead holds you a chance to bask in the warmth of unbridled popularity and win a few Brownie points in the career area at the same time. If you are looking for a mate, keep your eyes peeled for a perfect romantic partner from now through January. Big ambitions could fill every moment of the first six months of 2006. A new passion could consume you either in a business venture or a love interest—or both. In any matter that becomes extremely important, you are sure to be successful in the end because you will have the staying power.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Major progress can be made—especially in love—but the details must trip you up. New ways of doing things can challenge even the most adept. Don't be offended by upsets.

**TALUS** (April 20-May 20): Smooth sailing is to be expected for career or business. Ignore barbed remarks or temporary distractions from home. Sidestep unreasonable people and emotional situations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Experiment with new tactics. You may meet up with those who appreciate your brilliance and ability to transcend the ordinary. Forge important and beneficial partnerships.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on the big issues for the best success. Don't get sidetracked by little arguments or differences of opinion or be irritated by small expenditures.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Live happily ever after by starting key relationships under these auspicious skies. Those who find you the most alluring will be your best advocates whether you are

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeralaine Saunders

puruing business success or love.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Small detours will not prevent you from reaching a crucial destination—making your mark. Make sure the head is ruling the heart. New ideas might trigger unforeseen outbursts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If commitment is your wish, then throw a penny in the well. Matters of the heart will be blessed by bliss under these happy celestial conditions.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You shine like a superstar in public and have magnetic appeal. Don't jump into the fray if a small disagreement erupts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Count your blessings. Start important matters now and your enthusiasm will create enough momentum to carry it through to a successful end.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set your sights on a positive future and leave the past behind. Avoid sentimental purchases of transitory value when you can look for items of lasting value.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An important romantic relationship may move along according to the storybook. Ignore feeling doubts. If you are sincere and honest about your feelings there will be a happy ending.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Fateful endings are possible for anything started under these pleasant stars. Too much talk can strain relationship matters that require blind faith.

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# Cool weather could bring new energy problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a summer of soaring gasoline costs, people should not expect cooler weather in autumn to end their energy woes. Prices at the gas pump probably will stay high and record heating bills in the winter are most certain to follow.

The Energy Department predicts that heating costs for homes using natural gas or fuel oil could be 16 percent to 25 percent higher than last year. That

estimate came before the latest price spike in crude oil and natural gas.

Already, drivers are reeling from gasoline prices that are approaching \$3 a gallon in some areas and averaging \$2.55 a gallon nationwide. Prices are expected to ease after Labor Day, but not by much, analysts predict, as crude oil prices remain above \$60 a barrel.

Utilities are warning cus-

tomers that their bills will be high this winter, says Chris McGill of the American Gas Association, which represents the natural gas retailers.

Wholesale prices for natural gas have soared along with crude oil and gasoline.

The Energy Information Administration estimates that natural gas could cost more than \$10 per thousand cubic feet by January, about 30 percent more

it did this summer.

The increase to consumers is usually less because the actual gas accounts for about half of a typical bill and the other half usually remains pretty constant, according to the retailer's group. Utilities also have bought gas at the lower price this summer and are storing it.

A little more than half of U.S. homes use natural gas for heating; the heaviest concentration is

in the Midwest.

About 9 percent use fuel oil, mostly in the Northeast. The rest use electricity, with a small number relying on propane. The cost of these fuels is rising, too.

People are being hit with a "triple whammy," said David Fox, executive director of the Campaign for Home Energy Assistance.

This summer's string of 100-degree temperatures in many

parts of the country caused greatest use of air conditioners and produced high electricity bills that many people have yet to pay.

Then came skyrocketing prices at the pump, on average 67 cents a gallon higher last week than a year ago. Now there is the prospect of big heating bills looming.

"I see a very difficult winter ahead," Fox said.

## Authorities: BTK honed his killing technique

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Prosecutors offered chilling details into the BTK serial killer's reign of terror Wednesday, outlining his fascination with bondage, his desire to strengthen his hand muscles when he found it hard to choke victims, and a terrifying conversation he'd had with an 11-year-old girl before he killed her.

During the first day of Dennis Rader's sentencing hearing, Detective Clint Snyder testified the serial killer told investigators he used a squeeze ball to strengthen his grip after finding his hands numb during strangulations.

In describing one killing, Rader told Snyder, "I'm sorry. I know this is a human being, but I'm a monster."

Rader, a 60-year-old former church congregation president and Boy Scout leader, pleaded guilty in June to 10 murders between 1974 and 1981. The slayings terrorized the Wichita area until Rader was arrested in February.

The sentencing in many ways is a formality with the only issue before the judge whether Rader will serve his 10 life sentences consecutively or concurrently. Kansas had no death penalty at the time the killings were committed.

Rader's long fascination with bondage was shown to the court in a photo he apparently took of himself wearing a cap, mask and a bra and hanging from a pipe in the basement of his mother's home.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation special agent Larry Thomas testified that after Rader killed Josephine Otero's parents and brother, he took the 11-year-old girl to the basement. Prosecutors projected to a screen Rader's recollection of the exchange he had with Josephine before he killed her.

"What's going to happen to me?" she asks.

Rader: "Well, honey, you're going to be in heaven with the rest of your family."

Rader then hugged the girl.

"I remember problems with Josephine because her hair was in the way," Rader told investigators.

Rader looked away briefly as crime scene photos were projected to the courtroom. But he otherwise appeared calm throughout the hearing, sipping water or occasionally taking notes on a legal pad.

The hearing is expected to extend into Thursday, and feature statements from victims' relatives before Judge Gregory Waller imposes the sentence. Prosecutors want Rader to get the longest possible sentence — a minimum of 175 years without a chance of parole.

Wednesday's details were wrenching for the surviving Otero children, who found their parents' dead bodies at their home from school in January 1974. They would learn later that their brother and sister were also dead.

Carmen Otero clutched an Afghan in the courtroom and nervously tapped her foot on the floor through much of the testimony. She was just 13 when she used a fingernail clipper to try to cut the gag off her dead mother's face.

Rader looked on as KBI special agent Raymond Lundin said the killer told authorities in an interview after his Feb. 25 arrest that he targeted Josephine because he was attracted to Hispanics.

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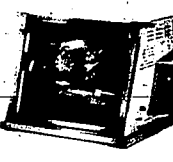
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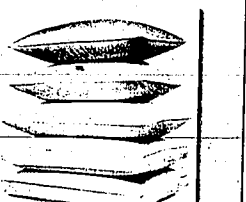
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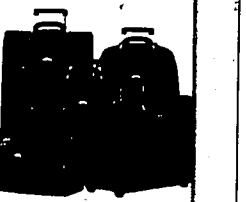
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## EDITORIAL

### Topsy-turvy bond plan ends nicely for Jerome

The summer's wildest roller coaster this year may not be in any amusement park or county fair.

No, the biggest dips and turns came with the Jerome Schools Facility Improvement Committee.

In its campaign to stick new school bond issues on the ballot, the full committee endured more tosses and turns than Knotts Berry Farm.

During Spring, the committee made an attempt to lump all of Jerome's school facility needs in one package. It started as a \$25 million proposal to replace Central Elementary, Jerome Middle School and renovate portions of Jerome High School.

Then the thrills and spills began.

In May, Jerome city announced it would also pursue an \$8.5 million wastewater revenue bond in the fall.

Ugh!

Weeks later, the estimates from LKV Architects of Boise, jumped from \$25.9 million to \$27.9 million.

Eeek!

Then on July 19, LKV stunned the committee again by boosting the project costs to \$32 million, due to construction estimates.

"Aaarrrghh!"

It was that last twist that sent the officials' stomachs churning. Committee members expressed disappointment in the firm, especially after they labored to present a solid case to the Jerome voters. Construction costs, however, are as fluid as ever in today's economy. The uncertainty shows how difficult the school projects will be.

But now, it appears the

committee has endured the wild ride. Next week, the Jerome School Board is expected to approve the committee's suggestion to run two bond issues on the ballot, instead of a larger one. Committee members had already reduced the scope of the full proposal by cutting out high school renovations.

The committee anticipates the proposal will go before voters sometime in October. All of these decisions give proper consideration to city taxpayers, who are wary of any new tax increases.

**Our view: Jerome school officials come to a reasonable plan by splitting facility bond proposals.**

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

urban tax rate (2.131 percent), which goes into a number of tax districts, is ninth highest among Idaho cities.

But Jerome's school facilities can't be ignored much longer. The Central Elementary building is in poor working condition and creates hazardous safety concerns. Jerome Middle School is small, has fragmented buildings and lacks basic amenities.

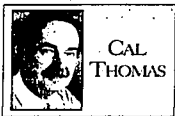
And while construction costs are high, interest rates are still low, meaning the path is in place for Jerome voters to do something about it at the ballot box.

These voters have traditionally been receptive to school bond issues, since the last five elections all failed. The \$32 million proposal would have been very tough, and would have failed as well. But by giving voters a choice of one or both projects, and not using tax money to fix high school athletic areas, the committee is making wise suggestions.

All of the committee members deserve praise for enduring a hectic season of surprises. But their efforts should lead to a steady future for Jerome's students.

## When gas was cheap and neighbors valued

I recently took my youngest son on a visit to two of the three places in the Washington, D.C., suburbs where I grew up. The first is down the same street on which I now live. It was an apartment among many apartments then inhabited by mostly wives and children of men in the service during World War II.

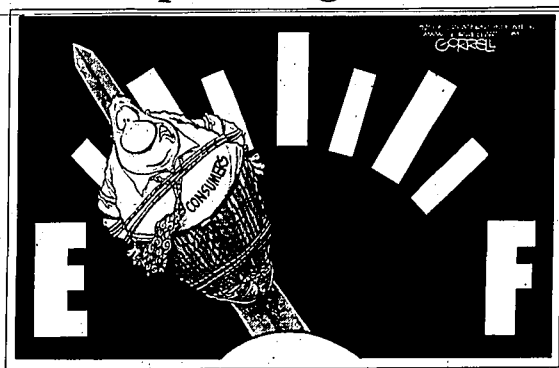


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My mother compiled a scrapbook of those years. Along with the stories she told, I remember what she had written. There were ration books and if she ran out of coupons at the end of the month, our neighbors would share her "extras" with us. When the circumstances were reversed, Mom would share her coupons with our neighbors. Gasoline was cheap, but it was always hot. People didn't have much, but they didn't need a lot, except for their husbands/fathers to come home.

House number two was purchased on the GI Bill for \$20,000. But if you had to pay it down, you might have to make a down payment of that amount. The house was small by today's standards, and it was close to neighbors. That symbolized community. I knew everyone on my street and every kid my age. No one was divorced. We seemed to have a few more things. Dad traded in his used Chevrolet for a shiny new one. Eventually, Mom got her own car. Gas was still cheap.

A third house — my last before leaving home — was



bigger and "nicer," as we measure such things. It had the knotty pine "recreation room" so popular in the late '50s and early '60s. The neighbors were farther away because the lawns were bigger. I didn't know many of them. I recently found some old Esso receipts (today's Exxon). A fill-up cost \$3, sometimes \$3.50. My first paycheck would be small change today.

Now my house is supersized, my cars are new and gas is rapidly approaching \$4 a gallon. I rent two storage units to hold stuff I don't need and no longer want. I am a "victim" of consumerism, and I don't like being caught in this web from which escape is difficult. A neighbor's house is up for sale. I have been in it less than a year. I don't know his name. He was moved from Alaska to Wallboard — from a time of permanency and things worth keeping to one of transience

and the disposable. People who stay married are now regarded as retro. A new film, "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," is not a tribute to self-control or what was once known as purity.

In 60 years we have gone from older-focused to self-centered, from sacrifice to self-indulgence, from commitment and fidelity to easy divorce and promiscuity, from \$3 fill-ups to \$3 a gallon. My latest fill-up cost \$51, and my car is not an SUV.

Once, people mattered more than things. Now, "feeling good" is all that matters. Feelings — at least good ones — were once considered the product of right decision-making. But what's right today? If you think you know, you might be accused of trying to impose your morality on others or of being insensitive to someone else's personal truth.

Are we prepared for what could happen if gasoline reach-

es \$5 a gallon, as it has throughout much of Europe? What if the bottom should fall out of the stock market and the value of our IRAs tank along with the economy? Is there a politician who would dare call for sacrifice and doing without for the greater good? How many people would respond favorably to such a call? Not many, I bet. Not this generation, which has been raised on an entitlement mentality and looking out for number one.

Prosperity is a double-edged sword. Right now we are being cut by high gas prices. I wonder if we have the moral clarity embodied in previous generations to do without and not complain. If the economy takes a dive, we will find out.

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## Candles on the cake for Castro - LETTERS

Ask 1,000 people when President Bush's birthday is, and 999 probably will shrug. Ask 1,000 Cubans when Fidel Castro's birthday is, and most likely 999 will know.

Just one of the small and delicate differences between a free country and a communist dictatorship.

Saturday, while Bush and a small group of journalists took a 170-mile mountain bike ride on the president's Texas ranch, Castro celebrated his 79th birthday to the ritual state-mandated fanfare.

Children danced and cut a huge blue-and-white cake for their leader, the longest-ruling government head in the world. The not-so-free-press featured front-page stories and photographs accompanied by praise and words of affection.

A letter published on the front page of the Communist Party daily paper, *Granma*, said: "We celebrate as your own, with the affection and immense admiration that children feel for the most noble, wise and brave father."

Signed "your people," the letter also called Castro "dearly loved Fidel," and mentioned his "guerrilla spirit of just ideals" and his "special sensitivity for others."

Ah, yes, Castro's legendary and special sensitivity. Gives you chills, doesn't it? Or the sweats, if you happen to be among those who have disagreed with this particular noble, wise and brave father.

Disidents, many of them recent arrivals in the United States, are being offered a tough-love refresher course, doubtless being singing "Feliz Cumpleaños" along with the kids lining indoctrinated since birth by parents too afraid to skip one of their neighborhood's mandatory Communist Party meetings.

By the way, when was the last time you attended a state-man-



KATHLEEN PARKER

dated Communist Party meeting? When was the last time a family member was arrested for criticizing the government? Just checking.

It is useful sometimes to be reminded of the freedoms we take for granted and Castro's birthday seems as good a time as any. What, for instance, does one suppose would happen to Cindy Sheehan's equivalent in Cuba if she staked out Castro's home to protest the arrest of her son? Not that Sheehan's son, who died in Iraq, was taken by the government.

And not, by the way, that Sheehan or anyone else could camp outside Castro's house. He doesn't have one. At least he doesn't have one in which he regularly sleeps. It moves around a lot. When you hold a nation of people prisoner on an island, you are in fact wildly popular. You are, in fact, despised. Quietly. During a visit to Cuba a few years ago, I got a glimpse of that hatred from Cubans who felt comfortable speaking openly with an American journalist. I also got a glimpse of the very official Cuba regards those who prefer freedom.

We were meeting with Ricardo Alarcon, president of the National Assembly of People's Power, in a small, six-conditioned office, sipping sweet coffee and pretending not to notice Alarcon's navel, which was peeking through a gap between the buttons of his guayabera.

Alarcon is charming and well educated, a doctor of philosophy and letters who also served for several years as Cuba's am-

bassador to the United Nations. He is also one of the founders of Cuba's Communist Party and is often mentioned as a possible successor to Castro. Alarcon sat facing us, a group of eight or nine reporters, one of whom bravely asked: "What is your policy toward dissidents?"

Alarcon paused a moment and then chuckled. "Well, of course," he said, "our policy is to sometimes arrest them."

Earlier this summer, Castro exercised that policy by arresting some 60 dissidents. A dozen of whom reportedly remain incarcerated, while denying that dissidents are a problem.

In July, on the 52nd anniversary of the start of the revolution, Castro spoke to an audience at the Karl Marx Theater in Havana in a style reminiscent of our beloved Baghdad Bob, who steadfastly insisted that no American troops were in Iraq as the result of a standstill operation.

"The much-publicized dissidence, or alleged opposition in Cuba, exists only in the fevered minds of the Cuban-American mafia and the bureaucrats in the White House," said Castro.

"... You would think that the revolution only had a few hours left."

The audience, which included hundreds of Americans in Cuba as part of an aid program, gave Castro a standing ovation.

That's the nice thing about being a totalitarian ruler: Everyone agrees with you no matter what you say, and everyone celebrates your birthday. Unless they don't, of course, in which case, well, sometimes you get arrested.

Castro's birthday, just in case things go badly here, is July 6.

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### Families take comfort in online obituaries

I want to express my appreciation for the online obituary section that your paper provides.

I return to this section often to read the kind words and condolences from friends and family. It brings me a great deal of peace and helps with the grieving process.

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### Schuckert's Aug. 9 letter hits the target

"Bravo" to Mr. Schuckert's (Aug. 9) comments in letters to *The Times-News*.  
GIB ANDERSON  
Jerome

### Article created more confusion on crop loss

In the Idaho RedClaw article (June 26), it sounded like it was the kids' fault for the crop loss. I find it funny that people can take a 10-minute conversation and reduce it down to two sentences, leaving out the full details and explanations.

The farm, in fact, never would have reached any production without the assistance of the people of Malta. I regret any confusion and take full responsibility of all that occurred. It was out of the kindness of their hearts to even take on the responsibility. We all tried our best and will keep doing so to continue to succeed.

I am truly grateful for the help that was provided and am very sorry for the confusion for the article that was printed.

Once again, I thank you all for the time you put in at the farm and for all of your help.  
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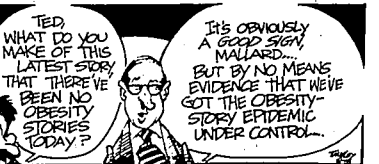
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# Find a new sort of diplomat for difficult Afghan duty

With Karen Hughes moving into the post of assistant secretary of state for public diplomacy—perhaps there will be more attention from the administration, Congress and the public to the difficult mission she is taking on. It has been on the back burner too long.

Defenders and critics of President Bush's war on terrorism agree on very little except this: There is a critical need for a more energetic, imaginative and effective campaign to promote the American ideals of democracy, tolerance, compassion and economic opportunity in the Islamic world.

It is a large and complex challenge requiring some fundamental changes. One possibility came to me during reporting trips to remote reaches of Afghanistan, where I spent time with U.S. Special Forces units of the 10th Mountain Division.

Both outfits were stationed in hostile territory doing double duty: fighting the Taliban and trying to hold the hearts and minds of Afghan locals by building schools, medical clinics and roads in their isolated villages.

After my first trip, to a 10th Mountain Division base along

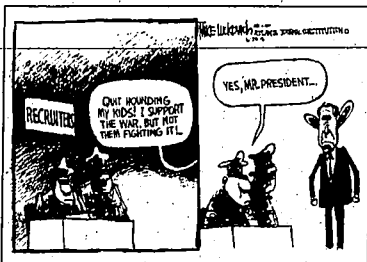
**TOM BROKAW**

the border with Pakistan, I worried that the two missions of the military would at some point become incompatible, even incendiary. When the young American warriors went on patrol in their Humvees, local farmers were forced to give way on the primitive roads. The 10th Mountain troops were always dressed in flak jackets, helmets and sunglasses as they moved into villages to confiscate guns, question locals about suspicious activity and inspect trucks and pickups before meeting with the village elders to talk on health and education projects.

What image lingered, I wondered. The good cop or the bad cop?

Last spring I spent time with a 12-man U.S. Special Forces team in southeast Afghanistan, in an area not with Taliban forces. Their base is about an hour north of Kandahar by helicopter. These bright, dedicated young men had been averaging one fire a week with Taliban fighters coming in from Pakistan.

The Americans were also



training Afghan army units, providing the local school with supplies, staffing a clinic with their own medic, teaching Afghan farmers rudimentary construction skills and supporting the local economy.

Yet, when we visited a village, a collection of mud homes and a few hovels passing as general stores selling cheap utensils, I asked the elders if they wanted more American troops in their area and they said, "No, we have enough. These are okay." What about more Afghan

troops? "Not if they order us around."

With the increased Taliban activity in the rural areas, the U.S. military profile is not about to be lowered anytime soon. But why couldn't there be an additional American face in those areas?

The Special Forces concept—unconventional warriors chosen for their intelligence, stamina, adaptability and range of skills—has worked well for the military. Why couldn't it work as well for the

Foreign Service?

The State Department could recruit young men and women who want an adventurous life and train them as the Diplomatic Special Forces, a kind of Peace Corps on steroids. Put them through crash courses in local dialects and skills relevant to the areas where they will be assigned. Place them in military outposts in remote areas, arrange that would have the added benefit of forging bonds between the military and the diplomatic corps. Give them extra pay and set the bar high so they have the same elite status as the Pentagon's Special Forces.

My guess is that it would be an appealing prospect for members of the younger generation who want to serve their

country but not necessarily in military uniform.

Certainly nongovernmental organizations such as the International Rescue Committee, Doctors Without Borders and Save the Children have no difficulty recruiting staff or volunteers for tough duty in far-off lands. But to ensure their independence, they must keep their distance from U.S. military operations. A Diplomatic Special Forces would not be so constrained. It could become another face of America in the Third World, a face not enmeshed in a Keplar helmet and wrap-around sunglasses.

Tom Brokaw is the former anchor of "NBC Nightly News" and is a special correspondent for NBC.

## LETTER

### Idahoans refuse to believe plutonium claims

What great crowds of Idahoans overflowed all of the recent Department of Energy hearings to stop the politicians' plan to cluster all plutonium-238 production into Idaho. The DOE and politicians were humiliated. People ridiculed their laughable claims of safety from plutonium accidents. Even in Idaho Falls, the crowd was against the plutonium cluster. Only the high-paid DOE and politicians speak in favor of this insanity. The DOE's own safety inspector, Tami Thatcher, even testified how safety is not a priority in Idaho!

Our so-called state watchdog, Kathleen Trever, has approved a cleanup plan that leaves most of the old buried plu-

tonium here. This new project will open more new plutonium dumps on site, according to DOE Order 435.1. I will debate the politicians, Trever, or the DOE anytime. My DOE documents prove they are not giving us the truth. These people threaten the health of our children.

Idaho downwinders are still waiting for cancer compensation, while our politicians volunteer us for more front-line nuclear duty.

In fact, the DOE refuses to say whether this pu-238 will be used for the electric support of the new atomic weapons, the Bunker Buster. Millions are being spent by our politicians to "fast track" the Nevada Test Site for preparation for more atomic testing! Our politicians are hoping you are not paying

attention and hope you salute their flag-waving superficial sales job.

I can send any documents, if you e-mail me at nifty1@ca.bleone.net. I will include a picture of our smiling politicians signing up for Spaceport Idaho! What will stop them from launching plutonium space batteries from Idaho, hoping another Challenger disaster will never happen again once they cluster into Idaho?

Please call your politicians toll free at (877) 762-8762. Add your official comments to the DOE toll at (800) 919-3706. If we do not protect our children and stop this plutonium cluster now, it will spawn an era in Idaho so large it will be uncontainable.

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WORLD

# Leaked report raises questions about Brazilian's slaying

LONDON (AP) — A leaked report on the death of a Brazilian man mistaken for a bomber and his death by a London police sparked outrage Wednesday as it said the victim was not wearing a heavy jacket and did not trip the tilt gate as he had been previously claimed.

Electrician Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, was shot seven times in the head by police who tailed him to the station the day after the failed July 21 transit

bombings in London.

Two weeks earlier, four suicide bombers killed 52 commuters had been on three London-subway trains and a bus.

In the heightened state of anxiety, witnesses reported that Menezes was dressed in a heavy coat and acting suspiciously, then jumped over the ticket gate before bolting from armed officers toward a train. Police also said that he failed to obey their instructions.

But British ITV news, citing a leaked report on an investigation into the death, said Tuesday that Menezes was dressed in a denim jacket and walked casually into Stockwell subway station, stopping to pick up a newspaper before riding the escalator down and running to board his train. The investigation report cited closed circuit TV footage, ITV News said.

The television station also said that witness accounts included

in the report said Menezes was seated on the train before being shot.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission, investigating the shooting, refused to comment on the report. London's Metropolitan Police said they could not make any comment or clarify earlier statements while the investigation continued.

Menezes' cousin Alex Alvin Pereira called for the police officers

involved to be jailed and the family's lawyer criticized the secrecy surrounding the shooting.

Police commissioner Sir Ian Blair has called the death "regrettable," but said it appeared "the man was challenged and refused to obey police instructions."

Police said Menezes had attracted police attention because he left a building that was under surveillance in connection with the July 21 attacks and that his

clothing and behavior at the station had added to their suspicions.

Officers tailing him concluded that he matched the description of one of the four July 21 attackers, according to the leaked documents. However, a surveillance officer had failed to record Menezes leaving the property in Tulse Hill because he had gone to the toilet and so was unable to switch on the video recording device, ITV said.

## Mystery surrounds Cypriot plane crash

Reports: Man took control of airliner before it crashed

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A crew member or passenger may have made a last, desperate attempt to save a Cypriot passenger jet before it slammed into a mountainside north of Athens, killing all 121 people aboard, Greek defense officials said Wednesday.

However, Greece's government and military officials refused to comment on the reports until the end of an investigation, heightening speculation about what caused the mysterious crash of the Helios Airways flight from Larnaca, Cyprus, to Athens.

"Until they can absolutely rule it out, they've got to consider a terrorist act or some sort of sabotage as a potential factor," said Richard Healing, former member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Two Greek air force F-16 jets were scrambled after the Helios flight lost radio contact flew by the airliner over the Aegean Sea. The F-16 pilots reported seeing the pilot's seat empty and the co-pilot slumped over the controls, possibly unconscious.

The government said the F-16 pilots saw two unidentified people in the cockpit trying to regain control of the plane.

Greek state-run and private media have said the F-16 pilots also saw someone in the cockpit — probably a man — take control of the plane as it flew in a gradually descending holding pattern, apparently on autopilot, at about 37,000 feet near Athens airport.

That person then banked the plane away from Athens, lowering it first to 2,000 feet and then climbing back up to 7,000 feet before the plane apparently ran out of fuel and crashed.

For those maneuvers to happen, someone who knew how to work the airplane had to have been in control, said Paul Czesz, emeritus professor of aeronautical engineering at St. Louis University. The lack of air traffic control contact also was suspicious, he added.

"Obviously, he didn't want to contact the tower," he said. "It happened before."

According to the media accounts, the person flying the plane made an effort to land in the mountainous terrain. By that time, the plane had been flying for about an hour and a half beyond its scheduled arrival time — and twice as long as a normal flight from Cyprus to Athens.

The reports also said the person at the controls was likely 25-year-old flight attendant Andreas Prodromou, whose relatives have said he had a pilot's license.



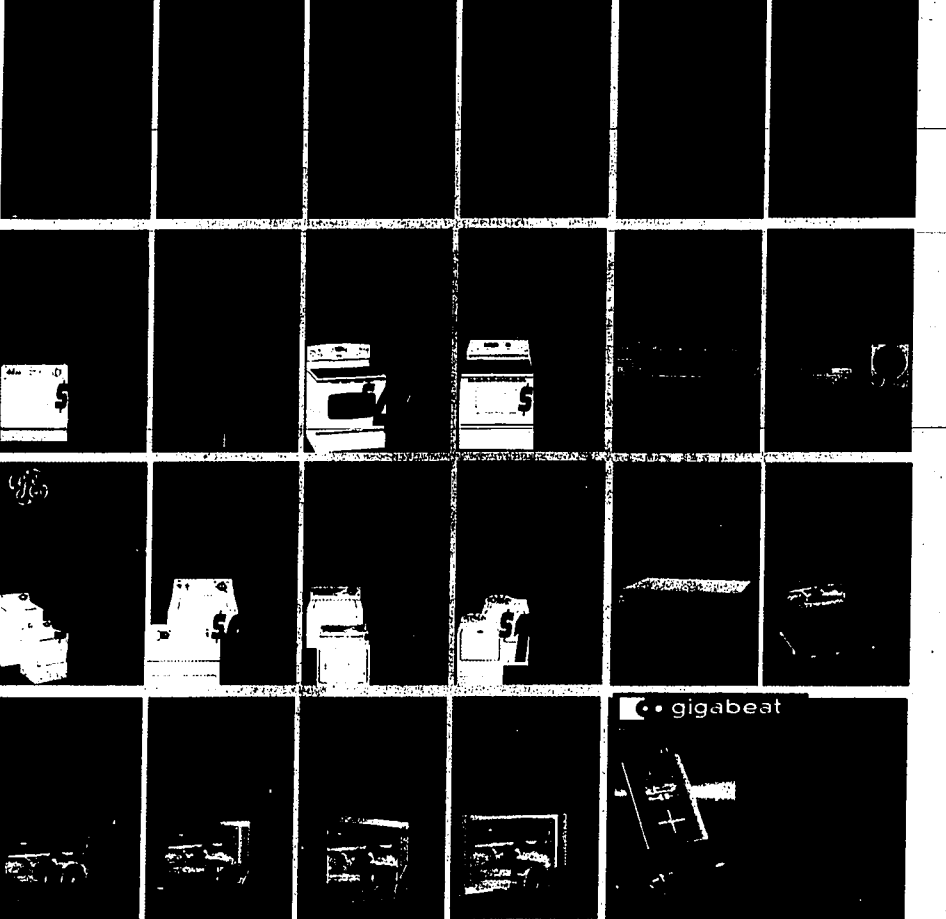
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SPORTS

The Times-News

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

How can you afford to get that drunk at \$8 a beer?

—David Letterman about Scott Harper, 19, of Armonk, N.Y., who last week jumped from the upper deck at Yankee Stadium into a net some 40 feet below, gambling that the netting would hold his weight. He was not seriously hurt.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

How did Baltusrol Golf Club, site of the PGA Championship, get its name?

Answer below

IN BRIEF

Coaches must hand in team info

TWIN FALLS — Any high school fall sports coaches and activities directors who received questionnaires from The Times-News recently are asked to return them as soon as possible.

Please, fax the information and schedules to 208-734-5538 or 5 p.m. Thursday.

Northwest drivers will make appearances

TWIN FALLS — Several Northwest Series racing teams in town for the Magic Valley Speedway at the Magic Valley Raceway Saturday night will make appearances around town on Friday, Aug. 19.

Series rookie of the year candidate Ed Thomsen will appear at the Armonk, N.Y. Blue Lakes Blvd., from 4-6 p.m.

Pepsi 125 winner John Bender will appear at the Lynnwood, Wash. Line Road, from noon to 2 p.m.

Current points leader Jeff Jefferson will appear at the Lynnwood, Wash. Blue Lakes Blvd., from 4-6 p.m.

Steven Howard will be at the Twin Stop Chevron, 108 Addison Avenue West, from 4-6 p.m.

Senior Games

schedule released

TWIN FALLS — Team Con Paulus Hart Memorial Senior Games will be held Aug. 24-28. Events will be held for beginners to master athletes in tennis, cycling, track and field, golf, tennis, bicycling, swimming, bowling, bridge, pinocle, and a picnic.

Location: The YMCA of Twin Falls, Inc., Idaho Medicare Education Partnership, The College of Southern Idaho, Farmers National Bank, subway, AARP Idaho, Magic Valley Printing, and the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center sponsors the games.

Schedule of Events  
Aug. 24 — Party Bridge, Turf Club, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 25 — Duplicate bridge, Twin Falls Senior Center, 7 p.m.  
Aug. 26 — Bowling, Bowladrome, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Pinocle, Twin Falls Senior Center, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 27 — Tennis, Twin Falls High School, Tennis Courts, 8 a.m.; Bowling, Bowladrome, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Cycling, 2000 East & 3700 North, 9 a.m.; Track and Field, Bruins Stadium, 10 a.m.; Swimming, Pool, 10 a.m.; Picnic, YMCA/Clay Pool, noon to 1 p.m.  
Aug. 28 — Golf, Clear Lake Country Club, 9-30 a.m.; Bowling, Bowladrome, 9-11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

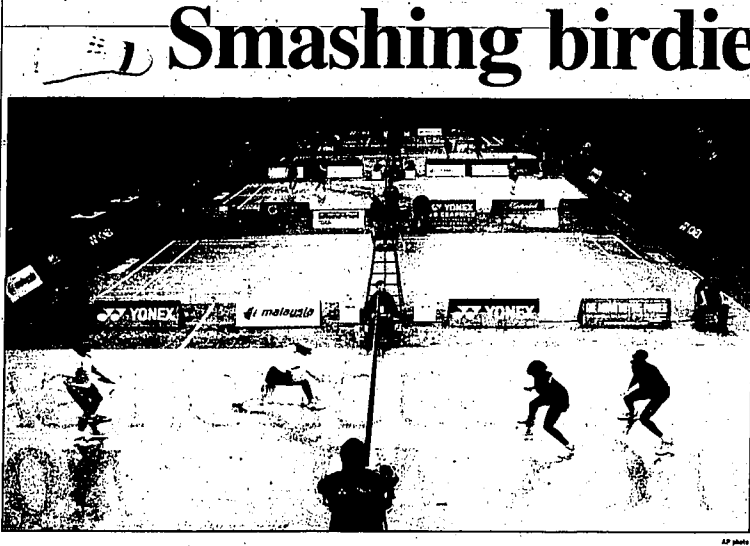
Rupert CC holds championships soon

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will be holding its men's and women's championships on Saturday, Aug. 20. Women will have a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Men will need to make tee time. Please sign up in the pro shop.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The name comes from Baltus Roll, a farmer who owned the property. He was ordered to pay \$181 during an attempted robbery.



Players at the IBF 2005 Badminton World Championships compete on four courts at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, Calif., on Monday. This is the first time the US has hosted the badminton world championships.

U.S. hosts the World Badminton Championships

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Birdies are everywhere inside Anaheim Arena and there's not a golf club or perfectly manicured green in sight. These birdies are made of geese feathers, and whiz through the air across five courts set on top of the ice rink used by the NHL's Mighty Ducks.

This week, the Asian- and European-dominated sport of badminton is staging its world championships in the United States for the first time, and this isn't the version played with a

beer in one hand at backyard barbecues. That's the image familiar to most Americans, who might be surprised to learn badminton is called the world's fastest racket sport because a shuttle can be smashed at more than 200 mph. Put a 3.5-ounce racket in the hands of the world's best players, most of whom are Chinese, Korean, Malaysian and Indonesian, and watch them turn the game into a survival of the fittest.

They might cover more than a mile in one match — jumping, running and going up-and-down back or side-to-side on a dim-

play, which is illegal. "It's the athleticism, the effort and the skill that goes into it," said spectator David Turner, an Englishman who planned his U.S. vacation around taking in the championships.

Owens all smiles in return to practice

But still won't talk to McNabb

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens ran routes, caught passes and joked around with his Philadelphia Eagles teammates — quite a different T.O. from the one booted out of training camp a week ago.

Air racers battle the clock

By Sarah Larimer Associated Press writer

LONGLEAT, England — When Mike Mangold is zipping between trees at speeds exceeding 250 mph, he's got no time to enjoy the view.



This handout photo from Red Bull shows American pilot Mike Mangold in his Edge 540 plane on his way to victory at the fifth stage of the 'Red Bull Air Race World Series' at Longhat House in Wiltshire, England, Aug. 7.

Pilots fly just yards above the ground, swerve through a series of 50-foot gates and perform acrobatic maneuvers on a mile course. If pilots gaze a gate, fly too high or too low, they receive a penalty. The pilot with the best time is the winner.

The most recent race — the fifth in the seven-event series — took place Aug. 7 at Longleat in southwestern England, where sweeping green fields and the stately Longleat castle provided a picturesque setting. About 60,000 fans came out to watch.

420 degrees per second. "We are operating close to the ground — high speed, high G — trying to get through gates, flying around trees and we can make it look easy and we can't

make light of that because we've all got a lot of experience," Mangold, a former military pilot, said. "But the thing is, if something goes wrong, wing finished. We're in serious trouble."

"I was fine today. He did a great job," said coach Andy Held, who gave the All-Pro without a word to McNabb. McNabb, who has maintained his sense of humor throughout the ordeal — said he anticipated talking to Owens at some point.

"I think it's going to happen," McNabb said. "But, again, when we get to that situation, then that's when we will handle it. I think what we are doing right now is easing into everything and just going out and working, trying to answer some of the questions one of us may have and then be able to work in the confines of our own football field."

The running feud between quarterback and receiver was set aside while they were on the field, at least. The two stood next to each other in the huddle at times, across from each other at others, and appeared to comply.

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UConn guards suspended over laptop thefts

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut guards Marcus Williams and A.J. Price were suspended from the team on Wednesday after the duo were arrested in connection to the theft of four laptop computers.

They are barred indefinitely from all team activities and their academic and personal activities will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the members of our basketball staff," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "They will continue to have complete access to all of the academic support staff so they can focus their energies on their studies."

Police said Williams and two others tried to sell the computers at several locations in Manchester. Employees at a pawn shop in Manchester recognized Williams as soon as he entered the store and told him they did not take laptop computers, police said.

A history of badminton

- 800 BC: Chinese game known as Ti Jian Zi or shuttlecock kicking becomes popular. It's played with feet rather than rackets.
- 1870s: British army officers stationed in India bring game known as poona home to England.
- 1873: Duke of Beaufort introduces the game to royal estate at his English country estate Badminton House, giving the sport its name; modern rules are established.
- 1884: International Badminton Federation is formed with nine members — Canada, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales.
- 1892: Badminton becomes an Olympic sport at Barcelona Games.
- Shuttlecock weighs just less than a quarter of an ounce and has 16 feathers fixed in a cork base covered with thin layer of leather.
- Rackets made of various blends of carbon, graphite, boron, aluminum and steel weigh about 3.5 ounces and are strung tightly with gut or synthetic string.
- Source: International Badminton Federation

ties represented this week. "It's a dominating match of the sports world, the United States is an also-ran in badminton, which became an Olympic event in 1992." Many of the top Americans are foreign-born, including 14-year-old Eva Lee, who lives in nearby Orange, but was born in Hong Kong. She learned the game by watching her parents play.

"We kind of slowly catching up," said Lee, who lost her first round singles match to one of Estonia's two competitors. "We Please see BIRDIES, Page B2

Pilots wear fireproof clothing and crash helmets, are equipped with parachutes — not that they'd be of much use at these altitudes.

"It's a nice seat cushion," said American pilot Kirby Chambliss.

Pilots use four types of planes — the CAR, Suhoi, Extra and Edge — each valued at around \$257,000. CAR planes are easy to steer, while the Suhoi requires much more work to operate. The American-made Edge and German Extras are considered best suited for the competition because the precision aircraft are agile and can accelerate well.

Pilots earn points depending on their position at the end of a race. The one with the most points after all seven legs wins the series.

Mangold won the Longleat competition by 2.99 seconds, and trails Hungary's Peter Besenyi — who helped create the sport — by one point in the overall standings. Besenyi placed third at Longleat, behind Mangold and Chambliss.

Chambliss is also a commercial pilot for Southwest Airlines in the United States, is fourth in the overall standings. The next race is Aug. 20 in Budapest, Hungary, and the series concludes Oct. 8 in San Francisco.

Organizers hope to add more races next year.

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off-court problems. Price missed last season after a brain hemorrhage in October and had not yet been medically cleared for this coming year. Williams missed most of the 2004 national championship season because of academic problems.

Guard Antonio Kellogg was expelled from UConn last season for his freshman season after being charged with marijuana possession and assaulting a police officer. Williams and Price are free on \$10,000 bond and are due in court on Aug. 23.



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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: IRL, Menards 300 p.m. ESPN2. PBA Tour, Xerox Classic, first round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

Baseball: Dodgers at Braves, TBS, 5:30 p.m. PGA Tour, Reno-Tahoe Open, first round, TGC, 7 p.m.

Boxing: Little League World Series, championship game, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

Tennis: ATP Tour/US Open Series, Western & Southern Financial Group Masters, round of 16, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Football: Preseason, Saints at Patriots, Fox, 6 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Burley boosters meet Aug. 22: Burley Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 in room 100 of the Burley High School.

Report: Favre has chronic hip condition: GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre has a chronic hip condition that almost prevented him from games remaining in the Green Bay Packers 13 years ago.

NCAA purchases NIT for \$56.5M to end fight: NEW YORK — The NCAA purchased the rights to the preseason and post-season for national invitation tournaments.

Coyotes sign veteran Curtis Joseph: GLENDALE, Ariz. — Goaltender Curtis Joseph signed a one-year contract with the Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday.

Titans, Pacman finalize five-year contract: NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans finally agreed to a deal with draft pick Adam "Pacman" Jones on Wednesday night.

Bibby finished as Sparks coach: LOS ANGELES — Henry Bibby's tenure as coach of the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks ended Wednesday after just 28 games.

Palmeiro scratched from lineup with ankle injury: OAKLAND, Calif. — Rafael Palmeiro was scratched from the Oakland Athletics' lineup Wednesday because of a sprained right ankle.

Sparks president Johnny Buss issued a statement saying Bibby would not coach the team, although Buss said his preference was to not call it a firing.

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day night, putting their playoff hopes in jeopardy. The Phoenix and Minnesota for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with the 2005 season.

loc "Jollybent" Bryant, hired as an assistant coach last season, coached the team and will continue on only for the time being, and until Joe and I have time to discuss the duties for the remainder of the 2005 season," Buss said in the statement.

Favre said that when he arrived in Green Bay, the Packers examined him and predicted he would suffer from a recurring problem and would soon feel effects of it. According to Favre, he failed the physical, but Wolf told the medical staff to pass him.

Favre was drafted by Atlanta and spent his first season as a backup in 1991. He was traded to the Packers in 1992, and he became the starting quarterback in 1993.

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SPORTS

Brohm bred to be a successful QB

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — As far back as Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm can remember, his father and other brothers were teaching him football.

"In the backyard, in the living room, around the kitchen table."

"We're always around the game, we're always talking about it," said Brohm, who earned down scholarship offers from Notre Dame, Tennessee and Kentucky to stick with family tradition and play for the Cardinals.

Brohm applied the early lessons immediately, laying the foundation for high expectations that follow him into his first season as Louisville's starter.

"When he was in third grade, even the average person could tell he wasn't just a kid, he was shot-putting it down the field," said brother Jeff Brohm, who now tutors Brian daily as the Cardinals' quarterback.

"He was pretty far ahead of anyone else his age."

Former Louisville quarterback Chris Redman, the school's all-time leading passer, got his first glimpse of Brohm while working as a referee in a youth league game in the early 1990s.

"This little kid was throwing tight spirals and deep balls right on the money," said Redman, a former record-setting star at Louisville's Male High School. "And it wasn't just that. I mean, here was this 8-year-old kid, looking off receivers. Who does that at that age? He had perfect fundamentals and he was already out there thinking like a quarterback."

Brohm's father, Oscar, was Louisville's quarterback in the late 1960s. Oldest brother, Greg, was a receiver there from 1989-92 and middle brother, Jeff, was quarterback for the Cardinals from 1990-93 before a seven-year career in the NFL.

Brohm was never matching them, picking up fundamentals, breaking down plays, absorbing everything.

"He's a very athletic," said Oscar Brohm, "but a lot of his success came just listening. He was always asking questions. He never thought he knew more than they did."

By the time he was a freshman at Trinity-High School, Brian was a local celebrity, well-accepted to strangers approaching him at restaurants, movie theaters or church.

"Sometimes, you want to go out and not hear about football, but it's fine," Brohm said. "I like talking about football, so it doesn't really bother me."

The spotlight has only intensified as he gets older, but his brothers have hardly noticed a change in his



Sophomore quarterback Brian Brohm answers media questions at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 6. Brohm will lead the University of Louisville Cardinals in their first Big East Conference schedule this season.

even-keeled demeanor. "Brian's been in this situation his whole life, so everything was actually quite normal to him," said Greg, now Louisville's director of football operations. "He's very comfortable with the whole role, the attention, the leadership, everything. Nothing has ever just overwhelmed him."

As a high school junior, Brohm was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated for an article about high school stars. The same season, he threw seven touchdowns to outduel opposing quarterback and current teammate Michael Bush in a state title game considered the best in state history.

As a senior, Brohm guided Trinity to another title and garnered several national player of the year awards.

Brohm finished his career with 10,679 passing yards and 119 TD passes, second in state history to former NFL No. 1 pick Tim Couch.

White Cardinals' fans rejoiced when Brohm picked Louisville, some of his new teammates remained skeptical. Brohm did well in spot duty as a freshman behind popular senior Stefan Lefors early last season, but the Cardinals needed more convincing.

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play at a message left on Owens' voicemail last week said he planned to catch more balls than he ever has and his on-the-field heroics will far outweigh any off-field criticism.

"Terrell will return to camp and continue to display the work ethic, and on-the-field dedication that has made him one of the world's most elite athletes," the message said. "For you the fan, and your coach, to be supported in the most difficult of times, Terrell plans to reward you with a season for the ages. Where small men succumb, great men overcome!"

but Perrino stuck with Lefors. "I was fine with not putting me in," Brohm said. "I started relaxing a little bit, sitting back and watching this great show Stefan is putting on."

By the fourth quarter, Lefors was taking a beating. He forgot a play and fumbled a snap, prompting Perrino to send in the freshman.

The Cardinals stalled on Brohm's first drive and Devin Hester returned a punt for a touchdown to give Miami a 34-31 lead. Louisville got the ball back with 8:11 left, and Brohm treated into a huddle filled with doubt.

"When he was coming in, I was curious to see his reaction, offensive tackle Christian Travis Lefors said. "But he came in the game, got in the huddle, called the play, no hesitation, no stuttering. It was almost strange how calm he was."

"That just kind of reinforced the feeling that he was just born to do this."

Brohm went 4-for-4 and had a 7-yard run on an 80-yard touchdown drive that earned him all the respect he'll ever need from his teammates. "I was kind of down that we lost the game, but they were coming up and saying, 'That was a great job,'" Brohm said. "That showed me they thought I was a good player and they had confidence in me."

play at a message left on Owens' voicemail last week said he planned to catch more balls than he ever has and his on-the-field heroics will far outweigh any off-field criticism.

"Terrell will return to camp and continue to display the work ethic, and on-the-field dedication that has made him one of the world's most elite athletes," the message said. "For you the fan, and your coach, to be supported in the most difficult of times, Terrell plans to reward you with a season for the ages. Where small men succumb, great men overcome!"

Hugs and handshakes as Ward returns to Steelers

BY PROBE: (AP) — The Pro Bowl wide receiver finally showed up at training camp, an apology to his teammates in hand, no longer a distraction or a source of concern to a team that went deep into the playoffs last season and expects to do so again.

There were smiles, handshakes and hugs rather than whispers of resentment or questions about his sincerity, when Tynes Ward resumed practicing Wednesday with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Terrell Owens, this was not. Anyone looking for controversy or a side-show needed to travel about five hours east in Pennsylvania to the Eagles' camp to find it.

"I could tell today that everybody was up because Hines Ward's back," rookie wide receiver Fred Gibson said. "The tempo of the practice today was great."

If there was any hostility or unhappiness, Ward's teammates didn't express it — a contrast to the Eagles' camp, where Owens' behavior and standoffishness before his one-week suspension clearly alienated some of the Steelers' teammates before Owens also returned Wednesday.

That didn't prevent Ward from going from dorm room to dorm room at St. Vincent College, catching up with his teammates and, he said, apologizing for being away.

Ward, missing and Antwan Randle El hurt last week, the Steelers were so thin at receiver that Gibson, a fourth-round pick from Georgia, practiced with the first unit for several days.

Now that all the receivers are in camp, Cedrick Wilson has



Burriss played last season, to compete with Handle El.

Cardinals

Middle linebacker Gerald Fluyes will need arthroscopic surgery on knee cartilage and miss at least two weeks.

"He's got something wrong with his meniscus there, so they're going to go in and do a scope on it, see exactly what it is," coach Dennis Green said Tuesday. "It could be not real bad, or it could be a little worse than that."

Hayes, a third-year veteran, was getting good reviews in his first full season as a starter. He was hurt late in the first quarter of Saturday's 13-1 exhibition win over the Dallas Cowboys.

Green said James Darling, who led the team last year with a career-high 103 tackles, would fill in for Fluyes between outside linebackers Carlos Danshy and Orlando Huff. Darling made three of his 15 starts in 2004 at middle linebacker.

Bengals

David Pollack, the Cincinnati first-round pick, ended his 10-day holdout on Wednesday by signing a five-year contract.

Pollack, the 17th pick overall in April's draft, was one of the last first-round picks to sign. Chicago's Cedric Benson and Tennessee's Adam "Pacman" Jones are the only holdouts re-

turning, though Jones is close to signing.

The 6-foot-2, 255-pound Pollack was a defensive end at Georgia. He became the first two-time winner of the Ted Hendricks Award given to the nation's top college defensive end. His 36 sacks set a Georgia record and rank fourth all-time in the SEC.

Rams

Cornerback Jerametrius Butler will have knee surgery Monday and miss the season, coach Mike Martz said Wednesday.

Butler torn a right knee ligament on the first day of training camp July 28. He went to New York City this week to see a specialist, who agreed with Rams' doctors that Butler should have an operation.

Backup Delton Grate, drafted in the fourth round in 2003 out of Nebraska, will move into Butler's position. Grate started five of the 11 games he played last season and saw action in both postseason games.

Panthers

The Carolina Panthers agreed to a five-year contract extension with Pro Bowl linebacker Dan Morgan on Wednesday that will keep him with the team through 2010.

Morgan was in the final year of his contract. He missed four games last season and most of a fifth game because of a pair of concussions, but he had a career-high 109 tackles, along with two interceptions and two fumble recoveries to earn his first Pro Bowl trip.

The Panthers selected him 11th overall out of Miami in the 2001 draft.

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"The plan is to create a series that is similar to Formula One in scope," Red Bull spokeswoman Christie Paulos said.

Gill Owen traveled about 160 kilometers (100 miles) to attend the "Zongkat" event. She's an avid F1 fan, but came away a convert to the air series.

"You can see all of it, whereas if you went to a Formula One race you can't," the 47-year-old pharmacist said. "You only see them zip past. So, I prefer this."

At the end of the race, fans lined the barricades and shouted for autographs. British pilot Steve Jones, who finished sixth, said he loved competing in front of a home crowd.

"I think you've only got to witness the scenes around here now to see that they're definitely all cheering for the Brits," Jones said. "We obviously couldn't hear it in the airplanes, but it is nice to see them now."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Schools beat average on standards

Body found in Snake River Canyon

TWIN FALLS — The investigation continues into the death of a 37-year-old man whose body was discovered Monday in the Snake River Canyon east of Twin Falls.

The Twin Falls County sheriff's office identified the man as Wednesday as Eric Daniel Evans of Twin Falls.

Evans apparently fell some 250 feet to his death, perhaps as early as Friday. His body was discovered about 300 yards west of the Hansen Bridge.

"We don't know exactly what happened at this point," said Nancy Howell, public information officer for the sheriff's office.

Howell said it appears Evans fell accidentally. No indication of foul play has been found, nor has a suicide note been located, she said.

Officers began looking for Evans after they were told Monday morning that a pickup belonging to him was in the parking lot just west of the bridge.

Firefighters contain King of the West fire

KEITCHUM — The King of the West fire west of Keitchum has been contained.

Containment means that the fire lines built by the firefighters are holding and the fire is not growing. Fire size is estimated to be 20 acres.

The wildfire has been burning in the Dollarhide Summit area since Sunday morning.

The biggest challenge in bringing the fire under control has been the heavy amount of large dead and down timber in the area. As a result, a lot of heat was generated by the large logs that continue to burn and smolder.

The fire was named after an old mine near the fire area.

YMCA rec facility plans spark debate

KEITCHUM — Wood River Community YMCA presented plans for a recreation facility, more than 85,000 square feet to the City Council on Monday.

Mayor Ed Simon said he wanted the council to carefully consider an 11-foot height waiver request by the YMCA for roughly 5 percent of the building.

"You are going to be asked for waivers for a downtown hotel and I want you to be consistent," Simon said. "We need a hotel and I'd like it to have the same consideration you give the YMCA."

Another part of the YMCA proposal triggered a little heat, with council member Terry Tracy.

"I have an issue with the access from Lewis Street," Tracy said. "Kids are going to pass by city trucks and have temptation to play on them. I know."

Tracy said the adjacent city lot used for sand and equipment storage could become an attractive nuisance.

The City Council will continue its discussion of the YMCA on Sept. 6.

Space research group names first director

DNIA FALLS — The Center for Space Nuclear Research named Dr. Steven Howe as its first director on Wednesday.

Area districts work to improve state assessment scores

By Josh Palmer Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — When the going gets tough, the tough re-think the situation. That is how Magic Valley school districts worked to improve state assessment scores and surpass the statewide average.

Forty-seven percent of Magic Valley districts met federal standards for average yearly progress, or AYP. Statewide, 38 percent of districts met the standards.

The Federal Education Reform Act — No Child Left Behind (NCLB) — requires school districts to report yearly progress of 42 different subgroups that are defined by such criteria as academic

subjects, race and economic disparity. For instance, although a district may show overall improvement, it also must show improvement in subgroups such as students for whom English is a second language. Failing to show improvement for more than two years can bring penalties.

Bliss School District filled its achievement gap and successfully made the AYP list this year after adding two additional reading programs and providing more of a one-on-one learning atmosphere in the junior highs reading courses. "It was an all-out effort by the teachers," said Nick Smith, dean of students. "In our junior high, we split up our larger study groups to facilitate smaller reading groups, which helped quite a bit."

Twin Falls School District successfully made the AYP list by incorporating reading, writing and mathematics into its fine arts and physical education curriculums. Because programs such as No Child Left Behind push schools to raise test scores in areas such as reading, writing and arithmetic, cash-strapped schools often reduce or eliminate fine arts programs such as art, music, drama and physical education to meet the financial needs of federal and state requirements. "We understand that some of our (fine arts) programs keep the kids in school," said Linda Baird, human relations director of the Twin Falls School District. "So we don't want to eliminate those programs."

Also among the school districts that made the grade is the Blaine County School District, which surpassed statewide reading proficiency by 6 percent and mathematics by 6 percent. Nevertheless, more schools failed to fill the achievement gap than accomplished it, and school administrators of districts that did make the list are concerned about scores and students. Baird said that there are times when the combination of federal assessments and state standards make it more difficult for students and teachers. "As with any district under NCLB, if the district does not meet the federal standards, then students will have the option of attending another district that has met the requirements. "Our greatest challenge is that the bar keeps rising," Smith said. "And so we have to keep rising with it."

Rupert honors farm workers

City show appreciation for hard work, economic boost

By Marie Mischel For The Times-News

RUPERT — With music, fun and food, Rupert celebrated the third annual Farm Workers Appreciation Day on Sunday.

"I think it's very charitable of them," said Tony Pena, a Burley resident who was raised in Rupert. "We've all worked in the fields. I'm glad they appreciate the workers; if not for them, there wouldn't be any crops."

Pena attended the event with three generations of his family. Esperanza Garcia said she felt proud that the city was recognizing farm workers.

"My husband works hard," she said. Among those who donated to the event were Rupert firefighters, who married one grill to prepare free hot dogs and hamburgers for the crowd. Fire Chief Larry Pool said members of his department volunteered not only to help and show their appreciation for the workers, but also to establish relationships with others in the community.

Mayor Audrey Nelwether, who has organized the annual event since its inception three years ago, said it's meant to show appreciation for farm workers for their hard work and the way they help the economy.

Nelwether said she was disappointed with this year's turnout, but noted that Sunday also was the day that Twin Falls hosted the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Next year, the Farm Worker Appreciation Day will be scheduled so it's not on the same day as the Twin Falls event.

Marie Mischel writes for the South Idaho Press.



Children enjoy a game Sunday during Rupert's Farm Workers Appreciation Day.

Board OKs bus changes for Buhl

Officials wait for public feedback

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Changes made to the Buhl School District bus route could irk a few parents because students may have to ride the bus a little longer to and from school.

"The public reaction will determine whether these changes will work," said Doug Scott with Northside Bus Company.

The board formally approved the bus routes for the upcoming school year, which starts Sept. 6, with a provision that they can be adjusted if necessary.

Changes also have been made to the time school begins and ends at all three schools, due to the opening of the new high school this year.

Classes at Poppewell Elementary will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m.

"This will accommodate the safety of elementary students as high school and middle school students will be picked up first and then the buses come to the elementary," said Poppewell Elementary Principal Helen Brown.

Middle school classes will begin at 8:04 a.m. and end at 2:50 p.m. High school classes will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 2:50 p.m.

The board also approved the district's technology plan, which lays the foundation for technology usage throughout the district and outlines goals for student and staff competency.

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Jerome administrator says city won't take stand on Sempra

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Resident Lee Halperin told Halperin that the city to request that the county create a multi-jurisdictional board to deal with siting and monitoring of Sempra, a San Diego-based power company that hopes to build a coal-fired power plant in rural Jerome County.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told Halperin that the city has no police powers or jurisdiction outside its corporate boundaries. "Although the city does have concerns, it will not take a stand on Sempra one way or the other. If the county were to invite the city to sit on an advisory board, the city would be happy to do so."

In other business: The council adopted a resolution requesting retailers in the city to voluntarily put cold medicine containers containing pseudoephedrine behind the counter so customers would

need to request those products from a pharmacist or clerk. Rothweiler said pseudoephedrine is used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. The Twin Falls City Council adopted a similar resolution Monday evening and although "compliance with the resolution is voluntary, the city hopes local pharmacies and grocery stores will cooperate," Rothweiler said.

Councilwoman Darci Bowers said, "It is good that we are being proactive and doing our part."

Also, the city is creating a new position of management assistant at a salary of \$2,509 per month, to be supervised by the city engineer. This person will be responsible for coordinating an administrator of the clerical activities of the city engineer's office.

The city has five grants through the state department of commerce. Each grant needs detailed and accurate tracking and documentation

of all the steps and components of the grant. Scott Bybee, city engineer, has been doing the grant paperwork but Rothweiler said that is not the best use of an engineer's time. The city engineer should be designing streets and roads and water and sewer piping projects.

By hiring a management assistant, rather than an engineering technician, the city will be saving about \$15,000 a year, Rothweiler said. The engineer's time will be freed up to perform engineering activities.

If the city engineer's office does not need the management assistant once the grants are completed, that person can be used elsewhere in the city.

The city will begin advertising for the position immediately.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached by e-mail at dixie@magidlink.com.

Cassia concert draws near-capacity crowd

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

BURLEY — Country singer Joe Nichols learned what he had to do to get the attention of at least one girl in Mini-Cassia on Tuesday.

The singer crooned his way into the hearts of the young, and young at heart, at the Cassia County Fair jamboree, but it was some off-stage singing that caught one girl's interest.

Nichols won the heart of a fan when he gave her a few minutes of his time for conversation and photos after their paths crossed at a local hotel.

Sally Palumbo of McCall rode a Greyhound bus six hours Monday to get to Burley so she could see her favorite country singer.

"I am a big fan of Joe Nichols and there was just no way I was going to miss him while he was in Idaho," she said. "I've been waiting for months to see him and have been planning this trip since April."

Palumbo got a special treat Tuesday morning when she

heard Joe Nichols' music coming through the window of their room at Burley Best Western Inn.

"I thought our CD had come back on because we had been listening to his music," she said. "But it was just the room to see how it happened. I looked out the front window and there was Joe Nichols walking past our room, singing. I about went nuts."

Palumbo ran to the door and professed her adoration for Nichols and he obligingly allowed them a few minutes of his time.

"He let us get pictures with him and talked with us for a few minutes. He is just so awesome. This trip was more than I ever dreamed it would be."

Nichols gave a rousing performance for a near-capacity crowd in the arena. Tuesday's rain barely dampened the enthusiasm thanks to fair officials placing several banks of sawdust on the arena floor. More than 200 die-hard fans brought chairs and took advantage of

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Officials: Tire rumors unfounded

PRESTON (AP) — Rumors that hundreds of tires were illegally buried in the Franklin County landfill have no credence, state county and federal officials said.

Last month a group calling itself Concerned Citizens of Franklin County told county commissioners that some unnamed witnesses saw 600 tires buried at the Riverside municipal landfill. Group spokesman Larry Young asked the county prosecutor to order a search for the tires.

But Commissioner Mick Atkinson said the commissioners investigated and could find nothing to substantiate the claim.

"We have no evidence, and no witnesses have come forward," he said.

Tom Mullican, environmental hydrogeologist with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, said an on-site inspection of the landfill last week also found no evidence of illegal disposal.

In fact, he said, the landfill has a contract for tire disposal with Utah Tire Recovery, which regularly picks up the unwanted waste.

Off-road tires, such as tractor tires, can legally be buried at landfills, but on-road tires must be reduced by at least 90 percent of their original volume before they may be buried. Tires pose a fire hazard because they can burn for extended periods underground.

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Dalai Lama will dedicate children's day

BOISE (AP) — The Dalai Lama will dedicate a day for children when he comes to Sun Valley next month.

The event, set for Sept. 12, will include a presentation from the edited book titled "Laying the Foundation for the Future — A Special Address to the Children of Idaho."

The goal is to inspire children attending the event to spread compassion in their communities, said Sandra Cavanaugh, who is organizing the children's day event.

Kids have a chance to be part of the day by writing an essay or by being recognized for acts of compassion in a program offered through Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office. Kempthorne specifically asked that event for Idaho children be included in the Dalai Lama's visit, said Mike Journee, the governor's spokesman.

The Dalai Lama will be in Sun Valley from Sept. 11 to Sept. 15 on a series of public and private events, including a presentation for survivors and family members of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Jackson Bridge supporters will meet Tuesday in Rupert

The Times-News

RUPERT — A meeting for supporters of Jackson Bridge will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mindoka County Historical Society Museum.

The goal is to prepare for the hearing by the Mindoka and Cassia Highway Districts, which will be 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Minico High School auditorium, 300 W. Highway 24.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Clay A. Craner**  
CRANERMAN — Clay A. Craner, 85, died Aug. 16, 2005, in Twin Falls.  
Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory in Jerome.

**Tyler J. Harris**  
TWIN FALLS — Tyler J. Harris, 27, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, from injuries received in an automobile accident near Stanley.  
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Orval Reinke**  
BUHL — Orval Reinke, 84, of Buhl, Idaho, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at his home in Buhl, Idaho.  
Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

**Jon Stroberg**  
BUHL — Jon Stroberg, 64, of

Buhl, died Aug. 17, 2005, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls.  
Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

**Irma Schierman**  
JEROME — Irma Schierman, 92, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.  
A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third in Jerome.

**Edward 'LoRay' Strout**  
GOODING — Edward 'LoRay' Strout, age 67, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.  
A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St.

**Vern Tilley**  
TWIN FALLS — Vern Tilley,

an 88-year-old Twin Falls resident and former Burley resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 6th and Ave., with Pastor Jerry Kester officiating.  
Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens in Burley with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Monday at the church.

**Mercy Precilla Castro**  
ACEQUIA — Mercy Precilla Castro, 64, of Acequia, died on Aug. 16, 2005.  
A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 20th, 2005, at Christian Family Fellowship, 7711 Alfredo Road, Hebrón, Idaho. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

SERVICES

Frank Eugene Bolen of Chandler, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Grove Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3770 S. Cooper Road, Chandler.

Carvel O. Dutton of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Acequia First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2803 Fifth St. Family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Debbie Houglund of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Rose Lavina Josephine Ellison Hutchison, graveside service at noon today in the Hyrum Utah Cemetery (Broomhead Funeral Home, Riverton, Utah).

Travis James Fredrickson of Clayton, memorial gathering at 11 a.m. Saturday at the home of Philip and Katie Fredrickson.

Carl Hoeremann of Twin Falls, memorial Mass celebrated at 8 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of the Guadalupe Catholic Church, 530 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Graveside inurnment service at 10 a.m. Saturday (Reynolds Funeral Chapel-Twin Falls).

Margaret Elizabeth (Ensign) Davies of Bellevue, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 S. Second Ave., Halley (Wood River Chapel, Halley).

Hermiona Caron Harley Thomson of Eugene, Ore., and formerly of Mountain Home, memorial graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home (Rost Funeral Home, Mountain Home).

Loraine Wilcox of Richfield, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 350 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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Burl E. Cole

BLISS — Burl E. Cole, 86, of Bliss, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Gooding Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Burl was born April 3, 1919, in Cass Valley, Calif., son of Buck and Alice Cole. He was raised in California where he spent most of his life on the back of a horse, doing what he loved, being a rancher.

Burl moved to Idaho in 1960 with his wife, Ruth, and ex-

tended family, where he traded in the horse back riding for his Custom Hay Cutting and Baling business and farming, he still loved his horses and always had them around as the children were growing up. Burl kept the hay hauling business going until age 70, when he had to slow down, which had a lot to do with failing eyesight.

Burl is survived by his wife, Ruth of Bliss; four children, 13

grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, one son, two grandchildren, one brother and both of his parents.

Funerals will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 till 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005, at Demaray's Chapel in Gooding.

Mary F. Sipe



SHOSHONE — Mary F. Sipe, 92, of Shoshone, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome.

Mary was born on Sept. 1, 1912, in Boise, Idaho, the daughter of R. L. and Hazel A. Haddock. At the time of her death, she was a resident of DeSano Place in Shoshone.

She was raised a rancher, and graduated from Shoshone High School. After graduation, Mary worked for Judge J.R. Bothwell and Harry Benoit, attorney, in Twin Falls.

She moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1938 and worked for Hollingsworth & Co. Real Estate and Insurance, Lockheed Aircraft, San Bernardino Air Depot and Philip Gordon, attorney, West Covina, Calif.

She married E. Harold Sipe on Feb. 15, 1941. They had one son, Dennis B. Sipe, born April 11, 1946, and died Jan. 18, 1971. She and Harold retired to Shoshone in 1975 and spent many happy days with family and friends.

Mary had a great zest for life. Her positive attitude and up-

tended family, where he traded in the horse back riding for his Custom Hay Cutting and Baling business and farming, he still loved his horses and always had them around as the children were growing up. Burl kept the hay hauling business going until age 70, when he had to slow down, which had a lot to do with failing eyesight.

Burl is survived by his wife, Ruth of Bliss; four children, 13

friends. Aunt Mary was deeply loved and respected by her many nieces and nephews.

Mary is survived by one sister, Ellen Scofield of Boise, Idaho; two grandchildren, Steve and Nancy of Thailand; 13 nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her son, Dennis; her brother, Robert Haddock; her sister, Nancy Haddock; as well as her nephews, Ross and Hazel Haddock.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, 404 West 8 St., with Deacon Kenneth Crothers officiating. Inurnment will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Covina, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Christ Episcopal Church in Shoshone, the Shoshone Public Library, DeSano Place in Shoshone or a charity of your choice.

Erin Daniel Evans

TWIN FALLS — Erin Daniel Evans, age 37, died Friday, Aug. 12th, 2005, from injuries sustained in a fall at the Hansen Bridge.

He was born March 14th, 1968, in Denver, Colo., to Dennis Evans and Trudy (Hammond) Evans. He graduated from Valley High School in 1986. Erin received a degree in mechanics from Idaho State University and began his working career as a GM Certified Mechanic and drove truck for several local companies.

He married Stacy Cameron on Nov. 28, 1992, taking on her three children and raising them as his own. In this union was born one daughter, which was the light of his life.

mechanic work and driving truck.

His greatest joys in life were hunting, camping, hiking, riding bikes and horses and cartoon time with Bobbie Jo.

He is survived by his wife, Stacy Evans of Twin Falls; daughters, Kaela Byrns of Pocatello, Idaho, and Shanay Byrns; son, Justin Byrns; daughter, Bobbie Jo Evans of Twin Falls, Idaho; his mother, Trudy Hammond of Middleton, Idaho; and brothers, Todd (Deak) Evans of Lovine, Ore., and Corey (Clyde) of Oregon.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, with Pastor Mike Kessler officiating.

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# Truck bombs will test nuke site security

## -LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS-

BOISE (AP) — To test whether U.S. nuclear installations could withstand terrorist truck-bomb attacks, the federal government is planning to detonate two such bombs in the eastern Idaho desert — both made from the same material used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

The exact amount of explosives and the magnitude is classified, but we can say it will be no more than the equivalent of 15,000 pounds of TNT, U.S. Department of Energy spokesman Tim Jackson said Wednesday at the Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls.

"It's about like a truck bomb."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency estimated the rental truck loaded with ammonium nitrate fertilizer that Timothy McVeigh used to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City had the equivalent explosive force of 4,000 pounds of TNT.

In a draft environmental assessment the agency released Wednesday, Energy Department officials said — the frequency, size and severity of car-bombing attacks against American targets compelled the agency to test whether nu-

clear site security barriers are vulnerable to explosives delivered by vehicles.

Data collected from the Idaho tests will also be used by other federal agencies, as well as state and local governments, to understand the effects of vehicle bombs on security perimeters of potential terrorist targets.

Besides the Oklahoma City attack, explosive-laden vehicles were used to bomb the World Trade Center in 1993 and the U.S. Air Force Kohler Tower military apartments in Saudi Arabia in 1996.

Officials want to detonate

two bombs at the 890-square-mile Idaho nuclear research compound, the first this fall and the second early in 2006.

The first test will focus on the effects of the blast on existing security features used at nuclear installations. Concrete and composite security fences, closed-circuit television cameras and electronic sensors would be placed at various distances from the bomb to see how well they withstand the blast.

The second detonation would test newer protective devices and additional security barriers or vehicles.

SHOSHONE — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**  
 Amanda L. Morris, 18; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference Aug. 3; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
 Michael D. Ray, 24; open container; pretrial conference Aug. 3; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
 Russel L. Hulse, 31; dispensing alcohol to the underage; pretrial conference Aug. 3; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.



**Misdemeanor dismissals**

Francisco Bruno Martinez, 18; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
 Steven C. Gagne, 23; failure to provide proof of insurance; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Misdemeanor sentences**

Thaddeus Clare Keegan, 51; disorderly conduct amended to disturbing the peace; \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
 Lane Boutard, 24; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$27.50 fine; \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
 John P. Iaso, 38; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$59.50 fine; \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Felony arraignments**

John H. Price, 58; aggravated assault (produce great bodily harm); driving without privileges (insubordination); driving under the influence (transportation); arraignments continued Aug. 18; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Civil**

Action Collection Service vs. Joel Hutchinsun, Seeking \$2,328, plus interest; \$600 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Worldwide Asset Purchasing vs. Sumner L. Edledge, Seeking \$1,645.12, plus interest; \$600 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for purchases made or cash advances obtained using his/her Worldwide Asset Purchasing account.

**Divorces**

David Lars Johnson vs. Kyanne Pampanu Johnson

# Idaho man sentenced in abuse of stepdaughter

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho man who acknowledged sexually molesting his mentally handicapped stepdaughter for more than a decade has been sentenced to 13 years in prison.

A federal prosecutor called it one of the worst cases of sexual abuse he'd ever seen.

Michael Jerome Young, 39, of Nampa, divorced his wife and married his stepdaughter last year in what a prosecutor called a misguided effort to insulate himself from liability.

Young pleaded guilty earlier this year in U.S. District Court to two counts of transporting his stepdaughter over state lines for the purpose of unlawful sexual activity.

He impregnated her three times, prosecutors said.

According to court documents, the long-haul trucker acknowledged he began molesting the now 18-year-old woman when she was just 5.

U.S. Attorney Tom Mass said the system had failed the victim.

"Her report of sexual abuse when she was 5 years old" and her teenage pregnancies "should have been flags that something was going on," he said.

The girl reported the initial

abuse to a social worker and a teacher, court records show, but the record is unclear on what, if anything, resulted from the reports.

On Tuesday, U.S. Circuit Judge Thomas G. Nelson gave Young a stiffer sentence than is typical after prosecutors argued that the two charges to which he'd pleaded represented "only a tiny fraction of the relevant criminal conduct to which the defendant has admitted."

According to court documents, "the extreme conduct in this case includes oral sex with (the girl) starting when she was 5 years old, activity that continued during their many interstate trucking trips together."

After beginning sexual intercourse with the girl when she was 12, Young impregnated her three times — first when she was 14, court documents said.

The young woman appeared in the courtroom Tuesday with an infant.

According to records from Canyon County's magistrate court and that county's juvenile officer, Young was married to the young woman last Aug. 2 with permission from her mother.

# State proposes fines in pesticide poisoning

BOISE (AP) — The state Department of Agriculture is proposing fines against three businesses and a pilot in connection with the pesticide poisonings of more than two dozen farm workers last month.

The notices of violations and proposed fines were mailed earlier this week to Valley Air Service, pilot Frank Amen, the Marsing Agricultural Labor Sponsoring Committee and Arrowway Farms.

The state claims the air service, labor contractor and the pilot violated the Worker Protection Standard and pesticide labels; and that the farm failed to provide and maintain proper safety infor-

mation.

The companies and the pilot have 14 days to request an administrative hearing or settlement meeting.

Twenty-nine farm workers — all brought to Arrowway Farm in Caldwell to weed-onion patches by the Marsing Agricultural Labor Sponsoring Committee — were sickened after they unknowingly worked in a field that had been sprayed with two pesticides and a fungicide the night before.

Many of the crew members were hospitalized, and several of them remained unable to work more than a month after the poisoning, said Maria Aguirre, one of the injured workers.

# Bus

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Bill Fields, the district technology coordinator, explained to the board that the district is meeting all of the state's requirements but more could be done in terms of professional development.

"We have sent staff to conferences and workshops. Training is being done but we need more local training," Fields said.

The board discussed either bringing in trainers or using staff within the district that have the appropriate degrees and training for in-service development.

A concern raised by board trustee Dave Kiesig addressed the technology plans lack of ex-

pected outcomes for students.

"What are we expecting," he asked. "How do we know how our students are doing?"

It was decided that the district would develop a survey or test to evaluate student's technology competency.

Blair Koch covers the Buhl School District. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_20@twinfall.com](mailto:blair_20@twinfall.com)

# Concert

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the newly designed stagefront arena area, but many of the chairs went wanting once the music began.

Nichols spent almost two hours on stage, singing his own tunes and adding some popular favorites of other country singers.

In addition to meeting fans before his performance, Nichols also agreed to autographs and meet fans after the concert.

Renee Wells writes for the South Idaho Press.

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## ESL students make improvements

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A student points at an object and teacher Sonia Galavez says "table."

Another student points and Galavez's response is "chair."  
These adult Spanish-speaking students are learning English as a second language in a classroom at Jefferson Elementary School through the College of Southern Idaho's Continuing Education summer session.

The beginning students struggle to remember names of objects. But by the time they have progressed to the advanced class, they participate in political discussions in English on such diverse topics as: "If I were president of the United States would I allow women into combat roles in the military?" or "When might we elect a woman president of the United States?"

The students all have opinions and eagerly offer their views. When one of the advanced students stumbles searching for a word in English or forgets and speaks in Spanish, Melody Young, their instructor, reminds them "English" and encourages with "keep questioning."  
Both the beginning and advanced students have workbooks and do written exercises and essays in English, as well as speaking in class. In order to advance to the second level the student must pass a written test.

Around the corner in the school, Vicky Quinley works with the ESL students' children between the ages of 4 and 10 years. She reads together to the children in English and the children play games while their parents learn to form sentences in a new language and express ideas in the new language.

Quinley says there were about 30 people taking the free



English as second language students show improvements during summer courses.

DIXIE THOMAS REALE/The Times-News

### CSI offers free ESL classes starting in September

The College of Southern Idaho is offering free English as a second language community classes this fall. Jerome Middle School, 116 Third Ave. W. — Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, starting Sept. 13.

Twin Falls — Meyerhoeffer Building, Room 233 or Office 206 at the CSI Academic Development Center, 315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Classes will also be held

on the second floor of the "ESL Computer Literacy" will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays. "Levels One and Three" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays. "Levels Two and Computer Literacy" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays and evening classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students must be enrolled in ESL classes to attend "Comput-

er Literacy." Registration will be held Sept. 6 and 7. Classes are available to anyone age 16 or older. Parents may bring their children age 4 and older to a child's program.

ESL classes offer instruction in reading, writing, conversation, family literacy and citizenship. For more information, call Judy Ruprecht or Melissa Joelson at 732-8540.

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summer classes with more people during the fall.

Teaching is sometimes year round.

An elementary school teacher at Jefferson, Quinley said the school staff encourages children's Spanish-speaking

parents to learn English because it allows them to help their children with school work. It also enables the parents to participate in school activities and makes the parent teacher conferences go much smoother.

"We have interpreters for those parents who do not speak English, but if there is a problem with one of the students behavior or learning in the classroom it is easier to speak directly with the parent without a third party," Quinley said.

## Commission on Hispanic Affairs elects chairman

BURLEY — For the sixth year in a row, the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs has re-elected Gladys Esquivel of Burley as chairman.

Esquivel is retired from the Idaho State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the first female elected to the position.

"Her many accomplishments and contributions to the Hispanic community are well-known throughout the state," said Margie Gonzalez, commission executive director. "She has dedicated most of her life to improving the quality of life for others."



## Noticias

## CSI plans for first Latino scholarship endowment

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ten dollars can make a big difference for Latino students.

That is according to Monica Castaneda-Kessel, chairwoman of the College of Southern Idaho's new Latino Endowment Committee.

Castaneda-Kessel said that even small donations — if there's enough of them — will help the college be able to give more need-based scholarships to Latino students.

In the fall of 2004, CSI had 589 Latino students, or about 8 percent of its total head count. The year before, the college had 536 Latino students or about 7.5 percent, said CSI spokesman Doug Maughan.

Castaneda-Kessel said the Latino Endowment Committee will start meeting this month. The fund-raising effort is called the "Campana de Diez," or the Campaign of 10, in hopes that a lot of people will contribute \$10 each.

**Get involved**  
To get involved or to donate to the Latino Endowment contact:

Monica Castaneda-Kessel  
Chairman, Latino Endowment Committee  
P.O. Box 1238  
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She hopes the committee will be able to raise \$330,000 in one year, then they'll reevaluate the project. With that much of an endowment, the fund could give out \$33,000 in scholarships each year.

"It will be great," she said. Latinos are least likely of all minority groups to attend college and complete it.

Castaneda-Kessel said "It is a major barrier for our students and a huge economic issue for our region."

But the fund already has some seed money. "I think it's going to be very well supported," she said.

## Hispanic community celebrates culture with 'Un Dia en el Valle'

By Levi Aspeytia  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — All ages of people celebrated the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta's "Un Dia en el Valle" Sunday at Twin Falls City Park.

For "A Day in the Valley" people wandered through the park and enjoyed different activities. Entertainment was provided by bands, such as Turboraza Alla del Teul Zacatecas, Untouchable, folkloric dancers and the Miss Hispanic Heritage Fiesta pageant contestants.

On the eastern half of the park, various booths were set up. People were able to get information on the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University, and then snack on tacos, corn on the cob.

One vendor thought ahead and sold sliced watermelon and cantaloupe, refreshing on the very hot August day.

The best things that have sold today was the corn on the cobs and cups of fruit," said Boltazar Lam of Jerome. "We like coming every year because there are Hispanics and music. There are lots of things to do to pass the time."

The other half of the park was dominated by the annual fiesta car show and sound-off competition. People admired the stylish machines, ranging from muscle to motorcycles to low riders and trucks.

Linda Hampton of Twin Falls had a red Corvette in the car show for a second year. "We had fun last year and came back this year again," she said. "There is a lot of diversity



Mini-Casas folkloric dancers entertain the crowd during the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta's "Un Dia en el Valle" Sunday at Twin Falls City Park.

LEVI ASPEYTIA/The Times-News

### Miss Chiquitita 2005 winners

Issacel Soenz, queen; Jennifer Gonzalez, princess; Marianna Perez, duchess; and Vivian Sedano, countess.

and different culture." All along, Hispanic Heritage Fiesta President Alex Castaneda

has said that the goal was to get more people involved and aware of the culture.

While this was the first year that the event grew to two full days at the City Park, the committee was happy with the results.

"We had a really good turnout for being the first year that it was two days," Castaneda said. "We are definitely going to do again next year, and it is only going to keep getting bigger."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Chamber gathers for auction tonight

TWIN FALLS — One of the Twin Falls business community's largest annual gatherings will heat up City Park tonight.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plans its annual Hot August Nine picnic and auction from 5 to 9 p.m. today at City Park. The event is a primary fundraiser for the nonprofit chamber, which participates in local economic development efforts, provides information to tourists and potential residents and oversees various initiatives of Twin Falls' business community.

A dinner of trout and beef begins at 5 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children over 5 years old. Silent auction items will be available for bid throughout the evening, along with small raffle items. Small-prize raffle tickets are \$1 each.

A live auction featuring 20 packages of donated items will start at about 8 p.m.

The event's headline attraction is the large-prize raffle drawing. Tickets are \$10 each, and the first prize is a 2005 27-foot travel trailer. Second prize is a weekend getaway for two people to Lake Tahoe, including airfare, hotel accommodations, meals, entertainment and \$400 in spending money. Third prize is \$1,000 worth of gasoline.

### Accounting careers sizzle with potential

For parents with kids approaching college or contemplating doing a remarkable feat of almost any career field is potentially sizzling with potential: accounting.

Perhaps not the sexiest 9-to-5, accounting firms have become the newly empowered profession of choice following the rash of U.S. business scandals that Enron kicked off four years ago. The company audit has become a crucial task for corporate America, yet, Neil Lebovitz, president of Aflion Finance, warns that we're seeing a shortage of certified public accountants.

In 1991, 60,000 students graduated with accounting degrees. Twelve years later, that number had dropped to less than 50,000, according to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

What's more, it now takes far longer to complete because of regulations mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

### Good impression: It's in the cards

WASHINGTON — Let me give you my card.

It's such a simple statement — and such a common part of work life — that we hardly give it any thought.

But if we should, says Sonya Lowery, author of "The Secret Language of Business Cards" and president of Solaris House of Fine Graphics, a design firm in Greenbelt, Md.

As the owner of a small business, Lowery attends lots of networking events, and she has seen her share of awful business cards. Among the most common offenders:

- Home computer print jobs, often perforated marks still showing.
- A lack of all-trades cards, listing multiple professions.
- Cards full of strike-throughs and scratch-outs.
- People who are enthusiastically chat up their companies, often with well-crafted pitches, then hand over these hideous cards.
- Cards whose expiration date just goes down the drain," Lowery said. "It all starts with that little piece of paper, and most people just don't give it enough thought."

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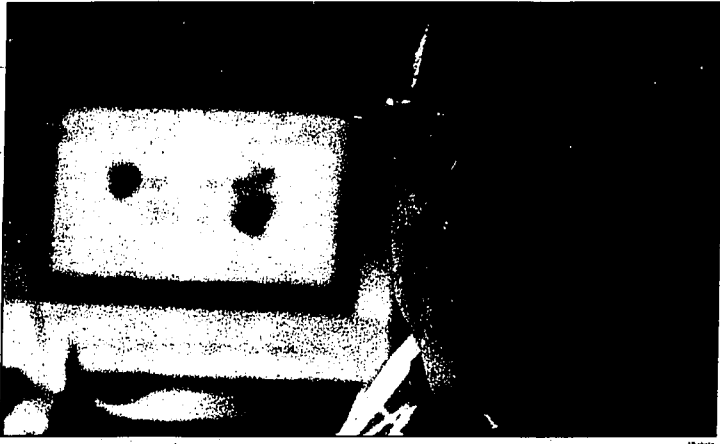
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— compiled from staff and wire reports

# HOMEWORK HELPERS



Henry Filieger, an 82-year-old retired engineer, is shown in his home in Orange, Calif., on Saturday. He loves math so much that he spends about three hours a day taking questions on a Web site and helping kids from around the world with their homework.

## Experts offer assistance to students online

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robert Stewart, the man behind the "Ask Dr. Bob" Web service, is glad to answer any questions students may have about oceans.

But he draws the line when students ask him to complete entire homework assignments. When one e-mailed a list of 10 questions from an assignment on octopuses, he replied simply with a link to a Web site about them.

"It's all in a day's work for Stewart, a Texas A&M University oceanography professor who responds to questions from teachers and other adults, too.

Stewart is one of scores of experts from academia, government and elsewhere offering free advice to students needing homework help — as long as they're motivated by curiosity and aren't merely lazy.

"I find a lot of very curious students out there who really have an interest and are trying to find out something to arouse their curiosity," said Stewart, who nets a \$100,000-a-year grant from NASA to run the service and his OceanWorld Web site.

Henry Filieger gets no such funding yet has no less dedicated to helping students around the world with math problems. He spends about three hours daily answering 25 or so questions, up from three or four when he started in 1996.

The retired engineer from Orange, Calif., said he gets enough reward from the "17 million responses of thank you notes," including one declaring him "my math God."

"It doesn't get any better than that," Filieger said.

Among his favorite questions is one from a second-grader

who asked whether it's OK to count with her fingers. (Yes, as long as the answer isn't more than 10).

He also hears from adults, including an Italian math professor who wanted him to critique a paper on a new number theory (he suggested contacting his folks at Princeton).

Rosalie Baker, a former Latin teacher who now edits a nine-issue-a-year archaeology magazine for children called dig, said she's happy that students with assignments "are not just looking at a book on archaeology and giving some rote answer."

Students can also turn to free services.

AskMeNow will launch a mobile service this fall in which people can call or message in a simple question and receive a text reply on their phones with-

in a few minutes. More than 10,000 are now participating in a free site, and the company eventually plans to charge up to 49 cents a question, possibly less for students.

Google's live-it-asks-the-Google-Answers service, in which users are matched with researchers willing to conduct online searches for a fee. Through a credit card is required, Google says parents sometimes sign up for their kids.

Google also runs ads from companies offering to complete homework assignments, including one promising to "solve hard problems" for a recommended \$20 a problem. "Why not pay us to do your homework?" the ad teases.

Such come-ons hint at some of the downsides with homework help services.

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## Qwest, workers reach an agreement

The Associated Press

DENVER — Qwest Communications employees appeared generally satisfied Wednesday with a tentative contract granting them their first raise in two years, but some questioned changes in the health care benefits package.

The agreement reached late Tuesday averted a strike by nearly 25,000 employees in 13 states, including Idaho, and left unchanged a mandatory overtime policy that had been a contentious issue during negotiations. The employees still must ratify it.

In Magic Valley, Qwest is the dominant provider of local-phone service.

Many employees called local offices of Communications Workers of America to get more specifics. Several union officials said it appeared the health care package was generating the most questions and they could not provide many answers until they saw more details.

The health care premium, so to speak, has been the talk of the local, said Corky Cammarata, president of CWA Local 400 in Osnah, Neb.

"We're waiting for more information. We need to see the big picture."

The union plans a series of meetings across the region to explain the contract. Voting will occur in several weeks, Johnson said.

Negotiators finalized the tentative pact nearly three days

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## Back-to-school cost cutting

### Proper planning can keep expenses to a minimum

NEW YORK — The back-to-school shopping season can be a trying — and expensive — time of year.

Parents and their kids, often armed with school-provided lists of required supplies, must maneuver crowded stores in search of just the right notebooks, trendy backpacks, hip jeans and new shoes.

The price tag for families with children in elementary or secondary school is expected to hit about \$444 this year, or \$13.4 billion nationwide, according to the National Retail Federation in Washington, D.C. College students, meanwhile, are expected to spend more than \$34 billion as they prepare to head to their dorms, the trade association says.

The total \$47.4 billion makes back-to-school shopping second in cost only to the Christmas holidays.

Experts say that planning carefully for those shopping trips can help hold the line on costs, and that parents should be opportunistic to teach their kids about money management.

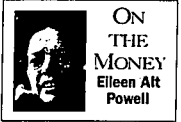
It appears, however, that many parents just get the teeth and open their wallets to deal with the back-to-school shopping spree.

A survey of parents of high school students by the Visa USA Inc. credit card company in Foster City, Calif., found that three-quarters didn't give their kids budgets, which may explain why more than half of the parents felt their kids think that money grows on trees.

"Parents may have the best intentions of teaching their kids about money, but the problem



Doug Eberhart, top, and his son Robby, 5, in cart, look for a school backpack at a Target store in Daly City, Calif., on Aug. 10. The back-to-school shopping season can be an expensive time of year.



appears to be putting theory into practice," said Visa vice president Rosetta Jones.

Visa has a child-friendly back-to-school calculator with budgeting tips on its [www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com) educational site.

Suzanne Boas, president of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Atlanta, said back-to-school spending "can be a real budget buster" for a lot of families, in part because they tend to underestimate costs.

"People forget about things like club fees, dues, band uniforms, instrument rentals," she said. "That's all on top of clothes and school supplies."

It's especially difficult for some families this year, she added, because rising gas prices are taking

more of their paychecks.

Boas suggests that parents work out a spending plan — with their children.

"Use this as an opportunity to teach your kids how to be smart shoppers," she said. "You can say to them, 'Let's sit down and prioritize.' You'll probably find that if they really want designer jeans, they may be willing to forgo a new backpack to get them."

Boas said that this teaches an important lesson, which is learning to accept trade-offs.

"One of the worst things you can do to your children is not teach them to make choices," Boas said. "And the back-to-school season presents a lot of opportunities for making choices, such as new books vs. used books, or a rolling backpack vs. a standard one."

She also suggests that families consider spending out some of their purchases.

"You don't have to buy an entire school wardrobe in August," she said. "And notebooks, pencils and pens are available year-round."

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## State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as pass checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for 15 years unless the owners in perpetuity.

The *Times-News* on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Halley, Jerome and Ketchum. If the tax commission said each person, or business listed today — or the persons heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Halley: Donna Billa, Susie Botter, Annetta A. Castle, Kerri Cooke, P.A. Bennett, Leah L. Eperson, Francisco Gomez, Adam Gomez, John Goodman, Richard L. Hawthorn, Gunnar Ingran, James Isley, Carolyn Jensen, Joseph E. Jones, Ketchum Ramat, Ketchum Ramat, Michael J. Katsubi, Cecilio Lovritz, Louise M. McCoy, Linda A. Miller, Margot Milligan, Victoria A. Meglino, Victoria Meglino, Kathleen Lee, Gagne Ann Odonnell, Peregrino Limited, Pinnacle Inn, Jon Romage Dana, Rasmusson, Charles Rieley, Richard G. Self, Mark H. Trentin, Mary Weggerson, Warm Springs Investment Co., Emily West, White Cloud Property Management Inc., Elizabeth Williams, Kristin Baggard, Robin Beck, John Bero III, Richard Young

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 35, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
- Send e-mail to [lostandfound@tax.state.id.us](mailto:lostandfound@tax.state.id.us).
- Log on to [www.tax.idaho.gov](http://www.tax.idaho.gov) or [www.UnclaimedProperty.org](http://www.UnclaimedProperty.org) for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

Investors plan resort near Lake Powell Qwest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of European investors and the Singapore-based hotel management company Amanresorts have announced plans for a luxury resort to be built atop a Kane County plateau overlooking Lake Powell.

American Western Landscape, said developer Christoph Henkel, a German businessman whose family owns controlling interest in Henkel KGaA, a conglomerate with a market cap exceeding \$12 billion.

They also turned over to the federal government private land they acquired in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Each villa is projected to sell for \$4.5 million to \$6.5 million. If all goes well, the developers intend to build more mansions on a 1,200-acre parcel on the other flank of the sand dune.

The hike in basic wages is the first since 2003, although employees received some bonus payments.

They could not speculate whether the contract would be ratified. "I think the members overall outside of the health care issue are pretty satisfied with everything else," she said.

Stocks rise after oil prices slip; HP gives sunny forecast

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks edged higher Wednesday as plunging oil prices and an upbeat outlook from Hewlett-Packard Co.

On Wednesday, the Labor Department reported that its Producer Price Index, which measures price pressures before they reach the consumer, jumped by 1.2 percent.

The dollar was up against the euro, gold prices fell. The Labor Department report Wednesday that the core rate of inflation, excluding energy and food, rose by a modest 0.4 percent.

which dropped 6 percent from Friday's peak, still checked investors enough to send stocks higher. A barrel of light crude settled at \$63.25, down \$2.83, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc. is facing increasing competition from cable companies and Internet-based telephone services. It also is working to reduce about \$17 billion in overall debt.

The Qwest contract covers Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Utah.

School

Can this be a teaching opportunity, too, if the parents let their children help what they're buying but, when they're increasing the kids are chipping in on school expenses.

found that half of the teenagers surveyed said they planned to contribute to the bill, with the largest amount in nine months they're buying but, when they're increasing the kids are chipping in on school expenses.

back-to-school costs, students have a vested interest in their purchases. This, she added, gives parents an "in" to talk to their kids about the difference between needs and wants, as well as to show them how to shop around for the best price and the best quality.

"It's a natural time to talk to kids about money management, and more parents should take advantage of that," Don Colby said.

Reduces who left the company in 1999 will maintain health care with some changes to life insurance coverage.

Brenda Roberts, president of CWA 7600 in Seattle, said

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks like AAPL, MSFT, GOOG, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various NASDAQ stocks like AIG, AMZN, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists local stocks like ABBN, ALCO, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various American Stock Exchange stocks.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures for various commodities including Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and Oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of closing futures for various bean contracts including Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour.

LIVESTOCK

Table of closing futures for livestock including Cattle, Hogs, and Pigs. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

FOSIL FUELS

Table of closing futures for fossil fuels including Crude Oil, Heating Oil, and Natural Gas.

METALS/MONEY

Table of closing futures for metals and money including Gold, Silver, and Platinum.

POTATOES

Table of closing futures for potato contracts including Idaho Potatoes and Russet Potatoes.

GRAINS

Table of closing futures for grain contracts including Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat.

CHEESE

Table of closing futures for cheese contracts including Cheddar Cheese and Swiss Cheese.

SUGAR

Table of closing futures for sugar contracts including Sugar No. 11 and Sugar No. 12.

Experts: Warring gangs made many versions of new worm

ST. PAUL, Minn. — An Internet shootout is going on between rival computer security experts. First, the Zotob worm appeared Sunday, only four days after Microsoft Corp. said it had patched a security hole in Windows 2000.

Homework

For one, students have to evaluate them for credibility, as the Internet allows anyone to claim expertise. Services offered by universities and government agencies, for instance, may be more reliable than a commercial service with little information about its operators.

WARRANTS

Table of warrants for various companies including Apple, Microsoft, and Amazon.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various goods including Wheat, Soybeans, and Corn.

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Table of market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and NASDAQ.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies including the Euro and the British Pound.

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Table of cryptocurrency prices including Bitcoin and Litecoin.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

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Section D

## Landscape memories survive fire

The recent Clover fire easily drew widespread attention from firefighters, onlookers, and those with a vested interest in the resource. Its remarkable weekend run, scope, and nearness to civilization made the burn a fairly dramatic event.

My own personal interest peaked on that Sunday afternoon as the fire burned into the canyon holding Salmon Falls Creek upstream from Balanced Rock.

The landscape — a gash in the earth that contains wilderness only a few miles from home — has possessed a piece of me for years.



DESERT CANVAS  
Mike Cothran

This stretch and another upstream served as the scene for some first duck hunts with my father. In the canyon I received that first taste of the "stak," crawling on hands and knees while trying, but failing, to remain calm. Years later I was able to introduce my son to the same excitement.

The chasm and its creek also provided a setting for fishing, canoe trips, and simple hikes. In these outings, the canyon gave private viewings of golden eagles, deer, and once, a pair of otters efficiently catching and consuming fish.

Here I also discovered some of nature's less romantic side. While the scenic, rugged country looked good from a distance, traveling through it, especially in winter, could exact a price physically. In addition, some wild animals, like porcupines, I wished that I hadn't found, especially with Labrador retrievers at my side.

So as airplanes and helicopters dropped retracing and water, at the scene of many experiences and lessons, my heart sank a little.

Questions arose as smoke billowed from the canyon. How far up the drainage had the fire traveled? How hot had the blaze burned? Had several giant sagebrush plants that always caught my attention survived?

A hike through the burn answered my questions the following Sunday.

The fire had impacted a good mile of the canyon. In places, it had burned extremely hot, easily consuming dried grass, brush, and even green willow and stinging nettle patches.

And the noted sagebrush, more like small trees than their name implies, no longer lived. The best tribute I could offer after finding their charred skeletons was a few photographs and a measurement of their twelve-foot heights.

I turned back at the upstream end of the burn, wanting to simply escape the canyon. Instead of the stink of ashes, the blackness, and lack of life, I wondered about ever returning.

But reversal in direction also led to a change in attitude. I started to observe hopeful details in the landscape.

I first noticed green shoots of reeds emerging through the ashes, seemingly undaunted by the above-ground destruction of only seven days previous.

Later I discovered a three-foot wide depression in the earth, signifying a burned-out ant hill. Several paces from the inverted cone I spotted a network of former residents, mysteriously organized into making a new monument.

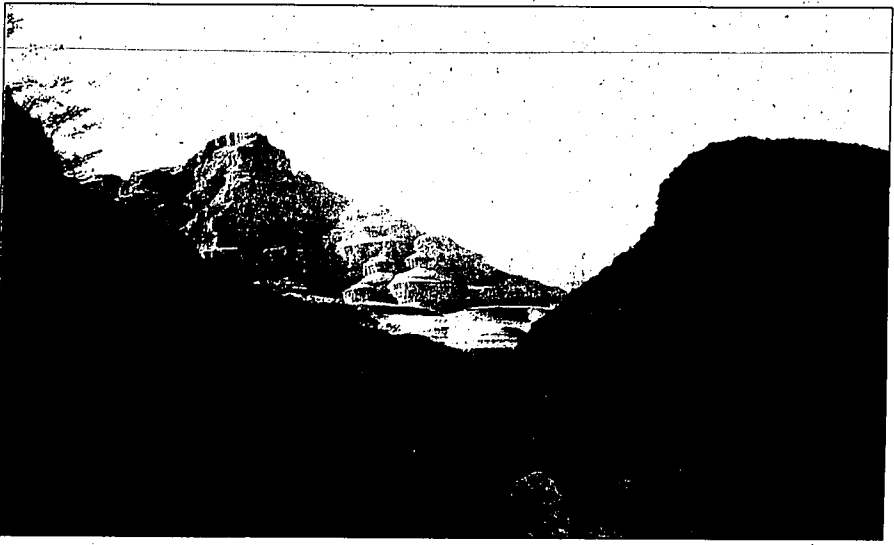
Then a cottontail rabbit surprised me. Its white rear bobbing through the charred background and into a pile of rocks. Even with a little less color than before, he looked like a survivor.

Suddenly I found myself looking forward to return trips, not only for a hunt or canoe float. The area could serve as a classroom, to study the changes, fast and slow, good and bad, that would now characterize this ecosystem.

I asked myself how I could consider not returning, and felt somewhat ashamed by my previous attitude. In an act as a former my outdoor schooling, I realized that I had a duty to periodically check on this landscape. I owed it that much.

Mike Cothran, is an outdoors writer who lives near Castleford.

# Grand awakening



Sunset spills into an alluring side canyon, in the Grand Canyon of northern Arizona.

Photos by BILL STUDEBAKER/The Times-News

## Colorado River trip opens new horizons for 'motley' group

By Bill Studebaker  
Times-News correspondent

On our river trip through the Grand Canyon, a river romance blossomed like a prickly pear cactus. It opened up slowly and beautifully surrounded by thorny issues that required hours of privacy.

Privacy is precious and often impossible when 16 strangers form a river team that will take 18 days to descend Arizona's Colorado River from Lee's Ferry to Diamond Creek, a 225-mile journey.

Yes, we formed a team. But still, it was a motley gaggle of men and women who came to "disconnect" from their ordinary lives. Teamwork worked when necessary. Otherwise, everyone seemed to travel alone. Some were searching, as were the latent lovers. Some were content just to be traveling at "river time," slowly and certainly, but not demandingly.

Gail Ader, a local counselor, Dr. Robert Studebaker, a Twin Falls native, and I became part of a crew that launched in mid-May. Mike and Misty Mayfield from Boone, N.C., had waited 12 years for the permit, and we were privileged to be invited on what proved to be more than a float trip. It was an odyssey.

### Dangerous beauty

The Grand Canyon is known for its beauty, its raw beauty, and its geological jousting. For half of the trip there are no trees and few shrubs large enough to be called bushes. There is nothing but rock to hide behind. Cooking, sleeping, and general hygienics is done in the open.

And there's lots of sand. You must become "one with the sand." Sand is everywhere you want to be. Sandy benches are camps. The river can be 50 percent silt. You can bathe, but you can't be clean. When you rinse, you rise out of water still covered with sand-washed sand, and that has to be good enough.

The Mayfield expedition suffered little. There were the standard cuts, bruises, blisters, and cracks on everyone's feet. There was the odd, but acceptable cut across the trip leader's nose. Todd, a member of our party, was stung on his right elbow by a scorpion, and he lost the use of his hand for the better part of a day.

Although we passed through the Grand Canyon essentially unscathed, others didn't.

When we reached the confluence of the Kaibab Trail (which comes down from the south rim) and the river, a few miles upstream from Phantom Ranch (which is the only outpost of civilization in the canyon), we were beckoned ashore. There were four women resting in the shade. They had hiked down the trail, but halfway down, they jettisoned their water because it was the heaviest item in their packs. They thought, "There will be plenty of water at the river."

They miscalculated the effects that seven miles of hiking on exposed rock in 100-degree heat with no water would have on their bodies. Two of the women were severely dehydrated and required evacuation.



Phil Qualman rows a gear boat down Upset Rapid.



Far left, Thunder River pours from the 1,000-foot canyon wall.



Left, Rob Studebaker in a lavertine tunnel on the Havasu Trail.

The request for their air lift was sent out by satellite phone. The helicopter was there within 30 minutes, a ride that cost them \$2,000 each.

The other two women, Victoria and Christine, climbed aboard our rafts and rode to the Phantom Ranch. From there, after some rest, they began their ascent back to the South Rim, their car, and New Jersey, where Victoria, according to her own account, worked in the only full-line sporting goods store in the state.

Ninety- to 100-degree days bespeak of early evening storms, and one evening as we were preparing camp, a storm came ripping over the southern rim, pouring rain as it came galloping up the canyon.

### Refuge from the storm

We hurriedly set up a rain shelter where some of us could get out of the storm. Others got under a nearby rock shelter.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw

our romantic couple slightly clinging as they sat beneath the rock outcropping. During the past 10 days or so, they had begun to reveal their affection, and this was a beautiful time and place, it had to be shared.

As we stood in the belly of the storm, someone said, "There will be a flash flood."

We were camped near the Blacktail Narrows, a sandstone canyon famous for its acoustics. Later after the storm subsided, Drew, our guitar playing kayaker, grabbed his guitar and lead a few of us up the wash. After a half-mile walk, Drew stopped. He asked us to seat ourselves on a boulder. We did, and he began to play.

Every note was round and held, held as other notes filled the sandstone ledges. There were melodies within melodies as bird songs are sung. The tunes disarmed me, and for 40 minutes I was enraptured.

Yet a subliminal nervousness percolated within me because I felt that at any moment we'd hear the thunder-

ous roar of water as it came flashing down the canyon, washing us all into the river.

Perhaps the storm exhausted itself before we left camp. A quarter mile west and 500 feet above us, in the passing tail of the storm, out of what had been a dry notch in the red cliff, came a gushing waterfall. For 35 minutes water fell in a solid plume before its ribbon stream, whipped by wind, evaporated.

When Drew took a short break, I ambled away back down the canyon.

I was a couple hundred yards from the mouth of the canyon when I heard a violin. I rounded a short corner, and up on a ledge sat a woman from a commercial trip that was camped above us. As she played, her head was cocked in a fashion that put her ear toward the reverberation of notes sliding along the sandstone ledges carved by new and ancient flash floods.

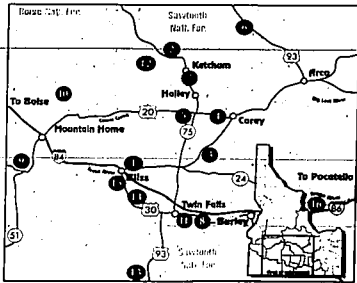
I sat, again enraptured, unable to disconnect until she stopped playing.

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OUTDOORS

# Magic Valley Angler's Guide

**T**he Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, Aug. 18. Updated conditions from Silver Creek Outfitters and Sportsman's Warehouse are listed for family fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley/Wood River regions. Check Idaho Department of Fish and Game regulations for restrictions.



- **Malad River: FAIR.** Use your simulators, nymphs and hopper patterns.
- **Big Wood River: GOOD.** August is the month of the fly and late night caddis sessions on the Wood. Hulen Meadows can be a great place to witness these events at night. Anglers can blind fish bigger ant patterns during the day and elk hair caddis can produce good morning activity, but the best fly in the morning and evening, over rising fish is a Rusty Spinner. Trico action on the Wood has been great if you are in the right water type on the Wood. Look for calm slicks and tail outs of pools to hold rising fish in the morning hours. Fish the same trico patterns you would fish on Silver Creek and try to get in position directly across from these rising fish.
- **Little Wood River: FAIR.** Fly caddis with 16 and 18, as well as San Juan worms, which are working well.
- **Silver Creek: GOOD.** The Creek is still producing fantastic morning fishing with a focus on the Trico spinner fall. Pole fishing Run Action remains strong in the morning, and the 8:00 p.m. spinner falls of this insect have been outstanding at night. Hopper fishing has picked up nicely due to extremely windy conditions the last week. Callibaetis activity is falling in right behind the morning Trico spinner falls and can be great action on calmer afternoons. The cooler days this coming week may push this activity back to the evening hours. Baetis are coming and going with the cloud cover, so keep an eye on the sky and have a few patterns ready.
- **Magic Reservoir: FAIR.** Trout

- In the 2-pound range are still around. Troll with 3/8-ounce krochies, charrtrouze, orange and red.
- **Big Lost River: FAIR.** The Lost remains at a more wadable flow these days and the nymph fishing has been good. Generally the most productive fishing has been with double nymph rigs using a head head fly as a lead to get the flies to the bottom and hopping anything red behind it. Copper Johns and San Juan Worms are both good choices. Another effective fly for you tiers out there is a red rubber band wrapped up the hook (over a thin lead wrap), tied off with red thread and a black hackle on the head. Basically it is a red chartrouze fly tied without the chartrouze.
  - **Warm Springs/Trail Creek: GOOD.** Small Grasshoppers can be deadly this time of year on hot windy afternoons on these little waters. In the evening look to cast big Elk Hair Caddis.
  - **Milner Dam: GOOD.** Throw in rattletails, 5-inch sandos and watermelon pepper.
  - **C.J. Strike Reservoir: GOOD.** Lots of bass in the 12- to 14-inch range are available. Use pumpkin color grubs. Perch are biting in the evenings with worms or cut-bait.

- **South Fork of the Boise. FAIR.** Try caddis in the evening, but otherwise stick with nymphs or streamers. You can also try pink Alberts and grasshoppers.
- **Dierkes Lake: FAIR.** Bass will bite on the pumpkin grubs or top water plugs. Blue gills take the small jigs and worms.
- **Dollar/Penny and Lake Creek Lakes: GOOD.** These waters continue to fish well for stocked fish and even a few nice sized wild fish in the rivers.
- **Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: SLOW.** Troll along the cliffs will take pop gear and wedding rings. Walleye on the bottom bouncers or white jigs.
- **Clear Lake: SLOW.** Use crystal buggers, caddis and damselflies if you go.
- **Billingsley Creek: SLOW.** Simulators and royal wulfs are the best bet.
- **Lake Walcott: SLOW.** Troll popgear for trout only with spoons in red color. Fish slow for bass with natural color plastics.
- **Salmon/Steelhead Report:** Early steelheaders on the Clearwater, but few fish caught on plugs and flies. Harvest restricted to the bottom two miles.

# Hunting blinds are legal, but issues arise regarding their proper use

**Question:** "Can you explain the rules about how hunting from blinds?"  
**Answer:** The use of elevated or ground blinds for big game hunting is legal. My guess is you are really interested in rules about exclusivity of use and other prohibitions.

On private property the landowner controls the use and construction of blinds for all hunting. Without permission from the landowner or building a blind on private property is a trespass. In some areas a hunter can purchase exclusive use to hunting blinds on private property.

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**ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland**

## 'sister of the Chief'

**M**eriwether Lewis came to terms with the Shoshone Chief Cameahwait, Sacagawea's brother, and began buying horses for the next leg of the expedition's journey.

Check out [www.lewisandclark.com](http://www.lewisandclark.com)

Public land management agencies usually also have rules about what they allow for "structures" such as hunting blinds on public land. Generally "permanent structures" are not allowed. In practical terms they usually allow hunting blinds to be constructed and left in place throughout the hunting season, but expect them to be removed when the hunting season ends. Owners of blinds or blind materials not removed after the hunting season can be cited for litter. There are no restrictions prohibiting a hunter from spending the night in a hunting blind. However, hunting hours prohibit shooting at game during the evening when the season is closed. Additionally, excavating or digging a blind in below the

August 15, 1805 - I hurried the departure of the Indians. The Chief addressed them several times before they would move they seemed very reluctant... I at length asked the reason and he told me that some foolish persons among them had suggested the idea that we were in league with the Pahkees and had come on in order to decoy them into an ambush where their enemies were waiting to receive them... I told Cameahwait that I was sorry to find that they had put so little confidence in us...  
 - Meriwether Lewis

August 17, 1805 - Clark arrived with the Interpreter Charbono, and the Indian woman, who proved to be a sister of the Chief Cameahwait... At noon the Canoes arrived, and we had the satisfaction once more to find ourselves... with a flattering prospect of being able to obtain as many horses shortly as would enable us to prosecute our voyage by land should... water be deemed unadvisable...  
 - Meriwether Lewis

(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

# F&G will host waterfowl open house

**The Times-News**  
**JEROME** - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has scheduled an open house meeting for Monday, Aug. 22 for the public to review and provide comments on the proposed 2005-2006 waterfowl seasons. The open-house will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at IDFG's Magic Valley Region office, 319 South 417 East, two miles north of the Flying J on the eastside of Highway 25. Biologists will take comment on the proposed waterfowl frameworks.  
 • Northern and Eastern Idaho Zone  
 • Panhandle, Clearwater, Southeast, Upper Snake, and Salmon regions  
 • Geese and ducks (except canvasbacks): Oct. 1 to Jan. 13.  
 • Canvasbacks: Oct. 1 to Nov. 29.

- Coots and snipe: Oct. 1 to Jan. 13.
  - Southwestern Zone
  - Southwest and Magic Valley regions
  - Geese, ducks (except canvasbacks): Oct. 8 to Jan. 29.
  - Canvasbacks: Oct. 8 to Dec. 6.
  - Coots and snipe: Oct. 8 to Jan. 29.
  - Youth Hunt (Statewide)
  - Sept. 24 and 25
  - Licensed youth aged 15 and under
- The department recommends taking the full duck bag allowed of seven total ducks to include not more than one canvasback, two female mallards, one pintail, two redheads, or three scaup.  
 The scap bag would be reduced from four to three in 2005 as required by federal framework.

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COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT "GLOBAL WARMING" IS?  
 YES, JOHNNY?  
 THE POLITICALLY CORRECT NAME FOR SUMMER?

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

THE KIDS HAVE BEEN HUSTLING AROUND AGAIN ABOUT GETTING A DOG.  
 OH! WHAT KIND OF HINTS?  
 SCRATCH! SCRATCH!  
 SCRATCH! SCRATCH!  
 SCRATCH! SCRATCH!  
 (NOT SUITABLE ONES)

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

HOW WAS WORK?  
 THERE WAS A LITTLE EXCITEMENT WE FOUND A DEER IN THE STOCKS.  
 A DEER? IN AN AUTO-PORTS STOCK? YEAH...  
 IT WAS FROZEN IN THE HEADLIGHT DEPARTMENT.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

OWGONG! MORE FLOWERS! WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO PUT THEM ALL!  
 I'M NOT DECORATOR, PAUL. ONLY DELIVER 'EM!  
 THERE WON'T BE TOO MANY FLOWERS AT TONY SOPRANO'S FUNERAL.

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

CAKE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONLY EATING LIGHT FOODS?  
 I'M ONLY EATING LIGHT FOOD!  
 THIS CAKE BARELY WEIGHS ANYTHING—SEE!

**The Bom Loser** By Art Sanson & Chip

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

TOPPER VERSUS ALICE  
 I DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP LAST NIGHT.  
 THAT'S NOTHING.  
 I'M PART OF A SECRET GOVERNMENT TEST ON SLEEP DEPRIVATION. I HAVEN'T SLEPT SINCE FEBRUARY.  
 I SO WANT TO PUNCH YOU RIGHT NOW.  
 THAT'S NOT TRUE. I'LL RIP OFF MY OWN HEAD AND MAKE ME EAT IT.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Trosie

Here, Tommy. Come, eat the food.  
 Watcha up to, Billy?  
 I'm having trouble trapping this feral cat 'o' get her checked by a vet. She's quite way.  
 I got a lot of experience trapping animals from my days on the range.  
 Dust... the Humans Society requires that the cat be captured alive.  
 Hmm... that's a bit things a bit.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

BEING WELLOW IN COLOR, YOU WOULD THINK CANARIES WOULD HAVE A BUTTERY FLAVOR.  
 BUT THEY DON'T.  
 GO AWAY!  
 OR LEMONY!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

YOU'RE LATE!  
 HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?  
 DO BEIRRS FLY?  
 WHY CAN'T HE EVER GIVE ME A YES OR NO ANSWER?

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

WHAT DAY IS TODAY?  
 THE DAY AFTER YESTERDAY!  
 NO, I MEAN...  
 IT'S THE DAY BEFORE TOMORROW!  
 APPARENTLY, IT'S MY GISTER IS A PAIN DAY!  
 OH? JUST WHAT DAY IS TOMORROW!

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

SET LEGS!  
 ALL FOUR OF THEM!

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

Hulloooo, zebs aughn... Lesstee... We crotchey-dies get pet hairies to show you we can be loving caretakeers of odder animals... See, fact, we get whole box of hairrats! Show them, Bob.

Bob, a teetle unclear on concept.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

ROGER, YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK SO LOUD INTO THE PHONE.  
 EH?  
 I SAID YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK SO LOUDLY. YOU'RE HURTING MY EARS.  
 WHAT?  
 I SAID DON'T TALK SO LOUD INTO THE PHONE!!  
 EARL, PLEASE DON'T TALK SO LOUD INTO THE PHONE.

**21st** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YOU WANT ME TO GO FISHING WITH YOU?  
 THAT'S RIGHT.  
 IN A BOAT.  
 ON A LAKE.  
 ON A SATURDAY.  
 BEFORE SUNRISE.  
 OOO.  
 WHAT?  
 DANTE'S INFERNAL LEPIDOPTER NAME CIRCLES OF HELL, THAT'S ONLY FOUR.  
 DON'T FORGET BAITING THE HOOK, PUTTING THE FISH AND FISHING THE BOREDOM.

**Demita the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

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### OUTDOORS

# Private property snags peak-baggers

The Washington Post

**FAIRPLAY, Colo.** — Some people collect stamps. Others accumulate celebrity autographs, or keep detailed lists of every bird species they've spotted. But Coloradans collect H2ers.

Of the 83 mountains in the United States, more than 1,100 are over 14,000 feet, two-thirds are in Colorado, a point of towering pride for residents of this rugged state. The 54 white peaks on the roof of Denver's famed airport terminal replicate the state's H2ers. When Colorado picked a design this summer for its state quarter, the choice was just about inevitable: Long's Peak, a majestic 14,259-foot massif in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Every summer, hundreds of thousands of people here set out to climb a H2er or two. Many Coloradans keep life lists of their conquests; the Colorado Mountain Club says more than 1,000 have climbed all 54. Some particularly hard-core hikers topped them all in the winter.

Suddenly, though, the peak-baggers face a steep new

obstacle. Here in Pike National Forest, where the H2ers are so thick that a strong climber can summit three in one day, the Forest Service this summer is warning people that the trails leading to the most-populated peaks are actually on private land.

"We haven't closed any trails, and we hope it doesn't come to that," said Sara Maybenn, who runs the Forest Service ranger station in this old mining town on the continent's divide. "But we are now issuing notices for certain H2ers. If you summit this peak, you are trespassing on private property."

Most of the mountains here — like most of the land in the arid West — belong to the American public. But the slopes and summits of some peaks were claimed by miners more than a century ago. The high alpine gold and silver mines in central Colorado are still now, under the 1872 Mining Act, though, the mining companies, or their descendants, still own the property.

"We've known for years that people are climbing on our land," said Maurice Reiber,

whose Earth Energy Resources Co. owns chunks of several H2ers. "The reason we asked the Forest Service to do something about it this year is because so much of our land has been privately owned since the late 1800s," Reiber continued. "This is a lawsuit-happy country nowadays. If somebody breaks through a gate up there and falls into an mine shaft, they might decide to sue me. The liability question is the issue we've got to resolve."

The Forest Service said there has been no such legal action to date. But many peak-baggers sympathize with the landowners' concern.

"Here's a guy who's generous enough to let people use his property for free," noted T.J. Rapoport, a veteran climber who runs the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, an environmental group. "But the lawyers tell us there is no waiver, so to release he could design that would definitely protect him against a jury verdict."

The issue has emerged now because climbing Colorado's H2ers has become vastly more popular in recent years. The number of peak-baggers has

grown even faster than the skyrocketing population of this youthful, outdoor-minded state. More climbers mean more chances of a serious injury, and a potential lawsuit.

Forest Service officials say a key reason for the "trespass" notices it is issuing — to people climbing Mounts Innes, Democrat, Lincoln and Sherman, all popular H2ers near here — is to draw attention to the owners' liability concern, and thus prompt some public resolution.

"The climber community, the Forest Service, the legislature — we're all looking for some way we can deal with the liability issue and still keep our mountains open," says Rapoport of the Fourteeners Initiative. "There may be some way the Forest Service could indemnify the owners in case of a lawsuit."

On the other hand, Rapoport is among many Coloradans who don't see the public lands create in human traffic on the state's highest mountains. "Our H2ers are huge and magnificent, but they are actually fragile, high alpine ecosystems. They may not survive the tread of a million boots every summer."



The impending flash flood (storm coming up river).

## Canyon

**Continued from D1**

There isn't much we humans can do that contributes to the wonders of the Grand, but Blackfoot Canyon is an amazing place, suited to a Stradivarius.

### Survival and exploration

Throughout the trip we used our start-up slot canyons to access the hidden wonders for which the Grand Canyon is famous.

We hiked to Thunder River and down Deer Creek — a seven-mile hike that the commercial guides call the Death March.

We lugged up Havasut Canyon on one of the most exotic trails in the whole stretch. It zigzags back and forth through Havasut Creek up and over travertine ledges and through travertine tunnels. We swam in the turquoise pool at the bottom of Beaver Falls.

We hiked untamed crevices and swam across dark pools to climb dry waterfalls. I was reluctant to do so. I had come for the fun and over travertine ledges and that I quickly discovered that it is hiking — rough, long hikes — that gets one to the hidden mysteries. Without these sojourns, the trip would have been anemic.

All the while, the latent romance had blown full scale. The lovers' moans rose and fell as if they were tied to the river flow that fluctuated between a gentle 7,000 and a rapacious 17,000 cubic feet per second. There were issues, and there was a take out. We arrived changed. In many ways unlike the group that departed 18 days ago.

We all discovered between tears and good-byes spoken under-held breaths that at the end of the trip, the yearning had only begun for the Grand Canyon.



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In "Goose Calling 101," students will learn to imitate goose calls as goosey cucks, attention-grabbing honks and tonsome moans. They will learn when and what to blow, decoy placement, and care and maintenance of their call. The class will be taught by 2004

**Outdoors in brief**

Idaho State Goose Calling Champion Todd Summerfield. It will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 5-26, in Desert 112 at CSI. The fee is \$45.

Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6280.

**Indian Summer Shootout celebrates Hemingway**

**SUN VALLEY** — The Sun Valley Indian Summer Shootout celebrates Ernest Hemingway's passion for hunting and shooting, skills and his camaraderie with Idaho guides, hunters, farmers and ranchers.

Competition is open to all, and there are events for both experienced and novice shooters. It will be held Sept. 24 and 25 at the Sun Valley Gun Club. Event coordinators will help put together trap teams for interested individuals. If needed.

The Indian Summer Shootout is part of the three-day Ernest Hemingway Festival, which is scheduled for Sept. 22-25. The festival will be a well-rounded celebration of Hemingway's life in the Wind River Valley and surrounding area.

Other events include lectures and panel discussions by national scholars, a short story contest, a tour of Hemingway hangouts, living history vignettes and theater productions, progressive literary talks at local art galleries, a "Hemingway In Idaho" slide presentation, films and a Trail Creek dinner with toasts from families and friends.

For registration details and more information on the Indian Summer Shootout or the Ernest Hemingway Festival, visit [www.ernesthemingwayfestival.org](http://www.ernesthemingwayfestival.org) or call the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau at (208) 726-3423. Registration before Sept. 8 is encouraged.

### Porcupine Springs opens Aug. 27 in South Hills

**TWIN FALLS** — The new Forest Service Porcupine Springs Family Campground in the South Hills of the Minidoka Ranger District is now available for campers.

Located approximately 31 miles south of Hansen, this new campground offers 18 family campsites, rest rooms and drinking water.

According to Minidoka District Ranger Scott Nannemga, campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. "Eventually, campsites here will be on the national reservation system," Nannemga said. "But for the remainder of this camping season, all sites will be on a first-come, first-served basis."

The fee for overnight camping is \$12/night for each campsite.

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Your Choice Of A New Ford 500 Or Mercury Montego!  
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 BUT WAIT - SOME 2006 MODELS ARE NOW INCLUDED

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**'05 FORD F-150 4x4**



**'05 RANGER XLT**



**'05 FORD EXPLORER**



**Vehicle Description**

**EXPLORER 4-DOOR** 2005 4DR 4X4 E.B. 4.6L SOHC V8 ENGINE 5-SPEED AUTOMATIC O/D TRANS

**Exterior** RED FIRE CLEARCOAT  
**Interior** MEDIUM PARCHMNT LUX BKT. WLTHR/RTD/MEH SEAT

**Standard Equipment INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE**

**EXTERIOR**

- P245/55R17 AT OWL TIRES
- 17" SILVER ALUMINUM WHEELS
- FRONT FOG LAMPS
- REAR INT W/PERWASH/DEFROST
- "PUEBLO GOLD" CLADDING
- BUMPERS AND RUNNING BOARD
- AUTOLAMP-AUTO ON/OFF HDLMP
- HEATED SIDE MIRRORS
- ILLUM. APPROACH LAMPS

**INTERIOR**

- LEATHER-TRIMMED SEATS
- HEATED DRIVER/PASS SEATS
- DUAL ELEC AUTO TEMP CNTRL
- DOME LAMP/DUAL MAP LIGHTS
- STEERING WHEEL W/ AUDIO AND CLIMATE CONTROLS
- OHM CONSOLE W/COMP & TEMP FUNCTIONAL
- CONTROL TRAC 4X4 SYSTEM
- 22.5 GALLON FUEL TANK

- 4-WHL INDEPENDENT SUSP
- BRAKES, POWER 4-WHEEL DISC
- POWER RACK/PINION STEERING
- SAFETY/EQUALITY
- ADVANCED TRAC W/ ROLL STABILITY CONTROL
- PERSONAL SAFETY SYSTEM (DUAL STAGE AIRBAGS, DRV SEAT POSIT. SENSOR, CRASH SEVERITY SENSOR, SEATBELT PRETENSIONERS/AUSE SENSOR)
- SIDE IMPACT DOOR BEAMS
- SECURITY LOCK PASS ANTI THEFT
- CHILD SEAT TETHER ANCHOR
- KEYLESS ENTRY KEYPAD
- WARRANTY
- 24 HR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE
- 3 YR/36,000 MILES

You pay **LESS** than Ford Employees!

TOTAL MSRP \$37,800.00  
 EMPLOYEE PRICE \$32,537.85  
 CASH BACK (\$4,000.00)

FORD FAMILY PRICE **\$28,537.85**

**'05 MERCURY MARINER**



Mercury Family Price \$21,560  
**SAVE \$4,763**

**'05 MERCURY MONTEGO**



Mercury Family Price \$27,375  
**SAVE \$3,415**

**'05 Lincoln LS**



Lincoln Family Price \$33,120  
**SAVE \$8,159**

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