



Times-News

Committee: Protect that Idaho wilderness

By Christopher Smith Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The U.S. House Resources Committee Wednesday OK'd a bill designating 492-square miles of federal land in central Idaho as protected wilderness while conveying other public land to the state and local governments.

The measure now will be scheduled for a final vote on the House floor and then must make it through the U.S. Senate before the end of the year when this session of Congress concludes. "I'm pretty confident it will pass the floor of the House," sponsor Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho said. "After that, it

depends on how quickly the Senate moves it." If the measure passes the House, it will go before a Senate subcommittee chaired by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. Craig hasn't taken a position on the bill, but Simpson said he planned to meet with Craig shortly to brief him on the version passed by the committee.

The so-called Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act designates three new federally protected wilderness areas in the rugged mountain peaks of the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests — the Ernest Hemingway-Boulder

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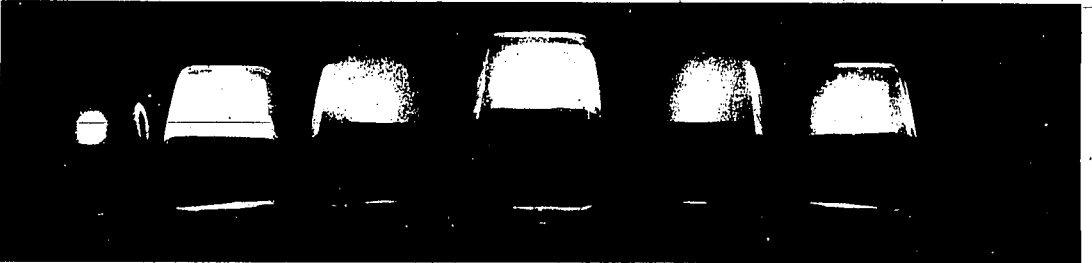
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Officer Wilson

Deputy Adams



These Twin Falls officers have one thing in common: They're ...

FAKE COPS

WATER GOVERNANCE

Counties, cities question ruling

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Go back to the drawing board. That's just what the state may have to do with some of the rules that guide how Idaho officials manage water. It all hinges on the outcome of a district court case that appears to be headed for the Idaho Supreme Court. In the meantime, the state will continue to do business as usual, an Idaho Department of Water Resources employee told members of a water group Wednesday. "We don't have any marching orders today," said Dave Tuhill, administrator with the department. Tuhill gave an update on the water litigation to the Middle Snake Regional Water

NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood struck down the state's rules of conjunctive management that guide how ground and surface water are managed jointly. THE LATEST: An appeal has been filed in the case, leaving in limbo administration of water in Idaho. WHAT'S NEXT: State and various water users' attorneys have until July 28 to ask the court to put a hold on Wood's ruling until the appeal can be heard.

Resource Commission, a regional water board with representatives from six counties. Please see WATER, Page A2

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 2 a.m. Monday, her phone rang. It was Sgt. Hendricks from the Twin Falls County District Police Department. The more Carol Dumas woke up, the more she felt confused. A veteran journalist and employee of Lee Enterprises, the parent company of the Times-News, Dumas knew she'd never heard of the "County District Police Department." And as she learned later, no Sgt. Hendricks works for the city or the county. There is, however, a Detective Hendrickson. But Hendrickson, like every policeman in the city, gets his paycheck from the city. Tracking down an employee at the County District Police Department? Good luck. There's no such thing. Police have not yet identified a suspect or determined a motive for the call. When the report gets filed, "Sgt. Hendricks" will join Officer Wilson and Deputy Adams on Twin Falls' list of imposters. Their motivations vary. Some appear to have been extorting themselves. One used it to gain restricted access and at least one used it to warn an ex-girlfriend to "watch her back."

Impersonating an officer is a felony and can carry a punishment of up to five years in prison.

Teenage prankster

"Blaine County, here with one," a male voice said into the call box outside the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center. The employee at the detention center who answered the phone expected to meet a Blaine County sheriff's deputy accompanying a young prisoner. What she found on that day in November 2004 was only a teenage boy. Casey Catts, 16, had driven into the jail's secured parking area and parked his vehicle. The moment an employee at the center caught her first glance of Catts, she knew something was wrong. He was not in handcuffs and no officer was attending him. She called the police. Catts said he had come by to visit someone in the jail and say "hi" to the staff. He told the arresting officer the impersonation was intended as a joke. Employees at the jail said Catts could have harmed the staff or helped prisoners escape. Please see FAKES, Page A2

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TWIN FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Some building permits may get more expensive

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Builders may see more than the cost of materials rising this year. The city of Twin Falls is considering changes to building permit fees that would add or modify 11 different building permits. If approved, it would be the first changes to building permit schedules since 1995. Although some changes will lower the cost of permits by setting a flat fee for inspections, other changes will add fees to services that were previously free. "The flat fees are mostly for clarity, and also because flat fees can be more easily managed," said Marianne Barker, building official for the city of Twin Falls. "And the permits are also a way

Proposed permit changes

- Increasing the re-inspection fee from \$42 to \$50.
- A residential demolition fee of \$22.
- A fixed fee of \$42 for all commercial demolition.
- A fixed moving permit fee of \$42.
- A fixed fee of \$50 to install a swimming pool.
- A maximum permit fee of \$100 to install a high-requiring foundation and \$50 for a sign not requiring inspection.
- Charging a \$50 permit to re-work a building.
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STEM CELL RESEARCH

House unable to kill president's first veto

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush, swiftly defying a bipartisan majority in Congress and strong public opinion, cast the first veto of his presidency on Wednesday by blocking an expansion of federal support for embryonic stem cell research that he considers immoral. Within hours of Bush's announcement, a House effort to override the veto fell 51 votes short of the required two-thirds majority, effectively killing the bill for the rest of the year. The vote was 235 for the override and 193 opposed, with 51 Republicans siding against the president. Bush said the veto was not a setback for science but a victory of conscience, as taxpayers should not pay for research that destroys human embryos — even in the service of obtaining stem cells from those embryos to develop potential cures for disease.

Presidential veto

Votes for each president and those overridden by Congress

President	Overridden
NIXON	43
FORD	66
CARTER	31
REAGAN	78
BUSH	44

Veto overridden: CLINTON 38

Presidential veto: G.W. BUSH 0

SOURCE: Congressional Research Service

TOMORROW IN OUTDOORS

Youngsters learn the ethics of the hunt.



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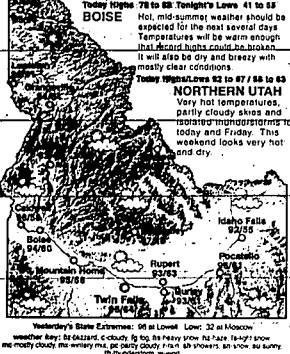
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Tonight: Warm temperatures, clear skies and light winds. Low in the middle 60s.
Tomorrow: Sunny skies and continued hot with a chance of record heat. Highs in the upper 90s.

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Yesterday's Weather

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Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists sunrise and sunset times.

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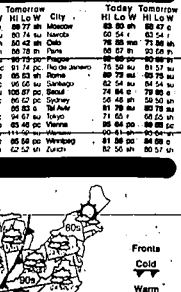
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CITY

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for us to police code compliance.
One of the new fees the Building Department is asking the council to OK is a \$50 fee to re-roof a residential home.

Wild

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Wilderness, the White Clouds Wilderness and the Jerry Peak Wilderness.
It would also add 600 acres protected from development to the existing Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Fakes

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After it was made clear only Catts thought it was a joke, the suspect "asked" to call his lawyer. The teen was booked on a felony charge.
Badge of brotherhood
In February 2002, patrolling Blue Lakes Boulevard in their green Mercury Sable, twin brothers Terry and Jerry Bodily, 35, were having a blast.

Water

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Two accused of plotting against civilian and government targets

By Giovanni DiIorio
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Two men already accused of discussing terror targets with Islamic extremists were indicted Wednesday on charges of undergoing paramilitary training in northwest Georgia and plotting a "violent jihad" against civilian and government targets, including an air base in suburban Atlanta.

The new indictment accuses Syed Ahmed, a 21-year-old Pakistani student who was arrested in March, and Ehsanul Islam Sadeque, 19, of traveling to Washington to film possible targets, including the U.S. Capitol and the headquarters of the World Bank and sharing the recordings with another alleged terrorist based in Great Britain.

Both men are U.S. citizens who grew up in Atlanta area. They previously were accused of traveling to Canada last year to meet with Islamic extremists to discuss strategic locations in the United States suitable

for a terrorist strike, including military bases and oil refineries, according to prosecutors.

U.S. Attorney David E. Nahman called Wednesday's indictment "another important step in this significant terrorism investigation," but stressed that it does not allege, that the two "posed an imminent threat to the United States."

Ahmed was born in Pakistan; Sadeque was born in Virginia and is of Bangladeshi descent. The new indictment says their motivation for planning attacks was "defense of Muslims or retaliation for acts committed against Muslims."

The indictment alleges that the two men received paramilitary training at an undisclosed location in northwest Georgia in late 2004 and early 2005, and discussed plans for various attacks, including one at Dobbin's Air Reserve Base in the Atlanta suburb of Marietta. Ahmed also is accused of traveling to Pakistan in an unsuccessful attempt to train

with Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, or Army of the Righteous, an Islamic extremist group that has been active in India for several years. Two U.S. officials have said last week's train bombings in Bombay matched the methods the group has previously used.

Wednesday's indictment charges both men with providing material support to terrorists, attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and related conspiracy counts. "The Army of the Righteous is the foreign terrorist organization referred to in the indictment."

An attorney for Ahmed, Jack Martin, and one for Sadeque, Douglas Morris, did not immediately return calls Wednesday seeking comment.

Martin has said investigators used Ahmed's devotion to Islam to get him to talk and renege on a promise not to arrest him if he told the truth. A judge is considering a request by Martin to suppress statements Ahmed made to the FBI

or force the government to abide by the alleged agreement not to prosecute him.

An indictment unsealed in April charged Ahmed with suspicion of giving material support of terrorism, and Sadeque with making materially false statements in connection with an ongoing federal terrorism investigation. Prosecutors say the men met with at least three other targets of ongoing FBI terrorism investigations last year during a trip to Canada.

The FBI has said the men may have had limited contact with some of 17 suspects arrested in Canada last month in an alleged plot to bomb buildings in that country, but Nahman on Wednesday declined to comment on whether Ahmed and Sadeque met up with those suspects.

The U.S. attorney also would not say whether the two had been in contact with any alleged al-Qaida operatives, or whether they were involved in the 13-page indictment, citing national security reasons.

Investigators inspect cruise ship that rolled

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press writer

PORT CANAVERAL, Fla. — Federal investigators examined a new cruise ship Wednesday to try to determine why the 951-foot vessel suddenly rolled to one side, seriously injuring 20 people in a scene that looked like something out of the movie on that night's bill, "Titanic."

The Coast Guard also questioned why authorities first learned of the trouble not from the captain, but from the mother of a passenger who had called her from the ship.

The Crown Princess rolled 16 degrees to its right Tuesday afternoon about 1 1/2 miles off Port Canaveral, throwing passengers, TV sets and other objects across the deck and walls. The ship slowly came back up after 30 to 40 seconds, by passengers' estimate, then returned to port.

The crew reported a steering problem aboard the 113,000-ton vessel, which was christened only last month. The ship was sailing through calm seas, and there was no indication that a rogue wave or foul

play contributed to the roll, officials said.

The Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board began an investigation. "I will look at weather, but I will look at mechanical issues," Coast Guard Commander James McLaughlin said.

As passengers headed buses for the airport Wednesday, many recounted the terrifying scene. Some sobbed and clutched loved ones.

"Another 20 degrees and I would have been in the water," said Alfred Caproni, of North Adams, Mass., who was on his balcony on the ninth deck. "All the water in the pools was coming right over the edge. It was like Niagara Falls. There were dozens of people with bleeding noses."

Gerald Brock, a surgeon from Ontario, Canada, said he helped ship doctors treat dozens of passengers, with such injuries as broken bones, dislocated joints, short of breath and chest pains.

Tuesday night's movie aboard the ship was supposed to be "Titanic," according to several passengers.

Study finds good results from Alzheimer's drug patch

By Jamie Talan
Newswatch

A patch that delivers Alzheimer's medicine may reduce gastrointestinal side effects and simplify drug-taking for patients and their caregivers.

Swedish investigators discussed a new study on the effectiveness and safety of the patch at an international meeting in Madrid, Spain, this week sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

"It may be a good alternative," said Dr. Giselle Wolf-Klein, chief of geriatrics at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, commenting on the research in a phone interview on Long Island, N.Y. "But it will require

care and supervision as some patients may try to remove it."

Delivering medicines through a skin patch, bypassing the stomach and intestinal tract, may protect patients from gastrointestinal side effects sometimes seen in oral medicines.

The patch was tested by Dr. Bengt Winblad, a professor of geriatric medicine at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, in a study sponsored by Novartis, makers of the oral Alzheimer's medicine called Exelon. The patch study involved 1,200 patients from many countries, including the United States.

To test whether the patch would work, they gave each patient a patch and a capsule

daily. Patients would receive either a small or large dose of medication via the patch, or an oral dose or a placebo. At one year, cognitive tests were performed and caregivers and doctors were asked about clinical changes.

Patients on the small and large dose patches did as well as patients on the oral dose, but those on the small dose had a third of the side effects, which include nausea and vomiting.

"This is a real step forward," Winblad said. If European and U.S. drug regulators approve its use, the patch could be available by next year. The medicine increases concentrations of a brain chemical called acetylcholine, which is depleted by

the disease. Acetylcholine is intimately involved in learning and memory.

While there are fewer than half a dozen federally approved drugs for Alzheimer's, there are hundreds of experimental medicines in various phases of

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NATION

Investigators say Chicago police tortured scores of black suspects

By Don Bahns
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Chicago police beat, kicked, shocked or otherwise tortured scores of black suspects in the 1970s and 1980s to try to extract confessions from them, prosecutors reported Wednesday.

However, the prosecutors — appointed by a Cook County judge four years ago to look into torture allegations — said that the cases are too old or too weak to prosecute anyone now.

Prosecutors Robert D. Boyle and Edward Egan said they found evidence that police abused at least half the 148 suspects whose cases were reviewed. Nearly all of the suspects were black.

Among other things, the suspects claimed that police beat them, played mock Russian roulette, administered electric shocks with a cattle prod-like device and a crank-operated "black box," and three typewriter covers over their heads to make them gasp for air.

The investigators were not able to substantiate all of the allegations, but made it clear they believed many of the claims, including the use of the black box on at least one man, and said that in the majority of cases, suspects were beaten with fists, feet or telephone hooks.

Boyle and Egan said that in only three cases involving a total of five former officers was there enough evidence to prosecute, but the three-year statute of limitations has run out.

"We only wish that we could indict on these three cases," Boyle said, after a \$6.1 million investigation that involved more than 33,300 documents, the issuance of 217 grand jury subpoenas and interviews of more than 700 people.

Among those five officers was Jon Burge, a lieutenant who commanded a violent-crimes unit and the so-called "midnight crew" that allegedly participated in most of the alleged torture.

Neither Burge nor anyone



Anthony Porter, who served more than 18 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of murder in 1982 demonstrations during a press conference Wednesday in Chicago, Iowa, he says, Chicago police placed a plastic bag over his head during interrogation.

else has ever been charged, but Burge was fired in 1991 after a police board found that a murder suspect was abused while in custody. Burge's attorney has said that Burge never tortured anyone.

In their 300-page report, the prosecutors accused then-police Superintendent Richard Brzezczek of dereliction of duty and said he and a former top official at the Cook County State's Attorney's office, William Kunkle, failed to pursue an investigation into allegations of torture.

"They can blame me for whatever they want to blame me for," Brzezczek said. "I know what I did was correct. It was not dereliction of duty."

Kunkle, now a Cook County circuit judge, was unavailable for comment, his staff said. Mayor Richard M. Daley was the state's attorney during part of the period investigated, but Boyle dismissed any notion that Daley knew about the torture. Daley delegated responsibilities to other people in his office, and his only mistake was "perhaps relying on the judgment of others," Boyle said.

The Daley administration had no immediate comment. The report goes into graphic detail about the torture of Andrew Wilson, the convicted murderer of two Chicago

police officers. Wilson said that he was beaten and kicked during his interrogation, and that officers put a plastic bag over his head and burned his arm with a cigarette.

Then, he said, an officer pulled from a grocery bag a black box that had a crank on it. He said alligator clips were attached to his left ear and left nostril and he received a shock when an officer cranked the box. Burge, he said, also cranked the box to shock him and then put a gun in Wilson's mouth and clicked it.

The report said no black box was ever recovered. But the report makes it clear that there is ample evidence — including burn marks on Wilson's nostril and ear — that such a device was used.

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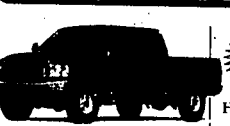
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House passes bill shielding Pledge from federal court rulings

By Ian Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House, citing the nation's religious origins, voted Wednesday to protect the Pledge of Allegiance from federal judges who might try to stop schoolchildren and others from reciting it because of the phrase "under God."

The legislation, a priority of social conservatives, passed 260-167. It now goes to the Senate where its future is uncertain.

"We should not and cannot rewrite history to ignore our spiritual heritage," said Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., who introduced it. It cries out for our country to honor God."

Opponents said the legislation, which would bar federal courts from ruling on the constitutional validity of the

pledge, would undercut judicial independence and would deny access to federal courts to religious minorities seeking to defend their rights.

"We are making an all-out assault on the Constitution of the United States which, thank God, will fail," said Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. The pledge bill would deny jurisdiction to federal courts, and appellate jurisdiction to the Supreme Court, to decide

questions pertaining to the interpretation or constitutionality of the pledge. State courts could still decide whether the pledge is valid within the state.

The legislation grew out of a 2002 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the pledge is unconstitutional when recited in public schools.

The Supreme Court in 2004 reversed that decision on a technicality, saying

Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow did not have legal standing to sue on behalf of his daughter because the mother had custody of the child. — Newdow has since renewed the case and last year a U.S. District Judge ruled in his favor.

Newdow, an attorney and medical doctor, said in an interview that he hoped the bill would pass to expose the aims of its supporters.

"They're willing to ruin this country so they can keep their God in our country. I love the fact that they are having a vote." He said he expected a final ruling in his case in about a year.

Supporters argued that the "under God" phrase, added to the pledge in 1954, was intrinsic to the nation's heritage and traditions and must be shielded from unelected judges. "This is an issue that clearly

resonates to what we are about as a country," said House Republican Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., who sponsored the measure, said that denying a child the right to recite the pledge was a form of censorship.

Violent storms across Northeast kill 2; thousands have no power

By Janet Franks
Associated Press writer

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Thousands remained without power Wednesday following a night of violent storms across the Northeast that left two people dead, sparked a massive fire and shut down some rail service.

The buzz of chain saws echoed across the region as residents cleaned up tree limbs that blocked roads and crashed through homes.

Laura Sammarco, 74, said she was sitting in her Montclair home Tuesday night "when hell broke loose." Two big trees fell near her brick home, breaking windows. Branches and wires littered her front lawn.

"I heard all this crackling, and the lights went out," she said. "It was very, very eerie and very scary."

In southeast Pennsylvania, a woman was killed Tuesday night in Caln Township when a tree fell on her, while another woman was killed in South Coatesville when a tree fell on her car.

In northeastern Vermont, about a dozen people at a Buddhist retreat near Barnet were injured when a severe thunderstorm knocked down trees and power lines, officials said. Power was restored to most of the region Wednesday. In Providence, R.I., a 600-foot tanker was unloading gasoline when lightning struck nearby and set off a fire on the dock. The boat was able to pull away safely. Lightning flashed overhead as firefighters poured water onto the flames. No injuries were reported.

Elsewhere, power was restored to tens of thousands of homes and businesses, but thousands more could be left in the dark until the weekend, utility officials said Wednesday.

In New York's Westchester County, Consolidated Edison power company spokeswoman Sandy Miller described damage from trees as "tremendous."

"We're going to be rebuilding electrical systems on some streets," she said. The storms ended a heat wave that had kept the region sweeter for several days.

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Mayors' concerns come late for Friedman Airport

Officials overseeing the transition of Friedman Memorial Airport thought they were cleared for takeoff, but two local leaders want to apply the brakes.

Sun Valley Mayor Jon Thorsen and Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall have requested the Federal Aviation Administration to delay a proposal to move the airport, which is in Halley but slated to move to southern Blaine County.

The letter has set off a small controversy between the two mayors, who cite a negative impact on the local economy, tourism, real estate, and even services, and other officials who say Friedman has to be moved for safety reasons.

They're basically right, and in spite of the concerns raised by the two mayors, the effort to transplant the bustling airport farther south is already in motion.

Friedman Airport Manager Rick Baird has shrugged off the mayors' request as more of an economic forewarning rather than a safety concern. On the issue of safety and traffic, Baird and the three Blaine County commissioners put more stock into the studies going back 10 years that say Friedman cannot handle expanding traffic.

Those long discussions led to last October's decision picking land below Timmerman Hill, just above the Lincoln-Blaine county border, for the new airport. An environmental and economic impact study is planned for next year on that site.

But moving the airport has always spooked tourism officials. (Sun Valley General Manager Wally Huffman and other leaders raised concerns

about the transition last year.) Now Thorsen is saying a countywide vote should be held to see if Blaine County residents want the airport to stay in Halley.

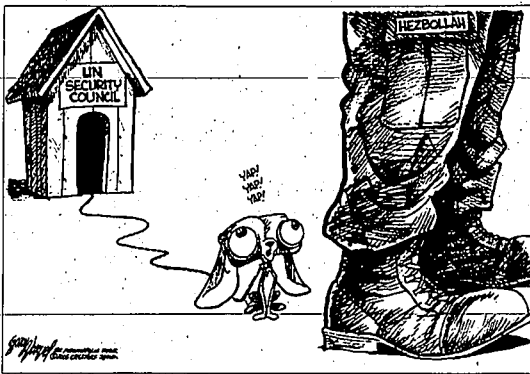
Normally, a public vote makes all the sense in the world—if the voting population knows what's really at stake. In this case, it would spring a load of traps.

Give all property owners in Blaine County the chance to vote and it raises the question of real local interest. Would the jet-set really be concerned for public safety, or having a shorter drive to the vacation home? A vote and its delays could also jeopardize, or at least impede, the study and funding dedicated to the new airport planning. The environmental impact study is expected to last three years; the FAA has also dedicated \$50 million for design and construction, but more money will definitely be necessary.

But most of all, it's questionable if John and Jane Q. Citizen should be the ones to decide how a new airport is constructed. Friedman's laws require a high level of expertise and analysis. Officials have long worried about Friedman's tight geographical location. In bad weather with high winds, pilots fly with disaster. The facility is unable to handle the surging traffic and larger planes waiting to come into the Wood River Valley.

The mayors' economic worries are valid, but they've come late to the table with these issues which have been fully discussed at length. At this stage, Blaine County and Friedman Airport officials have every reason to press on with their transition efforts. Local leaders should jump on for the flight.

Our view: Safety concerns are still the best reason to move Friedman Airport. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Time to rid Lebanon of Hezbollah's curse

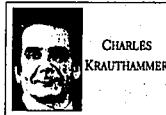
There is crisis and there is opportunity. Amid the general winking of hands over the seemingly endless and escalating Israel-Hezbollah fighting, everyone asks: Where will it end? The answer, blindingly clear, begins with understanding that this crisis represents a rare, perhaps irreproducible, opportunity.

Every important party in the region and in the world, except the radical Islamists in Tehran and their clients in Damascus, wants Hezbollah disarmed and removed from south Lebanon so that it is no longer able to destabilize the peace of both Lebanon and the broader Middle East. Which parties? Start with the great powers. In September 2004, they passed U.N. Security Council Resolution 1559, demanding that Hezbollah disarm and allow the Lebanese army to take back control of south Lebanon.

The resolution enjoyed the sponsorship of the United States and, yes, France. As the former mandatory power in Lebanon, France was important in helping the Lebanese expel Syria during last year's Cedar Revolution, but it understands that Lebanon's independence and security are forfeit so long as Hezbollah—a lawless, terrorist, private militia answering to Syria and Iran—occupies south Lebanon as a rogue mini-state.

Then there are the Arabs, beginning with the Lebanese who want Hezbollah out. The Muslim Brotherhood, Christian, Druze, Sunni Muslim and secular—bitterly resent their country being hijacked by Hezbollah and turned into a war zone. And in the name of what Lebanese interest?

Israel evacuated every square inch of Lebanon six years ago. The other Arabs have spoken, too. In a stunning devel-



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

opment, the 22-member Arab League criticized Hezbollah for provoking the current crisis. It is unprecedented for the Arab League to criticize any Arab party while it is actively engaged in hostilities with Israel. But the Arab states know that Hezbollah, a Shiite militia in the service of Persian Iran, is a threat not just to Lebanon but to them as well. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan have openly criticized Hezbollah for starting a war on what is essentially Iran's timetable to distract attention from Iran's pending referral to the Security Council for sanctions over its nuclear program. They are far more worried about Iran and its proxies than about Israel. They are therefore eager to see Hezbollah disarmed and defanged.

Fine. Everyone agrees it must be done. But who is to do it? No one. The Lebanese are too weak. The Europeans don't invade anyone. After its bitter experience of 20 years ago, the U.S. has a Lebanon allergy. And Israel could not act out of the blue because it would immediately have been branded the aggressor and forced to retreat.

Hence the golden, unprecedented opportunity. Hezbollah makes a fatal mistake. It crosses the U.N.-delineated international frontier to attack Israel, kill soldiers and take hostages. This cross-border aggression is so naked that even Russia joins the G-8 summit communique blaming Hezbollah for the violence and calling for the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty in the south. But only one country has

the capacity to do the job. That is Israel, now recognized by the world as forced into this fight by Hezbollah's aggression.

The road to a solution is therefore clear: Israel liberates south Lebanon and gives it back to the Lebanese. It starts by preparing the ground with air power, just as the Gulf War began with a 40-day air campaign. But if all that happens is the air campaign, the result will be failure. Hezbollah will remain in place, Israel will remain under the gun, Lebanon will remain divided and unfree.

And this war will start again at a time of Hezbollah and Iran's choosing, just as in Kuwait 1991; what must follow is the air campaign is a land invasion to clear the ground and expel the occupier. Israel must make south Lebanon and expel Hezbollah. It would then declare the obvious: that it has no claim to Lebanese territory and is prepared to withdraw and hand south Lebanon over to the Lebanese army (augmented perhaps by an international force), thus finally bringing about what the world has demanded—implementation of Resolution 1559 and restoration of south Lebanon to Lebanese sovereignty.

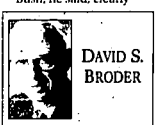
Only two questions remain: Israel's will and America's wisdom. Does Prime Minister Ehud Olmert have the courage to do what is so obviously necessary? And will Secretary of State Rice's upcoming peace trip to the Middle East force a premature cease-fire that spurs her the humiliation of coming home empty-handed but prevents precisely the kind of decisive military outcome that would secure the interests of Israel, Lebanon, the moderate Arabs and the West?

Readers can send e-mail to Charles Krauthammer at letters@charleskrauthammer.com

Congress awakens to Bush's actions

Forgive me, please, for not writing about the war in the Middle East. It is the most important topic of the day, but I have nothing to add to the lamentations and exhortations that have filled newspaper columns since started last week. And a speech was given in the House of Representatives on July 13 that deserves more attention than the international crisis allowed the press to give to it.

The speaker was Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the exceptionally bright liberal who has long been a respected voice in congressional debates. His subject was the Bush presidency.



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Bush, he said, clearly believes that his legitimacy comes from being elected, though his first victory was hardly an endorsement by the voters of those who went to the polls. The problem, as Frank sees it, is that Bush believes in a "plebiscitary presidency," in which the election makes the president executive the "decider" of national policy, to use one of Bush's favorite terms.

The most striking examples of Bush's expansive view of presidential power come in the national security area. Frank cited Bush's ignoring the congressional mandate that domestic surveillance programs be conducted only under the supervision of a specially appointed court.

Frank also pointed to the after-the-fact offer of a briefing from the Treasury Department on the secret monitoring of terrorists' financial transactions. Treasury offered Frank and others the briefing "as a courtesy" only after it learned that The New York Times and others were about to report on the program. As Frank said, "That sums it up. The process of briefing members of Congress is supposed to be the fulfillment of a congressional mandate for collaboration. It does not come from Miss Manners; it comes from the Constitution."

In domestic affairs, Frank said, the executive's sweeping overreaching in the widespread use of "signing statements," in effect a way for the president to ignore or dismiss sections of laws passed by Congress which he finds objectionable. Bush has also made frequent use of the recess appointment power, to place people in diplomatic or judicial posts who could not be confirmed.

"This could not have happened without the collaboration of a supine Congress," Frank said. "Never in American history has Congress been so willing to give away its constitutional function." Many committees have all but abandoned their traditional oversight role, failing to conduct the investigations or raise the questions that hold the executive branch accountable.

But that is beginning to change, Frank said. He saw "stirrings" of institutional pride among some of his Republican colleagues. And this week the Senate joined the House in passing the stem cell research bill. Bush despite the fact that Bush had said it would provoke his first veto.

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bonanza. TV coverage, controlled and sold by the city (county?) could generate significant money; and it is fun to watch.

JACK SHERRILL Jerome

Tax relief must happen now in Idaho

I recently received my Blaine County property assessment—it went up 60 percent from last year! In the late 1980s, homeowners were given a \$50,000 exemption on their assessment even if the structure and land together had, as an example, a value of \$100,000. That exemption amount hasn't changed over 20 years! Why hasn't the exemption increased along with area property values?

As you saw on your 2006 property assessment, the state Legislature raised this

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exemption by a measly \$25,000 to \$75,000. There was talk to raise that number to \$150,000—but that failed to make it out of committee.

And contrary to several newspaper articles, full disclosure on property sales will not make a dent on your property taxes! It would only assist the assessor in determining the fair market value of your property. The fragmentation of our community's social structure will continue until there is real property tax relief. Longtime homeowners shouldn't have to sell their houses and move south, just because real estate speculators care real estate values and taxes.

Call or e-mail Gov. Jim Risch and tell him you want real tax relief similar to a transfer tax or taxes deferred until the sale of the property. Be heard. Write the paper.

Do it today. Stop the bleeding! MARC LONGLEY Ketchum

Meth mothers are too hard on local police

As I was reading the paper one day, I noticed that in an article about meth that there was a name and phone number for an organization called Mothers Against Meth, so I decided to attend. I was very disappointed with way the meeting was going, so I left before it ended.

Then on July 11, there was an article on how that meeting went. It was not the way I remembered. Yes, there was several law enforcement representatives there from different counties, but I don't remember Pam Green being giddy. What I do remember is how Pam and another woman (I don't remember her name) proceeded to accuse the offi-

cers of not doing their jobs and for things that these women felt that the officers had done that were wrong. The one woman just kept bashing the police the whole time that I was there.

Not once did I see or hear any of the representatives get angry. In fact, they tried to explain what their jobs were and what they were allowed by law to do.

I think the meaning behind this organization was to help the community know about the drug and what we can do to help the police officers.

I will not attend another meeting or support this organization. KATHIE KUDART Flier

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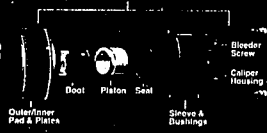
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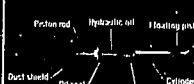
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ISU football player charged with unlawful entry, battery

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — An Idaho State University football player who authorities say entered three apartments and got into the beds of two sleeping women he didn't know, groping one of them, has been charged with three counts of unlawful entry and one count of battery.

Hayden Plocher, 20, of Meridian, pleaded not guilty in fifth District Court July 12, the day of the alleged incidents. He is next scheduled to appear in fifth District Court on Sept. 14 for a pretrial conference.



Paul Bubbs, ISU athletic director, said Plocher has been suspended from the team.

"We're awaiting additional information before we consider or take any additional action," Bubbs told the Idaho State Journal.

Hayden is a running back who joined the football team last fall as a walk-on. He played in four games last season, carrying the ball one time for 3 yards, and making three tackles on special teams.

The charges against Plocher follow an event last fall involving a fight between other football team members and some of the school's basketball team. Six ISU athletes — four football players and two basketball players — were suspended last September for misconduct following that incident. Plocher was not among those suspended at that time.

ISU President Arthur Vallas said he plans to talk to all ISU athletes this fall when they return for classes.

All athletes, students and professors nationwide have to

abide by a code of conduct," Vallas said. "Athletes get a bad name because while most play the right thing, not everything is perfect."

In the most recent event, police reports said Plocher was going from apartment to apartment from about 2 a.m. to 4:30 a.m., knocking on doors and trying to get in. At one apartment a resident confronted the intruder and he left. At least one resident called police and identified Plocher.

Police contacted Plocher's mother, who said her son is diabetic and could be passed out

inside his apartment. But the apartment was unoccupied when police performed a welfare check.

While searching for Plocher, police received a call that he had entered another apartment.

"The victim" stated that the subject began kissing her and grabbed her in several places of her body, which included her chest and crotch area," the police report said.

"He went into the bathroom after the woman confronted him, according to the police report, then entered another room in the apartment and got

in bed with another sleeping woman. That woman also confronted Plocher."

The boyfriend of the first woman arrived and Plocher left, according to police, and entered a third apartment. The occupants of that apartment called police, who arrived and arrested Plocher.

According to the report, Plocher "had been drinking and appeared to be intoxicated."

Plocher told police that he might have been having a diabetic episode because his blood sugar was low, but tests showed it to be in the normal range.



Twin Falls Cowboys players Remington Pullin (12) and Mitchell Dame celebrate a run during a recent game. The Cowboys host the Area C Tournament, beginning Thursday at Skip Walker Field.

It's now or never

Cowboys, Spartans begin battle toward state

By Brad Gule
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's tournament time for Area C, and for the Twin Falls Cowboys Class AA squad, things haven't gone as well as they would like.

In a span of 10 games, Twin Falls won just four. Compared to the 10-3 record prior to the suspension, that's a drop from .857 to .457 (the regular season record of 23-14 includes the forfeited games).

"It was one of the worst weeks we've had," Cowboys head coach Tim Stadelmeier said. "We were missing (Drew) Bernard behind the plate. The whole thing of playing 10 games in seven days ... I think we were a little sluggish."

The biggest problems of last week, according to Stadelmeier, were pitchers throwing more innings than they were used to and failing to capitalize with runners on base.

"We didn't do a good job last week of getting key hits and big hits with runners in scoring position," he said. "We need to finish the job."

Naturally, Twin Falls would like to turn all of that around at the tournament and book a trip to Boise next week — and a little rest earlier this week could have reenergized the boys.

The Cowboys open against Highland — a team that they've swept and been swept by in doubleheaders this season — at 7:30 tonight.

Meanwhile, business is picking up for the Minico Spartans, who grabbed some wins against Twin Falls and others last week.

"I was happy with the last week," Minico head coach Ben Frank said. "Before that we were pretty good except for a two-week stretch where we couldn't hold guys."

That hasn't been the problem of late, with pitchers like Andy Carlisle holding off batters.

The Spartans' first opponent is the Pocatello Rebels, a team that has bested Minico in three of their four meetings this season. But Frank isn't worried.

"It's a decent draw," he said. "It's a team

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2006 American Legion AA Area C Tournament

At Skip Walker Field, Twin Falls

Thursday's games

Game 1: No. 4 Pocatello Rebels vs. No. 5 Minico Spartans, 10 a.m.
Game 2: No. 7 Madison Cats vs. No. 2 Idaho Falls Reds, 1 p.m.
Game 3: Loser 1 vs. Loser 2, 4:30 p.m.
Game 4: No. 3 Twin Falls Cowboys vs. No. 6 Highland Razorbacks, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Championship bracket
Game 5: No. 1 Idaho Falls Rockets vs. Winner 1, 1 p.m.
Game 7: Winner 4 vs. Winner 2, 7:30 p.m.

Loser's bracket

Game 6: Loser 4 vs. Winner 3, 4:30 p.m.
Game 8: Loser 5 vs. Loser 7, 1 p.m.
Game 10: Winner 5 vs. Winner 1, 7:30 p.m. (winner takes No. 1 seed to state)

Saturday's games

Game 9: Loser 6 vs. Winner 8, 4:30 p.m.
Game 11: Loser 10 vs. Winner 9, 2 p.m. (winner takes No. 2 seed to state)

Devastating day:
Landis loses lead,
falls to 11th at Tour

The Associated Press

LA TOUSSAIGRE, France — A day after reclaiming the yellow jersey, Floyd Landis struggled through a disastrous ride Wednesday, falling all the way to 11th place and likely losing any chance to win the Tour de France.

The American began the 16th stage with a lead of 10 seconds; by the end of the day, he was more than 8 minutes behind new leader Cédric Perrotto, who relinquished the jersey to him on Tuesday.

"I suffered from the beginning and I tried to hide it," Landis said. "I don't expect to win the Tour at this point. It's not easy to get back 8 minutes. That was the best I could do."

With one final Alpine stage and a penultimate individual time trial ahead as the biggest tests, Perrotto is now favored to finish first when the three-week race ends Sunday on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Seven riders have worn the leader's yellow jersey this year, just one shy of the record.

"This is a totally crazy race," Perrotto said.

Unnited — by — teammates Wednesday, Landis breathed heavily and was struggling as he ascended La Toussuire under a hot sun.

The Alps, where seven-time champion Lance Armstrong always separated himself from the field, turned out to be the undoing of a former teammate who was hoping to follow in Armstrong's footsteps.

"He had a bad day — he lost lots of time," Perrotto said of Landis. "I'm really sad for him ... He's a friend of mine."



Floyd Landis of the US crosses the finish line to place 23rd in the 16th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Bourg d'Oisans and La Toussuire, French Alps, Wednesday.

Michael Rasmussen, who won the polka-dot jersey for the best climber at last year's Tour, finished in 5 hours, 36 minutes, 4 seconds to win the 113-mile stage that had four climbs — including two so tough they defy classification in cycling's ranking system.

Illes Balears rider Perrotto placed third in the stage behind fellow Spaniard Cayo Sastre — and was followed by several other contenders who moved away from Landis in the last ascent up La Toussuire.

"It was difficult to imagine that things would turn out like this," Perrotto said. "Floyd Landis seemed untouchable, but like everybody, he wasn't immune to collapse."

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What can brown do
for British Open?

The Associated Press

HOVLAKE, England — With a blast of hot wind at his back, Stuart Appleby sent a 6-iron towering into the blue sky over Royal Liverpool and toward the 14th green, squinting in search of a puff of smoke on the ground that would indicate his shot came back to earth.

"Follow the bouncing ball," Appleby said under his breath.

Then, turning to his Australian coach and his New Jersey caddy more out of amazement than frustration, he said, "That ball could wind up 6 feet right of the flag and you have no way to know it until you get there."

"You can only be sure it's not next to the pitch mark," coach Steve Bann said.

"That's because there is no pitch mark," replied Joe Damiano, the caddy.

No one was quite sure what to expect when they arrived at the 135th British Open, which starts Thursday, because it has not been at Royal Liverpool in 39 years. More puzzling than the links, however, are the fastest, firmest and crustiest conditions anyone can

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remember in years.

This is the brown British Open.

A heat wave in Britain — the temperature — reached 91 degrees on Wednesday — has caused the rough to die, leaving wispy strands of native grasses and fairways that are a mixture of yellow and brown.

Yellow is the color of the grass, brown is where the grass has died.

Phil Mickelson usually takes off the day before a major to escape the commotion and play a casual round at a nearby course. He didn't see the point of that this time because "I can't find a course as firm as this."

Someone suggested going to nearby John Lennon Airport, which didn't sound like a bad idea except for one thing:

"I'm pretty sure they won't cut any holes in the runway," Mickelson said.

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SPORTS

Abreu, Phillies slip past Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bobby Abreu hit a two-run double in the sixth inning to add to a sudden shaky Trevor Hoffman, and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the San Diego Padres 5-4 Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Hoffman had two blown saves in his last three chances, plus one in the All-Star game last week.

Padres manager Bruce Bochy came out to get the relief ace after he allowed Abreu's hit to right-center with none out — Hoffman's third blown save in 28 chances.

Bochy also pulled Hoffman (0-2) on Friday night after he blew the save in a game the Atlanta Braves won 15-12 in 11 innings.

Shane Victorino started the winning rally when he was hit on closer Derrek Lee's pop into Hoffman's first pitch, Chase Utley walked and Abreu, who doubled on a 1-2 pitch.

Abreu also had an RBI single in the first.

John Coste hit his first major league homer for the Phillies, who won for just the fifth time in 11 games.

Groff Geary (6-0) pitched 1-1/3 innings for the win and Tom Gordon worked a perfect ninth for his 22nd save.

Josh Bard hit a three-run homer off Phillies starter Ito Loeber, who allowed four runs and seven hits in 62-3 innings.

Giants 7, Brewers 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Jay Durham hit a two-run single off closer Derrick Blevins to help the Giants get the win.

Durham also hit a two-run homer in the fifth. Rookie Eliezer Alfonzo hit a solo home in the eighth for San Francisco and Barry Bonds' pinch-hit single in the ninth started the rally.

Turnbow (4-6) blew his fourth save in his last seven appearances.

Gabe Gross hit a three-run homer. Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and Bill Hall added a solo shot for the Brewers.

Tony Gwynn Jr. had a pinch-hit double in the eighth to help the Giants get the win.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0

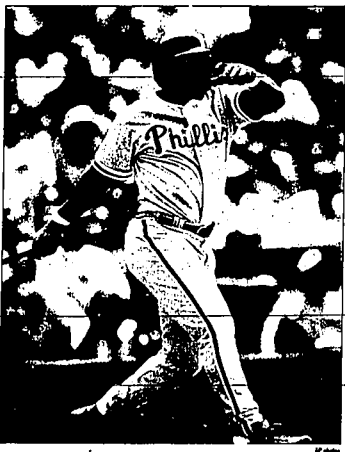
MIAMI — Rookie Anibal Sanchez allowed one hit in seven innings and Cody Ross homered for the Marlins.

Sanchez (3-0) lowered his ERA in four starts this season to 1.45, his best. Homer Clemens in his previous outing and has allowed only three hits in his past 14 innings, all scoreless.

The Nationals' lone hit off Sanchez was a line drive to right-center by Austin Keane leading off the third inning.

Joe Borowski pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Boss produced the only run off Ramon Ortiz (6-9) in the second inning with a two-out home run, his fifth.



Philadelphia Phillies' Bobby Abreu watches his two-run double head toward center field against the San Diego Padres in the ninth inning of their baseball game on Wednesday in San Diego.

Pirates 6, Rockies 5

PITTSBURGH — Joe Rueter drove in three runs and the Pirates beat the Rockies to capture their second consecutive series for only the second time this season.

Rueter, who began the season as the Pirates' starting third baseman but lost his job after going on the disabled list, went 2-for-4 and had five.

Each Duke (7-0) won for the first time in more than a month, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings, walking two and striking out five. He last won June 14 against St. Louis.

Astros 4, Cubs 2

CHICAGO — Roger Clemens outpitched Greg Maddux in a rare matchup of 300-game winners.

Hous on beat the Chicago Cubs. Clemens (2-3) threw six shutout innings to earn his 24rd career victory and move into sole possession of eighth place on the career list. He allowed three hits, walked one and struck out five.

Maddux (7-11) allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings with no walks and three strikeouts.

Craig Hoggie hit the 49th leadoff homer of his career.

American League Red Sox 1, Royals 0

BOSTON — Not since Babe Ruth was pitching for Boston had the Red Sox won a pair of home games like this.

Josh Beckett held punchless Kansas City to four hits over eight innings and Manny

Indians 6, Angels 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ben Broussard hit a two-run homer that snipped John Lackey's scoreless string at 30-2-3 in innings, and Cleveland ended Los Angeles' eight-game winning streak.

Aaron Boone also homered

Twins 7, Devil Rays 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Rondell White hit two home runs to lead the Twins to their sixth straight victory.

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Legion tourney

and Johnny Peralta hit a go-ahead single for Cleveland, which stopped a five-game losing streak. Paul Bryd (7-6) ended the Angels' longest winning streak of the season in his first start against his former team since signing a two-year, \$14 million contract with the Indians in December.

The right-hander allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings. Bob Wickman worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Lackey (8-6) gave up five runs and 10 hits over 4-2-3 innings.

Athletics 5, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE — Barry Zito pitched seven innings of five-hit ball. Frank Thomas homered and drove in three runs.

Cabe and beat Kris Benson and Baldforn.

Milton Bradley and Eric Chavez also connected for the Athletics, who took two of three from the Orioles to improve to 5-2 since the All-Star break. Milton Bradley went 3-for-4 and is 9-for-19 in five games since returning from the disabled list.

Baltimore dropped to 9-23 when the opposition starts a left-hander.

Tigers 5, White Sox 2

DETROIT — Craig Monroe hit Detroit's first grand slam of the season and Jeremy Bonderman allowed two runs over 7-1-3 innings to lead the Tigers to the win.

Detroit beat the defending World Series champions for just the second time in eight games.

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Kevin Millwood earned his 10th win and Gary Matthews Jr. hit a go-ahead double in a four-run seventh inning to help Texas beat Toronto on a troubling night for the Jays.

Designated hitter Shea Hillenbrand refused to sit in the dugout with his Toronto teammates after he was chastised during a team meeting. Hours before, Hillenbrand criticized the organization and said he expects to be traded.

Mariners 3, Yankees 2

NEW YORK — Ichiro Suzuki touched off Seattle's go-ahead rally in the eighth inning with his third hit, and the Mariners snapped a four-game losing streak, defeating New York.

The loss ended a five-game winning streak for the Yankees, who had won nine of 10.

J. Pate got three outs for his 18th save in 21 tries. He blew a ninth-inning chance in the Mariners' previous game — a 5-4 loss in 11 innings to the Yankees that, because of a long rain delay, ended around 12:40 a.m. Wednesday.

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USA men's senior basketball team head coach Mike Krzyzewski, right, talks with player J.J. Redick during practice at the Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Decisions to make: U.S. opens training camp

LAS VEGAS (AP) — LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony battling for one starting forward spot. Amare Stoudemire competing against his NBA teammate Shawn Marion for the other.

will be sent home, they remain part of the national team program through the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Either of those is now possible in the new era of American basketball. While trying to rebuild his country's reputation around the world, Mike Krzyzewski doesn't have time to worry about the one a player has at home. Not even the superstars get special treatment this time.

"I would rather not call it a tryout because no one is going to be cut," Krzyzewski said. "Everybody who's there, even the guys who are injured or have some family matters, are not being cut from the team. They're on the team, we'll just decide a group that we feel is better at this time based on conditioning and the competition that we'll face that will be the best. That's how it will differ."

"We're going to have to make decisions," obviously," Krzyzewski said last week. "But it would be in the best interests of the group and not because of a one-on-one situation with a player. Everybody understands that."

And, the U.S. hopes, so will the results. The Americans managed only a bronze medal in the 2004 Olympics after a sixth-place embarrassment in the 2002 world tour on home soil. They haven't won the world championship since 1954.

That led to the creation of the U.S. national team program. Instead of selecting a team of 12 without regard to how the players fit and hoping they meshed in time, which the Americans have often done since they began using pros in 1992, managing director Jerry Colangelo interviewed candidates and made them commit to being part of the team for three years.

The group he put together is highlighted by James, Anthony and Dwyane Wade. Phoenix forwards Marlon and Stoudemire join Elton Brand, Dwight Howard and Chris Bosh as some frontcourt options, while rookie of the year Chris Paul and Gilbert Arenas are among the tantalizing choices at guard.

There are 24 players on the U.S. roster, though only 18 will be competing for the final 12 spots. Six players won't be available because of injuries or personal reasons, including Kobe Bryant, who pulled out Saturday after having knee surgery.

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Cowboys A split with Marsh Falls

Times-News

AMERICAN FALLS — With a week to go before they host the American Legion A Area C Tournament, the Twin Falls Cowboys seem to be going their own way.

The meeting, according to head coach Devin Kuzs, is to discuss how the Cowboys split a doubleheader on Wednesday, winning Game 1-5-1 before losing Game 2-4-0. "I was disappointed because of the kids' game us," Kuzs said. "I guess they thought Marsh Falls would roll over and die."

Game 1 was yet another last-inning victory, as Twin Falls and Marsh Falls were tied at four runs in the top of the seventh. David Lish singled and stole second before Kevin Rutter hit a home run.

From there, Lish scored on Connor Watkins hit for the 5-4 lead. Starting pitcher Nick Yergensen finished out the game, putting Marsh Falls down 1-2-3 for the win.

The nighttime didn't go as well. Kuzs said that his team left too many runners on base and that they didn't make adjustments at the plate. Jacob Coats picked up the loss.

Coats pitched good enough to win. Kuzs said there were a couple of mental lapses that came back to haunt us.

The Cowboys (26-12, 16-12) lost one last-inning doubleheader before the tournament, facing the Idaho Falls Rockies on Friday at Brann Field. Complete box scores were not available.

Babe Ruth Baseball

Northside wins in state opener

MOSCOW — The Northside 15-year-old Babe Ruth team of Jerome opened its trip to the state tournament with a 9-2 win over Central Idaho. Chris Boss spurred the offense with four RBIs, while Logan Parker pitched five innings for the win.

win. Defensively, Northside played error-free ball. The team takes on host Moscow at 7 p.m. today.

Drag Racing Local racers competing at NHRA event

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls racers Don and Diana Anderson will compete this weekend at the Schrick's Auto Supply NHRA national event in Seattle, Wa. Don will drive his 2005 Corvette Roadster in the Super Gas Class, going against over 100 of the top cars in the nation. He is ranked second in the NHRA Northwest standings this year, a mere eight points out of the lead.

Diana will drive her 1,020 horsepower 1996 Corvette. She is ranked 15th in NHRA Northwest standings.

A crowd of 60,000 is expected for the event, which features \$1 million in prize money.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

American League

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
ALB	8	12	7	4	0	0	1.000
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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National League

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
MON	10	15	8	3	0	0	1.000
MON	10	15	8	3	0	0	1.000
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL (same-day time)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

• AA Division (Triple) Skip Whiteley Field (see schedule), 7 p.m. at Monument, 7 p.m. at Jerome, 10 p.m.

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TV. SCHEDULE

CICLINO

5:30 a.m.

OLN - Tour de France, stage 17, Saint-Jean de Maurienne to Morzine-Avoriaz, France 8 p.m.

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Midwest

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Northwest League

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Basketball

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Tuesday's Late A Box Scores

SEAATTLE

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Friday's Late NL Box Scores

MONROE

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
MON	10	15	8	3	0	0	1.000
MON	10	15	8	3	0	0	1.000
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Monday's Late NL Box Scores

SEAATTLE

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Tennis

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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Wednesday's Late A Box Scores

SEAATTLE

Team	R	H	E	P	W	L	Pct.
SEA	7	11	7	4	0	0	1.000
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With grand jury set to expire, Bonds' fate in legal limbo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal investigation of Barry Bonds' approach to key attorneys Thursday with the grand jury probing the baseball star for perjury and tax evasion set to expire and a possible indictment of Bonds looms.

Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, also was making a key ruling from federal prosecutors in court that could release him from prison, where he was sent earlier this month after refusing to testify against his childhood friend.

Anderson likely holds the key to whether perjury charges could stick against Bonds, who testified in 2003 that he thought prosecutors planned to indict Bonds on charges he was taking steroids. Authorities suspected Bonds was lying and that those items were "the clear" and "the cream" — two performance-enhancing drugs used to BALCO, the lab exposed as steroids supplier to top athletes in baseball, track and other sports.

"Obviously, they think they need Greg to prove perjury," Mark Gargas, Anderson's lawyer, said Wednesday.

Prosecutors are using a long have plagued Bonds, who passed Babe Ruth in May to become second only to Hank Aaron in the career home run list. They intensified in late 2003, when he testified before the original Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative grand jury, which took testimony from about two dozen athletes.

Anderson's status is one of many legal uncertainties surrounding the San Francisco Giants slugger.

Without the trainer's help, prosecutors still could indict Bonds on charges alleging he failed to pay taxes on money made through



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds follows his single off Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Derrick Turnbow and runs to first base in the ninth inning of their game in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Sports Shorts

High wind damages new Busch Stadium

ST. LOUIS — High wind blew out press box windows, overturned portable concession stands and ripped the tarp off new Busch Stadium, right before the start of Wednesday night's game between the Atlanta Braves and St. Louis Cardinals.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Magic Valley

T.F. athletes must arrange for own physicals this year

TWIN FALLS — All Twin Falls High School and junior high athletes will need to arrange for their own physicals through their family physicians. Physicals must be completed by Aug. 7 for high school football and soccer players and Aug. 11 for volleyball and cross country athletes. Junior high athletes must have their physicals done by Aug. 14.

Milnic hosts girls soccer tryouts

RUPERT — The Milnic High School Spartans girls soccer program will hold tryouts on Aug. 8 at West Milnic Junior High School in Paul.

There will be two sessions - one at 7 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. on Aug. 7, while there will only be a 5 p.m. session on Aug. 8.

Players should bring plenty of water and physical forms, as well as soccer cleats and shin guards. For more information, call Coach Tapia at 677-2657 or 431-1808.

Hansen coach seeks players

HANSEN — All new and returning players interested in playing on the Hansen High School football team this fall should contact head coach Cameron Anderson at 280-3009.

Vandals host Buhl Pig Out

BUIHL — The Magic Valley Chapter of the University of Idaho Vandal Scholarship Fund will host the Buhl Pig Out July 31 at Clear Lake Country Club. Guest tickets include entertainment director Rob Spahr and president Tim White. Registration for the golf tournament will be at 11:30 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$90 per person with five-year membership. Dinner and \$20 tip (5:30 p.m.). Dinner only is available for \$20.

Contact Gary Garrand (734-5744), Mike Felton (453-4368) or Bob Mai (438-7777) for more information.

Jerome to host Best Ball tournament

JEROME — Jerome Country Club's 2006 Two-man, Best Ball will be held July 22-23. Entry fee is \$120 per team. Stop by the pro shop (324-5281) to register or with any questions.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Woods tries to get back on course

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — The lazy atmosphere of late afternoon on the day before the British Open transformed into a minor frenzy in front of the Royal Liverpool clubhouse Wednesday.

Photographers scrambled for position in front of the practice green. Fans straggling toward the gates fought for a view behind the ropes. Even some of the players stopped what they were doing to watch.

Getting a glimpse of Tiger Woods has been rare this week. He arrived at royal Liverpool on the weekend when there were no crowds, playing Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The next two days, he teed off so early that he was done before most fans arrived at the course. On Wednesday, he didn't even play, showing up in the late afternoon to hit balls on the range and stroke a few putts.

It will be more important to be seen on the weekend — any time this weekend.

The defending champion at the British Open, Woods will be trying to bounce back from missing the cut in the U.S. Open at Winged Foot, where consecutive rounds of 76, sent him home early for the first time in a major.

"I took a lot of time off prior to the U.S. Open and I wasn't hitting the ball as well as I wanted to in competition," Woods said. "But I fixed those mistakes prior to the Western (Open), and I got back into the competitive flow again."

Woods was in jeopardy of another missed cut at the Western Open two weeks ago after shooting 67-66 to work his way up the leaderboard, and he got within one shot of Trevor Immelman until finishing two behind. Still, it was a step in the right direction, especially going to the British Open.

"It's nice when you play four rounds," he said. "I had two extra days there at the Western to get back into the flow of things, and the weekend I played great. So I feel like I'm back into playing, again after taking such a long time off."

The reason for the long layoff — he has played only three competitive rounds since the Masters — was the May 3 death of his father.

Woods still cannot shake questions about his father, how he is coping and how long it might take him to come to terms. But in this



Tiger Woods of the United States smiles during a practice round for the upcoming British Open Golf Championship at Royal Liverpool Golf Course at Hoylake, England Tuesday.

case, some of the questions brought back good memories, and pertinent ones.

Earl Woods accompanied his 18-year-old son to Carnoustie in 1995 for the Scottish Open, his first taste of links golf. Woods opened with rounds of 69-71 before the wind picked up, scores shot up and he tied for 29th, 17 shots out of the lead.

"I absolutely loved it when I played at Carnoustie because it was one of the very few times that he thought I was able to use my imagination and create shots," Woods said. "It presents so many

different options. And he thoroughly enjoyed it, watching me out there shaping shots and hitting all those weird shots. He always got a big kick out of that."

That's what will be required of Woods at Royal Liverpool. "The biggest change is in his bag, where he is bringing the 2-iron out of an eight-month retirement to hit low, penetrating tee shots that run endlessly on baked fairways, some of them so bare they have more turf than grass."

Standing behind the 14th green on Tuesday, he tried to bump a pitch up the slope toward the

green, and when it rolled back to his feet, he tried again with the putter.

"We don't play golf courses like this each and every week. And we certainly don't ever play a golf course this fast," Woods said. "And those times, you have to be able to control your golf ball in the air, you have to control your spin. It's not like you can hit a marginal shot and expect it to be OK."

Expectations are different this time.

Woods plays the British Open as well as any other major besides the Masters, finishing in the top 10 six out of his nine starts as a pro. He won last year at St. Andrews for the second time, by five shots over Colin Montgomerie. He manufactures shots as well as anyone in the game.

But there has not been much of a buzz about him this week.

Part of that is because no one has seen much of him. He has won since Donald, and his nine starts for the PGA Tour this season are the fewest of anyone in the top 50 on the money list.

And the focus on the majors has shifted to Phil Mickelson, who has won three of the last 10. The Masters champion was on the verge of winning three straight majors at the U.S. Open — a chance to show up at Royal Liverpool with his own Grand Slam on the line — until asking double bogey on the final hole at Winged Foot to finish one shot behind Geoff Ogilvy.

Peter Thomson, who won at Hoylake in 1956 for his third consecutive claret jug, also weighed in on Woods.

"If he never wins another tournament, his reputation is made," Thomson said. "But he's after higher, more glorious heights than anyone's ever dreamed of. I think he's having a bit of a stumble, I think. I'll play well again, I'm sure."

There remain questions about Woods' focus two months after his father died.

"Ernie (he was going through the list of top players and how well they play in the majors when he got to Woods, whom he still believes is the man to beat when Woods is on his game."

"Tiger (he was) 100 percent on golf this week, he's probably the guy to beat right," Ernie (he was) said. "That's a talent."

third-place Kleeden, Landis is 8:08 back.

Rabahkay climbed to Nasumen started the stage as the third best climber but moved up to No. 1 with the victory. It was the 32-year-old Dane's second career Tour stage win.

"It's difficult not to be overwhelmed by emotions," he said.

"It's 80 percent of my season — it happens yesterday, today and tomorrow," in the Alps as he bids for the polka-dot jersey.

Riders ascended the mammoth Col du Galibier, the highest point of the race at 6,801 feet, just after the start. They batted the Col de la Croix-de-Fer before the uphill finish.



Spain's Sergio Garcia gestures as he stands on the fifth green during a practice round for the upcoming British Open Golf Championship at Royal Liverpool Golf Course at Hoylake, England on Wednesday.

British

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The conditions are so crusty that the Royal & Ancient has asked players to be careful with their cigarettes (John Daly) and cigars (Darren Clarke). The Hoylake fire station is only two minutes away, but just to be safe, two fire engines are now stationed on the course.

"The only smiles belong to RGA members in their white shirts and striped ties. 'You've heard quite often from the RGA that we like hard, fast links conditions,'" chief executive Peter Dawson said.

"Well, I think this year we've got it in spades. The course is pretty fiery out there, just as we would want it."

A cold front expected overnight is supposed to slightly cool the conditions, perhaps giving the lonely man in the coffee stand some business. There might be some rain, although Dawson says it won't be enough to fundamentally change the nature of the course.

Hot, fast and brown. Defending champion Tiger Woods has put a 2-iron back in his bag for the first time in eight months, using it on nearly every par 4 to get the ball running along the fairways, away from the pot bunkers.

He took the day off, showing up in the late afternoon to putt. Woods arrived over the weekend, so he already has played four practice rounds to get acquainted with Royal Liverpool. It isn't St. Andrews, where he has twice won the claret jug. It's not like other links courses on the rotation, with all the holes relatively plain in shape, and greens that are small and flat. The course doesn't appear to have massive trouble that will lead to big numbers, and some believe if there isn't much wind, Woods' record 19 under at St. Andrews in 2000 could be in jeopardy.

All they have to do is figure out how far to hit the ball, and how far it will run.

David Duval gave an impromptu clinic from the first fairway. He was 119 yards from the front of the green. He estimated the ball would bounce about 10 yards, and he had a slight breeze at his back. He took sand wedge, played the shot as if it were 100 yards, and wound up 18 feet past the hole.

"That was 'his' tee shot. The first one went toward the right rough, and as he started to wander a few yards into the small wheat field, he saw a marsh stantling over his ball. It had run through the rough, across the next fairway and was on a dirt path, almost off the property. 'It ran that far?' Duval said.

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"Something in me said that today could be my day," he said. Overall, Pirelli holds a 1:50 lead over Sastre, and is 2:29 ahead of third-place Kleeden. Landis is 8:08 back.

Landis gave up the lead to Pirelli on Saturday in a strategic decision to let another rider face

the pressures of leading. Landis had grabbed the yellow jersey in the final stage in the Pyrenees. In Tuesday's first stage in the Alps, Landis accidentally took the lead by focusing on Andreas Kleeden of T-Mobile — leaving Pirelli in his wake. Overall, Pirelli holds a 1:50 lead over Sastre, and is 2:29 ahead of

Revived: Childress team closing in on competition

(AP) — Richard Childress never got to the point where he hated coming to the race track. But there were times in the past five years when he rather would have been hunting or fishing.

Since his longtime driver and friend Dale Earnhardt was killed in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, Richard Childress Racing, once considered one of the elite teams in NASCAR, has struggled just to be competitive.

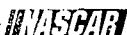
"I hated seeing the faces in the race shop," said Childress, who won six championships with Earnhardt as his driver. "Nobody was smiling."

"We just couldn't find the right combination of people and equipment. It was tough an everybody on our team because we were used to winning races and winning championships and, all of a sudden, it wasn't happening."

For the first two years of NASCAR's Chase for the NASCAR Cup championship, RCR was little more than an observer, with Kevin Harvick, the team's marquis driver, failing to qualify for the 10-man, 10-race playoff.

But thanks to some major personnel moves within the team, a lot of determination and a renewed excitement, it looks like RCR is back.

Heading into the Cup race this Sunday in Pocono, just seven races from the start of the Chase, Jeff Burton is third in the points and Harvick is eighth. Even rookie Clint



Bowyer is having a solid season and is 16th in the standings. "You've always got to be happy when you make any kind of progress," Childress said. "We know we've got a lot more we've got to accomplish to get the teams and the cars to where we want to be to win consistently and be in the top five consistently. And that's what you've got to have to run for a championship."

But the improvements alone that we've made in our aero programs, our engines, our cars, our chassis, personnel, it's been a pleasure to sit back and watch all these guys and ladies do their jobs and get these teams up and running. And the smiles are a lot bigger. So it's fun."

One big question heading into this season was whether Harvick, the driver who stepped into Earnhardt's big shoes in 2001, would stick around for the resurgence. He spent much of the past two seasons complaining about team's lack of success and appeared ready to walk away.

Harvick would have been a free agent after this season and he certainly would have been a target for the new Toyota teams entering Cup in 2007. But, after seeing the direction RCR had headed late last season and early this year, Harvick signed a multiyear contract extension — perhaps the most significant

long way in a short amount of time. I think we're pretty close."

Childress, Harvick and Bowyer all give a lot of credit for the new attitude — and the improved results — to veteran racer Burton, who joined the team midway through the 2004 season.

"Everybody at RCR has played a role, but Jeff has played a big role in the improvement," said Bowyer, who bears a resemblance to Burton, both on and off the track. "He has a lot of experience and he came from a successful team over at Roush (Racing). I think we've brought a lot to the table, a lot of ideas, a lot of input on where we need to be, where we need to change. And Richard listened to him."

Burton, the elder statesman

of the RCR drivers at 39, said.

"The big thing is, we have faster cars."

"When you have a full-time car, you finish 11th and you think you've done a really good job and everybody else thinks you're lucky," he added. "You leave the race track feeling like you got a bad race, but you just can't get anything done."

Advertisement for 'CHECKERED FLAG FRENZY' featuring NASCAR. It includes the slogan 'Sign Me Up!', 'Still Plenty of Races Left', and details about the online racing competition where users pick 10 drivers to win points across 30 NASCAR races. It also lists 'Home of the NAPA 150' and 'MAG VALLEY SPEEDWAY' with dates and prizes.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell Council meets tonight

WENDELL — A public hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. to gather community input on a possible franchise agreement between the city and Idaho Power. The franchise agreement would allow for the city to collect up to 3 percent of revenue by the utility company which would be added to electric bills. Following the public hearing is the Council meeting at 7 p.m.

On the agenda is Wilma Butigan, who is requesting use of the city park. Also on the agenda is discussion concerning the noise and parking ordinance now being considered by the Council.

Both meetings will take place at City Hall located at 375 First Avenue East Wendell. For more information call 536-5161.

Idaho Power wants to give back \$140,000

BOISE — Idaho Power has more than \$140,000 it wants to give to its rightful owners. Unfortunately, it can't find them. The money is from unclaimed customer deposits and other sources. To see if any of the money is yours, go to <http://www.idaclaim.com> or call (208) 388-2200.

Idaho Power typically keeps deposits and other unclaimed money for three to eight years, then gives it to the state in which the recipient last lived.

Book signing Saturday at Barnes & Noble

TWIN FALLS — Author Wes Scandlin will sign copies of his new novel, "Cry for Dixie," from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Scandlin's book is set during the American Civil War. He is a retired funeral director. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239 Pole Line Road.

Spanish for children classes offered

TWIN FALLS — Twin College for Kids classes designed to introduce children to the Spanish language are offered through the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center.

Both classes will meet July 24-27 in Art Lab 123. The fee for each class is \$65, which includes all supplies. Students will learn numbers, colors, alphabets, greetings and other simple phrases. They also will play games, sing songs, and listen to and act out stories in Spanish.

"Español Para Niños" is for children going into first grade through third-grade. It meets from noon to 2 p.m.

"Yo Hablo Español" is for children going into fourth through sixth-grade. It meets from 3 to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 732-6441 or 732-6290.

Summer art camps planned at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering two summer art camps for local youth.

Two sessions of each class are offered Monday through Thursday, either July 31 - Aug. 3 or Aug. 7-10.

Junior Art Camp is for first through third-grade. Students will learn how to draw, paint and create some fun art works. One day will be devoted to face painting. Cost is \$80, which includes all art supplies.

For more information or to register, call 732-6441 or 732-6290.

Drowning victim's body recovered

Memorial service set for Friday

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — After four days of searching and waiting, the body of Ashley Faulkner was recovered early Wednesday morning.

"The body was found about 6:30 in the morning," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. "It took us

about four hours to get to and remove her body," Faulkner, 15, of Bliss drowned Saturday in the Snake River while trying to rescue her dog.

Divers from Twin Falls County Search and Rescue, as well as from Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, combed the Fall Hole area, where Faulkner and her boyfriend

were swimming, until late Saturday night and continued the search into Sunday evening.

Gooding County officials have been keeping watch over the area since Monday and access to the popular swimming and river access area has been blocked to the public.

As suspected, Faulkner was trapped at the base of a water-

Memorial service

A memorial service for Ashley Carol Faulkner will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bliss High School. In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a memorial fund. Donations can be made at the Farmers National Bank in Wendell.

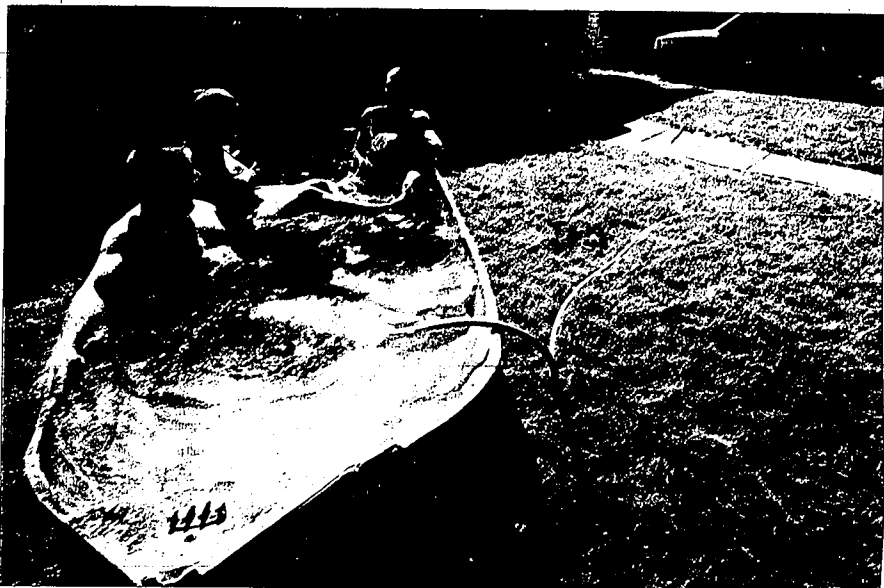
fall where her dog was found, Gough said.

Divers were unable to search the waterfall's base because of powerful suction into an underwater cave.

"Our hearts go out to the family," he said. "We are all glad that it's over."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

AN AFTERNOON OF BOATING



Daniel Rowe, 26, left, Angela Moon, 29, and Brian Oswalt, 24, admit that their boat-pool appears "a little redneck," but that didn't stop them from spending Wednesday afternoon in it to avoid the 94-degree heat in Twin Falls.

Preserved forever

Buhl centennial DVD now available

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — You'll laugh and cry and probably learn something new about Buhl while watching the movie created in celebration of the city's centennial.

The DVD "Buhl Centennial — A Miracle Century" was produced by Karma Metzler Fitzgerald of Shoshone. Cost is \$20.

"The movie is full of beautiful photos and video in a summation of the last 100 years," Fitzgerald said. "Buhl's spirit and livelihood are portrayed with stories about some of its first families and businesses, some of which are still in existence today."

Fitzgerald is special sec-

Buy your copy today

"Buhl Centennial — A Miracle Century" is now available for \$20 at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, 715 East U.S. Highway 30, and at Barker Realtors office, 123 Broadway Ave. in Buhl.

tions coordinator for the Times-News.

Family ties have always been important to the West End community.

One of its first pioneers, Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Fitzgerald still claims Buhl as her hometown, even though she moved out of the area after her 7th-grade year.

She said Buhl still has that family feel and that the film is blessed with many accounts from people who have lived in the community for a long time.

Jim Barker, Centennial Commission member, provided a lot of history on Buhl for the film.

"Words can only describe Buhl's spirit and what a family plot in Laredo, Texas."

"Laredo is his hometown," said his daughter Dianna Iruegas.

"It's where he's from," Juan Iruegas, 57, was married with three children who live in Texas and a daughter

Dead farmworker's family asks for help

Man's body needs to be sent to Laredo, Texas

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The family of a migrant farmworker who was found dead in his truck at the bottom of a canal south of Kimberly on Tuesday is asking for donations to help pay for taking his body to a family plot in Laredo, Texas.

"Laredo is his hometown," said his daughter Dianna Iruegas.

"It's where he's from," Juan Iruegas, 57, was married with three children who live in Texas and a daughter

How to help

Donations in the name of Juan Iruegas can be made through business hours through Friday at any branch of First Federal bank.

who lives in Twin Falls. A fifth son who died in 1998 in Twin Falls also is buried in Laredo.

"It's going to be pretty costly," Iruegas said.

The family is hoping to ship the body after a viewing from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Her father was suffering from kidney problems when he died.

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Idaho python gets surgery after gulping electric blanket

KETCHUM (AP) — A 12-foot Burmese Python — popular among school children for his trips into classrooms — underwent surgery to remove an electric blanket he had eaten.

The snake's owner, Karl Beznoska, said he keeps the electric blanket in its cage for warmth, and that it must have gotten tangled up in the python's rabbit dinner.

"This is something I've never heard of or seen before," Beznoska told the Idaho Mountain Express.

Beznoska took the 60-pound snake, named Houdini, to a hospital for X-ray's that showed electrical wiring in about 8 feet of Houdini's body. Besides the blanket, the 18-year-old snake swallowed the con-

trol box and electrical plug.

"Somewhat, he was able to unplug the electric cord," Beznoska told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "He at least wasn't hooked up to the power. It might have been pretty warm there."

Veterinarians Karsten Fosvred and Barry Radtson operated on Houdini on Tuesday and removed the queen-sized blanket. Neither had operated on a snake before.

"We just basically called a couple of specialists and they told us where to go in," Fosvred said. "No vet has done a lot of surgeries on pythons, especially up here."

Please see PYTHON, Page C3



In this photo provided by Karl Beznoska, veterinarians Karsten Fosvred, left, and Barry Radtson, right, remove an electric blanket from Karl Beznoska's 12-foot Burmese python, Tuesday in Ketchum.

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@magvalley.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.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Juanita Kincheloe

RUPERT — Juanita "Nita" Kincheloe, 88, a longtime resident of Rupert, passed away July 15, 2006, at the Mountain Memorial Hospital, of heart failure. She was born March 30, 1918, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Harvey and Katherine Meacham. She married Philip Thomas Omdahl on July 15, 1939, and they were later divorced. She married Cecil "Jiggs" Kincheloe on Nov. 3, 1957. She worked as a waitress at Corner Roy's, a bookkeeper at Don's and Jim TV and at Wally's Jewelry shop in Rupert. She was a longtime member of the Lady Elks and a lifetime member of the West "Magic Dam" Elks Club. Nita enjoyed fishing, flowers, boat-



ing, raising tropical fish, dogs and cats, going to the senior center, and playing cards at the Elks. She is survived by her son,

Terry Omdahl of Rupert; and two daughters, Cheryl (Hal) Meacham of Wilder, Idaho, and Diane (Lopente) Johnson of Caldwell, Idaho. She also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, "Jiggs" Kincheloe; parents, Harvey and Katherine Meacham; daughter, Phyllis Truffello; and great-granddaughter, Lillian Meacham. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Hayden Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at the Rupert Cemetery. It is the family's request that you please dress casually.

Enid Worden



Missionette program for a number of years. She loved her Lord and her family, watching the L.A. Lakers play and she enjoyed gospel music. Her greatest hope was that each of her boys and their families would give their hearts to the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, and four siblings, Sydney Henry Edward Thomas, Elsie and Phyllis. She is survived by her three sons, Donald

(Barbara) Worden of Rock Springs, Wyo., Bradley (Ger) Worden of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Larry (Pat) Worden of Lancaster, Calif. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Rachel (Scott) Anson, Donald (James) Worden, Chris (Nicky) Worden, Bradley (Lillian) Worden, Brenda (Craig) Holmes, Kurt (Michelle) Worden, Jonathan (Dillon) Worden, Sheri (Dan) Roark and Cindy (Ron) Erubin. She is also survived by 18 great-grandchildren. A celebration of Enid's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Chapel. Contributions in her memory can be given to a favorite charity; can be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Thelma Stott

BURLEY — Thelma Melissa Bacholomew Stott, 92, of Burley, died Sunday July 16, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006, at the Renaissance Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery.

Juan Inuegas

TWIN FALLS — Juan Francisco Inuegas, 57, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday July 18, 2006 as the result of an automobile accident. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2006, at White Mortuary. A service and burial will be at a later date in Laredo, Texas.

Ernest Moss

TWIN FALLS — Ernest Moss of Twin Falls died March 4,

DEATH NOTICES

2006. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive (by the golf course).

Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John Romero

FILER — John Romero, 79, of Filer, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at St. Luke's Medical Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Helen Ball

TWIN FALLS — Helen Naomi Ball, 85, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at her home. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. A complete obituary for will appear in Friday's newspaper.

Dewayne Price

TWIN FALLS — Dewayne Eldon Price, 48, of Twin Falls, died Monday, July 17, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident.

George Stevens

GOODING — George Armand Stevens, 93, of Gooding, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in Baker City, Ore. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

Georgia Stuhlberg

TWIN FALLS — Georgia Stuhlberg, 85, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died

before the funeral today at the church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.)

SERVICES

United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

before the funeral today at the church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.)

Grant Lester Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at noon today at the Fielding LDS Stake Center, 4375 W. 16000 S. in Fielding, Utah; friends and family may call one hour

Alyce L. Wargo of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

William Pryce, ambassador to Honduras, dies at 73

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — William Pryce, a Foreign Service officer who served as ambassador to Honduras and as senior director for Latin America at the National Security Council, died July 11 of pancreatic cancer at his home in suburban Alexandria, Va. He was 73.

Wesleyan University in 1953 and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in 1954. He served as a Navy officer for three years before entering the Foreign Service in 1958. Assignments included postings in Mexico and the

Soviet Union. As a junior officer in Moscow during the Cold War, he made an effort to get to know ordinary Russians. He and his wife befriended a number of *amnistias* (underground artists and accumulated a collection of unofficial Russian art.

Novelist Raja Rao, 97, dies

Los Angeles Times

Raja Rao, considered one of the great novelists of modern India for his highly metaphysical writings exploring the collision points between East and West and the search for a fundamental reality in life, has died. He was 97.

An emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Texas, Rao died July 9 of heart failure at his home in Austin, according to an announcement on the university's Web site.

More philosopher than novelist, Rao considered writing a form of spiritual growth and used the novel as a vehicle to explore profound themes, including the nature of death, immortality, illusion, reality, good and evil, karma and dharma.

He wrote fewer than a dozen novels and short-story collections, but he was one of the first in his countrymen to write significant works in English.

"Rao is one of the most innovative novelists now writing," said R. Parthasarathy, a poet and English professor at Skidmore College in New York. "Departing boldly from the European tradition of the novel, he has indigenized it in the process of assimilating material from the Indian literary tradition."

Rao's first novel, "Kandahara," published in 1938, offers an engaging portrait of a southern Indian village of seemingly little distinction, until one of the young men of the village undergoes a mystical conversion to Mohandas K. Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence. The young man tries to press his people into a campaign of civil disobedience against British rule, but is arrested and an exploitative plantation manager — and is arrested for his trouble.

DP World's former top U.S. executive dead

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Edward "Ted" H. Bilkey, the American shipping executive who sought to dampen the political furor over Dubai-owned DP World's takeover of operations at six U.S. ports, died during a business trip to the Dominican Republic, the company said.

Bilkey, 72, retired in June as chief operating officer of DP World, the world's third-largest ports company. Bilkey, who died in his sleep Friday, was in the Dominican Republic to visit the company's marina terminal at the Port of Cavendish, which recently began participating in a U.S. anti-terrorism program. Bilkey spent 45 years in the shipping business and was the grandson of Sen. Joseph Sherman Felchig of New Jersey.

"Ted was a giant in our industry, a man of enormous stature, intellect, courage and unquestionable integrity," said Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, the executive chairman for DP World. He said he expected Bilkey to be known as a DP World

solid friend, as President Bush has said.

At the height of the political controversy, Bilkey told the Senate Commerce Committee that DP World spent large amounts on security already and recognized that its business would be significantly disrupted if any problems in the company.

"We couldn't afford for anything to go wrong," Bilkey told senators. Despite lobbying by Bilkey and strong support by Bush, the U.S. efforts failed to reverse the tide of criticism. The company announced in March it would give itself up to six months to sell all \$700 million worth of its newly acquired U.S. port operations to an American buyer. The sale is still pending.

Bilkey grew up in New Jersey, graduated Yale University and Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and once worked the docks of Brooklyn and Newark, N.J. He also served in the U.S. Navy. He and a friend sailed a 60-foot sloop in 2000 on a 16-day trip across the Atlantic from Rhode Island to Ireland. He was first hired by the Dubai royal family in the 1980s and took his executive position with the company in 2003.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring Harbor, New York. Services also will be held here in Sun Valley, Idaho, where the family resided during their primary U.S. home. Bilkey is survived by his wife, Susan Noyes Bilkey; daughters Linda Kraklin, Carlin Steingard and Barbara Curvey; a son, Edward Bilkey Jr. eight grandchildren and a sister, Laura Barclay.

DP World dispatched Bilkey to Washington in the earliest days of the port-security flap to ease concerns over the company's \$6.8 billion purchase of London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. The sale would have put the Dubai company in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Memphis and Philadelphia plus lesser dockside activities at 16 other American ports.

"We're disappointed," Bilkey told The Associated Press in an interview in February. "We're going to do our best to persuade them that they jumped the gun. The UAE is a very

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Python

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The procedure involved making an 18-inch incision. "The prognosis is great," Fostved said. "The surgery was as routine as possible. Right now the blanket's out and the snake's alive."

He said it will take several days for the anesthesia to wear off Houdini because snakes have slow metabolisms, Fostved said.

Beznoska said Houdini is recovering, with 100 stitches from the operation.

"It's too early to tell, if it'll be several days, or a week, to see if he gets any infection,"

Fostved said specialists at the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine told him it probably took six hours for Houdini to eat the blanket. They also said Houdini would have soon died without the operation.

Beznoska is from Australia and moved to the resort area in 1965. He is a retired ski instructor who works as a draftsman and finish carpenter and has had Houdini for 16 years.

"I'm keeping him warm, with an extra heating pad," Beznoska said.



A pre-surgery X-ray of Houdini, a 12-foot Burmese python that swallowed an entire electric blanket, with the electrical cord and control box, as shown in Kelchum Wednesday.

American Red Cross holding blood drive

RUPERT — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church gymnasium.

To make an appointment, call Ann at 436-1344.

Longtime Filer resident to celebrate 90th birthday

FILER — Dorothy G. Stroud will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday with her daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Larry Smith.



Dorothy Stroud

Birthday greetings and well-wishes may be sent to her at 1022 S. Stevens, Filer, ID, 83328.

Stroud was born July 27, 1916, and has lived in Filer ever since. She has three granddaughters, Regina (Jim) Kimberly (Justin) and Beverly (Rick); and four great-grandchildren: Andrew, Josiha, Trinity, and Ezekiel.

T.F. man to be honored at birthday open house

TWIN FALLS — Royal Heyer will be honored at an open house for his 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Nazarene Church, 1231 Washington St. N. The family requests no gifts.



Royal Heyer

Heyer was born in Hill City, Kan., on July 22, 1916. He married Vera Annis in 1947. He served as a Twin Falls policeman from 1949 to 1958 and worked as credit manager for Intermountain Gas and owner

and operator of the Fashion Crossroads store.

His children are Lex (Velda) Heyer, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released July 14 results:

Section A: First, Henry Robinson and Barbara Burk; second, Carma Davidson and Adelaide Gerard; and third, Rueben Tschackoske and Bob Parish.

Section B: First, Rueben Tschackoske and Bob Parish; and second, Jodi Faulkner and Elaine Major.

Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall, 508 Fifth Ave. W. For partnership information, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

B J Duplicate Bridge lists game results

RUPERT — The B J Duplicate Bridge Club has announced weekly winners:

July 16: North/South, first, Warren and Faun McClinton; second, Marian Shoup and Lila Buman; third, Dolly Freilburger and Katherine Carson; and fourth, Ella Amnest and Lola Moorman.

East/West: first, Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris; second, Donna Moore and Jane Keicher; third, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; and fourth, Gene and Marie Price.

Library's teen series will focus on animation career

BUHL — The Buhl Public Library will feature a discussion on careers in animation (anime).

Doris Cristison will speak at the Buhl Teen Advisory Group meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N.

Cristison's son was a professional animator who worked from America on a Japanese anime novel. The TAG program is open to any teen and is part of a monthly career series for teens at the library. August's career night will feature pilot and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Steve Kautz.

Twin Falls veterans holding second annual picnic

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls veterans will hold their second annual "All Veterans" Picnic from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Woods Pavilion at Buck Creek Park.

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a favorite dish to share and a lawn chair. The Gem State F.I.D.I.ers will entertain. For more information, call Evan Elliott at 734-9759.

Bellevue School reunion set for Aug. 12 and 13

HALLEY — A Bellevue School reunion will be held Aug. 12 and 13.

Pre-registration is not

required, but is requested by Friday to obtain a count for the caterer.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. Aug. 12 at the senior citizens center in Halley, and the dance starts at 8 p.m. Participants also will meet at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Bellevue City Park. The cost is \$25 per person for both days or \$10 for Sunday only with children under age 5 admitted free.

Everyone who attended the Bellevue School is welcome. For more information, call Nancy Kowack at 798-1159 or Ella Kirkkade at 780-2948.

DAV Auxiliary holding dance this week

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall at Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue.

There is a \$2 donation.

Heyburn alumni reunion to take place July 29

HEYBURN — The Heyburn Alumni Reunion will be held July 29 at the Heyburn Elementary School.

Paintings will be available for viewing from 3 to 4 p.m. Registration will begin at noon, with lunch served at 1 p.m.

The day will include honoring of alumni, drawing for a painting, and time for visiting. For more information, call 678-9257.

Help

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"We think maybe his heart got weak," Iruegas said. "Something was wrong. I don't think he was alive by the time he hit the water."

His kidney problems were severe enough to put him out of work, his daughter said. He was receiving dialysis three times a week.

"At the time of his accident, he was driving north toward Kimberly along 3500 after visiting his wife and children while they worked in a field.

A farmer who called 911 and tried to rescue Iruegas said he saw the truck drift off the road and continue an estimated 200 feet across a field before launching off the canal bank into the water.

"I think he would have braked," his daughter said. "He was already gone."

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Cost of restoring Yosemite's lost valley as high as \$10B

By Terence Chao Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — It would cost between \$3 billion and \$10 billion to tear down a dam and restore Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park more than 80 years after it was flooded, a report said Wednesday.

The valley, once described by conservationist John Muir as "one of nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples," was plugged in 1923 to provide drinking water. Irrigation and hydropower to the Bay Area and Central Valley.

The long-awaited study by the Department of Water Resources made no recommendations on what to do, but said further investigation should include participation by the federal government, which oversees the national park in the Sierra Nevada.

Environmentalists have sought for decades to remove the 312-foot O'Shaughnessy Dam, but opponents say draining and restoring the submerged valley carries too high a price at a time when California

The valley is "one of nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples."

—John Muir, conservationist

has more pressing infrastructure needs.

Fetch Hetchy Reservoir on the Tuolumne River provides drinking water to 2.4 million San Francisco Bay area resi-

dents. The restoration campaign gained new momentum two years ago when Environmental Defense published a study arguing that water quality and supply could be maintained if the dam was removed.

That report, along with requests by state lawmakers, prompted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to direct the state water agency to examine the issue and review previous academic and government studies conducted over the past two decades.

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After reforms, first executive-branch lobbyists register

By John Miller

Associated Press writer

BOISE — Apple Computer Inc.'s Brian Page has worked quietly for years with state Department of Education officials, meeting with technology chief Rich Miner in hopes of boosting public-school computer investments that could benefit his company. Page's work recently became

more public, after the 2005 Legislature broadened state lobbyist-registration requirements to include those trying to sway the governor, state agencies and commissions. The rules previously covered only those lobbying legislators.

Page is among the first executive-branch lobbyists to register with the secretary of state, a move that also requires him to report money he spends on lob-

byming efforts. The state House and Senate approved these changes in March after the federal lobbying scandal surrounding Jack Abramoff in Washington, D.C., tightening Idaho's 31-year-old lobbying rules to avoid improprieties.

"It was ten bucks and a little paperwork," said Page, based in Orem, Utah. "It's not like it's a drain. You do what you have to do." People can find Page's

name and employer information on Secretary of State Ben Younts' "Web" site, under "Lobbyists & Lobbying."

Miner said his office generally doesn't make purchases based directly on Page's presentations about technology benefits for school children. Idaho has done relatively little business with Apple, he said.

some lawmakers are already advocating even stricter laws he passed by the 2007 Legislature. Gov. Jim Risch, a Republican, on July 5 issued an executive order — good through Dec. 31, the end of his term — requiring lobbyists trying to influence members of his staff to register.

Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Blaine, wants those provisions made permanent. "I definitely commend Gov. Risch for doing what

he did," Kelly said. "If it's good enough for one governor, why wouldn't it be good enough for another one?"

She also favors "revolving door" restrictions aimed at preventing officials from immediately going to work for companies that had been vying for contracts. And she wants to forbid elected officials from becoming lobbyists within two years of leaving office.

Washington man jailed in building swindle

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. (AP) — A man has been jailed on 26 counts of first-degree theft in what investigators say was a \$1.2 million construction scam in Eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

Sam Cover, 40, held on \$300,000 bail following his arrest Monday, could face additional charges in other jurisdictions, Spokane Valley police Sgt. David W. Martin said.

Cover was arrested while leaving a job site where he was working on a steel building under the company name New Behaving Steel Buildings, owned by Richard C. Hornhold of Deer Park.

"He was contacting those customers and telling them there were extra unexpected expenses and telling them to write the checks to him rather than to the company," Martin said.

"One detective has done nothing but work on this case since the beginning of the year," he added. "We are happy to see this case done."

Detectives have interviewed 100 people who said they were victimized by Cover, including about 40 in the county. Police Chief Calvin D. Walker said. Many victims said Cover's bids were much lower than those of other contractors.

In addition, such companies as Helled Steel Products, Timberline Truss, J.E. Brown Engineers, Western Wood, Lockwood Lumber, Spokane Overhead Doors, Henderson Roofing, and Sherman Concrete lost money because of Cover and ICS Steel Buildings, said Spokane County sheriff's Sgt. David Reagan, a spokesman for the suburban police force.

The charges represent most of the victims' investigations. He has identified in Spokane County and about \$320,000 of the total that authorities believe was stolen between September 2004 and last month. The rest of the money is in transactions elsewhere in north Idaho and east of the Cascades in Washington state.

Cover came under investigation in November after authorities began receiving complaints, Reagan said.

Police said Cover typically promised to build steel structures under the company name ICS Steel Buildings, collected down payments of as much as a third of the total and then vanished without going to work.

In 1995 Cover was convicted of 17 counts of first-degree theft and sentenced to seven years and one month in prison for actions that Reagan said were virtually identical to what he is now charged with doing.

Nonetheless, after Cover was released from prison in 2002, state officials issued a contractor's license four times to him, his wife or a company that employed him, Reagan said.

Investigators said he followed the same pattern during both periods, getting a contractor's license or working for a contractor and doing good work, then getting into trouble because of gambling and cocaine abuse.

Martin explained it took a long time to bring charges because of requirements for documentation, interviews and FBI interest.

"I probably would have faced more time, but the FBI decided that they had other higher priority cases to focus on," Martin said.

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Cities, states move to fill legislative void on immigration

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press writer

Dismay over Washington gridlock on immigration has inspired cities and states to pass their own measures, most of which make life harder for undocumented workers and demand that employers, law enforcement officers and even landlords act as the front line.

The city of Hazelton, Pa., last week passed one of the harshest laws,

approving \$1,000 fines for landlords who provide housing to illegal immigrants and denying business permits to employers who give them jobs. Local governments from California to Idaho to Florida are weighing similar steps. States approved nearly 60 new laws in the last few months, overwhelmingly restrictive or punitive.

"It's the blunt failure of any true leadership in Washington, D.C. Everything runs downhill," said Andy Anderson, a city councilor in Palm Bay, Fla., who is

pushing for an ordinance to punish employers who hire illegal immigrants.

One question is whether the local and state laws would stand if Congress overcame the split between the Senate and the House and approved a new federal law. Many would be superseded, officials acknowledge — but they say it's better to pass a local measure that won't last than nothing at all, and right now it's unclear whether Congress will make a deal.

"We have to do something, and it has to be done, like, yesterday," Anderson said. Colorado and Georgia led the way with sweeping laws that aim to require proof of citizenship for services and also target employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Overall, 27 states passed laws toughening rules on education, employment, legal services and identification, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The 59 new laws that went on the books in this year's legislative sessions were a big increase

from the 37 immigration-related laws from the year before. This year's batch tilted sharply toward cracking down on immigrants, in contrast to earlier years when there was a mix of legislation, some of it loosening rules for obtaining services or education.

"Lawmakers and mayors, they want to make their area as inhospitable to illegal aliens as possible," said Susan Wyszok at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which supports an end to illegal immigration.

Search resumes for immigrants in Arizona desert

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer

TONOPAH, Ariz. — Authorities who found as many as 100 illegal immigrants in remote desert about 50 miles west of Phoenix returned their search Wednesday morning for other border-crossers who might remain in the area.

Investigators believe the stretch of desert roughly halfway between Tonopah and Wickenburg was used as a stash area until immigrant smugglers could arrange transportation for their customers.

Many of the rescued immigrants were from Guatemala and had suffered from dehydration and exhaustion from triple-digit heat. Seven immigrants and three sheriff's deputies involved in the search were brought to hospitals. Their conditions were unavailable.

The search for more immigrants was prompted by border-crossers who told authorities that others were still in the area.

"We are busy at work," said Lt. Paul Chagolla, a spokesman for the Maricopa County sheriff's office, which is leading the search.

Vehicle and foot patrols were under way Wednesday morning, and police aircraft were expected to join in later in the day.

Deputies first discovered the immigrants Tuesday as they patrolled a dirt road and saw a suspicious vehicle coming out of the brush.

The immigrants, who were in distress and stepped out into the view of the deputies, stood out in an undeveloped area covered with creosote bushes and palo verde trees.

"You aren't going to have close to 100 people walking through that area," Chagolla said.

The immigrants told authorities that three people had died in the desert, but searchers had yet to find any bodies.

Federal authorities took custody of many of the rescued border-crossers, who were expected to face removal proceedings in immigration court. The sheriff's office, which has previously brought more than 250 cases against illegal immigrants under a new Arizona smuggling law, said the immigrants found Tuesday won't be arrested. They weren't caught in the act of being transported by a smuggler — a necessary element of proving the state crime, deputies said.

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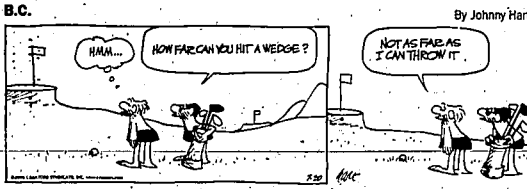
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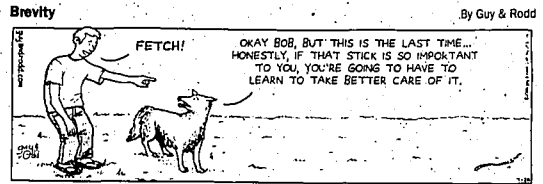
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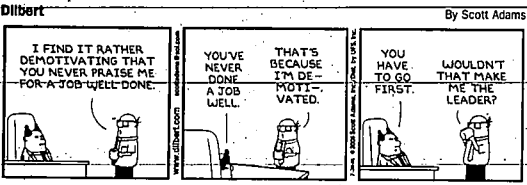
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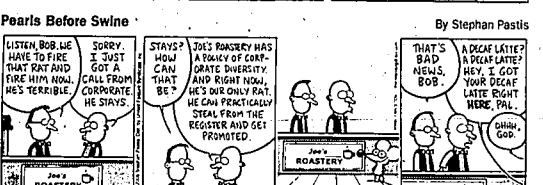
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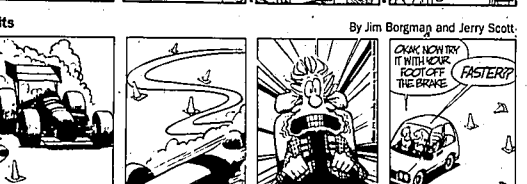
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Cancer needs to get grounded

IF JULY 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Tiny Pluto, at the fringes of our solar system, packs a powerful wallop when it dances in tandem with your part of the zodiac. Beginning in January, and periodically in the coming year, you will have the ability to reach your most important goals through ruthless determination and sheer will-power. Take advantage of offers or opportunities that pop up in October and November, as these can improve your overall well-being and lead to greater things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consideration takes the cake. A softer, gentler approach works wonders when trying to stage a business coup. Relax and it will be easy to get everyday tasks completed on time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A faster pace is necessary to deal with a plethora of ideas and commitments. Get up to speed, as the wheels are turning in the best direction to reach your dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Money-making ideas are flowing. Present your well-considered thoughts and receive a positive reception from the VIP in your life. Take advantage of

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be a go-getter. New friends or networking contacts can spark creative imagination. Don't be afraid to pursue an elusive dream — it might be attainable with the right hookup.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got sex appeal and don't even know it. Don't forget that everyone wants what they can't have. Put a juicy carrot on the end of the string and proceed to entice someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take concrete steps to make a good idea a reality. Important meetings may lay the groundwork for money-making ventures or a highly romantic weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Design a successful plan. Others are willing to implement your ideas or lay the groundwork. Look for a spark of enthusiasm to ignite your inspirations. A little encouragement goes a long way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mix it up. Blend your energy with that of others to create a powerful force that can lead to success. A visionary outlook or an artistic flair can be a valuable asset. Be open to new viewpoints.



By Wiley



By John Deering

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

SARGE COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LATRINE DUTY, GO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

I DID!

4,862!

OH, YES! MORT WALKER

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOU PUT A DENT IN OUR CAR?!

IT'S ONLY A SMALL DENT, DAD

BY HEAVEN, BUT WAIT! YOU SEE THE ONE ON THIS SIDE!

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I AM VERY FLATTERED BY YOUR COMPLIMENT, CHIEF...

TO THINK THAT YOU CONSIDER MY MARKETING IDEAS TO BE PROPHECIC!

I DIDN'T SAY YOUR IDEAS WERE PROPHECIC, THORNBERG—I SAID THEY WERE PATHETIC!

Garfield By Jim Davis

JUST HOW BAD IS YOUR ANNEHIA?

I REMEMBER NOTHING, TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF

WELL, THERE REALLY ISN'T MUCH TO TELL... SINCE THE LAST SPACE MISSION, THAT IS

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHY DON'T YOU LIKE IT, HELGA? IT WAS FORMERLY OWNED BY THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND!!

I KNOW.

I'M JUST NOT CRAZY ABOUT WEARING "HAND-ME-DOWNS"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TODAY?

WATCH TV, MESS UP THE YARD FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER...

I THINK MOM HAS GIVEN UP TRYING TO THINK OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR US.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

FALLING ROCK

FALLING THINGS

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

ROYAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TODAY

I'LL MEET YOU AT THE COURSE

OH, SURE. NOW YOU WANT TO PRAY

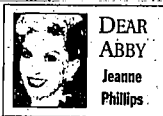
Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

CAN I KEEP 'IM, MOM? HE'LL BE A GOOD PET UNTIL HE CROAKS.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Pick a card, Daddy, ANY card!

Couple bows out of birthday party after row over gag gifts



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, my partner and I received an invitation to a friend's 50th birthday party. The invitation stated, "No gag gifts."

A few hours before the party, my partner came home with a bag full of gag gifts, including Preparation H, Dependas, etc. That's when the argument started. I told him I would not go to the party if he brought those gifts. I feel they are insulting, and those kinds of gifts are not funny anymore — especially when the invitation specifies no gag gifts. I have seen those kinds of gifts a hundred times.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother is 88 and in good health. She has lived with my dad's sister ("Aunt Joy") and her family since Grandpa died nine years ago.

As a result, we did not attend the party. How do you feel about gag gifts? Who's right and who's wrong?

Grandma doesn't have a mother-in-law suite or any thing like that — just her own bedroom and bath — but she pays them between \$600 and \$700 to rent every month.

TOO SENSITIVE IN RENO

Furthermore, Aunt Joy charges Grandma a percentage of everything they do to improve the house. Aunt Joy had granite countertops put in. Grandma paid \$1,200 for the use of them. They also had a fence installed and charged Grandma 25 percent of the cost.

DEAR TOO SENSITIVE: While I do not condone mentioning gifts — gag gifts or otherwise — on an invitation, the host, and presumably the honoree, had made their wishes known. You are not "too sensitive"; you were socially appropriate. For your partner to have ignored the invitation would have been rude and insensitive.

I think my aunt is very materialistic. She uses Grandma and her money to get what she wants. Grandma isn't rich, but she has enough to live on her own if she wanted to.

I have nothing against gag gifts if they are original, funny and tasteful. Frankly, I think in this case, by not attending, you spared yourself embarrassment and did the honoree a favor.

It's also interesting that their daughter, who is 27, lives with them and pays no rent at all. Why should my grandma have to pay so much and my cousin nothing?

My parents would love for

Grandma to come and live in our guestroom for free, but we live 1,200 miles away. Dad doesn't want to create a rift in the family, but should he draw the line somewhere?

My aunt and uncle call themselves Christians, but taking advantage of an elderly woman doesn't seem very Christian to me. How do you think she dealt with it? How should Dad handle it?

— PERTURBED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR PERTURBED: I don't know what kind of conversations are going on in your house about Grandma, but they are not something you should be involved with. If your father feels his mother is being taken advantage of, he should talk to her about it and tell her — if he hasn't already — that he and your mother would love to have her live with you rent-free. After that, the decision about whether she wants to live and how she wants to conduct her life should be up to her.

As it stands, Grandma seems to have chosen to live with her daughter and agree to the terms. Some mothers feel closer to their daughters than to their sons. It's a thing thing.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips. Write her at Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Seneca Falls, N.Y. hosted first Women's Rights Convention on this day in 1848

This day in history: On July 20, 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, issued a manifesto calling for the right to own property and have the same legal rights as men. Needless to say, these outlandish ideas were widely ridiculed and vigorously opposed.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo

The fast and dangerous game of jai alai originated in Basque regions of Spain and France in the 17th century. The name means "merry festival" in the Basque language.

Be kind. Lobsters don't really have to be boiled alive to maintain their flavor and safety. It's an inhumane old tradition from centuries ago before people invented refrigeration.

A reader asks about a mysterious royal nickname, "John the Posthumous." French king John I was given that name

because he was born after his father died, and was proclaimed king as he emerged from the womb in 1316. The infant king's reign didn't last long — he died five days later (murdered, some say) by his crown-seeking uncle, Philip V).

Aristotle insisted that the liver was the seat of all human emotions.

The largest freshwater lake in the world is Lake Superior. The largest saltwater lake is the Caspian Sea.

Something strange about that group: Dr. Stuess (right) gets along with Karl Vonweiser, were fraternity brothers in college.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at fabnews@erin-jack.com.

Snake joke may send man to jail

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A man's idea of a joke — putting a pet-6-foot boa constrictor in his mailbox to startle a mail carrier — could bring him jail time.

An auto mechanic from the Detroit suburb of Farmington Hills. Mell put the snake in his mailbox July 7. The Detroit News reported.

It was an incredibly stupid practical joke that wasn't funny," said James R. Mell, 31.

On Monday, federal prosecutors charged Mell with obstructing the delivery of the U.S. mail.

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Pirates of Caribbean 2 (1) Today 7:00

You, Me and Dupree (1) Today 7:15 - 9:30

Summer Malinco #7
Dreamer or Cheaper by the Dollar 2
Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 4:45 - 6:30

TWIN 12

Pirates of the Caribbean 2
Today 12:00 - 3:45 - 5:45 - 7:15 - 9:00
Shows on Big Screen in Dodge Plaza

X-Men 3: The Last Stand (1)
Today 12:00 - 3:45 - 5:45 - 7:15 - 9:00

Superman Returns (1)
Today 12:00 - 3:45 - 5:45 - 7:15 - 9:00

Tom Hanks Da Vinci Code (1)
Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 4:45 - 6:30

Over the Hedge (1)
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You, Me and Dupree (1)
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Little Man (1)
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The Break Up (1)
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Nacho Libre (1)
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WORLD

Mother, children killed for cooperating with U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Assaults slit the throats of a mother and her three children Wednesday in southern Iraq, where the family had fled to escape threats that they had cooperated with the Americans.

The mother's sister was also slain in the savage attack, which occurred in an apartment in the southern city of Basra, police said. Five other family

members were rescued before they bled to death.

Officials said the family had fled Baghdad for Basra after receiving threats because they had cooperated with U.S. forces. The officials gave no further details and spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared reprisals by sectarian militias that have infiltrated Basra's police.

Sunni leaders, meanwhile, said 20 Sunnis who work for a government organization that maintains mosques and shrines of that Muslim sect were abducted in two attacks in Baghdad. Sunni officials demanded the Shiite security forces do more to stop sectarian kidnappings and killings. There were conflicting reports whether the employees of the Sunni

Endowment were seized late Tuesday or Wednesday. The organization announced it was suspending its work for a week to protest the kidnapping and demanded its employees be freed.

The head of the organization, a major institution among the country's Sunni community, blamed "militias in official uniforms" for the

wave of kidnappings. The choice of words suggested he was referring to Shiite militiamen who have infiltrated the defense and interior ministries and who Sunnis blame for killing civilians.

Sheik Ahmed Abdul-Ghaffour al-Samarrai told reporters there would be no work at the endowment's offices for a week in protest.

Israel keeps up fight

Troops battle guerrillas in south Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops pushed into south Lebanon on Wednesday, as warplanes flattened houses and buildings including one thought to hold Hezbollah's top leaders. Intensifying an offensive despite mounting international pressure and a Lebanese appeal to spare the country further death and devastation.

The attempt to wipe out the Hezbollah leadership was the most dramatic action on a day that saw Israeli clash with the guerrillas and the Lebanese prime minister say about 300 people in his country had died in the eight-day offensive. Israel broadcast warnings into south Lebanon telling civilians to leave the region, a possible prelude to a larger Israeli ground operation.

Hezbollah, undeterred, fired rockets into the Israeli Arab town of Nazareth, where Jesus is said to have spent his boyhood, killing two Arab brothers, ages 3 and 9, as they played outdoors.

Thousands of foreigners fled Lebanon in one of the largest evacuation operations since World War II, including 1,000 Americans who arrived in Cyprus early Thursday on a rented cruise ship.

"I'm so relaxed, there are no more things to explain. I'm very thankful," said Elizabeth Kassab, 45, nervously smoking a cigarette on the ship's deck. "But I'm still nervous and won't relax until we get out of here."

The flight from the fighting came as international pressure mounted on Israel and its ally, supporter, the United States, to agree to a cease-fire. The rising death toll and scope of the destruction deepened a rift between the U.S. and Europe, and humanitarian agencies were sounding the alarm over a pending catastrophe with a half million people displaced in Lebanon.

Hezbollah denied that any of its "leaders or members" died in the strike in the Hourj al-Barajneh district of south Beirut. The explosive, did not blast a leadership bunker, but a mosque under construction, the group said in a statement filed to the Associated Press.

In a statement, the Israeli military spokesman's office said: "We attacked a bunker of Hezbollah leaders in the Hourj al-Barajneh neighborhood of Beirut." The military said the attack took place between 6



Abbas Khalil, wounded in an Israeli warplane missile attack in the southern village of Sirf, Lebanon, sits at a hospital bed Wednesday in the outskirts of the city of Sidon.

p.m. and 9 p.m. and involved 23 tons of explosives.

Last Friday, Israel bombed leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah's headquarters but both he and his family survived.

Prime Minister Fnuad Saniora, whose weak government has been unable to fulfill a U.N. directive to disarm Hezbollah and put its army along the border with Israel, issued an urgent appeal for a cease-fire. He said his country "has been torn to shreds," and pointedly criticized the U.S. position that Israel acts in self-defense.

"Is this what the international community calls self-defense?" a stern-looking Saniora asked a meeting of foreign diplomats including U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman. "Is this the price we pay for aspiring to build our democratic institutions?"

Israel vowed to press the offensive in Lebanon until it destroys the militant Shiite guerrillas' vast arsenal of missiles and drives Hezbollah fighters far from its northern border.

The Bush administration is giving Israel a tacit green light to take the time it needs to

neutralize the Shiite militant group, but the Europeans fear mounting civilian casualties will play into the hands of militants and weaken Lebanon's democratically elected government.

President Bush has made the survival of the Saniora government a top priority, but the continuing Israeli operation threatened to return Lebanon to the political chaos and violence that ravaged the country during its long civil war.

Saniora pleaded for the foreign powers to back a cease-fire. "Lift the siege and quickly send humanitarian aid," he said, demanding compensation from Israel for "irreparable loss" to infrastructure.

About 1,000 Americans fled the relentless air attacks, sailing to Cyprus on a chartered cruise liner. An estimated 200 others were flown to the Mediterranean island on giant Chinook transport helicopters.

In all, more than 10,000 people from at least 13 countries had been extracted from Lebanon by Wednesday night. Israel has refused to rule out a full-scale invasion.

Evacuation picks up its pace

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The United States ramped up its evacuation of citizens from Lebanon on after a slow start as a luxury cruise ship carrying 1,000 Americans arrived in Cyprus early Thursday, a week after the Israeli bombardment began.

The Orient Queen reached Cyprus' port of Larnaca after a nine-hour journey, completing the first in a massive relay to evacuate thousands of U.S. citizens from war-torn Lebanon.

The eight-deck cruise liner's voyage was the first mass U.S. exodus from Lebanon since Israeli airstrikes started more than a week ago. The Orient Queen was just one among dozens of cruise ships taking part in the evacuation of thousands of foreigners from Lebanon.

The Americans departed two days after the first Europeans left on ships, and thousands more Europeans continued to stream out by sea Wednesday.

Aid complaints the U.S. effort had lagged, American officials made clear that fears about Americans traveling on roads in Beirut, especially at night, and on roads to Syria had led to some of the delays. The U.S. ambassador said Tuesday that an orderly and safe evacuation had been a first priority.

The Iraqis faced some of the same difficulties: the airport closed by Israeli strikes and concerns about the safety of roads to Syria. But it was clear U.S. officials feared any large evacuation effort involving Americans might be targeted by Hezbollah or other hostile groups. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrived at Larnaca airport early Thursday in his military Airbus A310 to pick up 120 evacuees from Lebanon and fly them home.

Lebanese police lined the main coastal road in Beirut as armored SUVs full of security guards escorted buses of Americans from an assembly point to the port to board the ship.

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 Please express your interest to the contacts listed below by July 25, 2006.
Expression of Interest Food Services
 The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is seeking interested Food Service businesses for potential operations at the various INL Locations. The INL anticipates awarding an annual contract based on the government fiscal calendar year (October 1 - September 30). The following is a general statement of work outlining the initial services requirements.
 • Provide healthy and nutritious food services, cold and hot sandwiches, soups, or equivalent, and desserts and beverages at Central Facilities Area (CFA), Reactor Technology Complex (RTC) and Test Area North (TAN) located on the Idaho National Laboratory approximately 60 miles from Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Blackfoot, Idaho.
 • Days of operation are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.
 • Estimated daily patronage in each area: CFA - 350, RTC - 290, TAN - 165.
 Based on the number of responses to the Expression of Interest, the INL may host a Focus-On Forum to present details and expectations on the required services.

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Market Watch

Table with market data: Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq Composite, Standard & Poor's 500, Russell 2000.

Stocks of local interest

Table with local stock data: Corti, Dell Inc., Delta, Lee Ent., Micron, SuperValu.

Commodities

Table with commodity prices: Crude oil, Live cattle, July gold.

Comments sought on Intermountain Gas plan

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will take comments through Aug. 30 on a five-year growth plan for Intermountain Gas Co.

The Boise-based distributor of natural gas anticipates a 4 percent customer growth rate in its southern Idaho territory from 2007 through 2011.

The commission has already accepted a similar growth plan for Avista Gas, which operates in northern Idaho.

Regulated gas and electric utilities are required to file Integrated Resource Plans or IRPs, to keep the public and the commission apprised of utilities' plans to meet the

demands of growth. The plans, however, are only a strong guideline. Acceptance of the plans does not necessarily mean the commission will approve all the plan's projects when they come before the commission for ratemaking treatment.

Intermountain Gas serves about 275,800 customers in southern Idaho. The company has customers in 74 communities. Its system includes more than 10,000 miles of transmission, distribution and service lines. In fiscal year 2005, more than 446-miles of distribution and service lines were added to accommodate growth.

Many of the company's customers are served directly off the Williams Northwest Gas Pipeline that comes into

southeastern Idaho from Wyoming and generally follows the Snake River in southern Idaho. However, Intermountain owns several laterals that come off the main Williams pipeline. The three largest are the Idaho Falls, Sun Valley and Canyon County laterals.

The Idaho Falls Lateral, which serves many cities between Pocatello and St. Anthony, will reach a peak day delivery deficit during 2007 and will increase thereafter if adjustments aren't made such as "looping," which is increasing capacity by adding a parallel pipe alongside existing pipelines. The company also plans to ask its industrial customers that have the potential to cut their peak consumption

by switching to fuel oil to do so during extreme cold temperatures.

The company anticipates a peak day delivery deficit by 2009 in the Sun Valley Lateral, the industrial load, mainly related to tourism, does not permit switching to alternative fuels. Therefore, the company believes that future upgrades will be needed to the existing pipeline system.

The Canyon County region will experience delivery deficits beginning in 2007 under current conditions. The industrial base there also does not permit fuel switching. Intermountain Gas is exploring optional means of conveying, distribution, capability in that region.

Those wishing to submit comments on the Intermountain Gas plan must do so by no later than Aug. 30. Comments are accepted via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number INT-G-06-03 and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to I.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A hard copy of the Intermountain Gas application and exhibits are available on the commission Web site. Click on "File Room," then "Gas Cases," and scroll down to INT-G-06-03.

1 bull, 20,000 calves



Ken Moorsma stands near a cow that he artificially inseminated and newborn calf on June 26 at a farm near Food Lu, Wis.

Dairies create bull market for artificial insemination

By Carrie Antlinger, Associated Press Writer

WALPUN, Wis. — Most of the 400 Holstein cows on B & D Dairy here in rural central Wisconsin will never see a bull in their lives, but they are bred with some of the most sought-after studs in the world.

It's done through artificial insemination, a growing industry in the U.S. and abroad, which allows farmers to breed good traits like fertility and milk quality into their calves and breed out bad ones. Higher milk prices, heat-inducing drugs, better genes and the opening of more international markets are fueling the growth, according to National Association of Animal Breeders President Gordon Doak.

Matt Schultz, a herdsman at B & D, said the farm has used artificial insemination since 1987. The biggest advantage is not having a temperamental bull around that could kill someone, Schultz said.

"In a perfect world it would be pretty weird that these cows wouldn't see a bull, but in the dairy industry now, with the very safety issue and everything like that, it's much better this way," said Schultz. The number of units of dairy bull semen sold within the nation has increased more than 30 percent and exports have risen nearly 20 percent from 1995 to 2005. For beef bull semen, domestic sales increased nearly 28 percent and exports rose nearly 15 percent. Doak said U.S. farmers spent about \$225 million last year on bull semen. Exports totaled about \$56.4 million, although Doak said they are leveling off as foreign countries produce more bulls with good genetics. Depending on the farmers' budget — a semen unit generally ranges in price from a cou-

ple dollars to \$50 — they choose from bulls depending on the traits they produce. Those include fertility, milk production, butter fat production and protein content of milk.

About 95 percent of the dairy bull semen companies own or lease the bulls and collect the semen and market it, said Doak, whose 25-member association is based in Columbia, Missouri. The others have bull owners bring the animals to the company's facility, where the semen is collected. The farmer either takes it home or the company stores it and ships it for the owner.

Just as the females' insemination works minus the male, the males' process is generally without a female. The bulls are castrated with a teneral animal — usually a steer — and semen is collected with a hose lined in latex so warm water can go between the hose and the lining.

"It's as natural as what would happen to him if he was just running out in a pasture with a cow," Doak said.

Once the semen is extracted, antibiotics and preservatives are added, and the mixture is frozen and stored. Doak said, Paul VanRaden, a genetic

researcher at the Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said an average dairy bull produces 10,000 daughters and 10,000 sons during his lifetime.

There are at least 10 bulls that have produced more than 1 million units of semen and 95 percent of that make more than \$3 million a year, he said.

Having so many offspring increases the chances of inbreeding, but a computer registry keeps track of the cows and bulls genetics. VanRaden said.

Evidence shows one of the first uses of artificial insemination dates back to the Arabs in the 14th century, when tribes used stall sperm from rival tribes' lions, Doak said. The first official use was in Italian dogs in 1780.

Rutgers University in New Jersey formed the first commercial artificial insemination organization in the U.S. around 1938. Soon, there were about 100 organizations before consolidation left five companies that now do about 95 percent of the collecting and processing of semen. Doak said.

The nation's five biggest customers in 2005 were the British, Japan, Mexico, Canada and Brazil, according to the USDA.

Felipe Ruiz, general director for the Mexican Holstein Association in Queretaro, Mexico, said Mexican farmers use artificial insemination for more than 80 percent of their cows and a little less than half of the semen is from the U.S. The process has improved farmers' herds and milk production, Ruiz said. But he said they've had to import less semen over the last few years because of restrictions due to mad cow disease. The unabashed leader in the trade is Wisconsin, where four of the five main artificial insemination companies in the U.S. are based.

Judge overturns Wal-Mart health care spending law

BALTIMORE (AP) — A first-of-its-kind state law that would have required Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to spend more on employee health care in Maryland is invalid under federal law, a judge ruled Wednesday.

The state law would have required non-governmental employers with 10,000 or more workers to spend at least 5 percent of payroll on health care or pay the difference in taxes. The measure was aimed at Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, which has been under attack by critics who say that its inadequate health care offering is costing some employees to use state-funded plans.

Wal-Mart has a store in Jerome and is looking to build a Twin Falls store.

U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz decided that the Maryland Fair Share, Health Care Fund Act would hurt Wal-Mart by requiring it to track and allocate benefits for its Maryland employees in a different way from how it keeps track of employee benefits in other states. Motz wrote that the law "imposes legally cognizable injury upon Wal-Mart." Motz cited the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which he

said pre-empted "any and all state laws that may now or hereafter relate to any employee benefit plan." "My finding that the act is pre-empted is in accordance with long established Supreme Court law that state laws which impose health or welfare mandates on employers are invalid under ERISA," Motz wrote in his 32-page opinion.

Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott said the ruling meant businesses would not have to contend with different standards in different states for health coverage.

"The thing that we find encouraging is that there is going to be consistency, that the federal government is going to be the control point on health insurance and these kinds of issues, so that commerce itself, businesses, will be able to have one set of standards that they work against," Scott said in an appearance on the Rev. Al Sharpton's syndicated radio show.



Scott

Wal-Mart, critics slam each other on the Web

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The brawl between Wal-Mart and its union critics is escalating as groups on both sides, fighting over whether the world's largest retailer is good or bad, launched attack-style Web sites maligning each other's motives and policies.

More than a year after unions launched two political-style campaign groups attacking Wal-Mart Stores Inc. for what they say are low wages and skimpy benefits, the "language is turning meaner and more personal." Pledidates.com was started last week by Working Families for Wal-Mart, a group funded mostly by Wal-Mart to reveal what it described as "the real motives of the union leaders behind the campaign against Wal-Mart."

It characterized a leading critic, Andrew Grossman of union-backed Wal-Mart Watch, as "a political operative with a checkered past" in a section called "Paid Critic of the Week" that also lambasted Wayne Hanley, head of the Canadian chapter of the United Food and Commercial Workers union. The site is part of Wal-Mart's aggressive defense since last year against increasingly organized critics. Wal-Mart won't say how

much it is spending, but it has set up a political campaign-style "war room" staffed by consultants, hired Washington D.C. lobbyists, formed the Working Families group and created another site called Wal-Mart Facts.

In response to the new site, union-funded WakeUpWalMart.com started its own Web site Tuesday, www.albunchoffreeidrightwing-liarswhogreedforwalmart.com, which attacks the retailer's public relations and lobbying figures.

These great guys who love to stretch the truth (or what mom called liars) honed their special Wal-Mart skills on a array of right wing political campaigns," the Web site reads.

In a letter to Democratic members of Congress about Wal-Mart's efforts, WakeUpWalMart said the attacks were reminiscent of a campaign for a pro-Bush group, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, that questioned Sen. John Kerry's Vietnam War military record during the 2004 presidential race. Corporate reputation management expert Steven Silvers called paid critics a name-calling, nastily aggressive Web site that marked an escalation in Wal-Mart's battle with critics.

Bernanke says inflation contained

NEW YORK — Wall Street shot higher Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke soothed investors with his view that economic growth seems to be moderating and inflation remains contained. The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 220 points, while Treasury bonds recovered from early losses to close sharply higher.

Investors interpreted Bernanke's testimony before Congress as a sign the Fed is close to ending its streak of interest rate hikes.

NBC, Netflix teaming up to offer previews

HURHAK, Calif. — NBC and online movie rental service Netflix Inc. said Wednesday they are teaming to give Netflix subscribers an advanced look at two NBC freshman drama series, "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" and "Kidnapped."

Netflix's 5 million users will receive copies of the shows on a DVD six weeks before their television premieres. The DVD will also contain preview trailers for some of the network's other new fall shows.

Kmart to sell Jones Soda in U.S. Stores

SEATTLE — Soft drink company Jones Soda Co. said Wednesday that Kmart, the retailer now owned by Sears Holdings Corp., plans to sell its beverages in its 1,450 U.S. stores. Jones Soda's brands — which include Jones Organics and Whoopie — are already sold in Target stores. Both retailers have stores in Twin Falls.

Procter and Gamble dumps Rochas fashion

CINCINNATI — The Procter & Gamble Co. is discontinuing Rochas ready-to-wear, the high-end Paris-based fashion line that was part of the consumer products company's 2003 acquisition of the Ceram cosmetics company Wella, a P&G spokesman said Wednesday.

The closing, initially reported by trade publication Women's Wear Daily March 5, on its Web site, will occur in late October, the spokesman said. The company will continue making the lucrative Rochas fragrances, the New York Times reported.

— The Associated Press

Bull market

The artificial insemination industry for cattle has grown over the past decade. Units of bull semen sold in 1995 and 2005



SOURCE: National Association of Animal Breeders

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It's fiesta time!

Committee prepares for annual event

By Levi Aspeyia
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta committee is again preparing two days full of music, car shows, contests and culture.

The 17th annual Un'Dia en el Valle (A Day in the Valley) will be held Aug. 12 and 13 at the Twin Falls City Park.

The week before, the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta queen and her court will be crowned.

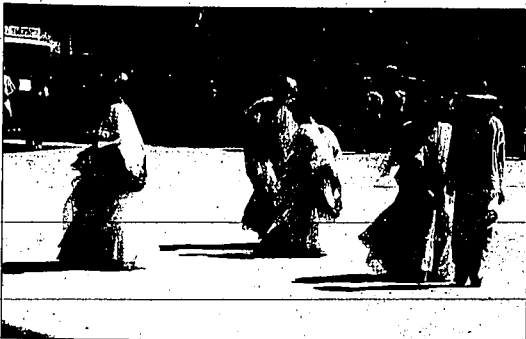
The pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Roper Auditorium. Fourteen contestants will be competing this year for scholarships. Admission to the pageant is \$5.

"The last couple of years, we have given out about \$4,000 in scholarships," said pageant organizer Noel Morfin.

The fiesta itself will kick off with a parade traveling down Main Avenue on Aug. 12. Afterwards, the Miss Chiquitita contest will start in the band shell at the City Park. Contestants between the ages of 5 to 10 and of Hispanic descent will compete for a crown and sash.

Mixed in on Aug. 12 will be a talent contest, entertainment from the pageant contestants and folkloric dancers, and a street dance that will begin around 7:30 p.m. and go on until about 11 p.m. Music for a street dance will be provided by a DJ and Explosivo Norte.

On Aug. 13, the committee has planned the usual events



Folkloric dancers entertain during the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta last year at Twin Falls City Park.



The local group "Untouchable" attracts a crowd at the band shell during the fiesta last year at City Park.

spread throughout the park. Included are the car show, sound competition, food booths, live music and jalapeno eating contest.

For more information on the car show and stereo competition, applicants may call Freddie Rodriguez at 420-7757.

Live music this year will be provided by Karigma of Jerome, Los Mercenarios from Salt Lake City and JC y Su Banda Duranguense from California. Entertainment

organizer Hugo Mendoza also mentioned that there will be two different dance groups and a comedy act called Los Jalapenos from Twin Falls.

The committee will also be awarding six scholarships during the fiesta. Along with help from donations and the College of Southern Idaho, the committee will give out a total of \$5,000 in scholarships. First and second place will receive \$1,500, while third and fourth place will receive \$750, and fifth and sixth place winners will receive scholarships of \$250.

The committee expressed pleasure with the 29 scholarship applications, saying that 27 applicants had a grade-point average more than 3.0.

"We averaged the GPAs of the top six applicants, and their average GPAs came around 3.45," committee vice president Roy Villaseñor said.

Protesters accost vehicle carrying Mexico's Calderon

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — Tensions over Mexico's disputed presidential results rose Tuesday as protesters screamed obscenities and kicked a vehicle carrying the apparent winner, Felipe Calderon, who was whisked away unharmed by his security detail.

The incident occurred as leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador prepares to announce civil resistance measures designed to help compel a recount of the more than 41 million ballots cast in the July 2 election, which he lost by about 244,000 votes.

In a radio interview, he declined to condemn the actions of his supporters, saying instead, "I do condemn the electoral fraud."

"I'm not in favor of these actions, but the offense of stepping on the will of the people is even greater," he said.

The small group of demonstrators yelled at Calderon as he left a downtown meeting with union leaders. "Vote by vote, polling station by polling station," they shouted. The slogan is one adopted by Lopez Obrador's Party of the Democratic Revolution in its court challenge, which essentially calls for annulling the election.

Supporters of Calderon, of the governing National Action Party, countered with their own chant: "Vote for vote, Felipe is headed for the presidential seat."

Radio reports said that at least one protester kicked Calderon's SUV, screamed obscenities and banged on the windows. Officials close to Calderon say he recently

doubled the number of his military bodyguards.

After the incident, he told a group of electricians, "I believe in a peaceful dialogue above all insults and violence."

Separately Tuesday, the Citizens Committee, an influential civic group, said no candidate should try to discredit the country's democratic institutions and no candidate should act prematurely as president-elect.

The group did not use any names.

"All we're asking is that everyone, from the media to the government and political actors, refrain from pressuring our electoral authorities," said Hugo Almada, a group member. "We have to respect the institutions that we as citizens built over the last decades."

On Sunday, Lopez Obrador led a march of an estimated 1 million people.

At the rally he used language some said could escalate tensions. He warned Calderon and his closest family members, his closest aides, that the stain of an electoral fraud will not wash away even with all the ocean waters.

Calderon responded a day later that he would not tolerate Lopez Obrador's "threats and blackmail."

Meanwhile a full-page ad in Tuesday's Milenio newspaper accused Lopez Obrador of "betraying the country, since you want to divide and spill bloodshed on a united and peaceful nation. ... The country has decided, voted and you lost. You're an ex-candidate. Retire."

The ad was signed by Mireya Gomez Espiritu. The paper described her only as a citizen.

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Rags to riches tale

Gonzales bio tells of adviser's rise from political obscurity

The Dallas Morning News

Alberto Gonzales has been President Bush's most trusted legal adviser.

And as Bill Minutaglio details in "The President's Counselor," the first full-scale biography of the man who has risen from political obscurity to gubernatorial counsel to U.S. attorney general, Gonzales has generally tailored his advice to suit Bush's preferences, rather than give a dispassionate assessment of alternatives.

That has been true, he writes, whether the issue was personal, such as when Gonzales helped get Bush excused from jury duty, where he might have had to reveal a 2-decade-old charge for driving while intoxicated, or political, in memos that persuaded Bush to implement the death penalty in Texas and write the controversial rules in Washington for interrogation of terror suspects.

Alberto Gonzales was Bush's most trusted legal adviser, and Gonzales would do anything he could to empower his most important client," Minutaglio writes.

"Gonzales was ultimately going to endorse anything that would aid Bush either politically or policy-wise."

The well-written book traces Gonzales' rise from humble beginnings as the son of a public utility laborer in the outskirts of Houston to the Air Force Academy, Rice University, Harvard Law School and the Houston legal



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington Tuesday, during a hearing on Justice Department oversight. Gonzales has become one of President Bush's most trusted advisers.

corporate elite before being tapped by the Bush family and Texas Republicans for political service.

It ends with his approval and oath-taking as the nation's first Hispanic attorney general. Minutaglio portrays him as methodical, apolitical, unemotional and private but also competitive, whether

climbing the legal ladder or playing racketball. As Gonzales rose, the author notes, he was so reticent about himself and his background that colleagues often knew little about such things as his family, his two years at the Air Force Academy and a brief first marriage.

Minutaglio suggests that, in casting his lot with big corporations' and later Bush, Gonzales has been unfaithful to the poverty-stricken background from which he emerged, a beneficiary of backfired action who never openly pushed it for others.

Another critical sub-theme is that he helped keep a veil of secrecy around some of Bush's less attractive activities, augmenting the efforts by his leader to avoid press scrutiny.

Unsurprisingly, Gonzales gave the author only minimal cooperation, refusing to grant interviews and responding only to "a handful of the most benign inquiries."

Many associates "only reluctantly came to the phone for interviews," Minutaglio writes. But he overcame that by interviewing classmates, high school friends and former governmental associates and acquiring thousands of documents detailing Gonzales' work on his own career and such matters as the Texas death penalty cases.

The Washington sections of the book are marred by repetitive and ultimately inconclusive speculation about the attorney general's Supreme Court prospects. At times, Minutaglio goes beyond what he knows to put himself inside his subject's head in trying to explain what makes him tick.

On the whole, though, it's complete and as probing an account of Gonzales' career as is possible in light of his lack of cooperation with the author.

City passes ordinance against illegal immigrants

The Associated Press

HAZLETON, Pa. — Illegal immigrants seeking to make a home in this northeastern Pennsylvania city could face barriers to finding a home and job after the city council passed one of the nation's strictest ordinances to fight illegal immigration.

City documents would be printed in English, landlords would face \$1,000 fines for each illegal immigrant found renting their properties and business who employ illegal immigrants wouldn't be granted licenses.

The ordinance, designed to make the city one of the most hostile in the country for illegal immigrants, passed on a 4-to-1 vote after two hours of passionate debate.

"The illegal citizens, I would recommend they leave," said Mayor Lou Barletta, who said he wore a bulletproof vest to the vote as a precaution because the issue was emotionally charged.

The measure has divided the former coal town about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia and thrust the 31,000-population city to the fore of the national debate on illegal immigration.

After the provision, which would deny a license to any business that provides goods or services to an illegal immigrant, City solicitor Christopher B. Slusser said the provision would likely be invoked only against business people who knowingly violated it, and the city would deal with violators "on a case-by-case basis."

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has targeted in proposed the illegal Immigration Relief Act last month as a response to what he said were Hazleton's problems with violent crime, crowded schools, hospital costs and the demand for services. Opponents argued it was divisive and possibly illegal, but supporters argued illegal immigrants' growing numbers have damaged the

quality of life in this northeastern Pennsylvania city.

"What you see here tonight, really, is a city that wants to take back what America has given it," Barletta said.

Outside City Hall, about people gathered with opponents of the measure, some with signs that read "Bias Separated by a Line of Police from Supporters, some waving American flags.

Anna Arias asked the council, "Are any of us ready to support U.S. citizens born of someone who is undocumented?" Several people in the audience responded, "Yes!"

She warned the council that approving the ordinance would make Hazleton "the first Nazi city in the country."

The ordinance adopted at the meeting had been extensively amended from an earlier draft, one change would deny a license to any business that provides goods or services to an illegal immigrant. City solicitor Christopher B. Slusser said the provision would likely be invoked only against business people who knowingly violated it, and the city would deal with violators "on a case-by-case basis."

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Venezuelan music program keeps kids away from crime

Chicago Tribune

CAMACAS, Venezuela — Luis Sanchez lives in a hillside slum populated by gang members and drug traffickers. He has been held up at gunpoint and is afraid to venture out of his parents' cramped cinder-block home after dark.



Vida

Instead of joining the criminals, the soft-spoken 19-year-old has become a promising musician thanks to an extraordinary program that provides 250,000 young Venezuelans with free classical music training.

The program, started 30 years ago in a garage where parents were taught basic mechanics' tools, is officially called the State Foundation for the National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras of Venezuela.

But in many Venezuelans know it simply as El Sistema, or The System.

Now entrenched throughout Venezuela, the rigorous musical training is aimed at instilling a sense of responsibility among at-risk youths while providing a talented few an avenue for escaping poverty.

It has become a source of national pride in this oil-rich nation gripped by deep social and political divisions.

"The System is my life," said Sanchez, a trumpeter whose parents have fed him to play in Europe and the U.S., as well as Latin America. "I don't know where I'd be without it. It's very difficult for someone to escape this environment."

The program was started in 1975 by Jose Antonio Abreu, a Venezuelan conductor who chafed at the fact that classical music in his country was the domain of the rich. There were only two symphony orchestras in Venezuela at the time.

Abreu's vision was to democratize classical music and use it to teach teamwork, discipline, hard work and excellence, much like the role sports is said to play in American society.

"I wanted to take advantage of the immense potential of music as an instrument to shape the spirit and the per-

sonality of children and youth, and also to rescue and dignify them," said Abreu, 67.

Only 11 students showed up for Abreu's first class 30 years ago.

Today, music instruction is given free of charge at 122 centers nationwide, and Venezuela boasts more than 200 children's and youth orchestras.

The number of students is expected to double in the next few years as the Venezuelan government, assisted by an \$8 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank, finishes a new headquarters in Caracas for the program with rehearsal space for 4,000 students.

The Development Bank is likely to approve a second, \$50 million loan later this year to help build six regional music centers in Venezuela.

COUNTRY'S COST-U-ME



Miss Mexico, Priscila Perales, shows off a costume related to her home country during the preliminary competition for Miss Universe 2006 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Arts council, IMC unveils mural as part of fiesta

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council in collaboration with the Idaho Migrant Council, announced the unveiling of a public art mural at the El Millero Center at 10 a.m. Aug. 12, to coincide with the Hispanic Heritage Festival.

The mural was inspired through a series of art classes with the children of the El Millero Kids Club along with professional artist, Amy Eden.

Eden follows in the tradition of an artistic mural in Twin Falls within the Hispanic culture that became especially popular in Southern California and other parts of the United States in the late 1960s and

early 1970s as a form of identity, pride and justice that could reach a mass population, the Magic Valley Arts Council reported.

The mural project was made possible by a grant from Glambia Foods.

The unveiling is open to the public and free of charge with a reception following.

For more information call 734-ARTS (2707).

The Magic Valley Arts Council is the official arts agency of the city of Twin Falls designated in 1984 by the Twin Falls City Council. Its mission is to foster and promote experiences in the arts for all people in the greater Twin Falls area.

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Rumors of more killer waves spark panic in tsunami area

By Anthony D'ontsch
Associated Press writer

PANGANDARAN, Indonesia — Rumors of another killer wave sparked mass panic Wednesday in the resort area hardest hit by the tsunami, while the death toll rose to 531, with more than 270 missing.

More than 1,000 residents of the beach town of Pangandaran fled inland, running, bicycling or driving amid shouts of "The water is coming!"

"People suddenly started running, so I joined them," said Marino, 42.

It was unclear how the rumor started. Indonesia has no nationwide tsunami warning system and coastal residents had no notice of the onrushing wave Monday.

Several hours later, a strong earthquake off Java Island's coast caused buildings in the capital, Jakarta, to sway for more than a minute. There

were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Monday's tsunami, triggered by a magnitude 7.7 undersea earthquake, smashed into a 110-mile stretch of Java's coastline, which was unaffected by the devastating wave in 2004.

Waves more than 6 feet high reached 200 yards inland in some places, destroying scores of houses, restaurants and hotels. Cars, motorbikes and boats were left mangled amid fishing nets, furniture and other debris.

Amateur video aired Wednesday on Metro TV showed children playing in the surf and building sandcastles. The region has been rattled by black water bearing down on Pangandaran beach on Java's south coast. The camera operator runs away amid the sound of screaming.

The region has been rattled by aftershocks, including Wednesday's quake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.1.

Suharjono, head of the earthquake division at Jakarta's meteorological agency, told Metro TV that the tremor was not strong enough to trigger a tsunami, but he urged people to be on guard.

Ambulances with sirens blaring brought bodies to a cemetery in Pangandaran for a mass burial as hundreds looked on. As darkness fell, 24 unidentified corpses were tagged with numbers and laid in the ground, five children among them.

Police and army teams with dogs and mechanical equipment kept searching for survivors amid the rains, but found only bodies, pushing the death toll to 531, said Maman Susanto of the government's disaster coordinating board. Several foreign tourists were among the dead.

He said 275 people were listed as missing. At the area's main hospital, in the town of Banjar, medics



An Indonesian man sits in the living room of a beachfront house destroyed by a tsunami, Wednesday in Pangandaran, Indonesia. An earthquake followed by the tsunami struck the region Monday, killing at least 500 people.

created a steady stream of patients, most from the Pangandaran coast. Some slept on dirty mattresses on the floor, while others were treated in the admissions hall. Surgeons amputated the left leg of a woman who was trapped

under the ruins of her house. "I thought I was going to die, but God gave me mercy so I can carry on with my life," Tintin Irtiyani said from her hospital bed.

The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and

Japan's Meteorological Agency issued warnings of a possible tsunami about 15 minutes after Monday's quake. The tsunami struck Java about 45 minutes later — before authorities had time to warn anyone on the coast.

Europe swelters; Britain has hottest July day ever

By Laura-Clare Corson
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Lions licked blood-flavored ice blocks in the zoo, judges went wigless in court and guards at Buckingham Palace ducked into the shade.

Britain faced the hottest day ever recorded in July on Wednesday as a heat wave swept much of Europe. Temperatures hit 96.6 degrees south of London — so hot some road surfaces melted.

Two people died in Spain as temperatures climbed above 104 degrees, while officials in France said as many as nine people who died recently were believed to be victims of the heat.

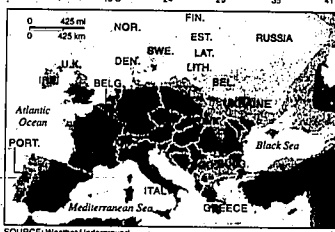
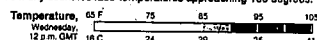
But with its aging buildings and infrequent brushes with sweltering temperatures, Britain was particularly ill-equipped for the heat wave. London's Underground has no air conditioning and the Evening Standard newspaper measured temperatures in the train system at 117 degrees. Operator Transport for London takes no measurements but did not dispute the figure.

"I don't even want to talk about it," said Jean Thurgood of east London, fanning herself frantically on a stuffy bus. "It feels like the hottest day of the century."

Construction workers in northwest England, mean-

Oppressive heat across Europe

Officials throughout Europe warned people to stay out of the sun as many countries face temperatures approaching 100 degrees.



SOURCE: Weather Underground

while, dumped crushed rocks on highways because the liquefying pavement was sticking to vehicles, Cumbria's county council said.

Across Europe, health officials warned people to stay out of the sun and to drink plenty of water.

In France, several days of dry heat and high temperatures — which reached 97 degrees in Paris on Wednesday and 102 degrees in Bordeaux a day earlier — recalled a heat wave in 2003, when 15,000 people died from dehydration and heat-related disorders. Many were elderly and were in some cases

left alone while families vacationed.

Since then, France's government has adopted measures to avoid a repeat of the disaster. On Wednesday, French Health Minister Xavier Bertrand and Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin visited a retirement home to check on the prevention plan.

In Paris, heat-busters included four giant humidifiers placed around the Eiffel Tower, one at each foot, that sprayed passers-by with water vapor as they tried to escape the sun's punishing rays. This week's victims of the

heat in France likely included two people in their 80s who died Tuesday in the Bordeaux region, and a 53-year-old construction worker who collapsed in the central city of Macon.

Elsewhere in Europe, temperatures at 4 p.m., when daytime measurements generally peak, registered 95 degrees in Berlin, 93.9 in Brussels, Belgium, and 95.5 in the Dutch city of Utrecht.

In the Netherlands, the Nijmegen 4-Day March was canceled after two participants died in the heat. Some 300 people taking part in the popular walk became ill Tuesday in temperatures that reached 95 degrees and 30 were hospitalized.

In Britain, many people simply sought shelter indoors as the mercury rose. By mid-afternoon Wednesday, the temperature at Charlwood, near London's Gatwick Airport, hit 97.3 degrees — the hottest temperature ever recorded in Britain in July.

The average temperature in southeastern England in July is 70 degrees — and that figure has been the nighttime temperature the past few days.

Sandra Lancaster, spokeswoman for Britain's primary weather forecaster the Meteorological Office, said as the heat hangs on, temperatures could eclipse the record of 101 degrees in Faversham, Kent, on Aug. 10, 2003.

Afghan, coalition soldiers reclaim southern town

By Noor Khan
Associated Press writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The second of two towns seized by the Taliban went back into government hands Wednesday with relatively little bloodshed after more than 1,000 U.S.-led coalition and Afghan troops swept into the area.

Two Afghan soldiers were wounded and two Taliban were killed in the battle to retake Garmser, a remote town of about 50,000 people on the Helmand River, officials said. A U.S. military spokesman said the scanty resistance showed insurgents were weaker than they appeared.

The Taliban appears to be bullying their way around some of the smaller towns in remote areas but they have no capability to lay claim to any piece of ground," U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Fitzpatrick said.

Coalition and Afghan forces faced "limited small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire" as they neared Garmser, Fitzpatrick said.

Two homemade bombs and a weapons cache were discovered after the battle.

The military announced the death of one coalition soldier and wounding of two others in fighting Tuesday in the southern province of Uruzgan, a hotbed of Taliban activity. The soldiers' nationalities were not released.

The brief Taliban takeovers of Garmser and Naway-i-Barakzayi, 20 miles to the north, underscored the persistent security challenges facing foreign and Afghan forces across the volatile south.

Afghanistan has about 60,000 policemen and less than 30,000 soldiers, plus more than 30,000 U.S.-led and NATO forces. There are plans to increase the Afghan army's size to 70,000, but defense officials have said at least double that number is needed. About 4,000 British troops, part of a NATO expansion into the region, are deploying in Helmand province to take control from U.S. forces at the end of the month. The region is one of Afghanistan's most volatile.

South Korean president says North's missile tests could spark arms race

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Wednesday it would halt reunions of relatives split by the heavily fortified border, and South Korea's president made his strongest comments yet against the communist nation's recent missile tests in a further blow to reconciliation efforts.

In the wake of a U.N. Security Council resolution against the North's launches, Japanese Prime Minister

Junichiro Koizumi said Tokyo won't rush to impose more sanctions on Pyongyang while it waits for a response from the reclusive country.

On July 5, the North defied international opposition and tested a long-range missile believed capable of reaching the U.S., along with six other short- and medium-range missiles. The move prompted the Security Council to pass a resolution over the weekend

barring U.N. member countries from missile-related dealings with the North.

The missile crisis has become one of the strongest challenges yet to South Korea's policy of engagement with the North.

The North-South family reunions had been a key element of reconciliation efforts since the first and only summit between leaders of the North and South in 2000, bringing

together more than 16,300 Koreans for tear-filled meetings of several days.

Many of those wishing to take part in the reunions are elderly, hoping before they die for a glimpse of relatives unseen since the 1953 cease-fire that halted the Korean War. The North said Wednesday it wouldn't allow the reunions to go on because the South refused to discuss humanitarian aid at high-level talks last

week between the two Koreas. South Korea had sought to address the North's missile and nuclear programs, but the North brushed off the plea saying the issues were irrelevant to that forum.

The humanitarian undertakings have virtually ceased to exist between the North and the South as your side has abused even the humanitarian issue for meeting its snitser purpose to serve the out-

siders," Jang Jae On, head of the North Korean Red Cross Society, wrote in a letter to his South Korean counterpart.

"Our side is, therefore, of the view that it has become impossible to hold any discussion related to humanitarian issues," to say nothing of arranging any reunion between separated families," Jang wrote, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

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IDaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: June 22, 2006
File No.: 7023.11785 Loan No.: 0130153238
Sale date and time (local time): October 24, 2006 at 10:00 AM
Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.
Case No. CV-06-310
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of RUDINE C. QUINNHAM, Deceased.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.
Case No. CV-06-3068
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of EVIE E. KOSTER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On October 25, 2006, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock PM of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all portions of time, the following described real property, situated in the County of Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER DEED OF TRUST S.T. No. T08-21817-1D
ID Loan No.: 0046959587, Trustee Order No.: 059224 N of ID
National Title Insurance Company c/o Town and Country, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all portions of time, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IDaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: June 22, 2006
File No.: 7023.11548 Loan No.: 0027403047
Sale date and time (local time): October 26, 2006 at 10:00 AM
Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-06-3156
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of FLORENCE PAULINE SHANK SHERIDAN, Deceased.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
ON Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 2006, at 10:00 o'clock AM, the undersigned Trustee, by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by PATRICIA J. HANFOLZ, Plaintiff, and Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST TRUST BANK OF IDAHO, N.A. (c/o Town and Country Insurance Co. c/o Town and Country State Insurance Co., c/o Town and Country State Insurance Co., c/o Town and Country State Insurance Co.), in and for the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IDaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: June 21, 2006
File No.: 7023.11211 Loan No.: 25686984
Sale date and time (local time): October 24, 2006 at 10:00 AM
Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
ON November 7, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock PM of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 163 Fawcett Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all portions of time, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

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Lost and Found
FOUND 520 gift card in the Winco parking lot. Found 7/17. Made out to: J. J. Johnson. Call and identify the giver. 208-643-5620.
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LOST cat male Tabby, long hair, between 38-45 lbs. Twin Falls, answers to "Baby". If you see him, please Call 208-731-4344.
LOST dog, black/white, male, white eye & black patch eye, wearing Harley Davidson collar. Family pet. 40 lbs. Found. 208-260-1605.

SUMMONS
TO: MIKE E. MCLEIN
You have been sued by NICO Financial Systems, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court of Ada County, Idaho, Case No. CV-06-05-0600.
The nature of the claim against you is collection of money owed by you.
Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response to the court in the District Court of Ada County, CV-06-05-0600, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 200 West 16th Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, telephone (208) 287-8900, and send a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney at Howell & Wall, LLP, 300 South 14th Street, Boise, Idaho, telephone (877) 208-3333.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.
If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
Dated: July 20, 2006
By: Debra L. Peterson, Attorney for Plaintiff.
Ada County District Court
By Deputy
PUBLISHED: July 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the August 1, 2006 Board of Directors of the Lincoln County Memorial Hospital District has been rescheduled to August 8, 2006 at 7:30 am in the Board Room located at 1030 Montana St., Gooding, ID, beginning in September the Board of Directors meetings will resume on the first day of each month at 7:30 am in the hospital Board Room.

PUBLISH: July 20, 2006

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-06-2142 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of EVELYN B. HUMPHREY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or claims will be forever barred.

Case No. CV-06-2411 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2412 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2413 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2416 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2417 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2418 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2419 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2420 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2421 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2422 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

The Forest Service will receive sealed bids for the Sawtooth National Forest Superior District, 2407 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83402 on local time on August 17, 2006 for an estimated volume of 80 CCF for Douglas-fir sawtimber marked or otherwise designated for cutting. The lower Forest Sale is located within 74N R17E Sections 11, 14 and 15, Boise Meridian. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award to the highest bidder. A prospectus, bid form and complete information concerning the conditions of sale and submission of bids is available to the public from the Sawtooth National Forest Superior District Office, 2407 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83402 (208-733-1200) or the Fairfield Ranger District at Box 189, Fairfield, Idaho 83427 (208-733-1200).

PUBLISH: July 20, 2006

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-2411 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV-06-2412 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET JEAN THOMAS, Deceased.

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CONSTRUCTION

Experienced Steel Erection and Helpers, Local Area, 1000 S. 1st St., 117 Eastland Dr., Gooding, ID 83402.

CONSTRUCTION

Frame work needed. Exp. preferred but will take anyone. Pay DOE. Min 60% & 3022.

CONSTRUCTION

Masons & Scaffolding Carriers needed in the Wood River Valley area. Opened - apply. Wages DOE. Call 800-865-2074.

CONSTRUCTION

13-173 ask for Ron

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer - Service Rep. Part-time approx. 30 hrs a week. 4pm-10pm, Wed-Fri. Some Saturdays required. Must be 18 yrs with current drivers license. Be willing to wash cars occasionally. \$7.00/hr apply in person.

Budget Rent-A-Car

at Magic Valley Regional Airport

DAIRY

milker experience required must speak English, write and housing. Call 541-743-2977

DAIRY

Personnel needed for 3 positions: calf raiser, milker and milker. Call 208-678-4970 or 431-8978

DATA ENTRY

Recruitment - Full-time, general clerical, data entry and housing. computer and 10 key experience a must. Requires occasional travel. Must be willing to work under pressure. Casual work environment. Must have valid driver's license. Weekly fuel allowance, medical, dental and vision insurance as well as paid vacation. Bring resume and references to: Lynch Oil, Inc. 411 Overland Ave, Burley, ID 83401-7115

DELIVERY

Warehouse personnel needed. Must have clean driving record, able to lift 50+ pounds. Apply in person at 767 2nd Ave W. Twin Falls Idaho 83402. No Phone Calls Please drop into workplace "EOE"

DENTAL

Dental Assistant needed in person for July in busy family dental office. Fax resume to 208-733-7007 or call 324-7007

DENTAL

Dental Assistant - Full-time position in one-of-a-kind "return" to R.O. Box 541 File #117-1172 on July 26th, 2006

DRIVER

Full-time positions available immediately. Must have Class C DL with endorsements. Local delivery area. Knowledge of computer security req. Strong customer relationship and past work experience. Some travel required. Send resume, refs, and wage DOE to SOCI, PO Box 1713, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

COMPUTERS

Seeking applicant exp. in networking and maintaining local and wide area networks. Requires a Novell Network. Ability to configure routers/firewalls and IP addressing. Computer security req. Strong customer relationship and past work experience. Some travel required. Send resume, refs, and wage DOE to SOCI, PO Box 1713, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

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Transport Milk Generation CDL with endorsements. Apply in person at OTR Drivers for our vans and trailers. Starting pay is \$5 a mile with benefits & 401k and health insurance after 90 days. Please call 877-324-3515 between 8am-2pm ask for Jim Darnett

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Beverage Routes. Must have CDL & 2000 B-30M. 187 Eastland Dr., Gooding, ID 83402.

DRIVERS

Class A & B CDL drivers needed. Exp. preferred but will take anyone. Pay DOE. Min 60% & 3022.

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Truck Drivers needed for OTR, with good MVR, & Class A CDL. Good benefits. 1-877-528-0113

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Truck Drivers needed for local haul. Pay DOE. Call 543-6697 or 543-0919 for more info.

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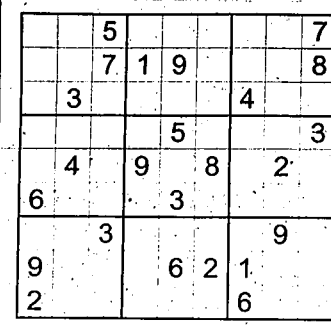
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\$79,500 Don't miss the incredible view from this lovely 2.69 acre parcel with full water, pasture, and fencing. Call 208-981-9737. KIMBERLY SCHROEDER/MS#98254971/PC#2521

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TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, office, 3rd bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, central vacuum, large laundry/hobby garage in kitchen, formal landscaping, 2452 square feet, 816 square foot, guest house, 1 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 car garage, hobby/work room, and storage room. All on .65 acres. \$384,000

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Thursday, July 20, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"A tart temper never mellows with age, and a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use."
— Washington Irving

The Dyspeptics Club is not the real name of the place from which I occasionally report the alarms and discursions. The club has acquired its nickname because of the temperament of so many of its members. Crumpiness sometimes appears to be one of the basic requirements of membership — and few could dispute that of the regular foursome that meets there North is a past master at the stinging retort.

On today's deal his sharp tongue found a perfect target. South combines an air of both self-satisfaction and confidence that renders him an almost irresistible focus of North's spleen.

North had done well in the auction — his jump to five spades was meant to suggest no minor-suit contract... and a good hand. South did less-well in the play, winning the second club to lead a spade to dummy's ace and eventually conceding a trump for one down.

South bewailed his luck, saying that there was no way for him to make the contract. North accurately if mean-spiritedly responded that there was no way for HIM to make the contract — but any bridge player would have wrapped up 12 tricks. Do you see why?

Since the only danger on the hand is 5-0 trumps and nothing can be done if East has the length, start trumps by leading the jack from hand. You can then finesse easily enough against West's holding to bring home 12 tricks.

NORTH 07-20-A
 ♠ AKQ 8 2
 ♥ KQJ 2
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ 8 3

WEST EAST
 ♠ 10 9 6 5 4 —
 ♥ 9 4 3 —
 ♦ 9 —
 ♣ Q J 10 2 —

-SOUTH
 ♠ J 7 3
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ A K J 4
 ♣ K 5 4

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
 3♣ Pass 5♣ Pass
 6♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club queen

BID WITH THE ACES

07-20-B

South holds:
 ♠ 10 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 4 3
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q J 10 2

South West North East
 2♠ 2♥ 3♦ 3♠

ANSWER: Bid four spades as a pre-emptive call. You have no real expectation of making, but you do not want to let the opponents get together cheaply. This action is consistent with a weak hand and long spades. Although you could be better than this, you could also be worse!

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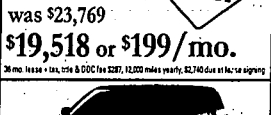
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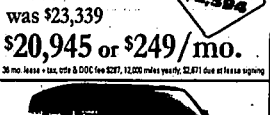
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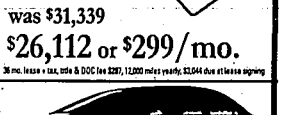
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Mischief set to music

OVAC considers the 'Adventures of Tom Sawyer'

BY RENEE WELLS
Special to The Times-News

OKLEY — It's always a little chaotic in the weeks preceding an Oakley Valley Arts Council production debut, but this summer "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" is turning more than the Mississippi Valley upside down.

With a cast full of youngsters, director Kent Evensen is earning his share of gray hair.

"It's work to put one of these productions together under any circumstance," he said. "Add the element of a whole bunch of children with short attention spans who can't remember for more than a few minutes what it means to 'be quiet,' and you have the general tenor at the playhouse this summer."

A little chaos, a lot of noise and sometimes some frazzled nerds.

What do the kids say about it? "I'm having a lot of fun, but it's hard to learn all the songs and the dances, and it's hard to be quiet when we're backstage," said Gretchen Hale, 10, who is debuting in Tom Sawyer.

About Tom Sawyer

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" published in 1876, is arguably one of the greatest novels ever written in the United States. (Twin's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," published in 1884, is by most critical consensus the best ever.) Twin's lively tale of the scrapes and adventures of boyhood is set in St. Petersburg, Mo., where Tom Sawyer and his friend Huckleberry Finn have the kinds of adventures many boys can imagine: racing bugs during class, impressing girls (especially Becky Thatcher) with fights and stunts in the schoolyard, getting into a cave, playing pranks on the Mississippi River, and most famously, whitewashing a fence.



Tom Sawyer, played by Brown Baker, left, is just hesitant enough at sharing his pair of shoes that he convinces the other boys in the Mississippi River town of St. Petersburg, Mo., that they want to paint his way of getting out of the work himself.

As if working with lots of young stars isn't enough challenge, Evensen has also chosen to have two teenage assistant directors as well. Evensen's co-directors are Audley Evensen, 15, and Tompkins or Davis, 16.

"I have been overseeing the dancing and singing a little and it is a real challenge to work with this many children," said Temperante, who has helped in past

productions backstage with props, lighting and sound. She has also starred in some shows.

"I am really enjoying this and learning a great deal, but I don't think I'm ready to direct a play of

If you go

- **What:** The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Ken Ludwig and Don Schiltz's musical "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."
- **Where:** Howells Opera House, Oakley
- **When:** Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. The production continues through Aug. 5.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARIS.

my own yet. I'd like to try it someday, though."

For some of the stars, the production is old hat, but that doesn't make it easy.

Carole Anderson's part as Aunt Polly works well on and off stage. Please see SAWYER, Page 16

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The story of Tom Sawyer has been made into a motion picture several times. The first was in 1917, starring Jack Pickford as Tom, and the most recent Disney's 1985 "Tom and Huck." "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" adapted for stage by Ken Ludwig, appeared on Broadway during the 2001-02 season.

Ludwig was the author of the George Gershwin novel, "Daddy for You," that was a hit on Broadway between 1992-1996. Tom Sawyer, with music by Don Schiltz, was less successful, being just 21 performances on Broadway in the spring of 2001. Theater newcomer Jordan Park played Tom.

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'LADY IN THE WATER'

Shyamalan's make-believe world turns out corny

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

There's a difference between storytelling and myth-making. M. Night Shyamalan can be very good at the former, but he's not so hot at the latter with his latest film, "Lady in the Water."

A tale that originated as a bedtime story Shyamalan made up for his kids, "Lady in the Water" carries much of the dark, broody atmosphere that's a signature in the writer-director's films, including "The Sixth Sense" with Bruce Willis; "Signs" and "The Village."

The premise—a mystical water nymph living under the swimming pool of a drab apartment complex—is intriguing, yet the mythology Shyamalan builds around his main characters is forced, pretentious and outright silly at times.

Strong performances from Paul Giamatti as the complex, melancholy manager, Bryce Dallas Howard as the nymph and a plucky supporting cast of amiable weirdoes makes the fantasy occasionally palatable—but just barely.

Shyamalan's "make-believe world is just too fatuous and corny. Disney, which released Shyamalan's big hits, balked at the script, and the director stomped off to Warner Bros. to make "Lady in the Water" (a book timed to the movie's release, "The Man Who Heard Voices: Or, How M. Night Shyamalan Risked His Career on a Fairy Tale," recounts Shyamalan's break with Disney).

It's hard enough for some hard-nosed moviegoers to accept the nasty ores of Mordor in "The Lord of the Rings" or a talking lion in "The Chronicles of Narnia," and those movies come with decades of literary veneration.

So it's a leap of faith many won't care to make when Sya-



Cleveland Heep, played by Paul Giamatti, rescues a mysterious young woman (Bryce Dallas Howard) from danger and finds that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home in "Lady in the Water."

malan's characters start babbling about creatures called narfs, serunts, and the tartic and the great canton. Compounding viewers' unwillingness to suspend their disbelief is the disjointed, herky-jerky expediency with which the human characters decipher the mysteries surrounding the nymph's plight and settle on the strange course of action they must take to speed her back to her own domain. To add another groaner, her realm is called the Blue World.

Blue world would be a good name for the Cove apartment complex, where dispirited manager Cleveland Heep (Giamatti) wanders about fixing lights and toilets while quietly harboring grief over a past tragedy.

Perpetually bathed in dusky twilight, the Cove is populated with oddballs and loners, many trying to bury themselves from the rest of the world.

One night, Cleveland discovers a nymph—or "narf"—named Story (Howard) has been living in a chamber beneath the swimming pool. Story's from a parallel world sent to help violent humanity reconnect with its spiritual, magical side, and Cleveland learns—through contrived and dubious means—the importance and tactics of sending her back home.

There are creatures bound to help her, others that aim to stop her, and denizens of the Cove have designated roles to play in Story's fate. Shyamalan piles it on like the arbitrary rules of a video game, to the point where a what-the-heck-is-going-on factor drops the filmmaker's attempt to invoke childlike wonder.

The real wonder is that the actors are able to maintain straight faces amid the movie's preposterousness. It's almost worth seeing "Lady in the Water" just for the warmth and do-

'Lady in the Water'

Starring Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sarita Choudhury, Stars Friday at Twin Cinema, Century Cinema, SkiffTime Cinemas, Ketchum and Jerome Cinemas
Rated PG-13

cey Giamatti injects beneath his character's bottomless anguish.

Howard, the sparkling star of Shyamalan's "The Village," is a luminous presence, though she's never allowed to stray far from Story's hushed stoicism.

Generally taking bit parts in his films, Shyamalan here steps into a bigger role as a writer with an integral connection to Story. Given the nature of his character—a man with momentous things to say about humanity—you've got to wonder if Shyamalan's trying some mythmaking in his real life, with himself starring in his own fairy tale.

Highlighting the rest of the supporting ensemble are Sarita Choudhury as Shyamalan's sister, Bob Balaban as a stand-in for the tenant, Jeffrey Wright as a crossword-puzzle fan, Freddy Rodriguez as a body-builder with an unusual goal, Cindy Cheung as a vivacious student, Bill Irwin as a shut-in and Jared Harris as a middle-aged slacker.

There are chills and scary moments, though nowhere near as many as Shyamalan's past hits have offered. "Lady in the Water" is more about mood than menace.

It would be nice to say "Lady in the Water" is a story for the kid in all of us. But it should have remained a story just for Shyamalan's kids.

"Lady in the Water," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 for some frightening sequences. Running time: 109 minutes.

Movie nuggets

• "Cars" / C- A critic-proof horror — a garish, noisy, soulless, surefire hit from Pixar. En route to a race, an arrogant hot-shot race car (voiced by Owen Wilson) is forced to spend time in a sleepy little town, where he discovers life

out of the fast lane. The animation is terrific, but the life lessons are imparted with too much charm or nuance and, at almost two hours, it somehow manages to be both frenetic and tedious. That said, the kids will love it — and you may feel like you've been run over. Rated G. 1 hour, 56 minutes.

• "Clerks II" / No rating Kevin Smith checks back in with the slackers from "Clerks" to find out what they're up to a dozen years later. Dante and Randall are still doing the exact same thing, standing around all day at their mental jobs, finding ways to avoid work, and talking. And talking and talking. They're just doing it in color instead of black and white. But in revisiting the characters who made him an indie darling and a cult favorite, writer-director Smith finds himself back at the top of his game, especially after his self-indulgent "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001) and self-heard "Jersey Girl" (2004). R.

• "Little Man" / C+ In the wake of the humorously offensive Farrelly brothers' "Dumb & Dumber-er," "There's Something About Mary" (the Wayans brothers' Keenen Ivory as director and Shawn and Marlon as actors) and their latest bit of bad taste, Maxon plays a toddler-size adult thief on the lam who hides out dressed as a baby. There doesn't seem to be a body part "Little Man" won't joke about. It's big on penis and Viagra jokes, short bits involving volupitous breasts, slaps to the

About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

head, body slams on little kids, hits to the crotch and tongue (and all their various uses). Plenty of the verbal jokes don't work, but some of the physical comedy scores. At its best, "Little Man" takes the we-all-know-it's-coming sappy ending and makes it at least palatable. That's a big plus.

• "Monster House" / No rating The difference between "Monster House" and most other animated movies is a little thing called story. It actually has one, and doesn't just trot out cheeky characters spewing gratuitous pop-culture references. It also distinguishes itself compared to most horror movies in that it really is scary — definitely too much so for little kids, but even some adults will find themselves startled, as well. Using the same motion-capture animation that appeared in 2004's "The Polar Express" (to much more engaging effect), first-time director Gil Kenan tells the tale of three kids who realize that the suburban house where a crotchety old man lives isn't just creepy and spooky. It's a snarling, gnashing monster that devours anything or anyone that dares come near it — toys, bikes, dogs, even people. "Monster House" taps accurately into fears and folklore that everyone will recog-

nize from childhood, which makes the script (from Dan Hyrman, Rob Schrab and Pamela Pettler) completely timeless. Growing up, we all had some mysterious neighbor who lived in a forbidding home down the street or around the corner — someone you rarely saw, which only caused their legend to grow. It's the stuff of both ghost stories and great literature. PG-13.

• "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" / No rating One of the freshest movie premises of the summer — and one of the best casting choices, Uma Thurman as a superhero using her powers to exact payback on the man who jilted her — are utterly wasted in "My Super Ex-Girlfriend." This comedy is so unfunny, it's like director Ivan Reitman and company had their senses of humor tranquilized from guzzling kryptonite lattes. After a string of comedy hits in the 1980s and '90s including the "Ghostbusters" flicks, "Twins" and "Dave," Reitman's output has slowed to a trickle, this latest dud following his 2001 flop "Evolution." First-time screenwriter Don Payne, a veteran writer for "The Simpsons," hit on a potentially delightful premise but executes it blandly as "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" lumbers through dreary sight gags and drearier patter. With his aw-shucks politeness, co-star Luke Wilson is a weak and boring counterpoint to Thurman. It's not too believable her wonder woman of a superhero would fall for this sleazy sheep in the first place. Let alone care enough to go hell-hath-no-fury ballistic on him after he dumps her. PG-13.

• "Over the Hedge" / B- This energetic family-pleaser should make a lot of kids and their adults happy. With winter gone, some woodland chums get spring, only to find a subdivision in the middle of their former forest. The excellent voice talent includes Bruce Willis, Steve Carll, Wanda Sykes and Garry Shandling. M iddling but entertaining. Rated PG (rude humor and mild comic action). 1 hour, 24 minutes.

• "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" / B+ Even better than the first one and, oh, that Johnny Depp! Reprising his Oscar-nominated role as the roachish Capt. Jack Sparrow, Depp romps through — and often saves by sheer charisma — a somewhat incomprehensible plot. It has something to do with Jack owing a blood debt to Davy Jones (Bill Nighy, buried in an octopus beard). Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom return as the young lovers, now in hot water for aiding Jack's escape in the original film. Plus cannibals, sea battles, ghost ships and a helluva giant squid. Parental note: Some of it is quite scary. You may want to check it out yourself first. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of adolescent violence, including frightening images). 2 hours, 30 minutes.

• "You, Me and Dupree" / No rating Everyone has someone like Dupree in their lives — a friend who's a little too needy, a little too clingy, a bit of a social misfit who always says the wrong thing and doesn't know when to call it a night. But no one could possibly know someone who's as outlandish in his clueless cloddishness as Owen Wilson's titular third-wheel character because he's just too unreal, even for the sake of comedy. The guy could not exist — and if he did, his friends wouldn't keep him around as long as Matt Dillon and Katie Hudson do. Soon after serving as best man in their wedding, Dupree moves in with the newlyweds and proceeds to inadvertently wreck their house and their marriage. There are a couple of amusing lines and images here, but eventually the destruction becomes just too severe to bear. The role of Dupree is merely the same sort of unflappable slacker that has become the trademark of Wilson's career (surely he can do more, and he needs to show us). But the especially radiant Hudson is squelched in a thankless part as the nagging wife. PG-13 for sexual content, brief nudity, crude humor, language and a drug reference. 108 minutes.



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"She's the Man"
PG-13

When her prep school eliminates girls' soccer, star player Viola Hastings (Amanda Bynes) switches teams all the way. Putting shared custody to work for her, she takes the place of her twin brother Sebastian (James Kirk) at his new school, their old school's rival, while he absconds to London with his band. Mom (Julie Hagerty), meanwhile, is too absorbed in the upcoming deb ball to notice, and Dad is out to lunch with his collar turned up. Obviously, conditions couldn't be more perfect for a girl looking to pass as a boy to rounce her ex-boyfriend on the pitch, which is just what she does.

She gets away with it thanks to her stylish headress friend and some coaching in male swagger. As a boy, the doe-eyed, baby-faced Bynes makes a pretty convincing weirdo, and it's a wonder she doesn't ever find herself staring down the barrel of a Kolar during the movie. But her roommate, Duke (Channing Tatum), is not only the soccer team captain, he's also a sensitive guy, and open to ideas. When Viola-as-Sebastian claims the trophies in her luggage as for nosebleeds, he manfully gives them a try.

A breezy farce adapted from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" by first-time screenwriter Ewan Leslie and Karen McCullah and Kirsten Smith ("10 Things I Hate About You" and "Legally Blonde"), "She's the Man" is so good-natured, and its cast seems to enjoy itself so thoroughly, that the total annihilation of disbelief it requires winds up feeling like a reasonable enough request.

Bynes' loony boy shtick is completely unbelievable and thoroughly entertaining. But it's the crush she develops on Duke, who has a crush on Olivia (Lauren Ramiere), who has a thing for Sebastian, that brings the movie to life. Furtively mooning over her hunky roommate, Bynes captures adolescent puppy love in all its loopy glory, and it's unexpectedly refreshing to watch a clever girl



Amanda Bynes turns the 'Twelfth Night' story on its head in 'She's the Man.'

pursue the dreamy object of her desire.

Surrendering to silliness proves to be a good move; the movie's stars David Cross as — what else? — the school's and clueless headmaster, and as the ditzy mom, Hagerty is as breathless and spaced out as ever.

— Los Angeles Times

"ATL"

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"ATL" is one of those filmic byproducts (in this case, a promotional vehicle for the rapper Tip Harriss, a.k.a. T.I.) that somehow manage to emerge from the mill of commerce with their modesty preserved. The rock of synergy is strong, but so — in its unambitious way — is the script.

To secure the PG-13 rating that allows them to reach their target audience, the makers of "ATL" were obligated to steer clear of the more sensational aspects of hip-hop movies and concentrate instead on producing a nice little story, in which the elements of teen romance, class-based drama, and ghetto morality tale are mingled with some expertise.

In "ATL" even a hip-hop movie? There's hip-hop in it, certainly, but unlike the recent vehicles for Eminem and 50 Cent — respectively, "8 Mile" and "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" — it does not have a rap-

per hero. Rashad (played by Harriett) is not propelling himself out of the ghetto with his fast mouth. He is a meditative young man who sits doodling in his basement and dreams of having his cartoons published in the local funny pages. Rather than attempting to provide T.I. with a gunfire-heavy, hip-hop back story, "ATL" advertises the feminine virtues of gentleness, diligence, and the drawing of pretty things in one's journal.

"ATL" means Atlanta, and the setting for the movie is the outlying neighborhood of Mechanicville. There Rashad lives with his younger brother Ant and Uncle George, going to school, working in the family business (a janitorial service called Swann Cleaning), and trying to keep his nose clean. The tearaway Ant, however, played by Evan Ross Neess, is more interested in the quick score and thus provides an entry into the story for the looming kingpin-figure Marcus (OutKast's Big Boi), who arrives in a quake of car stereo bass and recruits him into his drug army. Meanwhile, Rashad and his crew are perfecting their moves down at the local roller rink Cascade, and Rashad is becoming involved, via some PG-13 embraces, with the gorgeous New (and Laurent) London.

— Boston Globe

"Tsotsi"

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When the mugging he masterminds ends in murder, and a member of his gang chooses this delicate moment to make some ill-advised inquiries into his past, "Tsotsi" (Presley Chweneyagae) beats his buddy senseless and runs out into the rainy night, demons nipping at his heels. He stops to catch his breath in front of a beautiful house, just as its owner is pulling up in a BMW. "Tsotsi" seizes the moment, and the car, shooting the woman when she tries to climb back in on the passenger side. It's not until he is nearly back to the township that "Tsotsi" hears the baby giggling in the back seat.

"Tsotsi" was adapted by Gavin Hood, who also directed, from



Presley Chweneyagae is in way over his head in 'Tsotsi.'

the novel by playwright Athol Fugard. "Tsotsi" — his name literally means thug in the patois of the Soweto townships — is the steely-eyed leader of a small band of hooligans. There's the now out-of-commission Boston (Mothusi Magano), who once dreamed of being a teacher; Butcher (Zenzo Ngobee) a murderous creep; and Aap (Kenneth Nkosi), a slow-witted bully with murky allegiances. Flood transposed the story from 1950s Johannesburg, where it was originally set, to the present, both for financial reasons and for greater ease of relating, though it's not exactly good news that the story adapts so seamlessly to post-apartheid South Africa. But then, that's less a comment on that country's political history than on global poverty in general, and the depressing universality of its effects. Fugard's novel ends with "Tsotsi" being literally crushed by the fascist state. Hood's film ends on a more hopeful note, although in the absence of a specific villain, the circumstances make you questioner. Who's to blame for "Tsotsi's" terrible life?

Hood avoids over references to South Africa's political past, actually, and it's hard to know what to make of it. All of "Tsotsi's" victims are black, though they range from rich to middle class to poor. (The only whites in the film are a pair of more or less benign cops.) But he draws straight and steady lines from "Tsotsi's" criminal journey to his suffering past. An AIDS orphan whose father abused him, "Tsotsi" eventually

graduated from sleeping in the orphan hive of the stacked drainpipes outside the township to a corrugated steel shack of his own by sheer force of will and repression of memory.

The flashbacks are meant to bridge the gap between roving menace and besotted dad. But they mostly just compromise the movie's naturalism and suggest a lack of confidence in the plausibility of the premise. They also make an overzealousist argument for nurture in the old debate, dressing up "Tsotsi's" childhood trauma as latent paternal instincts, waiting for the right moment to spring: crouching nurturer, hidden father.

Whatever its weaknesses, "Tsotsi" is redeemed by its excellent performances. Chweneyagae has the amazing capacity to look like a hardened criminal one moment, a child the next. After a series of mishaps involving newspaper dispensers and condensed milk, "Tsotsi" follows a shantytown Madonna named Miriam (Torry Pheto) home one afternoon and holds her up at gunpoint, demanding she feed his baby. "Tsotsi" sits and watches, his hard edges visibly softening — the implication apparently being that the key to crime reduction is to put more nursing mothers and cute babies on the street. Still, it's a pleasure to watch the interplay of emotions on Chweneyagae's face as he contemplates Miriam and imagines — you imagine — forgoing a little family (at gunpoint) of his own.

— Los Angeles Times

Events calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 20

The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. in the City Park Bandshell.

Heritage/Oakley

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Theater/Boise

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Rock/Utah

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888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smltstx.com>. Avalon is at 3605 S. State St.

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Country/Jackpot

Tanya Tucker will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m. in Cactus Poles Resort Casino. Tickets, which are \$35, \$40 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Festival/Glenns Ferry

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Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Kurt Kruger will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruger's Night Life. Cover charge is \$3. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Jerome

Country Classics will perform at 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome.

Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. Snake River Elks Lodge is at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

Country/Twin Falls

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Country/Utah

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Rock/Boise

Shadows Fall, Poison the Well, It Dies Today and Still Remains will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Rock/Castelford

Milestone will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the annual

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Rock/Utah

The Warriors will perform at Club Boom Va in Ogden at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at www.smltstx.com. Club Boom Va is at 2701 Washington Blvd.

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Figure skating/Sun Valley

2006 Olympic bronze medalist Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show at 8 p.m. in the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge at about 10:30 p.m. Bleacher-seat tickets are \$29, \$34, \$38, \$47 and \$52, seating in the Sun Room is \$52 and dinner-and-buffet tickets are \$60 and \$84, or \$66 and \$70 for children. For reservations, phone 622-2135.

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Castelford Community Street Dance. A free fish fry will be held before the dance. The event is sponsored by On the Rocks, Castelford Parks Department and the community of Castelford.

Theater/Oakley

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Heritage/Oakley

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Rock/Gooding

Dirty Johnny will play from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Topons. No cover charge. Topons is at 413 Main.

Dance/Fler

The Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is at 523 Main.

Rock/Twin Falls

Crash Four will play from 8 p.m. until closing at Woody's



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Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

Hip-hop/Utah

Boot Camp Clik will perform in the Urban Lounge in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smltstx.com>. The Urban Lounge is at 251 S. 500 E.

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Art as life

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Rock/Utah

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Rock/Twin Falls

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Rock/Utah

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Theater/Halley

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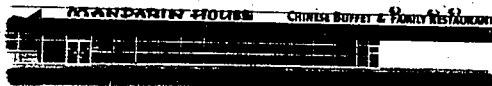
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Food

Finger steaks at a *Albion Cafe* doesn't skimp on the trimmings.

Albion Cafe does the little things

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

ALBION — Dining in small-town cafes — unimpressing places with lots of normal wood paneling and a menu that should be a treat. That's not true at the Albion Cafe.

Comfortable and welcoming, the Albion Cafe covers the basics — steaks, seafood, sandwiches, breakfast — and adds a week over extended hours at consistent quality.

On a recent visit, I sampled the \$10 finger-steak special — a small-town staple. It came served with a baked potato and a mixed vegetable salad.

Finger steaks are a classic everything-but-the-kitchen-sink, seat-of-the-pants, company's-coming-any-minute entrée. The range of quality is vast, but done right it's always a riff on the following formula:

1. Slice boneless sirloin steak into strips. 2. Beat an egg and milk. 3. Add flour, salt, sugar, baking powder, garlic powder, pepper and/or onion powder. 4. Coat the steak. 5. Chill for two hours or longer. 6. Fry in hot oil — for no more than three minutes.

Four things can go badly wrong. If the steak is tough be-

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228 W. North St., Albion — Steaks, seafood, sandwiches, \$4.95 to \$6.95. Hours: Sundays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Roger Jenkins, owner; 673-5404.

fore it's sliced, it'll be tougher, but if it's cooked in a bit of rap, and if you overcook finger steaks, they're ruined.

So ordering finger steaks in a restaurant is always a bit of a crapshoot. But when they're done well, they're a small pleasure.

And an unmistakable sign of a down-home country cook who knows his or her business.

The Albion Cafe has a much broader range of fare than finger steaks, but it's a personal favorite whenever I stop by. And a reminder that simple cooking — when it's simply the best — can't be beat.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrumpp@magicvalley.com.

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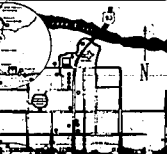
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RECENT CD RELEASES



Madonna

Madonna "I'm Going To Tell You a Secret" (Warner Bros.)

There's a reason Madonna's live show still works so effortlessly. And it still is she.

Madonna is still that person to many of us, the embodiment of glamour and celebrity. Her music has provided a soundtrack for the past 25 years, as evidenced by this CD/DVD package. Throughout most of that time, she has been setting industry standards in pop music.

The best element of this super-souvenir (to her current Re-Invention Tour) is the DVD, which captures Madge's experience on this tour. From performance to backstage, this DVD isn't comprehensive, but it's pleasant, adding worth to a live-CD rickety a pallid set list.

At least the DVD has her — Madonna fooling around and shaking it on stage. She, more than her music, is why we're still hanging on every word.

Like so many live recordings, this is largely a self-indulgent throwaway disc. "Like A Prayer" gets an unfortunate soft-rock makeover, but the new edit of "Music" is a dancey bomb track, although it shows Madonna's aging voice. One of her few late-career gems, the excellent "Die Another Day" falls dead.

Her cover of John Lennon's "Imagine" is not as scary as you might fear, but the fact that it's on the same disc as the atrocious "I Love New York" (her worst song ever, hands down) makes for an unfortunate juxtaposition.

—Denver Post

"The Silver Lining" Soul Asylum (Legacy)

Soul Asylum was on track to be another version of *The Replacements*, raucous Minneapolis indie favorites, when "Grave Dancer's Union" was released in 1992. When the disc started spewing surprise singles in

"Somebody to Shove," "Black Gold" and "Runaway Train," the quartet went from having a solid, relatively big following to being inescapable on MTV and FM radio. In many ways, it was a shift from which the group never recovered. After failing to repeat that kind of success, the group retreated with singer Dave Pirner and moved to New Orleans.

Since it's been eight years, it's easy to view "The Silver Lining" as a comeback disc. It proved to be a swan song of sorts. Original bassist Karl Mueller succumbed to throat cancer before finishing his parts. Former Pierce Rosenc and current Guns N' Roses bassist Tommy Stinson stepped in to help his onetime companion.

Often forgotten on this disc's 13 tracks (one's hidden), the



Legacy

band sounds as if it is trying to capture the lightning-in-a-bottle, commercial success of "Runaway Train." There are a lot of slow to mid-tempo tunes with huge, memorable choruses. The guys have learned to create a hook with every chord change. However, the quartet—including original guitarist Dan Murphy and new drummer Michael Bland—is at its best when at full-throttle on the New Orleans-inspired "Bus Named Desire."

"The Silver Lining" would benefit from another song or two of this ilk.

Pirner's voice has lost none of its quivering fragility. He still

brings most notes to the precipice of losing them. Perhaps with Mueller's cancer in mind, a vague spirituality hovers above the disc with the lead-off track, "Stand Up and Be Strong," being the most obvious. Given the band's history and that a replacement is on hand, the music isn't as gloriously stopy as one would figure.

It's weird for anyone in their 30s to think alternative rock has become adult alternative. "The Silver Lining" makes a case that it has — and that that's not necessarily a bad thing.

—Stanford Advocate

Muni band celebrates Christmas early

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Band will present its seventh concert of the season Thursday at 8 p.m. at City Park.

This week's theme is Christmas in July.

The concert include "Good King Wenceslaus," "A Fantasy of Carols," "Trepak (Nutcracker Dance)" from the "Rusalka," "Fantasy on a Bell Carol," "And the Mountains Echoed Gloria," "Brazilian Sleigh Bells," "A Celtic Carol," "A Fireside Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride" and will end with a "Christmas" sing-along.

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Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruger's Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Burley

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 South St.

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Music

KARAOKE CORNER

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SATURDAY, JULY 22

Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Rurley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Steakhouse and Campanian Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Filer

Karaoke contest will be featured at 8 p.m. at the Moon Bar. No cover charge. Moon Bar is at 506 Main.

Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont Ave.

Declo

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 9 E. Main.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. Rendezvous Lounge is at 109 E. Main St.

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

BY MATT CHRISTENSEN
Times-News writer

The band

John Buckland *guitar, vocals*
Dave Stewart *drums*
Lyle Evans *rhythm guitar, vocals*

Daron Novotny *Hammond B3*
Devin Culley *bass*

Bandhood

"They've been together since February.

Home

Rupert

Beginnings

Founding members John and Dave hooked up a while back when John saw Dave gigging with another band at the Oasis in Twin Falls.

"I heard him playing," John recalled, "and said 'I gotta meet 'is guy."

Now John is more than happy he did.

"He's one of the best drummers I've ever played with."

John, a native New Yorker, and Dave, who hails from Chicago, are both long-time blues troubadours who've each played in dozens of bands over the years — none of which, they both say, are anything close to as good, or as crowd pleasing, as Road Skollars.

But that wasn't the case when they began jamming.

"We used to be a lot harder," Dave said. "But we've scaled it back to better fit the Twin Falls crowd."

That meant adding the dulcet tones of Daron's Hammond B3 organ — when he can sit in — and returning to a smooth Kansas City-style blues more palatable for a bar crowd.

"They played their fist gig in February and 'raised a lot of eyebrows and made a lot of fans,'" Dave said.

BAND IN THE BOX

Road Skollars



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Drummer Dave Stewart, left, and guitarist John Buckland founded 'Road Skollars,' a blues band, in February.

The name

All Dave.

"These old timers, man," said John of his Skollars co-founder, "they've been around and just come up with this stuff."

Dave said the play on Rhodes Scholars is a fitting phrase for these experienced players who've done a lot of traveling and consider themselves blues experts.

The tunes

Strait-up, gritty Kansas City blues from the bass, mind-blowing Hendrix-style riffing on guitars, and heavy jazz-influenced drumming. Throw in a couple of slick, countrysque, cry-in-your-beer roots tunes, and they're sure to please any crowd.

Most of the music is 12-bar blues stretched into 8- (sometimes 12-) minute jams. But unlike many of the jam bands currently on the Twin Falls bar scene, the Skollars rarely meander. Instead, the intensity rises and falls with purpose — no one

in this band is waiting to see what happens next. They're tight, purposeful and well-rehearsed.

In the blues tradition, of course, you'll never hear the same thing twice from the Skollars. Their music is always art in progress — never like a CD set on repeat.

Music-writing philosophy

"We're like the Dead on steroids," Dave said.

John pens the chord changes, and everyone else fills in.

"The songs are definitely structured," John said. "But we let them grow on stage."

Live, the Skollars mostly stick to old-time blues favorites from Hendrix, Cream and Stevie Ray Vaughn and mix in an original here and there.

Influences

Hard to say.

"Blues musicians are like great soup: a lot of good ingredients

go in to make something much better than any one ingredient on its own.

And because each of the Skollars has been playing for more than 20 years, there are a lot of tasty elements in that soup pot.

Discography

Nothing yet, though they're working on a demo live album. Chances are, you wouldn't want to hear a studio recording from this band anyway. It's their live show — and the spontaneous brilliance that comes with it — that will impress you.

Catch them

At Woody's Sports Bar in Twin Falls, 9 p.m. until close, Sept. 1 and 2. Cover charge is \$3. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@tnews.com.

Oakley lines up tons of fun for Pioneer Days

Times-News

OAKLEY — Six hundred sixty-six citizens celebrating 200-plus years of history. It works well for Oakley's Pioneer Days celebration.

The Magic Valley's longest-running festival kicks off Thursday, celebrating the summer of 1847 when Mormon emigrants arrived in the Salt Lake Valley.

Oakley's pedigree is only slightly less distinguished. Its post office dates from 1876, making it south-central Idaho's longest continuous settlement.

The festival kicked off with a team sorting contest Wednesday at Oakley's rodeo arena.

Thursday's rodeo events include the sixth annual mule race and the city's seventh annual stock saddle race. With a \$400 purse for first place and \$200 for second, each event requires a \$25 entry fee.

Other rodeo events — for both this evening and Saturday evening — include stock saddle bronc riding. The entry fee is \$50, and entries are limited.

But folks celebrating Pioneer Days don't have to wait until the sun goes down to have a good time.

Friday's offerings include the annual Dutch oven cook-off, with both beginner and championship divisions. Registration is 1 p.m., followed by judging at 3 p.m.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is also part of Friday's schedule. For ages 14 and under, the fee is \$25 per team. The tournament's open division begins at 1 p.m. and re-

quires a pre-registration fee of \$40 per team. To enter, contestants must sign up at 8:30 a.m. at the Oakley High School.

Then, as a special highlight, entertainment following this evening's rodeo events will be a dance at the Oakley City Park.

Saturday, another day of cowboy fun, begins with an early-morning chuck wagon breakfast put on by the Oakley Booster Club, and a lunch at 12:30 p.m. put on by Clark's Famous Deep-Pit Barbecue. Barbecue prices are \$6 a plate for adults and \$3 per child, and breakfast costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Saturday's scheduled events include a run-for-the-money on Goose Creek, a kids and family fun-a-rama, and a "Crazy for You" program at Howells Opera House.

Although the planned events are hometown oriented, the festival's parade at 5 p.m. Saturday will take on national significance. With an expected 50 entries, the parade route begins at Oakley High School, runs east down Main Street, passes the Oakley State Baseball Park and ends at the Rock Haven Rest Home on the east end of town.

Saturday evening includes the family team sorting championship, followed by the popular stock saddle bronc riding events. And following the Vigilante-sponsored rodeo queen contest will be a fireworks display.

For more information, call (208) 662-3313.

Lincoln, Elmore open county fair season

Times-News

Whatever's fair starts in south-central Idaho next week.

The Elmore and Lincoln counties fairs get under way in Glens Ferry and Shoshone, respectively. Kicking off six weeks of the county fair and rodeo season in the Magic Valley.

In Glens Ferry, retired sheep and cattle rancher Domingo Aguirre has been named as the grand marshal of the Elmore fair, honoring his Basque heritage.

The 2006 Elmore County "Wild West" Fair and Rodeo will feature entertainment on the midway, a carnival, a rodeo, exhibits and demonstrations.

The fair will open Monday at the fairgrounds in Glens Ferry with registration for livestock judging. The 4-H horse show starts at 8 a.m. Tuesday, and judging starts later in the day. A local team sorting event will be held at the rodeo grounds beginning at 7 p.m.

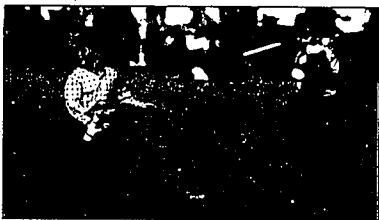
Wednesday will be the first, full day of activities. The carnival will be open from 4-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

The exhibit building will open at noon on Wednesday, the first day in which most activities are available to the public. "Hornet car" racing will be held at the motocross site on the rodeo grounds beginning at 7 p.m., and the Relative Rock country band will provide entertainment on the midway in the evening.

Girls competing in the queen contest will perform in the horse-manship phase of the competition at the rodeo grounds on Wednesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The exhibit building opens at noon Wednesday through July 29 and will remain open until 10 a.m.

The All-Youth Junior Rodeo will



The Elmore County Fair and Rodeo isn't just about adult rough stock riding.

begin at 6 p.m. July 27 at the rodeo grounds.

At 8 p.m. on the midway the Elmore County Hispanic Organization dancers will perform, and music will be provided by the Hispanic band Explosivo Norte.

July 28 activities begin with entertainment on the midway from 5-9 p.m., including hypnotist Andrew Beckler performing from 7-8:30 p.m. and music by the Jeff Palmer Band beginning at 9 p.m.

A dog demonstration will be held at the rodeo grounds at 4 p.m. and a drill team, Treasure Valley Leather Slappers, will perform there before the rodeo.

The Idaho Cowboys Association-sponsored rodeo starts at 6 p.m. On July 29, the 4-H Livestock Sale will begin at 9 a.m., followed at 11:30 a.m. by the Optimist Youth Group Livestock Sale. The hypnotist will perform at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The second go-round of the rodeo begins at 8 p.m. July 29.

Lincoln County fair

Meanwhile in Shoshone, the Lincoln County fair begins with the county's pig-wrestling championship, wherein contestants young and old, nearly knee-deep in mud, do their best to catch a greased pig.

The competition will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the arena

na at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Teams that come fully dressed as "Rock Stars" have a chance to win a \$200 cash prize. Anyone on the team must be dressed in order to qualify for the prize.

Entry forms for pre-registration can be picked up at the Lincoln County Extension office. You may also register for pig wrestling at the rodeo arena before the event from 5 until 6:45 p.m. No registrations will be taken after that time.

Divisions include 0-5 year old, 6 to 8 year old, 9-11 year olds, 12-14, 15-17, 18 and up — and a women's division.

Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers will host a tractor pull on July 30 at 7 p.m. in the arena at the fairgrounds. Tractors will range from small lawn and garden tractors to larger farm tractors and will be classified by age, horsepower and weight.

The fair also hosts a team sorting event on July 29 — showcasing pro-am teams in one of the West's most favored traditions.

The Lincoln County Junior Rodeo will be held on July 28 before the regular rodeo events.

Events include mutton busting, junior calf riding, senior steer riding, and junior and senior barrel racing. The barrel racing will take place during the regular rodeo events.

Local



Tom Sawyer, center, played by Bram Baker, and Ben Rogers, left, played by Jonathan Hale, lead the boys from St. Petersburg, Fla., in a scene from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (Oakley Valley Arts Council's summer production, which opened July 19 and runs through Aug. 5, at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

Sawyer

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She rides herd on Tom during the play and rides herd on the other children when she's off-stage.

The formidable man playing the role of Injun Joe helps, too.

"Working with this many youngsters is nerve wracking," Jared Wells said.

Quite often Wells quiets the cast with a bone-chilling whistle meant to get everyone's attention.

"We're only a few days away from our performances and now

is a time to pay attention," Wells said during a recent rehearsal.

"These kids just don't understand how much we still have to get done before the opening curtain goes up. They need me to remind them," he says, pounding his chest.

Bram Baker plays Tom Sawyer, and Andrew Nilsen is Huckleberry Finn. Other cast members are Zane Milton as Judge Thatcher, Jason Burke Anderson as Doc Robinson and Pap, David Hansen as Muff Potter, Shelly

Game

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\$19.99) — This is the fourth go-round for Midway's "SlugFest" series, and it doesn't offer much news. Still, it's a pretty good baseball game, albeit one in which the runners are a lot faster and the batters a lot stronger (moreso if you hold down the turbo button). The gimmicks are more or less the same: spectacular leaping catches, deadly spikes-up slides and the infrequent beanball war. Most amusing are the baffling trick pitches, which loop and corkscrew their way from the mound to home plate before landing right in the heart of the strike zone. The commentary, which features a foul-mouthed Joe Pesel soundalike on color, actually manages to be occasionally amusing. You'll score a pile of runs, so if you love a pitcher's duel, don't bother. They don't call it "SlugFest" for nothing. Two stars out of four.

*AMF Xtreme Bowling (ZenMax, for the PlayStation 2, Xbox, \$19.99)

— What does it take to make bowling "Xtreme"? Rocket-powered balls? Land mines in the alleys? Pins filled with nitroglycerine? Sadly, no. To judge by this game, all you need is a little psychedelic lighting and some bizarre footage of dancing bowling groups. Even more sadly, "AMF" doesn't even offer a competent simulation of bowling. The action itself is a simple matter of three button presses — one to start your approach, one to determine power and one to determine accuracy — plus a flick of the joystick to add spin. While it's not too hard to bow a bunch of strikes in a row, the physics involved in picking up spares seems completely off. Pins often bounce in unexpected directions, and every now and then a ball will pass through a pin without knocking it over. And the artificial intelligence of your computerized opponents is just pathetic. One-half star.

Holly as the Rev. Sprague, Joyce Merrill as the Widow Douglas,

Broskie Mallory as Schoolmistress Dobbin, Jennifer Hansen as Sereny Harper, Karl

Merrill as Jessica Rogers, Daniel Dayley as Sidney Sawyer and

Taja Hawkes as Becky Thatcher. Other cast members are Jake Mitton, Mark Alves, Trey Elquist,

Josh Stearns, Chris Hansen, Greta Hansen, Kylee Anderson, Elli

Alves, Whitney Arnell, Jillian Hale, Janel Peterson and Malia Arnell.



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