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Searchers find 15-year-old Bliss girl.

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Scammers eye baby boomers

By Jonathan Peterson
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The aging of the baby boom generation looms as a windfall for con artists who have become increasingly skillful at duping people out of their life savings, securities regulators warned Monday.

Moreover, such scams have proven especially effective against people with above-average levels of financial sophistication, according to a new report.

That finding raises questions about the sort of message to consumers that would be most useful in combating such schemes.

"Protecting seniors from investment scams is one of the most important issues of our time," Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox said at the agency's "Seniors Summit," an event held to call attention to fraud threats.

The issue will be further complicated, he said, by the fact that future retirees may be less conservative in their approach to investing than older people have been in the past.

Greater longevity and rising health care costs, for example, will increase the cost of retirement, potentially making people more susceptible to sales pitches that hold out the promise of boosting wealth.

"While they're living longer, people's retirement plans haven't taken that into account," said Cox.

The retirement of 76 million baby boomers — the oldest of whom are now 60 — and the financial pressures many of the boomers will face could make for a "perfect storm" for investment fraud, he said.

People over 60 represent 30 percent of financial fraud victims, the group Consumer Action estimates. And the mountain of wealth that age group controls is expected to balloon.

Baby boomers now have \$8.5 trillion in investable assets, a figure that could swell with trillions of dollars in future inheritances.

At Monday's summit, financial regulators listed a number of common schemes that aim to defraud older investors, and

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One sweet day

Youngsters learn the secrets of candy making.

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Heat wave broils nation

Temps soar into 90s and beyond

By Nahal Toad
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Broiling temperatures in the 90s and beyond gripped large swaths of the country Monday, sending people scrambling for the shade and prompting officials to open air-conditioned buildings and take to the streets to rescue the homeless and elderly.

On the streets of New York, a spot in the shade competed with a parking space as a valuable commodity. Men and women made their way under narrow awnings, lounged under trees and took breaks beneath the umbrellas of hot dog stands.

"Any walking around today and you are just burning up," said Ella Escudero, 57, from the Bronx. "I'm giving up. I had a doctor's appointment, but I'm just going home to sit near my air conditioner."

The temperature reached 94 in the city with a heat index — meaning the combined effects of heat and humidity — of 99.

Fierce heat blanketed the nation from the southern Plains to the Northeast. Scores of communities reported temperatures of more than 100. Parts of Kansas and Oklahoma hit 108, and temperatures in some areas were likely to exceed 105 through the mid-



Chris Mers, a flagger with Amerigo Inc. of Pocatello, Idaho, cools off Monday afternoon during a break while working on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls. Temperatures hit 97 degrees Monday. Today's forecast from the National Weather Service calls for a high of 96 degrees.

dle of the week. The Northeast could get a break starting Tuesday night, with scattered showers and thunderstorms expected for parts of the region, but the

heat was likely to persist in the southern Plains until Friday. The federal government reported last week that the first half of 2006 was the warmest in the United States

since record keeping began in 1895. The average temperature from January through June was 51.8 degrees, or 3.4 degrees above average for the 20th century.

Water group cloaked in mystery

By Michelle Duplop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Committee of Nine. The name sounds straight out of a science fiction novel, conjuring images of hobbits and wizards, dark towers and dank caverns. But this group isn't trying to save the world from evil.

It does, however, keep an eye on water management above Millner Dam. Despite little legal authority, the committee carries a hefty share of political clout. Members represent thousands of water users from Ashton to Twin Falls.

Yet to the general public, and even to some involved

with water, the Committee of Nine remains a mystery.

Who are they? — The beginnings

In 1919, "when water became short, they started having some water wars up here," said Dale Rockwood, the longest serving member of the committee.

Thus, the water advisory group the Committee of Nine was born. Its members come from nine spots in Water District 1 — the surface water district roughly situated over the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Today, the Committee of Nine meets when water in the reservoirs is at its peak to

discuss when and how much water should be sent downstream, said Lyle Swank, current water master for the district.

Politics: The committee's influence

Go to any meeting about water — from the Legislature to your local canal company — and you'll likely find a member of the Committee of Nine.

The committee's influence on water policy in the state far exceeds its actual authority. The group has lent a hand in water dealings from construction of reservoirs on the

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Muple Valley People



a slice from local life

Committee of Nine

- Larry Kerbs of St. Anthony (chairman)
- Mike Wilkins of Rupert (vice chairman)
- Don Hale of Blackfoot
- Stan Hawk of Twin Falls
- Paul Berggren of Blackfoot
- Dale Rockwood of Idaho Falls
- Albert Lockwood of Eden
- Leland Clark of Ashton

War takes Lebanon back to nightmare of civil war

By Donna Ab-Near
Associated Press writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A week ago Beirut was humming. Cite restaurants flowed with champagne and caviar. Europeans thronged the beaches and mountain resorts, and famous singers planned to jet in for concerts in ancient ruins.

Almost overnight, it has all disappeared, and the country has been yanked back to the death and destruction of its civil war years.

Deep divisions among Lebanon's people, including over the power of Hezbollah guerrillas, have resurfaced

Westerners flee as attacks continue

too, leaving many here profoundly depressed.

"Everything we built in the past 20 years has been destroyed," said Pierre Ashkar, head of the Hotel Owners' Association. "No one had expected anything like that."

The violence began Wednesday when fighters of the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah, a group allied with Iran and Syria, snatched two Israeli soldiers in a cross-border raid and killed eight others. Israel retaliated with waves of air and sea



European tourists ride bicycles next to a tourist's ship in Beirut, July 4. Almost overnight, the country has been yanked back to the death and destruction of its civil war years.

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Tsunami kills scores in Indonesia

The Associated Press

PANGANDARAN, Indonesia — A tsunami crashed into beach resorts and fishing villages on Java Island Monday, killing at least 85 people and leaving scores missing after bulletins failed to reach the region because no warning system was in place.

The coastal area was spared by the devastating Asian tsunami of 2004, but many residents recognized the danger when they saw the sea recede.

Frenzied tourists and villagers shouted "Tsunami! Tsunami!" as the more than 6-foot-high waves approached, some climbing trees or fleeing to higher ground to escape. Others crowded into inland mosques to pray.

"We saw a big wall of black water. I ran with my son in my arms when I looked back, the waves were at our house, they destroyed our house," said Ita Anita, who was on the beach with her 11-month-old child and other relatives. "The water knocked me down, my son slipped out of my hands and

was taken by the water." Anita, 20, and her husband live 30 feet from the beach in Pangandaran, a resort popular with tourists which appeared to be the hardest-hit area. Also on the beach were her son, mother, sister, brother, nephews. All except her mother are missing.

She said, a series of large waves as tall as coconut trees came and then the water began to recede. "When the wave receded, there was total panic. Everybody was looking for everybody," Anita said from her hospital bed at the

Pangandaran medical clinic. She said she was swept inland by the wave into a rice paddy, tossed around and dragged across asphalt before she managed to climb to safety on the roof of a house.

Regional agencies had warned that a 7.7-magnitude earthquake that struck 150 miles off Indonesia's southern coast was strong enough to create a tsunami on Java. But there was no warning system for those on the southern coast.

At the Pangandaran medical clinic, 46 bodies were laid out in

yellow body bags and weeping family members were coming in and identifying the dead.

The Indonesian Red Cross, police and district officials said at least 82 people were killed and 77 others were unaccounted for, most in Pangandaran and nearby Cilacap.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Hagerman man won't face rape charges

TWIN FALLS — Charges have been dropped against a Hagerman man accused of kidnapping a woman and sexually molesting her several times.

"After looking at the case, interviewing all the witnesses, we believe there wasn't enough evidence to proceed with it," said Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb.

Wade Lamonte Peterson admitted to having sex several times with his accuser, but he thought it was consensual.

According to court records, Peterson confined the woman at his trailer home in Hagerman from Oct. 3 to 7, 2005. The victim was allegedly raped and assaulted until Peterson dropped her off at her home in Wendell, where she contacted authorities.

Peterson was set free on March 10.

Body on building in Elko turns out to be a prank

ELKO — A prank Thursday night or early Friday morning led some people to believe a body was hanging from a downtown corridor business.

An Elko police officer on graveyard shift noticed a "body" hanging from a downtown building, according to police. After Elko firefighters were called to get it down, it was discovered the "body" was just a dummy with clothes and shoes. The dummy was taken to the Elko Police Department.

Valley residents among Gov. Risch appointments

BOISE — Gov. Jim Risch included eight Magic Valley residents Monday among his appointees to state boards and commissions. (*) Indicates reappointment.

Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission:

- Larry Meyer, Filer (I) Idaho Barley Commission
- Ron Elkin, Buhl (I) Idaho Bean Commission

John Deere, Twin Falls

- Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute:
- Wayne Hurst, Burley
- Jim Farter, Twin Falls
- Idaho Wheat Commission
- Mark Darrington, DeLo
- Pesticide Management Commission:
- Stacy Camp, Rupert
- Rod Thomas, Gooding

Mini-Cassia Democrats to meet Thursday

PAUL — The Mini-Cassia Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Hall.

The agenda includes guest Scott McClure, who is running for the Idaho House Seat 26A, and planning for the fair.

McClure will listen to voters' concerns and cover key issues for Idaho.

For more information, call Damian Rodriguez at 679-2002 or Nick Cozakos at 679-3030.

No insurance? We want to hear your story

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to health care costs, are you caught in the middle? Do you work at a job that doesn't offer health insurance benefits, but yet you can't qualify for Medicaid?

Have you ever gone without health care or prescription medicines because you couldn't afford them? Have you cut your medications in half to make your prescriptions last longer? Have you ever had to file bankruptcy due to an unexpected medical crisis?

Are you a small business owner who would like to offer health insurance benefits to your employees but can't afford to?

The Times-News wants to hear from you. Please call Business Editor Sandy Miller at 735-3264 or e-mail her at smiller@magicvalley.com.

— compiled from staff reports

DOE to release study on plutonium project

NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: The Department of Energy proposed to consolidate the production of plutonium-238 space batteries at the Idaho National Laboratory.

THE LATEST: The government has fallen behind schedule in finishing the environmental impact statement for the proposed project.

WHAT'S NEXT: DOE estimates the environmental study should be ready by the end of summer.

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

ARCO — They may have fallen behind schedule, but don't mistake that for throwing in the towel.

Federal energy officials haven't forgotten about their plan to consolidate the manufacturing of plutonium-238 "space batteries" in Idaho despite missing deadlines and battling a budget cut proposed by President George Bush.

Environmental groups criticized the project for creating more nuclear waste above the

regions' Lake Erie-sized aquifer.

On Monday, a spokesman said the Department of Energy plans to put the finishing touches on the project's environmental study by the end of the summer.

Energy officials first announced their plan to build plutonium-238-based space batteries at the Idaho National Laboratory near Arco in November 2004. The batteries power space and military applications, including NASA's Cassini mission to Saturn. Currently, the department uses several nuclear labs

across the nation to complete the process and relies on plutonium-238 supplies from Russia.

Initially, the \$230 million facility was expected to open in 2010. The department released its first environmental impact study last summer and had planned to follow up in late fall 2005 or spring 2006. However, following federal guidelines for environmental actions like this takes time, said Tim Jackson with the DOE.

Bush dealt the project a blow in February when he slashed the consolidation pro-

ject's funding. Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne along with members of Idaho's congressional delegation, pushed to restore funding.

"That rationale never made sense to Jeremy Maxand, executive director of the Snake River Alliance, Idaho's nuclear watchdog.

"Why would anyone push this when the president himself has said we don't need this?" Maxand said.

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

Little artists paint Mexico



Children from The Kids Club paint a mural of Mexico with the cultural details of various regions of the country on the west wall of the community center at El Mirago. Artist Amy Eden of the Twin Falls Arts Council was brought in by the Idaho Migrant Council to help guide the children on the project. Artist Alan Bullock of Twin Falls also helped with the mural.

Missing teen's body may have been located

BLISS (AP) — Divers believe they've spotted the body of a missing 15-year-old girl who jumped into the Snake River to save her dog last weekend, but authorities said it's too dangerous to recover her remains.

The Gooding County sheriff's office said Monday the body was trapped by suction in a hole at the base of a waterfall where the girl's drowned dog was found Sunday.

It may be several days before river conditions change to allow the body to be recovered.

The girl jumped into the river to save her golden retriever after it went over the waterfall, Sheriff Shaun Gough said. She failed to surface.

The name of the missing teen has not been released, but she is from this southern Idaho community.

2nd District challenger limits donations to \$100

RUPERT (AP) — Democrat Jim Hansen, who is running against Republican incumbent Mike Simpson for Idaho's 2nd Congressional District seat, says he has limited campaign donations to \$100.

"By putting a \$100 contribution limit on my campaign, and I will take nothing from lobbyists or PACs (political action committees)," Hansen told a group of senior citizens last week.

Through June 30, Hansen had raised about \$55,000 compared with Simpson's \$325,000, according to the Federal Election Commission.

"It has become a tradition for incumbents to build a war chest, which discourages competition," Hansen said about money that incumbents gather from lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington, D.C. "It is no longer the House of Representatives, but rather the house of fundraisers."

"My campaign reflects my deep conviction that elected officials should be accountable to the people they represent, not to special interests. It's the only way we can restore trust and accountability in Congress," Hansen said in a news release Sunday.

Rock the Canyon: Not your granddad's Christian hymns

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They can't be found anywhere in hymnals.

And while they could probably be played on an organ, they just wouldn't sound right.

"They're the songs of today's Christian rock groups. And they'll be ringing from the walls of the Snake River Canyon on Aug. 11 and 12 at the fourth-annual Rock the Canyon.

Eleven local and national bands will take the stage this year. Sporting spiked hair, 'guitars and names like Kutlass or Sanctus Real, they're hard to distinguish from secular rock bands — until they begin to sing.

"We want people to hear about the best," said Holly Borchardt, event coordinator for the festival. "It really is huge in this event."

Preparations for the festival are almost complete. Borchardt is only waiting for the written agreements for handling waste, drinking water, paramedic services and busing.

The bands range from nationally known artists such as Charlie Hall to the reunion of Abide, a local band that broke up when its lead singer moved to California.

"Getting on the festival costs between \$30,000 and \$50,000," Borchardt said. Some of that money this year will go toward expanding the children's area.

The previous obstacle course and face-painting stations will be joined by a variety of new games intended for children ages 2 to 10.

Wanna rock?

Tickets for Rock the Canyon can be purchased at all Chevron Twin Stops in Twin Falls, Filer, Jerome and Hollister, and the Living Word Christian Bookstore on Main Avenue. They are also available at www.rock-the-canyon.com/.

Adult two-day tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the event. Youth (ages 7 through 17) two-day tickets are \$22 in advance or \$25 at the event. Groups of 20 or more get the youth price, and children 6 and under get in free.

For more ticket information or to learn more about Rock the Canyon, visit www.rockthe-canyon.com/ or call 737-4151.

Burley welcomes new principal from Utah

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Burley High School students will be greeted by a new face when they return to class in August.

James McCoy has been hired as the school's new principal.

McCoy will be coming from the Alpine School District in Utah, where he was principal at Lakeridge Junior High School for 13 years.

McCoy taught school for eight years and has been an administrator for 22 years.

He also has been a football, basketball and baseball coach in the Provo school district.

McCoy has a doctorate degree in public school leadership and will finish a master's degree in business administration in December from Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

He is taking an early retirement from the Alpine School District and considers the principal's position at BHS to be a professional challenge.

"At Burley High School, I see a system that works extremely well, but if a little more effort was put forth on everyone's part, it could be the premier high school in Idaho," McCoy said. "I mean that sincerely."

McCoy was head of Lakeridge Junior High School when it was named a National School of Distinction by the Intel computer company and the Scholastic Corporation.

Only a few schools in the nation are given that distinction, said Mike Chesley, superintendent of the Cassia Joint School District.

"I learned anything from that and I can make a contribution by adding that little extra ingredient, we can make it," McCoy said. "I really want to make the school a great source of community pride."

T.E. County Board of Commissioners

Meeting held Monday in the commissioners' chambers on the fourth floor of the county courthouse. Commissioners Gary Grindstaff, Bill Brockman and Tom Mikesell present.

Consent calendar:
3 in favor

The consent calendar included a tax exemption, parks reservations and alcohol licensing for four businesses.

Rock the Canyon:
3 in favor

The commissioners approved a permit for a public gathering for Rock the Canyon on Aug. 11 and 12 in Centennial Park. The permit is contingent on the commissioners receiving proof that waste disposal, paramedic services, drinking water and busing have been arranged. Commissioners also approved a Parks and Recreation permit waiver for the event. The county will waive between \$500 and \$700 because Rock the Canyon provides its own sod in front of the stage.

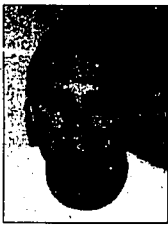
Bridge No. 2:
3 in favor

The commissioners again approved a contract to place an informational kiosk at Hansen Bridge. The contract had to be signed again because one line addressing who would write up the plans for the kiosk was changed from the county to the scenic Byway committee.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@majcovalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.majcovalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Brent Fillmore



TWIN FALLS — Brent Fillmore, age 49, passed away suddenly at his home in Twin Falls on July 14, 2006, from a massive heart attack.

Brent was born in Twin Falls on Sept. 18, 1957, to Harlan Fillmore and Trudi Perrine. He moved with his mother to Oregon when he was about 7 years old and attended school in Bend and Portland, Ore. He moved back to Twin Falls to live with his dad and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1976. He always considered Twin Falls his hometown. He enjoyed spending time with his cousins and shared many an escapade with them in the canyon near the Pertine home. Brent married Sally Robbins. They were later divorced. Together they had a daughter, Jessica, who resides in Rochester, Wash.

Brent loved to fish and camp and became quite a good cook in his later years. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. He always had a smile and a happy greeting for

everyone. For the last three years, Brent worked for Canyon in Twin Falls. He was so proud of his accomplishments and was finally getting on his feet when health issues from an old injury forced him to seek disability. He spent many hours on the road between Boise and Twin Falls for his many visits to the VA. Brent lost his brother, Kent, only three months ago. Kent's death was a real close for Brent as they were very close and shared every-

thing. Brent missed him so much and not a day went by that he didn't mention Kent and the good times they had together. They are finally together again with their mom, pursuing many adventures and doing the many things they always talked about.

Brent is survived his grandmother, Lillian Fillmore; his father and stepmother, Harlan and Colleen Fillmore; his daughter, Jessica West; his step-sisters, Shauna Fillmore, Erin Peller and Meghan Cecil; his uncle, Bert Perrine; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Trudi; and his grandmother and grandfathers, Burt and Emerald Perrine; his paternal grandfather, Red Fillmore; as well as his brother, Kent.

There will be no funeral, but a small memorial service will be held at the home of Brent's father on Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Jean Weaver

BURLEY — Betty Jean Weaver, 78, of Burley, died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at the Valley Vista Care Center in Rupert.

A funeral was held Monday, July 17, 2006, in Colorado. Arrangements were under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

SERVICES

Carmen Perry Pearson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 400 S. 1600 W. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Gail P. Hendrickson of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the church.

Grant Lester Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Thursday at the Fielding LDS Stake Center, 4375 W. 15600 S. in Fielding, Utah; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ronald E. Robertson

MOUNTAIN HOME — Ronald E. Robertson, 60, of Mountain Home, passed away at his home on Friday, July 14, 2006.

A viewing was held Monday, July 17, 2006, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home. Burial will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home.

Ron was born Aug. 13, 1945, the son of Alma A. and Phyllis S. Robertson, in Gooding, Idaho. He graduated from Gooding High School in 1963. Ron attended the University of Idaho before enlisting in the Air Force. After serving, he married Rita Heltz in 1972. Two children, Brnd and Jennifer, were

brought into this union. Ron loved to garden and raised his current wife, Linda Sterling, in 2001. For 30 years, Ron lived in Murtaugh and in 1998, moved to Grand View. He retired from Simplot as an area manager in 2003, after which he worked as an accountant in Mountain Home with his wife, Linda.

Ron loved the outdoors, farming and working with computers, but nothing could compare to the joy he had being with his grandson, James. He loved his children and was looking forward to his son's upcoming marriage and the anticipation of more grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his wife, Linda Robertson of Mountain Home; his daughter, Jennifer and her husband Matt Rhee of

Boise; his daughter, Christine Robertson of England; his son, Bradley Robertson of Seattle, Wash.; his stepson, Jason Hall of Kuna; his stepdaughter, Debra Hall of Boise; his brothers, Gerald Robertson of Boise, N.M., Don Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Larry Robertson of Nampa; his sisters, Carol Finch of Gooding and Judy Henry of Rigby; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by both his parents.

In lieu of flowers, you can honor Ron by donating to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1132, Fairfax, VA 22038.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the Mountain View Cemetery near Oakley, with Bishop Randy Hardly officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — Jace Martin Warr-Barton, infant son of Leslee Warr and Russ Barton, was stillborn Thursday, July 13, 2006, in American Fork, Utah.

He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Jaxon Warr, Ben Barton and Rusty

Jace Martin Warr-Barton

Barton; two sisters, Melinda (Mandan) Francks and Brenda (Cumbria) Francks; and maternal grandparents, Keith and Betty Warr of Oakley; and his paternal grandmother, Barbara Sue Barton of Mandi. He was preceded in death by his Grandfather Barton.

Edward Lee Striegel

GOODING — Edward Lee Striegel, 91, of Gooding, passed away July 16, 2006.

Edward started life on Aug. 13, 1914, in Kansas City, Kan., moving several years later to Joliet, Ill., with his parents, Albert L. and Marie Striegel. He lived there during his school years, where he played bass saxophone for Joliet Township High School's world championship marching band. After school, he married Edna Hult in 1941, and the couple made their home in Joliet where, during World War II, he worked as an electrician on landing crafts at the Seneca shipyard. He then moved to California where he received a California Electrical Contractor's license and, in 1945, started his own business.

In 1951, he moved to Pocatello, Idaho, and then to Gooding. He then bought the Richfield Telephone Company. He and his family lived in Richfield, and during that time, he mod-

ernized the exchange to dial service. In 1961, he moved to Grand View, where he expanded the company by providing telephone service to Grand View and Bruneau, Idaho, and Mountain City and Owyhee, Nev. He also provided telephone service to the Titan missile sites near Bruneau and Grand View. In 1968, he sold the companies and moved to Boise, where he eventually owned the job of head electrical inspector for the city. In 1976, he retired and he and his wife, Frances, spent time traveling. In 1984, they sold their Boise home and traveled around the nation full time. Eventually, they bought a summer home in Gooding, near family, and continued to travel to Yuma, Ariz., during the winters.

During his lifetime he was active in Masonic work as well as the Eastern Star. He served as Master of Idaho Lodge No. 1 and Worthy Patron of Richfield

Eastern Star No. 72 and was a current member of Cosmopolitan No. 36 in Gooding. He also served as the associate guardian of Job's Daughters Bethel 52 and, in 2005, received his 50-year membership pin from Richfield's Masonic Lodge No. 70.

His mother, father and younger brother, Albert L. Striegel Jr., preceded him in death. Surviving him are his wife of 65 years, Frances; daughters, Donna Pence (Lew), and Ann Felton (Tony); son, Bill Striegel; as well as nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Inurnment will be in the Grandview Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Hilda Junkert Eichelberg

GOODING — Hilda Junkert Eichelberg, 92, formerly of Gooding, passed away of natural causes Saturday, July 15, 2006, in care of Emmett, Idaho. At this moment of her journey, Hilda would like to thank all of the people who made her life so rewarding.

Her loving husband of 66 years, the couple moved to Gooding, Idaho, in 1948, where they raised two children, Marilyn and Gary, who made them very proud and gave them many beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hilda's greatest pleasures and rewards came from her flower garden, quilting and her 4-H leadership. Hilda loved to share her quilting and her flowers and appreciated every expression of enjoyment shared with her. Her work in 4-H as a leader gave her much pleasure, and she took such great pride in the accomplishments of all who learned from her. She was always so proud of every one of you. She thanks you for all of those memories and with the honor you gave,

her for each of your successes. Hilda had a flower garden that was a pleasure to all who passed by. She also was active in the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Hilda is survived by her two children, Marilyn McBride and Gary Eichelberg; her daughter-in-law, Elaine Eichelberg; grandchildren, Jim McBride, Marisa and Doug Overton, Jenny Myers, Chris Myers, Mark Eichelberg, and great-grandchildren, Phillip, Tucker and Macy.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Gooding United Methodist Church. Inurnment will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery. Demary Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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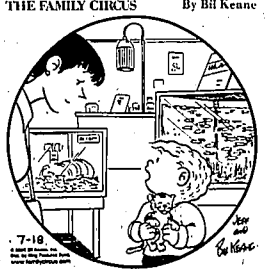
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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Newlywed and her blanky will not be torn asunder

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old woman who has been married for four months to an amazing man. We have a wonderful marriage and are looking forward to growing old together. However, I have a slight problem.

I have a baby blanket I have had since I was a baby and have slept with it since before I could walk. When I turned 16, I told myself I'd get rid of it. Sixteen turned to 18, 18 turned into getting rid of it when I graduated from college, which turned into getting rid of it when I married.

I am now married and have no intention of getting rid of it. I guess I've held onto it because it's familiar. (We moved far from home after our wedding.) My husband says he doesn't mind, and I'm sure he's not wrong, but it's a little embarrassing. Can't fall asleep without it. I even watch TV with it in my



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

recently died. My co-workers took a collection to give to me. It has always been my understanding that gifts such as this should be used for the funeral expenses. Therefore, I passed the money on to my mother.

When I mentioned it to a couple of my co-workers and friends, they said I should have kept the money for myself — that was the intent. Was I wrong to pass on to my mother? She is the one paying for the funeral and needs the money for a headstone, etc.

—LINDA
EDINBURGH, ILL.
DEAR LINDA: Your friends are well-intentioned but glib-talked. My understanding is the same as yours — and you did the right thing in giving the money to your mother to help with the expenses surrounding your father's funeral.

lap or read with it behind my head.

Do you think it's ridiculous for me to have a baby blanket at 24 with a new wonderful husband, or should I just keep it and not worry?

—K.T. IN KENTUCKY
DEAR K.T.: Your "problem" may be unusual, but it's not unusual of you. Your "blanky" is familiar and soothing and since your husband doesn't mind, I see no reason why you should be concerned about keeping it. Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: My father

French toast is not French

French toast is not French at all, but American through-and-through. Created in 1724 near Albany, New York, it was named after the man who invented it: Joseph French.

who was clearly on the road to recovery.

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Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

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Among 17th-century Europeans, sneezing was considered a sign that a patient was shedding the ill humors that were bringing on sickness. A patient who sneezed three times would be discharged from a hospital as someone

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Highway 30 re-route won't unfold quickly

Twin Falls drivers who scoot through downtown on a weekday morning are usually aware they're in a school zone and need to brake for kids in crossings.

A freight driver from out of state, however, may not see the signs.

The two Second Avenues with one-way traffic would become city roads.

The city would also be willing to swap Washington Street South over to state control.

That road is bound to see higher amounts of traffic in the future, so the road has some certain benefit.

But if anyone thinks this swap will go on the fast path to state approval, think again.

Our view: A proposal to re-route U.S. Highway 30 away from downtown Twin Falls has promise, but needs time.

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

That safety precaution is just one reason, albeit one at the top of the list, for Twin Falls officials to petition the state to re-route U.S. Highway 30. Other issues involve traffic flow and the impact on local business.

The safety factor for schools that may be the best argument for re-routing the highway. As reasonable as that may be, however, it's not a charge that will happen quickly.

Some downtown leaders say it's time to make downtown a customer-friendly destination. Having 18-wheelers cutting corners off Kimberly Road and down Second Avenue, doesn't help the average, over 150 trucks roll into Twin Falls from the east. Last week, local business and city leaders made a convincing case to the City Council. Council members voted last week that it would join the petition for a new Highway 30 route.

Jeff Hepworth, a downtown attorney who helped spearhead the proposal, said re-routing Highway 30 can change the entire dynamic of downtown.

"What we have now is a lot of drive-through traffic, and we don't want that," he said. "We want people to park downtown. We want them to get out of their cars and we want them to walk around downtown."

When local and state officials agree on a highway route, the state has to make certain that its new roads meet state and federal criteria. That usually requires more construction and funding.

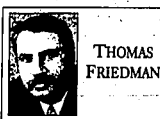
But ITD currently has more roads than it can fully maintain in Idaho and in Magic Valley. Construction prices have gone up in recent years, and funding for state highways has flat-lined.

Health and other proponents are pushing a plan that would re-route U.S. 30 down to Minidoka Avenue and Sixth Avenue. Those roads would go from the city to the state, while

"This would be a very difficult time if the expectation is that ITD would pay for all the improvements necessary to bring a highway to a state standard," Higby explained. "We've looked at (re-routing Highway 30 in the past, and we see it's going to require a fair amount of work. It's not going to be a free exchange, there's going to be some improvements done."

City and downtown officials have waited over 60 years to put the Second Avenues back into local hands. Today, the plan may require more time, money and patience, but for a number of reasons, it's well worth pursuing.

When you watch the violence unfolding in the Middle East today it is easy to feel that you've been to this movie before and that you know how it ends — badly. But we actually have not seen this movie before. Something new is unfolding, and we'd better understand it.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

What we are seeing in Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon is an effort by Islamist parties to use elections to pursue their long-term aim of Islamizing the Arab-Muslim world. This is not a conflict about "democratic" governments and whether they will be free democracies.

The tiny militant wing of Hamas today is pulling all the strings of Palestinian politics, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah Shiite Islamic party is doing the same in Lebanon, even though it is a small minority in the cabinet, and so, too, are the Iranian-backed Shiite parties and militias in Iraq. They are not only showing who is boss inside each new democracy, but they are also competing with one another for regional influence.

As a result, the post-2011 democracy experiment in the Arab-Muslim world is being hijacked. Yes, basically free and fair elections were held in Lebanon, the Palestinian territories and Iraq. Yes, militias turned out to vote because the people of the Arab-Muslim world really do want to shape their own futures.

But the roots of democracy are so shallow in these places, and the moderate majorities so weak and intimidated that we are getting the worst of all worlds. We are getting



Why don't the silent majorities punish these elected Islamist parties for working against the real interests of their people?

Islamist parties who are elected to power, but who insist on maintaining their own private militias and refuse to assume all the responsibilities of a sovereign government. They refuse to let their governments have control over all weapons. They refuse to be accountable to international law (the Lebanese-Israeli border was ratified by the U.N.), and they refuse to submit to the principle that the party in the Cabinet cannot drag a whole country into war.

"Iraq, Lebanon and the Palestinians all held democratic elections," said the Israeli political theorist Yaron Ezrahi, "and the Western expectation was that these elections would produce legitimate governments that had the power to control violence and would assume the burden of responsibility of governing. But what happened in all three places is

that we (produced) governments which are sovereign only on paper, but not over a territory."

Then why do parties like Hamas and Hezbollah get elected? Often because they effectively run against the corruption of the old secular state-controlled parties, noted Ezrahi. But once these Islamists are in office they revert to serving their own factional interests, not those of the broad community.

Boutros Labab, a Christian Lebanese parliamentarian, said: "We must decide who has the right to make decisions on war and peace in Lebanon. Is that right reserved for the Lebanese people and its legal institutions, or is the choice in the hands of a small minority of Lebanese people?"

Or, in the fledgling democracies of Palestine and Iraq, when cabinet ministers can maintain their own militias and act outside of state authority, said Ezrahi, you're left with a "meaningless exercise" in democracy/state building.

Why don't the silent majorities punish these elected Islamist parties for working against the real interests of their people? Because those who speak against Hamas or Hezbollah are either delegitimized as "American lackeys" or just

murdered, like Rafiq Hariri, the former Lebanese prime minister.

The world needs to understand what is going on here: The little flowers of democracy that were planted in Lebanon, Iraq and the Palestinian territories are being crushed by the boots of Syrian-backed Islamist militias who are desperate to keep real democracy from taking hold in their region and Iranian-backed Islamist militias crushed by the boots of Syrian-backed Islamist militias who are desperate to keep real democracy from taking hold in their region.

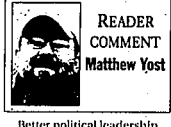
It may be the skeptics are right: Maybe democracy, while it is the most powerful form of legitimate government, simply can't be implemented everywhere. It certainly is never going to work in the Arab-Muslim world if the U.S. and Britain are alone in pushing it. In Iraq, if Europe delivers on the fence, if the moderate Arabs cannot come together and make a fist, and if Islamist parties are allowed to sit in governments and be treated with respect — while maintaining private armies.

The whole democracy experiment in the Arab-Muslim world is at stake here, and right now it's going up in smoke.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

Idaho can have fish, farms and water

Growing up on a farm north of Rupert, I often get questioned about the fight for salmon recovery. I explain that it was on the farm where I learned to fight to protect what is rightfully yours: the right to water, to hunt, fish and enjoy all of Idaho's natural resources.



READER COMMENT Matthew Yost

Today, Idaho must start fighting for what is hers. The notion that Idaho water is an either/or proposition to be used for irrigation or for fish is false. Idaho has other choices, and pitting one against the other is an unnecessary and an unwinnable battle.

Thirty years of fighting has been costly (\$6 billion), making most weary of the issue. Why aren't Idaho leaders looking for new choices? Our rural communities need resolution to this seemingly endless debate. Idahoans have lost fish numbers, water, tax dollars and time. Who has benefited? None attorneys have gotten rich and a politician or two has found a place to grandstand, but Idaho is no closer to having resolution or certainty.

Better political leadership must be demanded. Without it, Idaho will be left with only the promise of more litigation, dwindling fish runs and a lack of rural economic certainty. We must frame the debate ourselves. Idaho must realize that the dams in question are not in our state. These facilities, located in Washington state, are draining Idaho's water, not protecting it. They are not owned by Idaho Power. They are federal dams operated by the Bonneville Power Administration, which produces very little energy for Idaho. Idaho receives 36 megawatts from these Washington dams and 10 times that amount will be produced in Idaho over the next two years from new technology. The notion that "if they went away the power

would go off" is baloney. What do they do other than provide barging transportation to Portland? They create a New Orleans-style flood for Lewiston that will require the Corps of Engineers to build a levee 8 to 12 feet higher around the city, walling Lewiston off from the river and cause Dvorchak to be operated completely opposite than it was intended.

The federal plan is a horrible business model. Idaho's return on investment for 10 million released smolt is poor, especially considering that we only get to fish elbow-to-elbow on less than 50 miles of river when not long ago we had thousands of miles of fishing.

Recently, the feds claimed that sport fishing and hatcheries were part of the problem. Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited has always supported a hatchery program and will continue to do so until wild stocks are on the mend. Idaho fish are some of the most unique ocean-run fish in the world. Our fish swim the farthest inland and climb to higher elevations

than any other. Those who pretend to be advocates of our fisheries should not be allowed to claim that in order to reach recovery we must stop fishing. Less than 10 percent of adult mortality is caused by fishing (including all tribal, commercial and sport fishing); 80 percent to 90 percent juvenile mortality is caused during out-migration by the federal hydro system.

Idaho can have power, fish and farms. Americans can have resolution and certainty from Jerome to Juno, Alaska. But, it is going to take better political leadership. Idahoans must demand that that leadership start here in Idaho. The solutions are out there and we have to demand the political courage to implement them.

Set down your fishing rod and your phone tubes and pick up the pen or the phone and let Idaho's leaders know that it is time for resolution and certainty.

Matthew J. Yost of Boise is the field director for Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited.

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LETTER

Assistance was for charity, not profit

Dear Ruby and the public:

I deny the lady in the red station wagon that helped you and your granddaughter clean up your front yard. I did not steal your stuff.

I handed the next day and left all of the receipts in your granddaughter's mailbox. You made the remark and argument with your granddaughter that you didn't want to give to the Salvation Army because they can support themselves.

I have helped others get some medical help and other help that were in need.

Yes, The Salvation Army is a church organization that helps anyone! But your granddaughter told me they could not pick your items up until Thursday. Yes, they did come by when I was putting the last bag in my car, they pulled up to the curb and back onto the street and drove off. Nothing was said to me by any neighbor.

All of your receipts are in your name (Ruby McAllister), not mine. I'm sorry you seem so narrow-minded to think I stole from you or your won-

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derful granddaughter. But I have a church and a maker higher to thank than you do, I guess.

I would also like to you to know that my daughter-in-law helped me with two loads, and we paid for what we got at your yard sale. I paid your granddaughter and my daughter-in-law for their help. This is not my game, helping others is!

DELLA PATO
Twin Falls

Its people make Twin Falls great

For almost 18 years, I have had the pleasure of living and working in one of the finest communities anywhere. It's not the beautiful scenery, the recreational opportunities or the mild climate that makes Twin Falls a great place. What really makes this community great are the people

who live here.

I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many wonderful people. Whenever we had a company in town, everyone was always willing to give of their time and always very supportive.

Companies came to recognize how special Twin Falls is and often chose to become a part of this com-

LETTER

munity.

Thank you to all for always being there.

It has been an honor to work for and with the City Council, City Manager Tom Courtney, and all of the dedicated and hard-working people who work for the city of Twin Falls.

This past week, Shelly and I were humbled by seeing so many of you come and say

good-bye. We very much appreciate the kind words and gifts.

Thank you for all of your support over the years. We will miss you.

DAVE AND SHELLY MCALINDIN
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Dave McAlindin is the outgoing economic development director for the city of Twin Falls.)

Mickey Spillane, creator of fictional detective Mike Hammer, dies

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Mickey Spillane, the macho mystery writer who wowed millions of readers with the shoot-'em-up sex and violence of gunshoe Mike Hammer, died Monday. He was 88. Spillane's death was con-

firmed by Brad Stephens of Goldfinch Funeral Home in his hometown of Murrells Inlet. Details about his death were not immediately available. After starting out in comic books Spillane wrote his first Mike Hammer novel, "I, the

Jury," in 1946. Twelve more followed, with sales topping 100 million. Notable titles included "The Killing Man," "The Girl Hunters" and "One Lonely Night." Many of these books were made into movies, including

the classic film noir "Kiss Me, Deadly" and "The Girl Hunters," in which Spillane himself starred. Hammer stories were also featured on television in the series "Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer" and in made-for-TV movies.

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Tigers handle the heat

Thompson starts wild, ends solid in 8-4 win

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Braden Box's leadoff single for the Twin Falls Cowboys was a clear warning: this wasn't to be a typical Tucker Thompson outing.

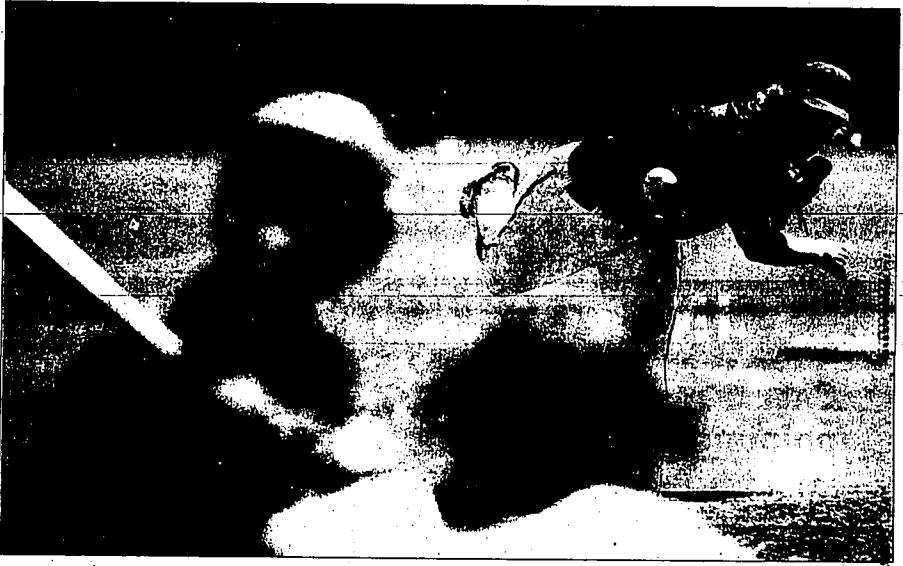
The Jerome Tigers pitching ace who has made short work of so many Class A American Legion teams this year found himself in a hole early — and then came the home balls. First it was Layne Reeves and Nick Yergensen in the first, then Thompson plunked the same duo again in the top of the second before finding his team locked in a 3-3 tie with the Cowboys after two.

Something clicked for Thompson in the third though, as he went on to allow only two more hits as the Tigers stormed to an 8-4 Area C home win Monday afternoon in Jerome.

"It's hard, Twins is a good hitting team," Thompson said of the hot conditions and the equally hot Cowboys bats. "They hit good right from the start. They started hitting me and I'm not used to that. I just had to pull back and get in a groove."

Thompson finished the game with nine strikeouts to two walks and five hit batters, but only two of those free passes came in the second inning.

"Tucker got in a groove and he's a tough pitcher," Cowboys head coach Devin Kunz said.



Jerome's Tucker Thompson pitches against the Twin Falls Cowboys during the second inning of their game Monday in Jerome.

"We had our opportunities there in the first two innings and left guys on second and third with one out and didn't take advantage. Then in the second, we leave the bases loaded. They're too good of a team — I mean, they're bigger, stronger, faster. If we don't take advantage of him (Thompson) being wild, then it's going to come back and haunt us and it did."

Shortstop Travis Cooley did the most damage, clubbing a

two-RBI double in the first and connecting on an RBI single in the third to finish 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. Tigers leadoff man Nate Bobrowski finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, while No. 2 batter Kenny Koopman went 2-for-2 with a walk, two runs scored and an RBI.

The Tigers also got good production out of the No. 3 hole, as catcher Justin Praetzer finished 2-for-3 with an RBI-double and two

runs scored. Box led the Cowboys, finishing 2-for-4 with an RBI-double and a run, while Yergensen connected on a double, but paid for every other at-bat, getting plunked three times by Thompson.

The loss extends the Cowboys' current skid to three, as they head to American Falls to take on Marsh Falls on Wednesday with a 25-12 (15-10 Area C) record.

"We're fine," Kunz said. "I don't feel worried about it at

all. They've had a great year and they're pushing. Jerome's a great team and Bear Lake's a great team. They're ranked second and fourth in our conference and we're right there."

Meanwhile, Jerome will look to continue its winning ways when it hosts Hillcrest on Thursday. The 27-5 (24-2 Area C) Tigers will look to keep that momentum going into next week's Area C Tournament in Twin Falls.

"We're feeling good," Thompson said. "We have one

more major game with Upper Valley and then after that, we feel good about districts. We feel that we should be going to state."

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Lindros considers Stars 'a good fit'

By Jaime Arns
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — After years of high hopes and high drama, Eric Lindros could've been excused for letting out a sigh of relief Monday after signing a one-year bargain deal with the Dallas Stars.

His arrival in Dallas is nothing like his anxiously awaited NHL debut in Philadelphia, his move to the bright lights of New York and the Rangers or the buzz of joining his hometown Toronto Maple Leafs last year.

With the Stars, Lindros is viewed as a complementary player, not a savior. The team has been a perennial contender without him, thanks to established stars such as Mike Modano, Jere Lehtinen and Marty Thurco.

Thrown in the fact hockey draws fewer headlines and less chatter on sport-talk shows in Dallas than in other cities he's played, plus the challenge of playing in the Western Conference for the first time, and it all adds up to what Lindros called "a good fit."

"It's not a financial decision by any stretch of the imagination," Lindros said on a conference call with reporters. "It's something that felt really good in my heart... Things just seemed to line up."



Eric Lindros smiles as he speaks with the media before taking to the ice during the first day of training camp, in this Sept. 12, 2005 file photo.

Serving as his own agent, Lindros took a \$1.55 million base salary with incentives that could hike the deal by another million. There are bonuses for games played starting at 50 and for success in the playoffs.

The Stars have been consistent divi-

sion winners, but haven't made it past the second round since reaching consecutive Stanley Cup finals in 1999 and 2000. They were ousted in the first round this past season.

Dallas needed someone with Lindros' size (6-foot-4, 240 pounds) and scoring touch after losing Jason Armist in free agency. The former MVP was available — and for so cheap — because teams were wary of relying on someone who has missed so many games with injuries.

The 33-year-old Lindros played only 33 games last season because of a wrist problem. Concussions have been his nemesis, having sustained at least eight. He missed the 2000-01 season because of a hard hit by New Jersey's Scott Stevens during a playoff game the season before.

"There are certain risks involved in this ... but you're going to have to put some faith out there," Stars general manager Doug Armstrong said. "Some of our faith came from our day spent with him. After spending a few hours together, you could tell where his head and heart were."

Lindros said he feels good now and hopes to continue offseason workouts in Dallas long before training camp. He's considering moving to Texas in August so his kids can get into school at the start of the semester.



New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera gets a hug from first base coach Tony Pena after recording his 400th career save in the 6-4 win against the Chicago White Sox on Sunday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

The best ever?

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — After Mariano Rivera got routed in his major league debut, manager Buck Showalter offered an observation.

"Hopefully, Mariano will learn from it," Showalter said.

More than a decade later, yep, he's done OK. World Series MVP fourth championship rings and now the 400-save mark. Pretty good for a guy who throws only one pitch.

"The best ever, no doubt it," Dennis Eckersley said Monday.

High praise from the long reliever to make it into the Hall of Fame on his first try. See any similarities, Eck?

"No comparison," he said. "I didn't have the stuff he did. Not at all. I've been blowing his

horn for years. He's electric."

Put it this way: Put the New York Yankees' ace closer on the Atlanta Braves from the start of his career, and they're probably a dynasty rather than a postseason disappointment.

Instead, Chippie Jones was reduced to chucking in the dugout as he wrenched Braves cut fastball break three of Ryne Sandberg's bats while finishing off a 1989 Series sweep against Atlanta.

"He has the single best pitch ever in his games," Chicago White Sox slugger Jim Thome said. "A lot of guys, you can make some adjustments. He's not with that curve."

Said Eckersley, "I'm a chip-leaf-limbeded hitter who whar's coming and he still can't shut 'em up. How does he do that?" Please see BEST, Page B2

A strange place, and a tough task for Faldo

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

HOYLAKE, England — Nick Faldo wore a Superman logo on his cap Monday, appropriate for this British Open.

Everyone must feel like they're on another planet at Royal Liverpool, a links course tucked along the Irish Sea that has not hosted professional golf in 25 years and hasn't held the British Open since 1967.

Faldo, a three-time champion and legendary figure in these parts, may need super powers to get through the week. It's not enough that he has not played a tournament since the end of April. Faldo learned Monday morning he will be playing the first two rounds with defending champion Tiger Woods, whom

Faldo has criticized from the broadcast booth the last two years.

Think the situation will be magnified? "Slightly," Faldo said, eyes visibly rolling behind his sunglasses on another bright, hot day. "Won't be much fun, that."

Woods and swing coach Hank Haney can be a little sensitive when it comes to Woods' revamped swing, and Faldo took his crack two years ago at the Bulck Invitational, when he was working for ABC Sports. From the 16th fairway with a one-shot lead, Woods missed a 2-iron so badly that it turned out good, landing on a tiny strip of grass right of the pond. He made birdie to win by two.

A complete fan and miss, Faldo said, describing Woods' swing as too fat. Woods' memory is long, and his mercy,

is scarce. The last time anyone recalls them playing together was the first round of the Inaugural Accenture Match Play Championship, and after Woods beat the aging Faldo to a pulp, he coolly said, "I'm not going to feel sorry for him. He's had his chance to win tournaments."

Woods arrived in Hoylake over the weekend to begin his acquaintance with the centuries-old course. He finished his practice round Monday by 9:30 a.m. and was gone before the pairings were released.

Faldo stood by his criticism from the booth, saying he was paid to offer his opinion.

"And I'm entitled to my opinion," he said. "I'll be right sometimes, and I'll be wrong sometimes. As long as it's entertaining and Please see FALDO, Page B2

SPORTS

Braves clobber Cards

Kimberly splits with I.F.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brian McCann hit a grand slam and leadoff man Wilson Betemit led 4-for-6 with a homer and five RBIs, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 15-3 victory that snapped the St. Louis Cardinals' seven-game winning streak Monday night.

Chipper Jones had three singles and two RBIs through his 14-game extra-base hit streak, which tied the major league record set by Phil Burchinal's Paul Waner in 1927, came to an end.

The Braves' third baseman has a 17-game hitting streak, and during his run he had eight doubles, a triple and seven homers.



Atlanta Braves batter Brian McCann watches his grand slam in the third inning against the St. Louis Cardinals during Monday's game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

pitched seven strong innings in 93-degree heat and the surging Yankees beat the Mariners Monday night.

Mariano Rivera wriggled out of another jam in his 401st save, securing New York's eighth victory in nine games. Johnny Damon had three hits and an RBI, and Miguel Cairo hit a two-run single.

Red Sox 5, Royals 4

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez's sacrifice fly in the eighth inning capped Boston's comeback from a four-run deficit.

The Red Sox, who had lost four of five, hoped to stop their slide as they began a four-game series against baseball's worst team. But Luke Hudson shut them out for six innings while Kansas City took a 4-0 lead.

Orioles 5, Athletics 3

BALTIMORE — Melvin Mora and Miguel Tejada hit run-scoring singles in the seventh inning to carry the Baltimore Orioles to their season-high tying third straight victory.

Brian Roberts went 2-for-4 with two walks for the Orioles, who blew a 3-0 lead, then went ahead for good against Kirk

Saarlops (3-6) in the seventh.

Blue Jays 10, Rangers 1

TORONTO — Vernon Wells hit a grand slam in a nine-run fourth inning to lead the Blue Jays to the win.

Reed Johnson and Lyle Overbay also homered for the Blue Jays, who have won three straight.

Toronto sent 13 batters to the plate in the fourth, tying a season high for runs in an inning. Eric Hinske and John McDonald each drove in a run. Wells hit his fourth career grand slam and Overbay added a two-run homer off loser John Koronka (6-6). Second baseman Ian Kinsler's throwing error also led to a run.

Twins 6, Devil Rays 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau's bases-loaded bloop single scored two runs of Minnesota's four runs in the fourth inning as the Twins rallied to get the win.

Scott Baker (3-5) gave up three runs in six innings in his return to the rotation, and the Twins improved their major league-leading home record to 34-11 with their ninth consecutive win over the Devil Rays — dating to July 21, 2004.

Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — The Kimberly Bulldogs slipped out 19 hits — 18 of them singles — during Monday's 14-8 victory over the host Idaho Falls Rangers. Nate Harmon finished 5-for-5 with five singles, while Braden Osborne went 4-for-4 to help Bulldogs starter Bryce Benson win during his second straight complete game. Tucker Lierman doubled to tally Kimberly's lone extra-base hit in the win, while AJ Schroeder and Brandon Soderquist both finished 3-for-5.

The bounce didn't get Kimberly's way in Game 2 though, as the Rangers pulled out a 12-11 victory in eight innings. Soderquist doubled for the Bulldogs, who moved to 11-17 (9-17 Area C) on the season. Kimberly travels to face Burley tomorrow.

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Rodeo

Area youth fare well at national Junior high finals rodeo

GALLUP, N.M. — A duo of area athletes helped Team Idaho to a sixth-place overall finish during the 2006 National High School Rodeo Association Junior High Division National Finals Rodeo, held in Gallup, N.M. on July 9-15.

Filer's Kindee Wilson finished third in both breakaway roping and goat tying and finished fourth in the All-around Cowgirl standings. Rupert's Chase Brice finished fifth in chute dogging.

The Idaho girls finished fourth overall, while the state's boys took the No. 16 spot. The cowboys and cowgirls of Louisiana finished first overall in the team standings with 7,522 points.

2006 NSRA Junior Finals Rodeo

Team	Points
1. Louisiana	7,522
2. Texas	7,488
3. Oklahoma	7,454
4. Idaho	7,388
5. New Mexico	7,354
6. Montana	7,320
7. Wyoming	7,286
8. Arizona	7,252
9. Colorado	7,218
10. Utah	7,184
11. Nevada	7,150
12. Kansas	7,116
13. Missouri	7,082
14. Nebraska	7,048
15. Iowa	7,014
16. North Dakota	6,980
17. South Dakota	6,946
18. Minnesota	6,912
19. Wisconsin	6,878
20. Illinois	6,844
21. Indiana	6,810
22. Ohio	6,776
23. Michigan	6,742
24. Pennsylvania	6,708
25. Maryland	6,674
26. Delaware	6,640
27. West Virginia	6,606
28. Kentucky	6,572
29. Tennessee	6,538
30. Mississippi	6,504
31. Alabama	6,470
32. Georgia	6,436
33. Florida	6,402

Pirates 3, Rockies 1

PITTSBURGH — Freddy Sanchez's RBI double in the eighth inning gave Pittsburgh the lead, and the Pirates handed Colorado its eighth straight loss.

Sanchez and Jack Wilson, who scored on the double, both had two hits for the Pirates, who have won three of four since the All-Star break.

Sanchez is the league's leading hitter at .363, followed with a double into the right field corner.

Marlins 4, Nationals 2

MIAMI — Florida's Ricky Nolasco allowed one earned run over seven innings and struck out four for his first win in three starts. Taylor Tankersley pitched a scoreless eighth and Joe Borowski worked the ninth for his 18th save in 20 opportunities.

American League

Yankees 4, Mariners 2

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi homered. Chien-Ming Wang

Best

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And while Metallica's "Enter Sandman" is Rivera's signature song, he has another trademark sound at Yankee Stadium: the cracking of Louisville Sluggers.

Rivera recorded his 400th save Sunday and got No. 401 Monday night against Seattle.

Be it the Mariners in July or the Mets in October, Rivera sees each opponent as an opportunity.

"Every time I go out there, it's business," Rivera said. "I'm a 36-year-old Rivera has done it enough times, becoming a full-time reliever in 1996 that his place at the Hall of Fame is set.

Bruce Sutter is being enshrined this month after getting elected on his 13th attempt. Like many other successful relievers, Sutter had to wait while Hall voters struggled to determine who belonged.

Lee Smith, who holds the career saves record with 478, has barely gotten 40 percent in his three elections. There's no guarantee that Trevor Hoffman would breeze in if he sets the mark.

Rivera, though, is the very definition of a Cooperstown closer.

"You don't even have to look up his numbers," said veteran Paul Hynes of The Plain Dealer in Cleveland. "You don't need to go to 'The Baseball Encyclopedia.' We've all seen what he's done."

"You know it when you see it. This guy is a first-ballot Hall of Famer," he said.

Being on the Yankees has helped, certainly. "He's playing with a great club, but he's a great closer," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "They've given him a lot of opportunities over the years."

Of course, Rivera is not automatic. While he's posted a record 34 saves in the postseason, he's blown three memorable chances.

The Boston Red Sox got him in Game 4 of the 2004 ALCS.

Arizona's Luis Gonzalez nicked him in the ninth inning of Game 7 in the 2001 World Series. And Sandy Alomar Jr. tagged him in the 1997 playoffs.

That said, Yankees fans still love him. It's a no-brainer, in fact. Wouldn't trade him for anyone. Think anybody felt that way about Armando Benitez or Brynna Lynn King?

Then again, it wasn't easy for Rivera at the beginning.

Rivera made his big league debut in May 1995 as a spot starter for injured Jimmy Key and, after striking out his first two hitters, got hit hard. The California Angels tagged him for five runs in 3 1-3 innings of a 10-0 loss.

Rivera bounced around the

rotation the rest of the year, and Showalter opined that minor league stats don't necessarily translate into major league success. Yet following an impressive outing, Rivera showed that he believed in himself.

"There is no doubt in my mind," he said. "I know I can pitch here."

Jim Edmonds figured the same thing. The St. Louis star played in Rivera's debut and struck out his first two times up. The next at-bat, Edmonds hit a three-run homer off the rookie.

"I do remember that. He was throwing hard," Edmonds said before the Cardinals played Atlanta. "I always thought he'd be good."

Faldo

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the check hits my bank account once a month, that's fine by me."

Asked if he and Woods had smoothed over any hard feelings, Faldo called it "water under the bridge, with a few ripples."

Besides, he has more worries than whether Woods has a vendetta.

The six-time major winner doesn't want to look foolish no matter how little he plays, and he was methodical as ever walking the grounds of Royal Liverpool, where Faldo played the English Boys' Amateur in 1974 and the British Amateur in 1975. He also played the European Open at Hoylake in 1981.

He worked out of pot bunkers, which have been refurbished by building soft lines on the walls. He pitched out of the yellow native grasses, which look daunting because of the shin-high length, but are more wispy than troublesome. And he tried to find the speed on the greens.

"I need a smidgen more than a week's practice to take on Tiger," he said.

Clearly, playing alongside Woods for two rounds at this stage in his career is not what he wanted.

"Not when I'm totally unprepared, trying to prepare the best I can in a short space of time," he said. "Now I get thrown into the deep-end spotlight. But we will muddle through it."

Others will be traipsing along the crusty linksland, trying to steer clear of the bunkers and avoid the out-of-bounds on 10 holes — unusual for this brand of golf — especially on

the third and 18th holes, where the white line is painted atop a flattened furrow.

With only one official practice round in the books, there remained a debate whether players would be using primarily irons off the tee to navigate around the bunkers, or hit driver to blast it over all the trouble.

England is in the middle of heat wave, and fans sprawled along the mounds without their shirts, soaking in a blazing sun.

The ground is firm, but not quite brittle. With so much sunshine, this will be a brown British Open, with the yellow grass framing fairways that have only splashes of green, as if someone spilled a bucket of paint.

"It's a great course. It's a shame we haven't been here before," Robert Allenby said, smirking at the thought that no one knows much about a course that first was used in 1897 for the British Open, and once held more Opens than any other English links.

But it received universal praise for its fairness. The ground is so firm that the ball seems to roll forever, although it doesn't have the lunar landscape of Royal St. George's or the occasional blind tee shot found at Royal Birkdale.

"Royal Lytham? That was fairly brown early in the week. And Royal St. George's, that was brutal," Allenby said. "Both of those courses, you hit it down the middle and it could go that way (pointing left) or that way (point right). Here, it goes this way."

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Landis confident heading to Alps

GAP. France (AP) — Floyd Landis knows the Alps well — he sweated up enough steep mountain climbs to help teammate Lance Armstrong clinch three-of-his-seven-Tour-de-France wins.

Tuesday, however, Landis will be doing it for himself.

"I always believed I could do it from the beginning," said Landis, who trails overall race leader Oscar Pereiro by 1 minute, 29 seconds. "I've proved I'm strong enough to win the Tour."

By the end of Tuesday's 15th stage, which winds through 21 sharp bends to finish at the summit of the famed L'Alpe d'Huez, the Phonak team leader will have a clearer idea if he has what it takes.

But then come two more grueling mountain stages in the Alps as one of the most unpredictable Tours in years enters its final week.

"My objective is to get to (Saturday's) time trial without losing too much time," Landis said Monday during a rest day in Gap. "I'm very confident in my time-trialing ability."

"It augurs it's still too early to worry about the yellow jersey which he wore two days last week."

"I have to stay focused on the big picture, rather than think of being the moment," he said. "That wouldn't be wise."

With Armstrong retired and favorites such as Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso out on suspicion of doping, a number of riders are contending for the coveted yellow jersey all the way down to 11th-place Yaroslav Popovych of Discovery Channel who trails by 5:44.

CSC team director Bjarne Riis, the 1996 Tour winner, sounded convinced Carlos Sastre — sixth and 3:21 off the lead — also can challenge for yellow.

"We lost our leader," Riis said Monday, speaking of Basso. "We have a new one. Carlos is very well placed in the overall classification. Will he be good in the Alps? We are convinced he will be."

"This called this year's race a 'strange' Tour but insists tactics still play a decisive role."

"It may appear like a Tour of anarchy, but all is tactical," Riis said. "We are approaching the last days. We know what we have to do. We are still here ... we are ready."

It's a far cry from the Armstrong era, when Postal/Discovery Channel piloted the mountains, chasing down and swallowing up all



Floyd Landis, left, cycles along with Belgian cycling legend Eddy Merckx during a training session of the Phonak team outside Gap, southeastern France on Monday, as riders of the 93rd Tour de France enjoy a rest day.

Landis, who sits 8 seconds ahead of Cyril Dessat of France, is confident Pereiro will win in the Alps and considers Denis Menchov his main rival.

"Menchov is the guy I have to follow the most," said Landis of the Rabobank rider, who's 61 seconds behind in fourth place.

Pereiro's Illes Balears teammate Alejandro Valverde, whose Tour ended on stage 3 with a broken right collarbone, acknowledges the mountains can end a cyclist's race.

"We will see how (Pereiro) goes through the Alps," Valverde said.

Tuesday's stage features a mammoth climb — Col d'Izoard, a nine-mile ascent at a 7-percent gradient. It's known as "hors categorie," or beyond classification, because it is so difficult.

Tour riders last took on the Col d'Izoard in 2003, when Aitor Garmendia of Spain was first over the top, and Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan won the stage, which ended in Gap. Vinokourov is absent from this year's Tour, because his team couldn't field enough riders after five withdrew before the start because of doping allegations.

Riders face six more punishing climbs — rated as beyond classification or category 1 — on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Tour hits its summit Wednesday at the 8,581-foot Col du Galibier. Thursday's 17th stage ends with a tortuous climb up the Col de Joux-Plane, which has an 8.5 percent gradient, and a hair-raising steep descent of nearly 0.6 miles to the finish line at Morzine.

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Celtics sign Pierce

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce, the Celtics captain whose prolific but occasionally troubled career put him on the trading blocks last summer, signed a three-year, \$59 million contract extension on Monday that would keep him in Boston through the 2010-11 season.

"This represents a milestone for the Celtics and for Paul Pierce," owner Wyc

Grousbeck said. "Paul ... has become a team leader and end off the court in the best Celtic tradition."

Pierce is scheduled to make about \$31.5 million over the next two years, including a player option for 2007-08. The extension adds three years and \$59 million after that, a basketball official told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

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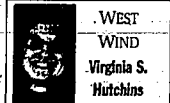
Hazelton beekeeper splits a hive to prevent a swarm

HAZELTON — A great buzzing ball of bees clinging to a corner of your barn? It's a lovely sight to Steve Lansberry.

As long as the bees leaving a congested nest are not his own, Lansberry took up his hives-and-honey hobby — more therapy than business — after a disabling neck injury. He builds his bee population cheaply by capturing spring-time swarms wherever they become a nuisance to homes or businesses. The swarming honeybees, held together by attraction to their queen's pheromones, leave behind part of the colony in their original nest. A new queen takes charge there, and the swarm sends out scouts to seek a suitable site.

If he's lucky, Lansberry finds them first.

"If you get a swarm in May, it's like a free load of hay," Lansberry said, letting the beekeeping proverb trail off as he fiddled with the smoker that calms his bees. "A swarm in June is like a silver spoon, and a swarm in July is a headache, for most beekeepers, because you end up feeding them over winter."



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

and a spray bottle of sugar water, which temporarily slows bees' flying. A backup for the smoker. Obviously, he expected excitement.

I still found it easy to feel tranquil, as the hive was quiet in the cool of morning.

"I can't open it too cold," Lansberry said. That's for the sake of larvae. "Below 50 degrees will hurt them."

At about 8 a.m., with the sun well into the sky, he pumped the smoker bellows and loosened the strap holding together the stack of hive boxes.

A "queen excluder" screen — with holes sized to allow worker bees' movement but restrict the larger queens — separates the

Bee business

Hazelton-area resident Steve Lansberry and his wife, Jean — under the business name Ambrosia Gardens — sell vegetables, honey, fruits and brown eggs.

Lansberry tends eight hives, plus two that he started on this morning in July. With just one harvest per year (in late August), he sells about 400 pounds of finished honey each year in pints (\$7.50) and half-pints (\$4), plus 35 or 40 pounds of comb honey (\$3 for a 4-by-4-inch chunk). For now, he and his wife extract the honey in their kitchen, but he hopes to build a barn to move out that mess.

The Lansberrys sell honey in summer at the Twin Falls Farmers' Market (it's on North College Road on Saturday mornings), and year-round to regular customers. Reach them at 678-3053.



Steve Lansberry pulls a honeycomb frame out of the hive.



Photo by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News



Above: Honeybees buzz around-keeper Steve Lansberry on July 7 as he checks through a hive near his home southeast of Hazelton.

Left: Bees cluster at the edge of a honeycomb pulled from one of Steve Lansberry's hives near Hazelton. In this particular hive, Lansberry estimates there were about 50,000 to 75,000 bees before he split the hive July 7.

But July 1 is.

And Lansberry's biggest hive — home to his "junkyard bees," descended from a swarm he collected at a Twin Falls wrecking yard last summer — was growing so congested that he feared losing some of them to a swarm of his own.

"If I swarm, I lose production for about 30 days, and I can't afford that," he said. July is too late to start new hives — he'll harvest no saleable honey from them this year — but crowding in the big hive left no choice. Perhaps 50,000 to 75,000 bees, he estimated.

So photographer Megan Thompson and I joined Lansberry there as he prepared to split the colony. The hive stands by the North Side Canal bank within a mile of Millner Dam, across the road from a seed alfalfa field that will stay in blossom until the end of August. It's a green and secluded spot, quiet that morning but for the songs of swallows, meadowlarks, starlings, blackbirds.

And bees.

Meagan and I wore clothing that covered every inch of skin, and hats with mosquito netting that cinched at the neck. At Lansberry's urging, we also wrapped duct tape around waists, ankles, necks and glove tops. (Tip: Don't hold your breath while duct taping your waists.)

Wearing more professional gear (but some, tape, too), Lansberry lifted away the circle of fencing that protects this hive from badgers and coyotes. (Other hazards to bee survival — milks and farm pesticides — are more difficult to keep at bay.) He checked two new hive boxes, stocked with fresh frames and ready for the junkyard-bee surplus, and taped shut their openings. And he lit a charcoal briquette atop the coarse sawdust inside his smoker, a tall can with a smoke spout in the lid and attached bellows.

"The last thing I want is for it to go out," Lansberry said.

On the pallet beneath the big hive he laid out his tools: screwdrivers, putty knives, brushes, dustpans, a pry bar

two boxes, where Lansberry harvests honey, from the bottom boxes, where the queen, lays eggs and the colony tends its brood. Bees seal the cracks with wax to make their nest airtight.

With a screwdriver, Lansberry loosened the layers. "OK," he said. "Do not freak at this point."

He lifted off the top boxes and the queen excluder to reveal glistening honey and a mass of calmly "crawling bees."

"This is going to kind of wake them up," Lansberry said, sliding with a putty knife to separate the hanging honeycomb frames. Yes, some bees got out. But he watched to ensure the queen wasn't among them.

One by one, he loosened and lifted each frame, heavy with honey and brood, to look for the queen. She's one that he

purchased, marked with a dot of paint. Lansberry looked, too, for huge "queen cells" holding larvae destined to be rivals of the queen. Workers hide those cells from the reigning queen, who stings them if she finds them.

Delighted at the discovery, Lansberry found plenty of frames with multiple queen cells. More than he expected. Enough to stock both new hive boxes and to replace a weakened queen in a hive elsewhere. He undid empty frames for laden ones, quickly re-covering the new boxes to keep the bees that clung to each frame inside their new homes.

In each box, the first queen to hatch will kill the others or, if they survive to hatch, fight them.

"When queens fight, they're really nasty," Lansberry said, peering into the big hive and pumping smoke. "We have all

kinds of queen cells in here... This hive is ready to split."

Quiet no more, bees bumped the netting around my head and landed on my notebook, interrupting my pen. Meagan was stung on her elbow but took it calmly.

Still no sign of the painted queen — an elusive gal, like all of her kind.

As Lansberry brushed bees off the queen excluder into one of the new boxes, the collective buzz immediately intensified. Loud and angry. He spinned sugar water, squeezed the smoker bellows and swept up more bees to transplant, stirring up incredible activity in the air around us.

Lansberry gingerly lifted off the top brood box — "that box weighs about 60 pounds right there" — and started work on the one below, where even more bees coated each frame. He scanned their ranks, search-

ing for "the girl, madame." When he found her I squeaked but could barely see the paint. Flying bees hit all over my body, but inside my net-and-tape get-up I felt strangely removed from the scene. No stings told me otherwise.

Such a plentiful supply of queen cells, honey and brood erased Lansberry's uncertainty about the three-way hive split. By his estimate, he removed 90 percent of the queen cells and 10 percent of the bees — plus honey to feed them — to stock the new hives.

"Boy, this is a huge hive. I'm so glad we got here today," he said, grunting as he restacked the old boxes.

Later that day, he expected, the old hive would be back to business.

With perhaps 3 or 4 pounds of bees in each of the new

hives, he planned to place them in the orchard near his house for a few weeks while queens hatch. Egg laying will tell him he's got a viable queen in each hive. When the transplanted bees build up enough comb, he'll add another box to each hive and put them in fields to accumulate winter stocks of honey.

Trading buzz for birdsong, we walked along the canal bank to rid ourselves of bees. Lansberry briefly smoked my head (choked), checked our backs for hitchhikers and made sure we gathered up our wads of used duct tape.

No need to mar a setting that's so lovely for bees and contemplation.

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COUNTRY ROADS

Tractor fever is now with us

By Corcen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Without a doubt, the current wave of tractor and truck pulls came into being when a farmer, worn out by hundreds of hours of chugging along the rows in hot sun, decided to kick it up a little. How much could this buggy really pull?

Decades later, they're still finding out, because the numbers keep going up.

Burk Nelbaur of Paul is organizing this year's United Truck and Tractor Pulls Inc. show. The not-for-profit is a costly hobby. Spectators watched Del Miller of Idaho Falls blow a rod out the side of his semi-truck engine last year. A \$30,000 motor went up in smoke after his crankshaft broke in two places.

Pullers tweak engines and burn methanol in their tanks to get an extra 200 horsepower. Experiments have shown research on vehicles from mini-tractors to semis have created unprecedented muscle. Nelbaur's modified four-wheel-drive 1962 Ford pickup pushes about 1,000 horsepower under the hood. Different rear ends can kick it up. However, there is also a category for stock trucks and tractors. Most owners seem to be mechanics or farmers.

Nelbaur's 16-year-old daughter, Katie, started driving the modified Ford last summer when she got her driver's license. Sheer terror hit her about 10 minutes before she was due to drive into the arena at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. Wearing a safety helmet and fireproof clothing, she was legally ready. Then she panicked.

"All my friends were there to see me drive, and I just all of a sudden — I can't do this!"



Last year, 16-year-old Katie Nelbaur of Paul drove for the first time in the annual truck and tractor pull at Minidoka County Fairgrounds. She took first place in her division.

Katie recalled, "I'm too scared. I cried."

Ten minutes later she steered into the arena and headed the heavy load to a win. A teen queen was born. She treasures a photo of herself in the pickup surrounded by a crowd of cheering friends.

"There's a technique to it," her father said. "She's good."

Katie Nelbaur also took second place in the Sandy Downs pull at Idaho Falls.

For six years before that, her brother, Skyler, was the driver. Now Skyler Nelbaur, a former president of the association, is promotional director for the annual event.

Kay and Dwayne Heffington of Burley started participating about three years ago. Dwayne couldn't imagine what was so great about trying to pull an oversized load until he saw videos of competition. He was hooked. The fever hit him. He had to get a mini-tractor.

Like the Nelbaurs, the Heffingtons have a four-wheel-drive pickup that they modified. Last summer they

put \$14,000 into a new engine and transmission. Kay said they had a hunch some bearings were going out. Their son, Don Eddings, drives the pickup.

"We had seen color in the transmission fluid the year before, and there were brass metal shavings in the fluid," Kay said. "Our son said, 'Mom, I don't know if we can pull next weekend in Blackfoot.' So we replaced the bearings. Then at our first competition last June, we blew up our motor down in Morgan, Utah."

She said they took the engine back to the place where they had bought it in 1992. The previous owner said he'd run that motor for years before they bought it. Pleading together its history, they realized it was 27 years old.

The Heffingtons were also present when the \$30,000 engine blew.

"He got 170 feet down the track and the crankshaft broke in two places," Kay said. "Then the motor blew. There was a lot of oil dumped on the track

Care to risk it?

Bring your earplugs to the Minidoka County Fairgrounds to save them from the thunder of at least 40 mighty engines warming up. That's how many were registered for the United Truck and Tractor Pulls Inc. show a month in advance. The big night is Saturday, with warmup starting about 5 p.m. Latecomers, who want to challenge the champs can register any time until 5 p.m. There's a \$35 fee. There may be up to 12 classes.

Spectators can come as early as 5 p.m. and have something to eat at the food concession while looking over the machines. The action begins at 7 p.m. and ends when they run out of competitors. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 7 to 10, and free for 6 and under.

and a big noise."

"The crowd-breathed-a-collective sigh of sympathy. Kay Heffington said they've seen a lot in their three years of pulling."

"It's usually the two-wheel-drives that get oil on the motor and catch fire," she said.

"That's Katie Nelbaur's fear. Fire. But with her first season like last year, she has to keep going. There are trophies to win. Anyway, she drives a four-wheel-drive."

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Leave the pests outside U.S. borders

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you're a gardener who does some traveling outside the country, you should be aware of what your travels can bring.

You might carry home more than you bargained for — plant materials that could become nuisances or soils that might harbor pests or diseases.

In most cases, these come from outside the country. In their native habitat, these plant materials or pathogens might not be a problem.

But when they are transported to another environment, they can become a nuisance.

Foreign plant materials often must be certified safe and in some cases must be inspected to make sure they're allowed.

This doesn't mean, however, that you can't buy a bag of bulbs in an airport shop in Amsterdam, take it to your garden in southern England or bring back some dried weeds from Canada.

Bill Aley, a senior import specialist from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), says the service is concerned with two categories of plant materials: those for planting and those for consumption.

Materials for planting include

roots, seeds, bulbs, cuttings, roots and tissue cultures. Plants for consumption are fresh fruit, dried fruit and leaves for tea.

The goal, Aley says, is to keep out carriers of diseases or pests that would affect the environment.

That includes an artificial or controlled environment, such as a farm, or a commercial environment, such as a timber forest.

"Soil is an environment unto itself," Aley says. It could harbor weed seeds, insect eggs, nematodes, fungi, bacteria or even viruses.

It's all right to bring back a dozen specimens from a trip abroad — 12 or fewer plants or bulbs for planting — without government certification.

But for 13 items or more, the plants must be pre-cleared or certified, or you will need to seek an import permit.

APHIS assesses the risk of plants coming into the U.S. on the basis of the country they are coming from.

About 17 countries around the world have determined what plant risks they want to keep out, and they share information to facilitate and monitor the shipment of plant materials.

Most of the materials normally exported are examined by the plant inspection service of the exporting country and, if free of pests and diseases, receive a clearance



Some plants are a threat because they don't behave well in U.S. environments. Kudzu has been recognized as an invasive weed that chokes out natural vegetation.

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called a phytosanitary certification.

In other cases, U.S. government employees stationed overseas examine plant materials and determine if they can be pre-certified for export.

Aley says the Dutch flower bulb business is the biggest program APHIS is overseeing. So it's highly likely that that bag of Dutch bulbs at the Amsterdam airport is pre-cleared and certified, although you might want to check for this information on the package.

Anything pre-cleared or certified is fine to bring home. Any plant material collection of 13 or more pieces that isn't pre-cleared or doesn't have a certificate will have to be checked by the plant inspection service of the country of origin. Or it will be confiscated and sent to one of about a dozen inspection stations around the country to be checked and cleared.

So what can travelers do? First, make sure plant materials you want to import are certified safe.

Check the labels on packaged materials. Leave fruit behind.

If you stick something into a bag and no one notices and you forget about it until you get home, dispose of it responsibly — in the garbage disposal, not on the compost heap.

And don't forget the soil problem.

If you drive off-road in Mexico, you might want to wash your tires before you return to the U.S.

And if you go hiking in another country, wash your boots at the hotel.

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Gardens teach students from the ground up

BERRYVILLE, Va. (AP) — Spencer Trask, who enters sixth grade this fall, has been gathering a bumper crop of academic skills from his school garden.

"I like (doing) vegetables more, because food is my favorite thing," Spencer said while preparing raised flower beds one day last spring with a half-dozen other fifth-graders at Cooley Elementary School in northern Virginia.

Under the guidance of student volunteers from the local high school's garden club, the group was transplanting seedlings, weeding and tossing debris onto a compost pile.

"I'm not a big vegetable person but I like cucumbers and broccoli," said Spencer, 11, who has been gardening in school for several years. "We'll be putting up some weather instruments pretty soon to see how they affect gardening."

While this may sound like a pleasant way to escape class for a few hours, the children are gaining more than a little practical knowledge, said Ann Sowers, who teaches fourth and fifth grades at Cooley.

"Through gardening, kids learn academic things," she said. "This garden is a springboard for poetry for example. Spencer already has had two of his poems published in the local newspaper."

"You also can pick up some math skills by sizing up the rows and toning the perimeter of the garden. Last year, we had an American Indian garden, where they learned a little history."

Youth gardening is an interdisciplinary project at many schools nationwide. Some teachers get help with training and curriculum from organizations such as the American Horticultural Society, the National Gardening Association and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, some of which have been offering educational programs for decades.

"You learn so many lessons when you get your hands in the soil," said Stephanie Jutila, educational programs manager for the American Horticultural Society.

"Kids aren't growing up on farms today for the most part, and many of their families don't have gardens at home. That means schools have to do a greater emphasis in passing those skills along."

"Nutrition is getting more attention in today's lesson plans, she said.

"We want students to get acquainted with vegetables, to get involved in that cycle and see how things grow. Kids are bringing salad dressings to class so they can taste something from the work they've done."

The National Gardening Association's educational efforts include providing grant money and recruiting corporate donors. Its Adopt the School Garden Program encourages donations from the community.



Taylor Warner, 16, a junior at Clarke County High School in Berryville, Va., is a member of the school's garden club and a mentor to many younger students. Beyond the practical aspects of growing food and gardening, helping also helps with academics and gives older students an opportunity to learn something about leadership.

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The Summer 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, July 25th from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. If necessary to complete board business, the board will meet at 8:00 AM on July 26th. The meeting will be held at the Idaho Crop Improvement Association Office, 1680 Foote Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

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LOST LAB, male, white and tan, microchip, 1 year old. Visited and stolen by Hot Springs on 7/8/06-543-9166

LOST lovebird, green, answers to "Baby", near 8330-9200 on 5/15/06. Reward if found, 208-436-1740 or 208-436-1738

LOST mens gold wedding band with 3 small diamonds in it. Around Costco. Call 208-555-5553

LOST Femenian, female, black, freshly groomed. Answers to Abby. Had a harness on. Kids miss her dearly. Please call 208-280-0931.

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LOST Waller navy blue with white and tan on front. Last seen in front of PetSmart. Cash reward. Please call Michael 734-1292

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New Jerome Elementary and Middle School, Bid Package No. 6, Concrete for Elementary School (Site Bid), Bid Package No. 69, Reinforcing Steel for Masonry at Middle School and Bid Package No. 60, Reinforcing Materials for the Elementary School. All other packages have been awarded. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Bids received after the above stated hour and date will not be opened. Plans, specifications, proposal form, and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

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FOUND (2) Lab pups, black both female, approx 2 months old on Golf Course Road in Jerome. 324-7440

FOUND dogs, (2) Great Pyrenese in the Klamath area. Call 208-532-4215.

FOUND German Shepherd border. 810 border. On 7/12 in Milliner Hazardous area. Call 208-858-7834 to identify.

FOUND Miniature Dachsprung puppy in the South Hills. To the party who was looking for him, we found him. Call 208-428-9217

LOST 7/4 Poodle cross male, brown & white, white hair, with short tail. South of Wendell, 538-5591

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FOUND life vest on Hwy. 93, north of Hollister. Call 208-555-4190

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FUN, SLIM Lady seeks Single, White Male Tall (5'8") anergic, Non-Smoker, 43 to 62 Twin Falls Area, likes dancing, collecting, fishing, picnics, fair, cooking, fun, movies, rodeos. Write Lady Box 698 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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One set of documents for each building may be obtained by licensed bidders from Starr Corporation for a refundable deposit of \$300.00. Public School drawings and \$250.00 for the Elementary School drawings. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 for each set of documents will be assessed to all bidders who do not pick up their sets of Bidding Documents directly from the Construction Manager's office. The deposit will be refunded to licensed contractors who submitted a bid for a package bid package, if the documents are returned (7) days of the bid opening. Others may obtain documents at the cost of \$200.00 per set of Elementary School drawings, plus \$35.00 per set of non-refundable. All bids must be submitted on the forms furnished and must be signed by the bidder in pen, with bidder's name. Public bid opening number and mailing address. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

This project is not financed by Federal Aid funds. Each contractor, subcontractor or specialty contractor is required to have a current license as a Public Works Contractor in the State of Idaho prior to submitting a proposal or bid on this project.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required bid on this work. All documents remain the property of Leachman-Kron-Van Ocker Architects and any obligation of and/or liability for these drawings for any purpose other than the construction of this project is prohibited.

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LOST dog, male black/white. Wire hair. Terrier cross on Quincy St. in Twin Falls. Has a Reddish-brown collar. Answers to "Tug". Call 208-423-5004 or 208-539-2994.

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Experienced Driver wanted: Local work for Jerome and Caldwell with good equipment. Must have current Class A CDL with air brakes (T) and vehicles (N) or (X) endorsements and must carry or exceed DOT part 391 drivers qualification test. Good pay and benefits. Send Resume to P.O. Box 348 Jerome, ID 83338 or e-mail to maria@llh.com or fax to 206-324-1176 or call the office at 206-324-1175.

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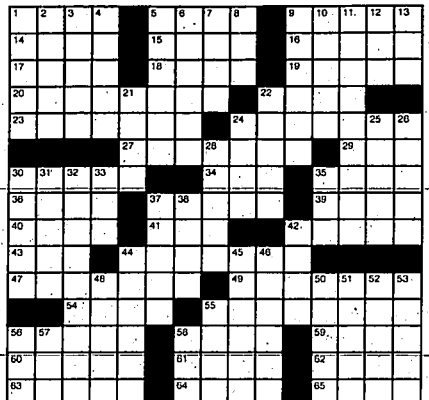
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18 Jim
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24 Skilled operator
27 With little skill
29 Mineral spring
30 Buy time
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35 Hurt badly
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37 Keep clear of
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40 Raw minerals
41 Loud clamor
42 Church parts
43 Horse morsel
44 Wages when ailing
47 High school subject
49 Free of pathogens
54 For fear that
55 Talk out of
56 Happening
58 Conceal
59 Like a waffer
60 Person's home
61 Flightless Australian birds
62 Binge
63 Guide
64 Agis.
65 Tennis match units
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1 Puts in order
2 Durne or Ryan
3 Noisy confused fight
4 Market figures
5 Scattered untidily
6 Husky-voiced



Monday's Puzzle Solved

Grid containing the solved crossword puzzle answers, including words like 'DELTA', 'OROS', 'TARIO', 'ELSPAD', 'ACT', 'TRIO', 'SEED', 'DOPE', 'PEAR', 'NINETY-TWO', 'ETHOS', 'CRY', 'DAMES', 'MORROW', 'YAWLS', 'NUM', 'DEBT', 'ESTIMATE', 'FAEL', 'GREEN', 'SIERRA', 'PENNIES', 'ROSEVOLT', 'PRINTERS', 'AGING', 'THAT GIRL'.

7/18/06

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four entry words. Includes jumbles: OMSKY, TEAHB, CAGNEY, YEKTUR.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

What scrambled word game by Hoyt Arnold and Mike Anglin. Includes a cartoon of a man and the text: 'Ah! This is the life', 'THE LOCKSMITH'S FAVORITE VACATION SPOT'.

Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: PAVEE DITTO OUTLET vision the test - HAILED IT

Miscellaneous For Sale. Includes: SEWING MACHINE Portable, STAIRSTEPPER, SWIMMING POOL, TANNING BED, TV Akai theater, WOOD STOVE, Doublets air compressor.

821 Variety Foods And Services

APRICOTS 20c/bt. U-pick, 30c/lb. Dream Acres 733-0127. U-PICK KELLEY catches, apricots & peaches at Kelley Orchard.

822 Wanted To Buy

WANTED Old gas pumps or gas station items. WANTED Old Idaho National Guard and National Guard unit patches. WANTED TO BUY 2002-2004 Chevy Equinox.

823 Medical Supplies

RECLINER Electric Asst. recliner, 1 year warranty, \$600. (2) wheeled walkers, good condition, \$75. ea.

824 Guns & Rifles

Glock Model 20 10mm, \$400. SA&W Chief Special. 38 S&W, \$275. Marlin 7000 Competition 22 rifle.

825 Garage Sales

BURLEY Home Estate Sale July 20* - 21* 9-6. YAMAHA '02 DRZ400 like new with lots of extras.

TWIN FALLS Saturday only 7-12. NEARLY new baby clothes and other items. WEWELLD Household Sale. DUNE BUGGIES New. HARLEY DAVIDSON. HONDA '85 Outrigger. KAWASAKI '90 KLT. POLARIS '91, 250 Trailblazer. POLARIS '99-00 Magnum 4WD. YAMAHA '01 Raptor. YAMAHA '99 Kodiak. YAMAHA '99 Blaster. BMW '85 R65. HARLEY DAVIDSON. HARLEY DAVIDSON. SEA SWIRL '88 vintage. SKI BOAT 16 foot. SKI CENTURION '88. SKIFISHING boat. TRACKER '85 16' boat. KAWASAKI '03 Ninja. KAWASAKI '02 ZRS. KAWASAKI '04 KDX. KAWASAKI '87 XT250. KAWASAKI KZ750. WALL TENT. Garage Sales.

SPRINTER '04 30 ft. new cond. pull van. FREE 8 foot camper. LANCE camper 10.9 feet. SHELL Fish Toyota. SHELL Ford Super Duty. ALUMINUM 12 ft fishing boat. BLUE STAR 12' all aluminum. MONARCH '99 19 ft. aluminum boat. MOTOR '88 Bepi. SEA DOO '04. SKI BOAT 16 foot. SKI CENTURION '88. SKIFISHING boat. TRACKER '85 16' boat. CARRIAGE '96 Carli. JAYCO '83 24 ft. KIT '00 Espire '97. KIT '02 Extreme 28 ft. ROAD RANGER '92. ROADRUNNER '77. SIERRA '97 30' wheel, large slide.

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking."
— Alfred Korzybski

On today's deal North had enough for a strong jump shift, but when South rebid his suit, North simply raised to game to show he was minimum for his previous action. (A cue-bid of four diamonds, agreeing spades, might have been a reasonable alternative.) South was tempted to go on because of the partial club fit, but eventually decided to call it a day.

West led the diamond king and switched to a low heart to East's king and South's ace. In four spades, all declarer has to do to make 12 tricks is guess trumps. If he were in slam, the play in spades would be a straight guess. The odds slightly favor playing for the drop.

In four spades, though, if declarer loses a trump trick to East, he will be in danger of going down in game. For example, if declarer plays off ace and king of spades and then starts on the clubs, East will win and play another tenor. West takes the queen and 10.

So in four spades, after declarer wins the heart shift, he should play a spade to the ace and a spade back to his jack. When West shows out, he draws East's last trump and claims 12 tricks. If West had won the spade queen, he would have been able to cash only one heart trick.

The rule "eight ever, nine never" suggests that when you have eight cards missing the queen, you should finesse, but that when you have nine, you should play for the drop. Today's hand demonstrates that slogans do not replace the need to think.

NORTH 07-18-A
 ♠ A952
 ♥ 762
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A K J 7 2

WEST 8
 ♠ Q 10 5 3
 ♥ A K 9 6
 ♦ 10 8 6 4

EAST Q 10 4
 ♥ K 9 8
 ♦ J 8 7 5 4 2
 ♣ 9

SOUTH 07-18-B
 ♠ K J 7 6 3
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ Q 5 3

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♣ Pass 3♠ Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES 07-18-B

South holds:
 ♠ A952
 ♥ 762
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A K J 7 2

South West North East
 1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
 1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass

ANSWER: This auction suggests your partner has invitational values with a six-card suit, so pass and hope he can make his contract. If your partner wanted to force to game, he could have bid the fourth suit before repeating his diamonds.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@midnightpoker.com
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SUZUKI '01 Grand, Valtara, low miles, 3 seats, loaded, very sharp, \$11,875. 324-0069

ACURA '94 Integra, 5 speed, AC, good cond., sun roof, great runner, \$1,895. Call 208-731-1009

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Sudoku Answers:

4	2	7	5	6	3	1	9	8
8	9	3	2	1	7	4	6	5
5	1	6	4	8	4	7	3	2
6	7	2	9	8	4	1	3	5
9	3	8	6	7	5	2	1	4
1	5	4	9	3	2	8	7	6
3	6	9	1	8	4	5	2	7
2	4	1	7	5	9	6	8	3
7	8	5	3	2	6	9	4	1

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Business Editor: Sandy
Miller, 735-3284

MONEY

Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	10,747.36
Nasdaq Composite	2,897.72
Standard & Poor's 500	1,234.49
Russell 2000	877.89

Stocks of local interest

Con Agra	22.03	▲	12
Idacorp	34.67	▼	17
Micron	14.21	▼	19

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Commodities

Oil, by barrel	75.30	▼	1.73
Gold	650.60	▼	16

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People needed for advisory board

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Building Department has four openings on its advisory board.

The board is looking for a residential contractor, an engineer, an architect and another person who works in any construction-related field.

Interested parties should submit a letter stating their reasons for wanting to be on the board and their qualifications. Letters, addressing the City Council, should be submitted to: Building Official Marianne Barker, City of Twin Falls, 345 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Letters could also be e-mailed to mbarker@tffid.org. For more information, call Barker at 735-7238.

Smart Women Grants offered through Aug. 4

TWIN FALLS — The Zions Bank Women's Financial Group has "extended its deadline through Aug. 4 to accept applications for micro-grants for women in Idaho and Utah.

Called "Smart Women Grants," the awards will be provided to women candidates who excel in a variety of categories: Small business start-up and expansion; community development; continuing education and teacher support; child and elder care; health and human services; and arts and culture.

The maximum amount of each award is \$3,000, totaling \$20,000 for the program. Applications are available online at www.smart-women.zionsbank.com or by calling 801-594-8245.

Grants to extend broadband connectivity

TWIN FALLS — Governor Jim Risch on Friday awarded more than \$4.9 million to Qwest, Verizon, First Step Internet and Speedy-Quick Networks for extending broadband access to rural communities.

Qwest will match almost \$3.8 million to serve potential subscribers in 55 communities throughout Idaho, including a number of communities in the Magic Valley, including Bliss, Burley, Buhl, Castleford, Coaly, Eden, Hazelton, Glens Ferry, Gooding, Hailey, Hagerman, Jerome, Kimberly, Ketchum, Murtaugh, Shoshone and Wendell.

Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger B. Madsen applauded the commitment of the governor and Legislature to economic development and the authorization last session of \$5 million in grants of up to \$1 million per project to extend broadband to rural areas. Each grant must be matched in cash by the recipient.

— compiled from staff and news reports

Boise rated 8th best place to live by Money

The Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Money magazine announced Monday that Fort Collins is the "best place to live" in America for 2006, citing its natural setting, vibrant downtown and the presence of Colorado State University.

The magazine said the city 60 miles north of Denver isn't far from Rocky Mountain National Park also outpaced other places in "ease-of-living" measures such as commute times and recreation.

The monthly magazine's August edition ranks Fort Collins No. 1 among 745 places with populations greater than 50,000.

Naperville, Ill. was second on the list, followed by Sugar Land, Texas, Columbia/Elliott City, Md., Cary, N.C., Overland Park, Kan., Scottsdale, Ariz., Boise, Idaho, Fairfield, Conn., and Edler Prairie, Minn.

The magazine gave high marks to Boise's low unemployment, vibrant downtown and easy access to outdoor sports with its 2,700 acres of green

space and trails. Money downgraded Idaho's capital city for rising property taxes and unsightly urban sprawl.

Unemployment in Boise, population 193,000, is just 3.1 percent. The magazine noted while Boise can feel isolated, a recently renovated airport provides easy access to major western cities although choices for eastbound flights are more limited.

Cities are ranked on a series of factors, including cost of living, employment markets, median income, property taxes

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and housing prices. Crime, congestion, public schools and climate also go into the mix.

The annual "best places to live" feature has appeared in Money for many years. Last year the magazine focused on prime suburban areas, and the rankings and associated data available online proved so popular that editors decided to expand

to small cities.

The goal was to highlight communities with fewer than 300,000 residents that are not dependent on metropolitan areas for jobs, art and entertainment venues and recreation, executive editor Craig Matters said.

National attention doesn't necessarily attract more people or businesses to those communities, Matters said.

"We are not a leading indicator, we are following," he said. "People already know these are great places to live."

Stocks are little changed as Middle East conflict continues

By Michael J. Martinez
Associated press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street limped to a mixed finish Monday as uncertainty over the situation in the Middle East and a disappointing earnings report from Citigroup gave traders little impetus to buy after last week's selloff.

With violence in Israel and Lebanon continuing into a sixth day and no resolution in sight, the markets remained wary despite a sharp drop in oil prices. A barrel of light crude settled at \$75.30, down \$1.73, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"Unfortunately, right now this conflict in the Middle East is the elephant in the room, and nothing's going to happen until there's a little more clarity there," said Jack Ablin, chief investor adviser at Harris Private Bank. "This is probably a market best viewed from the sidelines."

The U.S. economy continued to show strength, with industrial production rising 0.8 percent in June, according to the Federal Reserve, far better than the 0.4 percent economists expected. That encouraged investors who had feared the economy would have trouble withstanding high energy prices and higher interest rates.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones Industrial average rose 0.61, or 0.07 percent, to 10,747.36. The Dow slid 3.17 percent last week. Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.71, or 0.14 percent, to 1,234.49, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 0.37, or 0.02 percent, to 2,897.72.

While the Fed's overall production data was strong, a report by the New York Federal Reserve showed slower-than-expected manufacturing growth in New York state. The Empire State Index fell to 15.6 in July from 29 in June. Economists expected the index to fall to 20.

The conflicting manufacturing reports did little for the



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bond market, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note steady at 5.07 percent from late Friday. The dollar made gains against most major currencies, and gold prices also climbed.

The mix of news and mediocre earnings led to lethargic trading, especially with the consumer price index

and producer price index — two key measures of inflation — due later in the week along with congressional testimony from Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke Wednesday and a slew of major earnings reports.

"There's not much news out today that's really going to push the markets either way, so you're seeing this choppy tape

right now," said equity trader Brian Williamson of the Boston Company Asset Management. "You got 80 percent of the S&P 500 reporting over the next four weeks, so the scale's not ready to be tipped either way yet."

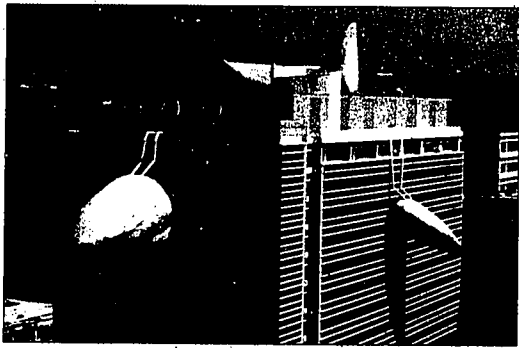
Declining issues outnumbered advances by nearly 9 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came

to 1.49 billion shares, compared with 1.72 billion traded Friday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was down 3.55, or 0.52 percent, at 677.89.

Overseas, concerns over the Middle East and North Korea's nuclear program sent Japan's Nikkei stock average tumbling 1.67 percent.

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Study: Sugar ethanol has potential for U.S.

By Scott Kraus
Special to the Times-News

Sugar ethanol

TWIN FALLS — Making ethanol from sugar and sugar-producing plants, rather than the traditional corn, has potential to be economical in the United States, according to a new federal report. But it's, at best, barely economical.

Turning sugar beets and sugar cane into ethanol would make money at current ethanol spot prices, which hit \$4 a gallon in some places. And it would break even over the next several months, excluding capital replacement costs, the July report says.

But over the long term, moderating ethanol prices due to greater supplies and lower gas prices could drop returns below

break-even to use beets and cane for ethanol. The study estimates the cost of converting sugar cane into ethanol at about \$2.40 a gallon. And it puts the cost of converting sugar beets into ethanol at about \$2.35 a gallon. Both estimates assume beet and cane prices from 2003-2004.

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But raw and refined sugar have higher values and using them for ethanol more readily becomes uneconomical.

Turning raw sugar into ethanol would cost \$3.48 a gallon. And converting refined sugar into ethanol would run \$3.97 a gallon, the study estimates.

"Given the market prices of raw cane sugar, and wholesale refined beet sugar in the United States, use of raw or refined sugar would be very costly to convert into ethanol," the report stated.

The report found that molasses, which is a byproduct of processing both sugar cane and sugar beets, was the most competitive with corn for creation of ethanol. It estimates the cost of turning molasses into ethanol at \$1.27 per gallon.

It concludes that using molasses is economical. But the challenge is to have a large-enough supply of molasses at a given location to make it a byproduct of production.

Looking further into the future, the cellulose conversion of biomass into ethanol could reduce the cost of converting sugar cane into ethanol. But challenges would include developing high-tonnage varieties of sugar cane, as well as processing cellulose economically on a commercial scale.

The study was done by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, the Office of the Chief Economist and Louisiana State University.

"We see it as showing there is a potential for sugar to play a role in future U.S. ethanol needs," said Jack Rooney, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va. The group represents the sugar-production industry.

But he says it would require government programs to kick off and sustain the ethanol conversion efforts until they become economical over the long term for the sugar industry.

Further, producers want to ensure an ethanol program complements the existing U.S. sugar program, which regulates sugar sales to ensure adequate returns to producers. They don't want an ethanol effort to replace the current sugar program, Rooney said.

Larry C. Riddick, a co-chairman of the U.S. Senate Sweetener Caucus, said he believes the country should continue to look at ways to make sugar ethanol more competitive, spokesman Sid Smith said.

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WORLD

Westerners flee Lebanon as attacks continue

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Westerners fled by land, sea and air Monday as Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon and Hamas militants knocked down a three-story house in northern Israel. However, there were signs of movement on the diplomatic front to end the fighting in 24 years.

The exodus of tourists left downtown Beirut eerily silent, with the shutters down on fancy stores and restaurants in a stark reminder of the country's 1982 civil war. Israeli military officials said an airstrike in Lebanon destroyed at least one long-range Iranian missile capable of hitting Tel Aviv, where swimmers and paddleball players filled the beaches, determined to defy the guerrilla attacks.

By nightfall Monday, 210 Lebanese had been reported killed in the six days of fighting, according to figures provided to The Associated Press by the national police. Nine civilians, including two children, died in an afternoon airstrike on a bridge near the southern port city of Sidon. Lebanese officials said. At least 24 Israelis have been killed.

A cruise ship, the Orient Queen, escorted by a U.S. destroyer was to begin evacuating some of the 25,000 Americans in Lebanon on Tuesday, joining U.S. military helicopters that have ferried about a score of U.S. citizens to a British base on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. More helicopter transfers were planned Tuesday, a U.S. official said.

On the sixth day of its major offensive in Lebanon, Israel was allowing evacuation ships through its blockade of the country. France and Italy moved hundreds of nationals and other Europeans out Monday on a Greek cruise liner.

An Italian ship left earlier with 350 people, and other governments were organizing pullouts by land to Syria.

Diplomatic efforts gained traction with Israel signaling it might scale back its demands. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said fighting would halt only if Hezbollah, a Shiite militia that controls much of south Lebanon, pulls back from the border and releases the two sol-

diers whose capture last week triggered the Israeli offensive. An aide to Olmert indicated the prime minister was ready to compromise on the question of dismantling the Islamic militant group. But the aide said Olmert might oppose a U.N. and British idea of deploying international forces to Lebanon.

The current U.N. force in southern Lebanon has proven

impotent and a larger, stronger force could hamper any future Israeli attacks, should any deal fall apart. Israel wants the Lebanese government to patrol the south.

In an impassioned speech to Israel's parliament, Olmert said the country would have no mercy on Lebanese militants who attack its cities with rockets.

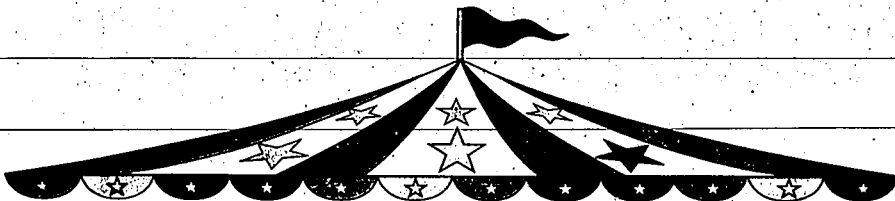
"We shall seek out every

installation, hit every terrorist helping to attack Israeli citizens, destroy all the terrorist infrastructure, in every place. We shall continue this until Hezbollah does the basic and fair things required of it by every civilized person," he said.

Hezbollah's patron Iran, meanwhile, said a cease-fire and prisoner exchange would be acceptable and fair. Israel has ruled out releasing any

prisoners. But Hezbollah dismissed international cease-fire proposals as "Israeli conditions" and accused foreign envoys of allowing Israel time to continue its offensive.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special political adviser emerged from talks with Lebanon's prime minister to say he would present Israel "concrete ideas" to end the fighting.



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Microphone catches Bush's unguarded comments

By Peter Baker
The Washington Post

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — President Bush should know that in Russia, someone is always listening. In this case, it was the rest of the world.

During a lunch with other leaders at the Group of Eight summit on Monday, Bush was caught on a live microphone talking in tough, occasionally profane terms with British Prime Minister Tony Blair about the latest conflict in the Middle East.

"What they need to do is get Syria to get Hezbollah to stop doing this s--- and it's over," Bush says with his mouth full as he buttered a piece of bread.

"Who, Syria?" asked Blair, standing next to the seated Bush.

"Right," Bush said. Within an hour, the remarks were broadcast on television stations, radio stations and Web sites around the world.

The conversation, while consistent with Bush's earlier public remarks, offered a rare glimpse of the president in a less-guarded moment at a major diplomatic event, capturing his style of interaction with one of his closest allies.

"It also punctured the White House line that the leaders all shared the same view of the Middle East, as Bush expressed irritation at Annan, who has sent a three-person team to the region and who is attending the summit as a guest.

What about Kofi? That seemed odd," Bush said, according to transcripts assembled by journalists here. The president seemed miffed at the idea of a ceasefire in which Israel and Hezbollah and Hamas would simultaneously stop violence.

Bush aides have said Hezbollah and Hamas should quit firing rockets and release captive Israeli soldiers first before calling an end to the military strikes in Lebanon and Gaza.

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