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LEGION BASEBALL: Fifth-seeded MINICO shocks tourney's top seed.



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Idaho timber blazes grow in 'nasty country to fight fire'

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE — Wildfires expanded exponentially in the pine forests of central Idaho Friday, with crews battling hot temperatures, steep terrain and flames racing through tinder-dry timber stands. The Trailhead Fire near Grand Junction about 10 miles west-southwest of Stanley grew quickly Thursday night from 250 to 750 acres, with crews observing individual trees "torching," which happens when surface fires periodically radiate enough heat to cause the tops of trees and shrubs to burst into flames. "They had some uphill runs and there was a large unburned island in the center of the fire that ignited and put up a very impressive column of smoke that was visible for several miles," said Ed Waldapfel of the Sawtooth National Forest headquarters in Twin Falls.

Wildfire burns near Paul. See Magic Valley, C1. Scientists note link between wildfires and global warming. See World, A7

Staying informed

Magic Valley residents can keep an eye on local fire conditions through the following Web sites. The National Interagency Fire Center's Web site (http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfi.html) has updates on current fires and maintains statistics on wildfires by state. The Department of Environmental Quality lists air quality locations by region. Visit http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air/airindex.cfm?element=19 for the Twin Falls area, or select other Idaho regions from the drop-down box. Visit http://www.deq.idaho.gov/ and click on "Sign up for e-mail updates" to get regular notification of air quality and other information.

The fire is currently at 20 percent containment and fire managers predict that it will be contained on July 28. "It's going to be a long, tough battle," said Buzz Vanskike, incident commander on the Trailhead Fire. "The terrain is



Don Walters, left, and Stan Karczewski stand in front of what will become Mini-Cassia's first in-patient drug treatment program. The center, which will hold all residents financially accountable for their care, is expected to open in September.

Junkyard Junkies do what no one else will

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

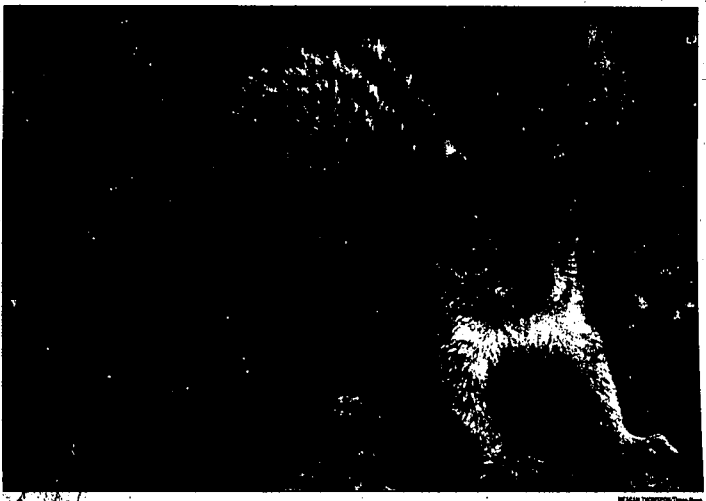
BURLEY — Out of jail. Into jail. Out of jail. Back into jail. With no in-patient drug treatment program, the reputation of offenses by drug addicts in Mini-Cassia was becoming like a competition for number of incarcerations and sentence length. Then Stan Karczewski's band of recovering "junkyard junkies," as they call themselves, came along. Fueled by a literal interpretation of Alcoholics Anonymous' "Twelfth Step" — your recovery rests on helping

others recover — they are building Mini-Cassia's first drug treatment house. "This is about reintegration into the community," said Don Walters, the man who convinced Karczewski to follow through with his idea. "There is so little of that in the prisons. They enter the system; they stay in the system. They become acculturated to prison life, really." Please see TREATMENT, Page A2

"... if it wasn't for that little bushy tail floppin' up and down, they would all be dead because people wouldn't think they were cute."

— Larry Sabin, Twin Falls homeowner

Public Enemy No. 1?



Squirrels are driving some Twin Falls residents nuts by eating fruit, chewing through wires and ruining flower beds. Other people love the fluffy-tailed creatures.

Squirrels prove to be hard nut to crack

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It reached a breaking point when Larry Sabin and some neighbors opened fire on the little nut jobs. For too long, the menacing thieves were stealing nuts, rosebuds and anything else they could get their mitts on. Even after 61 of them were deported to Jerome County, they still kept coming back — and they seemed to be multiplying. The line was drawn and the neighborhood was divided. They either loved the squirrels, or they hated them. "In the South, they eat squirrels, but over here everybody is buying them peanuts," Sabin said. "But if it wasn't for that little bushy tail floppin' up and down, they would all be dead because people wouldn't think they

A squirrel's life BIRTH: The average squirrel will mate at 1 year old, and will give birth after six weeks. Baby squirrels are known as "kitlens." A female squirrel will give birth to one litter of kitlens twice a year. A litter can range from two to five kitlens. LIFE: Squirrels can live up to 12 years. Their natural predators include hawks, foxes, owls, raccoons, opossums and wildcats. In the city, their primary predators are vehicle tires. Squirrels eat nuts, wheat, fruit and sometimes birds' eggs as well as mushrooms.

Report: Sabin's house on Caswell Avenue has been pillaged by squirrels for about eight years. Many times ago, he planted a yard of specialty bred fruit and nut trees that grew without out interference from rodents. But eight years ago, squirrels turned his orchard into an all-you-can-eat buffet.

"You see how many apricots they've taken from me?" Sabin said, tapping a small apricot tree that was stripped of fruit. "That's why I've been mopping them, and boys, that's made some neighbors mad. They say I trapped their pet squirrel, which I probably did ... along with about 60 more of them." On the other side of the fence behind Sabin's orchard exists an entirely different world for squirrels. The Fauvell home welcomes the bushy-tailed enterprisers with an accessible bird feeder and an oasis of trees, flowers and patio decorations. "We had a bird feeder that the squirrels would sometimes eat out of," said Ryan Fauvell, 18. "And every once in a while we would throw nuts on the patio for them to eat."

ONLINE TALK: See what the bloggers have to say. A2

FIGHTING IN THE MIDEAST

Rice rejects 'false promise' of quick cease-fire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice rejected the "false promise" of an immediate ceasefire in the spreading war between Israel and Hezbollah on Friday and said she would seek long-term peace during a trip to the Mideast beginning Sunday. The top U.S. diplomat

defended her decision not to meet with Hezbollah leaders or their Syrian backers during her visit. "Syria knows what it needs to do," and Hezbollah is the source of the problem," Rice said as she viewed her trip, which begins with a stop in Israel. Rice said the United States is committed to ending the bloodshed, but not before certain conditions are met. The Bush administration has said that Hezbollah must first turn over the two Israeli sol-

diers whose capture set off the 10-day-old violence, and stop firing missiles into Israel. "We do seek an end to the current violence. We seek to address the root causes of that violence," Rice said. "A cease-fire would be a false promise if it simply returns us to the status quo." The United States has resisted international pressure to loan on its ally Israel to halt the fighting. The U.S. position has allowed Israel more time to try to destroy what both nations consider a Hezbollah terrorist network in southern Lebanon.

Envoy: Israel will allow humanitarian aid into Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS — Aid supplies will be allowed into Lebanon amid the fighting, an Israeli envoy said Friday, a day after the United Nations warned of a growing humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country. Israeli Ambassador Dan Gillerman said he expected a humanitarian corridor for food, medicine and other supplies to be opened later Friday or Saturday.



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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: More summer heat and partial sunshine. Highs near 102.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows near 65.
Tomorrow: Hot, partly sunny and dry. Highs near 101.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

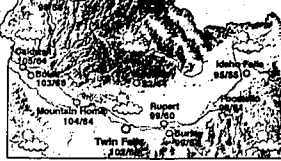
Today: Partly to mostly sunny, hot and dry. Highs near 100.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows near 65.
Tomorrow: More heat coupled with fair skies and no rain.
Afternoon 90s to near 100.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Warm temperatures will continue to blanket even the higher elevations this weekend. Rain will remain elusive. Occasionally breezy periods will help ease the heat from time to time.

BOISE
The region can look forward to several more hot and partially sunny days. The rain is in the immediate outlook. Better rain chances will begin to emerge early next week.

NORTHERN UTAH
Hot temperatures will accompany an increasing chance of afternoon thunderstorms developing late this weekend into next week.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 100 at Hayden, 40 at Snow.
Weather key: B: Breeze; C: cloudy; D: fog; H: heavy snow; N: haze; L: light snow; M: mostly cloudy; P: partly cloudy; S: sun; SH: shower; SU: sunny; T: thunderstorm; W: wind.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Now for you in this depends on your being kinder with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and wrong."

TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

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Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Castleford Community Street Dance, featuring Milestone and 2 free fish fry prior to the dance, 8 p.m. to midnight, sponsored by On the Rocks, Castleford Parks Department and the community of Castleford, no cost, call 537-9902.
'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,' a musical presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 2 p.m., Howells Opera House, 138 N. Blaine Ave. in Oakley, 581, call 677-ARTS (2787).
'High School Reunion,' a comedy presented by the Comedy Project, 8 p.m., Valley High School, 882 Valley Road South in Hazelton, 57, call 629-5353.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Idaho Youth Ranch annual open house, with tours, displays, free barbecue lunch, entertainment and awards, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Idaho Youth Ranch, 1275 North 400 East, Rupert, no cost, call 532-4117.

EDUCATION

Diabetes Education Day, with glucose meter demonstrations, blood pressure checks and medication reviews provided by a K-Mart pharmacist, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., K-Mart Pharmacy, 2258 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, call 734-0730.

EXHIBITS

Kids Art in the Park Exhibit, a selected artwork display from Kids Art in the Park and a cookie and punch reception, 1 to 3 p.m., the Magic Valley Arts Council, 132 Main-Ave. S., no cost, call 734-2787.

Jeep Preservation Club of the Magic Valley 4th Annual Show, with rallies, swap meet, food vendors, drawings, civilian and military jeeps, trucks, trailers and displays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls City Park on Shoshone Street, \$10 for first vehicle entry and \$5 per additional entry, call 734-4560.

FESTIVALS

Oakley Pioneer Days, celebrating Oakley's settler heritage with Chuck Wagon breakfast at 6:30 a.m., Goose Creek run off at 7 a.m., antique and craft fair at 8 a.m., Pioneer Day program at 10 a.m., children's activities, barbecue at 12:30 p.m., parade at 5 p.m., rodeo at 8 p.m., fireworks and more, in and around City Park, costs for food and some events, call 862-3313.

OUTDOORS

Wood River Naturalist Activities, with Junior Ranger 'Nature Appreciation' at 2 p.m. and Campfire Program 'Balancing Nature with Howls in the Night' at 9 p.m., Wood River Amphibian Nature, Wood River Campgrounds 8 miles north of Ketchum, no cost, call 208-727-5000.

SPORTS

The 3rd Annual Sportsman's Warehouse, Clear Channel Radio gun and bow show, opportunity to learn about and try out the best-made guns in the world, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sportsman's Warehouse, 1940 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, cost for food and ammunition if shooting, call 737-9900.
Mud Races, hosted by Rock Creek Race Track, gates open at 1 p.m., Rock Creek Race Track, 3618 East 3100 North outside of Kimberly, \$5, call 423-4869 or 727-7167.

Times-News advertisement listing contact information for various departments: Publisher, Online department, Newsroom, Circulation department, Customer service, Advertising department, Classified department.

Squirrels

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Ryan and his brothers even named two squirrels Chip and Dale — but that was before Sabín deported them.
'If I had a mean old guy who used to trap squirrels on but fence until my brothers and I tore the traps down,' Ryan said.

A couple of years ago, Sabín made a deal with a woman in Jerome to supply her with squirrels, which she let run around her property like pets. He also has sold some squirrels to 'Southerners' living in Magic Valley, who consider them to be more of a meal than a family pet.

Sabín, 80, has a small ledger in his kitchen where he records the captured squirrel's size and sex, as well as the day it was caught.
Although the ledger only records 60 captures, Sabín says he has caught many more.

'Given abundant food, squirrels will ignore other food stuffs. In the same way, with a peach tree, but when I fed dried corn to the little bandits, I was able to enjoy more of my peaches.'

— A. Cakes
'I am in 100 percent total agreement with you, those little fluffy 'rats' have destroyed too bird feeders so far this year alone, and they eat the plants on my tree and I never get any of them. I am on the verge of getting out the paintball gun doing a little target practice. It won't kill 'em but it will turn 'em pink.'

— Jeremy
'They are awful! I think they are cute out in the mountains, but in the city they are very destructive. Our trees are ruined because of them and not only that, but we have had to purchase bark collars for our dogs. They are not barkers but they are hunting dogs and the squirrels torment them so bad that they bark and trap them in the trees.'

— Squirrel lover

— Lighten up Jedi

Fires

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Salmon river drainage north of McCall.
In southern Idaho, the Klosterman Fire was contained 4 miles northwest of Paul after burning about 350 acres of grass and brush-covered rangeland.

The Quartz Creek fire of 6 miles north of the town of Yellow Pine was reduced from 100 acres to 70 due to more accurate overnight mapping.

The fire was burning actively with the main fire traveling sparks and flaming debris up to 300 yards ahead of the advancing flames to ignite new spot fires.
In north-central Idaho, the Clearwater National Forest at Orofino was allowing the 300-acre, lightning-caused Bar Creek fire 26 miles northeast of Plerce to continue to burn under prescribed conditions.

Report: Squirrel unleashed sewage spill into Rock Creek

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Investigators blame the overflow of nearly 600,000 gallons of raw sewage into Rock Creek in May on the handwork of a ground squirrel.
The squirrel apparently chewed on power lines going into the city's Rock Creek lift station, setting off a sequence of events that led to roughly an Olympic-sized pool full of sewage spilling just south of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

'High water flows in the creek likely flushed the sewage down channel, diluting it in the Snake River.'

'That's what started the whole thing,' said John Kealy with OMI, the company that runs the city's sewer treatment facility.
OMI checked into the power outage and called on Idaho Power Co. to look at the dam-

aged line. The power company determined that a squirrel had cut the station's supply of electricity while gnawing on a line.

Operators at the city's wastewater treatment plant noticed a change in flow and remedied the problem — but not before 583,000 gallons of sewage leaked out.

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COMMENTS FROM MAGICVALLEY.COM READERS

About these notes

Blog postings have been edited for length and content. The writers are not required to identify themselves. To post your own comments, visit www.magicvalley.com

'For those who think squirrels resemble rats and shouldn't be eaten — forget such a filthy idea! Squirrels have furry tails, rats do not. I have you ever heard of m'stew! No! Yet everyone has heard of squirrel stew.'

Don't condemn the idea of stewing your squirrel problem away. That's right, Davey Crockett and his Tennessee sharpshooters wouldn't have reached puberty if it were not for squirrel stew.'

— Squirrel lover

— Lighten up Jedi

Treatment

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Probation officers in Mini-Cassia are elated about the program.
'Unquestionably it receives 100 percent support,' said Mini-Cassia misdemeanor probation officer Mike Duncan. 'It's long overdue. Once we have it available, it will just grow and grow and we'll need to open another one.'

While Mini-Cassia has a fair number of day treatment programs, the closest in-patient programs are in Jerome and Oakley, Nev.
Karzewski's program is expected to open in September.

According to probation officer Karzewski models his rehabilitation programs after the tough love model.
'Some people hate him,' said Kim Spevak, a felony probation officer. 'We think he does a great job. He cares about these folks [but] he holds them accountable.'

The home at 1230 J Street in Hightstown sits between a junkyard (where the troupe draws its name) and a highly traveled road. The space will begin with seven beds for men only; six for residents, one for a live-in family. Residents must qualify to get into the program and to stay in.

The house — an ex-party house replete with trippy carpet on the wall, funky tiling and ammunition boxes in place of one wall — needs a full makeover. Already Barger Flooring has contributed material, A's Painting and KVAL painting provided some help. The right Day Building Supply is selling its lumber at cost and Big Wood roofing is capping the home with a shingled roof — free of charge.

But it's still not enough. Karzewski and Walters need help.
'This place is terrible,' says Karzewski. 'We got a needed, drug problem here.'

Ex-Pentagon officials accused of fraud and conspiracy in Iraq

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press writer

Two former Pentagon officials, including an acting secretary of the Navy, have been accused of scheming with a banned American contractor to get lucrative rebuilding contracts in Iraq. The Associated Press has learned.

The contracting firm, Custer Battles LLC, was suspended two years ago by the military for submitting millions of dollars in fake invoices.

The charges come in a sealed federal lawsuit, a copy of which was obtained by The AP. It was filed by two whistleblowers — one of whom won a \$10 million judgment in another suit when a federal jury agreed that Custer Battles had swindled the government.

The current suit names former acting Navy Secretary Hansford T. Johnson, former acting Navy Undersecretary Douglas Combs, and Custer Battles LLC officials including founders Scott Custer and

Mike Battles, who were barred in 2004 after billing the government for work that was never done and for padding invoices by as much as 100 percent.

Also named were six companies connected to the contracting firm, including Windmill International Ltd., a worldwide contractor run by Combs and Johnson, and a Romanian company, Danubia Global, which purchased Custer Battles in 2005.

The new lawsuit contends Custer and Battles, both Army veterans with Washington political connections, tried to get around the suspension order by plotting with Johnson and Combs "to set up sham companies (thereby) concealing their ownership and control of those entities."

According to the suit filed in Virginia, the shell companies committed other illegal acts, including selling weapons on the Iraqi black market, creating a dangerous possibility that "insurgents could buy them and use them to attack U.S. soldiers."

In both lawsuits, a plaintiff is former Custer Battles associate Robert Isakson. He is also a former FBI agent.

His \$10 million judgment, won in March, is the first civil fraud verdict arising from the Iraq war. Isakson and a former associate contended Custer Battles created imaginary offshore companies that overcharged the Coalition Provisional Authority, which ran Iraq after the 2003 invasion, by as much as \$50 million.

Isakson is joined in the current action by Rory Mayberry, a medic who said he was fired last year from a Custer Battles shell company after pointing out fraud. Under the federal False Claims Act, whistleblowers may file suits on behalf of the government and collect a portion of awarded damages.

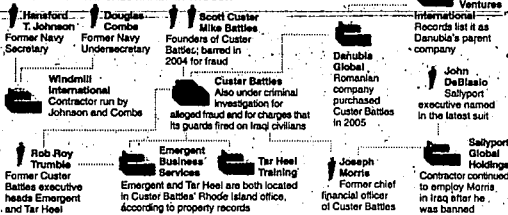
Phone messages left for Isakson were not returned. His attorney declined comment.

Windmill attorney Chris Johnson said Johnson and Combs had never engaged in

Suit alleges fraudulent contractor conspiracy in Iraq

Contracting firm Custer Battles LLC was suspended by the military two years ago for defrauding the U.S. government in its rebuilding effort in Iraq. A new federal lawsuit charges the company and six others with conspiring to flout the suspension in order to continue receiving lucrative rebuilding contracts. Two former Pentagon officials are also named in the suit.

FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE SUIT



SOURCES: Court filings; state records

any conspiracy, but acknowledged Combs had a business meeting with Custer in 2004.

Phones at Custer Battles offices in Rhode Island and Virginia have been disconnected.

Custer Battles also is under federal criminal investigation for accusations of fraud and two alleged incidents in which its security guards opened fire on Iraqi civilians and soldiers.

The AP reported in June

2005 that former officials of Custer Battles continued to do contracting work in Iraq, despite the U.S. military suspension.

The new federal lawsuit also names Emergent, Tar Heel and others as cocoordinators in a scheme "to circumvent the suspension order and to defraud the government by getting false or fraudulent claims allowed or paid."

It seeks an unspecified amount in damages.

John DeBlasio, a former executive named in the latest suit, is also named as a defendant in the current lawsuit.

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PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME



Protesters wear placards against the appearance of President George Bush as traffic passes on Hampden Avenue in southeast Denver, Friday. Bush attended a private luncheon for a Republican candidate for Colorado's 7th District Congressional seat in a nearby suburb.

Military jury: No punishment for former Naval Academy quarterback

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military jury recommended no punishment Friday for a former U.S. Naval Academy quarterback who was acquitted of raping a female midshipman but convicted on lesser charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and disobeying a lawful order.

Lamar S. Owens Jr.' mother burst into tears, and his father leaned over a dividing wall and hugged him as the jury's decision was read. Prosecutors had recommended a two-year sentence for the 22-year-old from Savannah, Ga., for conduct unbecoming.

Owens' status as a midshipman at the academy, where he had been prepared to graduate, was referred to academy superintendent Vice Admiral Rodney Rempt.

The five Naval Academy officers that served as the jury found Thursday that Owens had consensual sex with a junior midshipman in her room at the academy Jan. 29, but they found that Owens was not guilty of rape. His accuser had claimed Owens entered her room uninvited and raped her after she blacked out.

Both Owens and his accuser testified that they had several

drinks at separate locations in the hours before their early morning encounter.

Owens testified that the sexual encounter was consensual, that the woman had asked him to come to her room and then tugged on his sweater to get him into bed. "The sex was very quick and there wasn't a lot of romance," he testified. His accuser testified that she repeatedly rejected his advances.

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NATION

Sweltering heat blamed for at least 28 deaths nationwide

By Jeff Douglas
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — National Guard troops stepped up their search for people in hot homes without power to run air conditioning Friday as heavy rains and tree-toppling winds added to the misery of the worst power outage in the city's history.

"We have 55 percent of the residents without power. Our biggest fear is that the number will go up," said Jeff Rainford, spokesman for Mayor Francis Slay.

A heat wave that has baked much of the nation this week has been blamed for at least 28 deaths.

The death toll in Oklahoma alone rose to seven. The state medical examiner's office said

the heat caused the deaths of four elderly people on Thursday, including one in Oklahoma City, where the high that day was 107.

Oklahoma City was so hot that a portion of Interstate 44 buckled, forcing the temporary closure of two lanes.

In St. Louis, the weather has flip-flopped between sweltering heat and violent storms. As many as 500,000 Ameren Corp. customers in the area lost power Wednesday, making Thursday's heat that much more unbearable.

Progress in restoring power had been made, but Ameren said the number of customers without power rose even higher Friday, to 570,000, as more storms passed through.

In northwest St. Louis

County, winds from the latest storm tore the roof off an office building, causing concerns about a natural-gas leak and leaving about 100 workers to fend for themselves in the rain.

Jeff Winkler, an analytical chemist at Severn Trent Labs, was just pulling into the parking lot when the roof came off.

"I saw the roof flying, and I was thinking, 'Please, don't hit my car,'" said Winkler, 26. "I thought, 'I saw the worst of it earlier this week — but this was worse.'"

The power company, had said Wednesday's outage was the worst in its 100-plus year history, and that it could take four days to restore power. On Friday — it said the work could take even longer.

More than 500 people spent

Thursday night in two Red Cross shelters, and a third shelter was scheduled to open Friday — after noon — to take people who could not stay in their hot homes, Rainford said. Virtually every hotel room in the region was booked for the weekend, mostly by residents taking refuge from homes without power.

High temperatures in St. Louis had dropped to the mid-80s Friday, but National Guard troops, police, firefighters and volunteers were knocking on doors that morning to check on elderly residents and offer bottled water. On Thursday authorities said a 93-year-old St. Louis woman had been found dead in a home without power to run the air conditioning.



Melba McGee, age 83, sits in the breeze of her new fan she received from Oklahoma County Senior Nutrition in her home in Midwest City, Okla., Friday, July 21, 2006. The county agency is providing fans to seniors during the recent heat wave.

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Comic-Con International attendees dressed as characters from Ghostbusters and Star Wars pose for fan photos at the San Diego Convention Center, Thursday in San Diego. Comic-Con, the nation's largest celebration of comic books and pop culture, runs through Sunday.

Study: Bush utility proposal would cut pollution

By Juliet Eilperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's new program to cut harmful pollutants from utilities through a cap-and-trade system will do nearly as much to clean the nation's air as the Clinton administration's effort to make aging power plants install pollution controls when they modernize or expand, a report by an independent scientific panel has concluded.

The report from the National Academy of Sciences, released Friday, represents the latest effort to assess how best to reduce air pollution estimated to cause as many as 24,000 premature deaths each year. The panel concluded that an earlier Bush plan would have allowed pollution to increase over a dozen years, but it found that the administration's more recent Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) — which targets emissions from power plants in 22 states and the District of Columbia — would help clean the air over

the next two decades. The CAIR approach aims to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide by 70 percent by 2025 at the latest, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, through a system that would allow utilities to sell and buy pollution credits as long as industry emissions as a whole stayed below a preset cap. The Clinton administration had focused on cutting emissions under the 1970 Clean Air Act through a program called New Source Review (NSR), now discarded, which required aging plants to install new, cleaner technology every time they upgraded facilities.

The Bush administration initially proposed changes to New Source Review that would have allowed power companies to modify their plants by as much as 20 percent of their value without installing new controls, a policy the scientific panel said "would be expected to cause an increase" in both sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides that would have been

"possibly substantial." That plan has largely been struck down by the courts, however, so the scientific panel instead looked at the cap-and-trade rule the administration adopted this spring.

The academy committee's chairman, Charles Stevens, a molecular neurobiology professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif., said that while the rule would help reduce pollution, "you can't conclude" it would be as uniformly effective as Clinton's approach, because some communities might face serious pollution from aging power plants that chose to buy credits rather than install advanced emission controls.

The report also noted that "because of a lack of data and the limitations of current computer models," the panel had difficulty predicting the impact of the program on emissions, public health and energy efficiency.

Using an assumption that federal officials would have been able to force 7.5 percent

of aging power plants to clean up their operations each year if they had continued with Clinton's approach, Stevens added, NSR would have done as much to clean the air as the cap-and-trade system.

William Wehrum, EPA's acting assistant administrator for air and radiation, said that was an "improbable" assumption and added that NSR would only have achieved the same result as the Bush administration's strategy if 30 percent of all power plants complied over the next 20 years.

"Any reasonable projection of what NSR is going to accomplish won't come close to what CAIR is going to accomplish," Wehrum said in an interview. The Bush plan "gets significant reductions across the power sector but places greater emphasis on controlling the biggest emitters, which are the places we care about most."

Scott Segal, a utilities lobbyist, concurred that the report proved "cap-and-trade programs are really what reduce emissions."

FDA warns lunch box manufacturers about lead content

By Natasha T. Metzler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Soft lunch boxes may be lined with a vinyl containing lead, the government says, but safety officials say the containers pose no immediate danger.

Food and Drug Administration officials have told companies to look for a manufacturing technique that does not use lead, which can cause learning disabilities and behavioral problems.

It is not clear whether this lead can contaminate food stored in the lunch boxes. Mitchell Cheeseman, associate director of the FDA's Office of Food Addition Safety, noted that since food in lunch boxes is generally stored inside bags, the potential for contamination is minimized.

If the agency were able to prove that lead is migrating from the lunch box lining into food, it would step in, Cheeseman said.

In a letter addressed to lunch box manufacturers and suppliers Thursday, FDA

said tests by the Consumer Product Safety Commission drew its attention to the lead content of some lunch box linings.

CPSC spokeswoman Patty Davis said Friday her organization's tests showed the lunch boxes were safe for children to use. According to CPSC's results, children would have to rub their hands on the lunch box and then lick their hands more than 600 times a day for 15 to 30 days in order to be exposed to a dangerous amount of lead.

Cheeseman said that when vinyl is manufactured, various compounds are added to give it different properties, such as color or softness. The FDA believes that one of the compounds used to make the linings of the lunch boxes contains lead.

These lead-containing compounds are not necessary for producing vinyl, said Tim Burns, president of industry trade association the Vinyl Institute. He said he suspects that the vinyl created with these compounds is made outside of the U.S.

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'American Idol' finalists headed to the White House

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — President Bush is about to come face-to-face with the one man who has his voting record beat. Bush plans to host "Ameri-can Idol" Taylor Hicks and the other Top 10 finalists next Friday at the Oval Office. It will be the first time contestants from the hit television show have been invited to meet the president.

Hicks won the most recent season's contest May 24 after 63 million votes were cast for him in the season finale. That's more than the 59 million that Bush got in 2004, a record in any U.S. presidential election.

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Bush administration rejects request to probe Chinese labor practices

By Martin Crotzinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Friday rejected a petition by American unions seeking an investigation into Chinese labor practices, arguing that there was evidence Chinese practices were improving.

The decision turned down a request filed in June by the AFL-CIO and two members of Congress who contended the Chinese were violating international labor standards and these practices had meant the loss of 1.24 million American jobs as U.S. companies moved plants to China.

In a statement issued by the office of U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab, the administration said engagement with China was resulting in improvement in Chinese labor conditions and opening a trade investigation that could lead to economic sanctions against China was not the best way to proceed.

China," said Sean Spicer, Schwab's chief spokesman.

The petition was an effort by labor groups in an election year to turn up the heat on the administration over record trade deficits the U.S. is running with China, which hit an all-time high of \$202 billion last year. The administration had rejected a similar petition filed during the 2004 presidential election year.

Richard Trumka, secretary-treasurer of the labor federation, called the administration's decision a "travesty" that extended the administration's failure to deal effectively with soaring trade deficits that have contributed to the loss of almost 3 million manufacturing jobs since President Bush took office.

"The administration continues to take no meaningful action to support America's workers or stop the abuse of workers in China," Trumka said in a statement.

Spicer said pursuing a trade investigation of China's labor practices, under a provision of U.S. trade law known as Section 301, would "neither shed more light on this problem nor lead to a more effective approach for addressing Chinese workers' rights and labor conditions."

The administration said the U.S. had been addressing Chinese labor problems through a number of existing programs run by various agencies such as the Labor Department and the Commerce Department.

"While there remains much room for improvement, there is evidence of real progress," the administration statement said. It cited an increase in Chinese wage rates and enhanced safety inspections as a result of U.S. engagement.

AFL-CIO policy director Thea Lee said the claim of rising wages was based on questionable data and the deaths of 127,000 Chinese in industrial accidents highlighted the lack of adequate safety protections.

The petition had contended that China was using child and forced labor and firing, beating or imprisoning workers who attempted to form unions. The petition said such practices kept the wages of Chinese factory workers as low as 15 cents to 50 cents per hour.



David M. Gossett, left, and Montgomery N. Kosma, co-executive editors of Green Bag, try to take the law seriously — but not too seriously. The journal has more than doubled the number of subscribers since it started offering bobbleheads.

High court bobbleheads fascinate, excite collectors

By Heather Gehert
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — David Wolf's passion is constitutional law, his hobby is collecting. So when the Washington lawyer discovered a listing on eBay that would round out one of his collections, he forked over \$2,100.

It was for a limited-edition 8-inch poly-resin bobblehead of former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

"I don't know if I can explain it," said Wolf. "It's obsessive."

Wolf also paid more than \$800 for a Justice John Paul Stevens bobblehead after he realized that the one he owned was missing the small golf club in the figurine's right hand.

Wolf's fascination with Supreme Court bobbleheads is part of a small but growing craze that began in the spring of 2003, when Green Bag — which describes itself as "an entertaining journal of law" — put out the Rehnquist figure.

Since then, the quarterly magazine, which publishes examinations of legal issues alongside tongue-in-cheek diatribes, has produced bobbleheads of Stevens (fall 2003), Sandra Day O'Connor (2004) and Antonin Scalia (2005).

Anthony M. Kennedy is due next month.

Production will continue — most likely one a year — in order of tenure on the court, with David H. Souter next and continuing through the most recent appointee, Samuel A. Alito Jr.

The popularity of bobbleheads has exploded in recent years. Alexander Global Promotions of Seattle, the nation's largest manufacturer of the spring-loaded figurines, says it has produced 27 million depictions of rock stars, cartoon characters and sports icons, among others, since 1999.

But the Supreme Court figures — also made by Alexander — are extremely rare, and they are given away at random by Green Bag editors.

The only person guaranteed to get one is the figurine depicted. Most of the justice bobbleheads are awarded to Green Bag subscribers; others go to public-interest legal groups that use them as fundraisers.

Some, like the ones Wolf snagged, end up on eBay.

Why is Green Bag doing this? "Supreme Court justices (are) the rock stars of the judiciary," said Montgomery N. Kosma, one of the journal's two executive editors and an antitrust lawyer at a large Washington firm.

What Green Bag Editor in Chief Ross E. Davies described

as one of those "in-the-shower ideas" has sparked a cult following among legal geeks.

Besides being fun, the bobbleheads are meant to honor the justices and showcase the humor in an otherwise serious job. As befits legal esthetics, each figurine includes detailed annotations explaining the significance of the items depicted. The annotations — along with animated bobbleheads — are also on the publication's Web site, www.greenbag.org/bobbleheads.

Each justice holds the volume of United States Reports (the official publication of Supreme Court action) that contains one of his or her signature opinions — for example, Kennedy's in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that upheld the 1973 abortion ruling in Roe v. Wade, and Stevens in Atkins v. Virginia, which in 2002 prohibited the execution of mentally retarded criminals.

The bobbleheads also capture the justices' quirks or interests. Scalia's brown shoes clash with his black judicial robe to show his attitude toward fashion; at O'Connor's feet is a bobblehead cow in homage to her upbringing on a cattle ranch.

The figurines, designed from photographs, are handmade in China.

Bridgestone Firestone to notify owners of recalled tires

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six years after dozens of motorists were killed in rollovers linked to defective tires, the manufacturer said Friday it would contact owners to try to bring in the remaining 200,000 tires that may still be on the road.

"We do not need to conduct a year-long investigation to know that there are serious concerns with labor rights and working conditions in

North American Tire, the Nashville, Tenn.-based subsidiary of Japan's Bridgestone Corp., said its 2000-01 recall had been highly successful, replacing about 85 percent of the 6.5 million tires involved.

Safety officials said some tires may still be on used vehicles or serve as spares, overlooked in the wave of advertising to replace them. The tiremaker will ask registered owners of Ford Explorer, Mercury Mountaineer and Mazda Navajo sport utility vehicles — many of which have the tires as original equipment — along with Firestone stores and dealers to check for the recalled tires.

"Even though there are only a small percentage of these tires believed to be still in use, we are continuing to put safety first and are implementing this communications campaign to try to reach out to a group of consumers whose tires have not yet been recovered," said Mike Kane, the company's vice president of quality assurance.

The National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration on Friday issued a consumer advisory asking owners to replace all tires included in the recall campaign.

The affected tires include the P235/75R15 Radial GTX and certain P235/75R15 and P255/70R16 Wilderness AT models manufactured before May 1998. Tires manufactured after that date are not affected, NHTSA said.

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OPINION

Drowning rate is alarming to Idaho

JEERS to Idaho's high national ranking for drownings, which is high due to ignorance and inattentiveness.

A report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks Idaho fourth in the number of drowning deaths per capita between 1989 and 1998. Some doctors point to missing fences around pools and canals, and lapses in adult supervision as a major reason.

"Almost 80 percent of children who drown, drown in the presence of adult supervision," Kenny Braunwell, medical director of the Pediatric Emergency Department at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, told The Idaho Statesman. "Unless you're sitting there really watching your kids, you're not watching them closely enough."

The figures are still hovering high in southwestern Idaho, where at least 16 drownings or near drownings have occurred since May 1. St.

Luke's reported 10 drownings or near drownings involving children up to 12 years old since May 1, and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center reported five incidents.

Greater vigilance is the key to reducing those numbers, and parents have to play the leading role.

CHEERS to Ken Mulberry of Kimberly, who risked his own life to try and save another in a tragic accident this week.

Mulberry was working his fields on Tuesday when he witnessed a driver, Juan Arreugas, 57, crash into a canal along 3500 North Road. By the time he had jumped from his tractor and reached the crash site, Mulberry couldn't see the truck.

So he jumped in and tried to find the driver and the truck. Mulberry, 51, made seven or eight

attempts to withstand the current and find the vehicle. After finding the truck's roof, he was carried away yet again. Ten minutes later, Kimberly firefighters had to come and pull Mulberry out with a line. Divers later found Arreugas' body in the truck.

While the fatality is indeed a tragedy, Mulberry made a heroic effort to help in any way he could, and his actions are praiseworthy.

JEERS to President Bush, and Idaho's four congressional delegates, for going against a delicately crafted stem cell research bill.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig both voted against a bill that would expand federal funding for stem cell research. That bill passed 63-37, and went on to receive the first veto of President Bush's tenure. The House then voted 235-193 to overturn the

veto, 51 votes short of two-thirds vote required to do so. Both Idaho Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter voted against overturning the veto.

Embryonic stem cells, which are developed in the earliest stages of an embryo's growth, have been one of medicine's most promising sources of tissue growth for treatment of diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's diseases, multiple sclerosis, cancer and neurological and spinal-cord injuries. Cells are retrieved from spare embryos that have been developed for in vitro fertilization, but are not used by clinics nor adoptive parents.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a co-sponsor of the bill who believes embryonic life doesn't begin until the embryo is placed in the womb, rightly pointed out the vote puts back scientific research another year. "The only veto (Bush) has been willing to exercise up to this particular point is

a veto against the most promising research ever devised to man. I think that's a terrible mistake."

CHEERS to Idaho's newest wave of lobbyist registration requirements.

The 2006 Legislature's latest rules took effect this month, with terms requiring executive branch lobbyists to register with the secretary of state. Previously, only those who lobbied the legislative branch had to sign as a lobbyist. But federal lobbying scandals—in Congress—forced state lawmakers to act. The public can go to the Secretary of State Ron Yarns' Web site and find reports under "Lobbyists & Lobbying."

CHEERS also to Gov. Jim Risch for going one step further. Risch issued an executive order through the end of his term requiring those who lobby his own staff to register. (The state law only pertained to state department employees.)

A secret that the media did keep

Toward the end of 1979, hundreds of American and Canadian journalists and news organizations got hold of a dynamite news story that would have made personal reputations and careers and sent circulation or broadcast ratings soaring. The facts were confirmed, unassailable. Any one of these reporters could have had the scoop of a lifetime.

"And yet not one reporter, newspaper, network or newswire ran with the story until given permission to do so (all at once) by the governments involved. No court or governmental threat of redistribution forced them to do so. It was all voluntary."

For more than two months the news industry did not even hint at an adventure that the public would have been eager to know about, a tale complete with heroes, victims, villains and hair-raising suspense. Today, as news media have revealed secret programs of the Bush administration, the question being asked by journalists keep a secret? Should they? Are news media capable of drawing the line between revelations that would be too damaging to national security interests and those necessary to safeguard American democracy and constitutionally protected rights?

The government has raised the possibility of prosecuting not only those who leaked information but the journalists and media organizations that revealed it.

It was very different back in 1979.

On Nov. 4 of that year, Islamic militants stormed and occupied the U.S. Embassy compound in Tehran and took hostage the more than 70 Americans there.

But six American officials happened to be outside the compound, elsewhere in the Iranian capital, at the time of the takeover. The militants instead seized some Americans were missing they were being sheltered by Canadian diplomats in Tehran, who were risking their own safety to protect them.

At that time, I was a reporter covering the United Nations for the New York Post and The Washington Post. On the second day after the takeover, I got hold of a published diplomatic list of Americans attached to the embassy in Iran, just to try to put names to the hostages. So did journalists all over Washington, and in newsrooms across America.

MICHAEL J. BERLIN

me suspicious.

I asked the Canadians, who said they would get back to me. By then I had pieced together a pretty good idea of the basics of the story.

I soon got a call from a high-ranking member of the American U.N. delegation, a good source before and after, who formally asked me to hold back the story. Publication, he said, could put the lives of the fugitive Americans and their Canadian hosts in danger.

I called my editor at the New York Post and put the request before him. His only question was whether I could rely on my American source to cue me the moment the story was about to leak or go public.

I called the ambassador back, and he promised to put me on the Washington list of those who would receive simultaneous green-light calls. The New York Post accepted the deal, and my editors at The Washington Post told me their State Department writers were on the same green-light list.

It wasn't until Jan. 29, 1980, that they all came.

I was a great story we wrote that day, but it was nobody's scoop. In the following days, the Canadian ambassador in Iran, Kenneth Taylor, became a national hero in the United States, as well as in Canada. He got a ticker-tape parade up Broadway and a gold medal from Congress. Taylor later became Canada's consul-general in New York and an expert on the Iranian revolution, consulted frequently by news media.

I regret not getting my scoop on the hostage story. Not a bit. Over the years, I've run into dozens of reporters who had a piece of the story before it broke, including those who covered the State Department for The Washington Post, and they all felt the same way.

The Canada-hostage story proves that reporters and news organizations can be trusted, on mass, to make the right call on security information they uncover. Do I think that a thousand reporters could be trusted today to make the same call that we did in 1979? Wonder. In today's journalism world, I fear that some blogger or counter-culture ideologue using journalism as a political tool rather than as a mechanism for dispensing straight information, would make a worse call. I hope I'm wrong about that.

Michael J. Berlin was U.N. correspondent for the New York Post and The Washington Post.



Bush's budget boast a disgrace

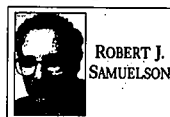
To those who believe our leading politicians are utterly shameless, there was dreary confirmation last week.

President Bush publicly bragged about the federal budget. Here's the objective situation that inspired the president's self-congratulation: with the unemployment rate at 4.6 percent (close to full employment) by anyone's definition, the White House and Congress still can't balance the budget.

For fiscal 2006 (ending in September), the administration projects a \$296 billion deficit; for fiscal 2007, the estimate is \$339 billion. How could anyone boast about that?

Easy. In February, the administration projected a \$423 billion deficit for 2006; so the latest figure is a huge drop. A skeptic might say that the first estimate was inept; some cynics argue it was deliberately exaggerated to magnify any subsequent improvement. Naturally, the president had a different story. The shrinking deficits, he said, proved that his tax cuts are working. The economy is a great; the budget benefits. All around Washington, Republicans staged press events to hug themselves for their good work.

The tendency for politicians to claim credit for favorable news is as natural as flattery in cow. Still, the Republicans' covet of self-approval amounts to a campaign of public disinformation. It obscures our true



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budget predicament. Let's go back to basics. Here are two essential points.

First, budget deficits are not automatically an economic calamity. Their effects depend on their timing, their size and other economic conditions. During recessions, deficits may prop up the economy. In a boom, they may drain money from productive investments. Similarly, deficits are only one influence on interest rates; others include inflation, the demand to borrow, the supply of savings and Federal Reserve policy. At present, the effect of deficits is modest; otherwise, rates would be higher than they are (about 5 percent on 10-year Treasury bonds).

What truly matters is government spending. If it rises, then future taxes or deficits must follow. There's no escaping that logic. The spending that now dominates the budget is for retirees, Social Security, Medicare (health insurance for those 65 and over) and Medicaid (partial insurance for nursing homes) already exceed 40 percent of federal spending. As baby boomers retire, these costs will explode. Unless they're curbed, they'll require tax increases of 30 percent to 50

percent over the next 25 years.

Second, the budget should be balanced — or run a surplus — when the economy is close to full employment, as now. Balancing the budget forces politicians to make uncomfortable choices. Which programs are sufficiently needed or popular to justify increased taxes? Balancing the budget also lightens the debt burden. One figure Bush doesn't praise is the annual interest payment on the growing federal debt. Even by White House estimates, it will rise from \$184 billion in 2005 to \$302 billion in 2011.

Some conservatives rationalize their indifference to deficits as "starving the beast." If you cut taxes and create deficits, government will spend less because it has less — much like a teenager whose allowance is cut. But the theory doesn't fit the facts. Economist William Niskanen of the Cato Institute, who worked in the Reagan administration, examined the relationship between deficits and federal spending from 1981 to 2005. He found that, contrary to the theory, spending rises when deficits rise. Deficits are what they seem: a way for politicians to escape inconvenient choices.

I have reserved my harshest scorn for Republicans, who are (after all) in power. But Democrats aren't much better. The nub of the matter is spending. When Republicans passed the Medicare drug benefit — the biggest new

program in decades — Democrats actually advocated a more costly version. Whenever anyone suggests curbing spending, Democrats screech: spare Social Security and Medicare. But Social Security and Medicare are the problem.

Just as Republicans now say their policies have cut deficits, Democrats contend their policies produced budget surpluses from 1998 to 2001. Nonsense. Those surpluses resulted mainly from the end of the Cold War (which lowered defense spending) and the economic boom (which created an unpredicted surge of taxes). In a \$13 trillion economy, much of what happens has little to do with the White House's economic policies. The bipartisan reflex is to claim credit where little is due.

Sooner or later, an aging society will force taxes up and benefits down. But later, not sooner. The oldest baby boomers don't turn 65 until 2011. Meanwhile, it is precisely because the deficits don't threaten immediate economic turmoil that they are politically appealing. Nothing significant will happen because it's in no one's interest for anything significant to happen. Republicans don't want to raise taxes or restrain their spending habits. Democrats screech because it's a theoretical grudge to lob at the Republicans. The present paralysis is perfectly understandable. But to brag about it is disgraceful.

CORRECTION ON LETTER

Dorine Sutton's letter had an incorrect word in Friday's paper.

The line should have read, "Perhaps many in this country have become so comfort-

able they are complacent and take our freedoms for granted."

The Times-News regrets the error.

As more forest burns worldwide, more evidence points to global warming

By Charles J. Healey
Associated Press writer

Scientists worldwide are watching temperatures rise, the land turn dry and vast forests go up in flames.

In the Siberian taiga and Canadian Rockies, in southern California and Australia, researchers find growing evidence tying an upsurge in wildfires to climate change, an impact long predicted by global-warming forecasters.

A team at California's Scripps Institution, in a headline-making report this month, found that warmer temperatures, causing earlier snow runoff and consequently drier summer conditions, were the key factor in an explosion of big wildfires in the U.S. West over three decades, including fires now rampaging east of Los Angeles.

Researchers previously reached similar conclusions in Canada, where fire is destroying an average 6.4 million acres a year, compared with 2.5 million in the early 1970s. And an upcoming U.S.-Russian-Canadian scientific paper points to links between warming and wildfires in Siberia, where 2005 already qualifies as an extreme fire season, sixth in the past eight years. Far to the south in drought-stricken Australia, meanwhile, 2005 was the hottest year on record, and the dangerous bushfire season is growing longer.

"Temperature increases are intimately linked with increases in area burned in Canada, and I would expect the same worldwide," said Mike Flannigan, a veteran Canadian Forest Service researcher.

Nadezda M. Tchebakova, a climatologist at Russia's Sukachev Institute of Forestry, said southern Siberia's average winter temperatures in the 1980-2000 period were 2 to 4 degrees Celsius (3.6 to 7.2 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than the pre-1960 norm. "Snowmelt starts much earlier in the spring," she said by telephone from the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk. "Precipitation is decreasing, this combination of elevated temperatures and decreased precipitation should provide conditions for greater fire occurrence."

As she spoke, newly ignited blazes raced through the conifer forests of Evenskya, a summer fishing and hunting region north of Krasnoyarsk.

The Sukachev institute's satellite data show that more than 29 million acres — an area the size of Pennsylvania — have been burned in Russia already this year. Orbiting cameras see a red-and-green checkerboard in Siberia, of "hot spots" among endless evergreens.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an authoritative U.N.-sponsored network of scientists, has long predicted that summer drying droughts would worsen forest fires, which in many regions are primarily set by

humans. Global temperatures rose an average 1 degree Fahrenheit in the 20th century, and warming will continue as long as man-made "greenhouse gases," mostly carbon dioxide from fossil-fuel burning, accumulate in the atmosphere, the panel says.

"The change is much more rapid than initially forecast 10 or 16 years ago," Brian Stocks, a retired Canadian Forest Service scientist, said of the fires. "It seems people are finally beginning to take a look at it."

The Scripps study, in the journal *Science*, was unique in collating detailed data from 34 years of U.S. western wildfires with temperature, snowmelt and streamflow records. Wildfire frequency varies widely from year to year, but the California researchers found a clear trend: The average number of large fires almost quadrupled between the first and second halves of that period.

They also looked at land-use changes and forest management practices, but concluded they were secondary factors in the upsurge of fires. There were "many more wildfires burning in hotter than in cooler years," they reported.

Such detailed data don't exist on a global scale. Doing a similar study in Russia would be difficult because Soviet-era records are unreliable. And specialists caution that wildfires remain complex phenomena. In many regions, slash-and-burn farmers, arsonists and others start most fires, and fire professionals say modifying human behavior is key.

But although humans are the prime cause, "coupled with climate change, things are becoming worse," said Johann Goldammer, director of the Global Fire Monitoring Center at Germany's Freiburg University.

A nonhuman cause, meanwhile, may be on the rise. Warming in high northern latitudes is expected to generate more lightning, igniting more forest fires, notes the report by Amber J. Soja of the U.S. National Institute of Aerospace, Tchebakova and other U.S., Russian and Canadian scientists.

Their paper, upcoming in the U.S. journal *Global and Planetary Change*, looks at how current reality compares with still other effects of climate change previously foreseen for northern, boreal regions — Siberia, Canada, Alaska.

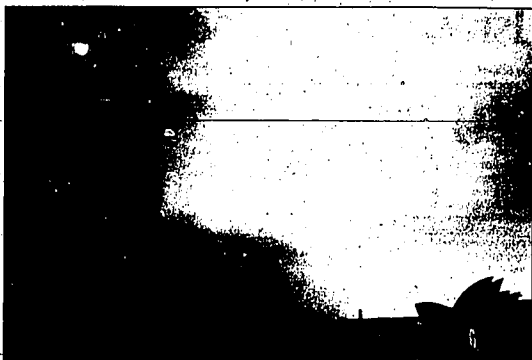
"The forest in Siberia is shifting northward, and the forest-steppe (mixed forest and plain) is replacing it in the south," Tchebakova said. "Those were the predictions." In Alaska, the international team found a decline in growth of white spruce trees and a spread of forest insect infestation — also both predicted in computerized climate-change scenarios.

Goldammer pointed out

that boreal forests may be crucially linked to the fate of the global environment, since the forests and their peat soils hold about one-third of Earth's stored carbon.

Forest and peat fires release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, adding to climate warming, which in turn will intensify forest fires, further worsening warming in a planetary feedback loop.

"This is a carbon bomb," Goldammer said of the northern forest. "It's sitting there waiting to be ignited, and there is already ignition going on."



The skies above Sydney darkened by bush fires in the city's outer suburbs Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2001. In the Siberian taiga and Canadian Rockies, in southern California and Australia, researchers find growing evidence tying an upsurge in wildfires to climate change, an impact long predicted by global-warming forecasters.

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Protesters take historic town in Mexico, driving out tourists

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — Protesters have taken over the conifer forests of Evenskya, a summer fishing and hunting region north of Krasnoyarsk. The Sukachev institute's satellite data show that more than 29 million acres — an area the size of Pennsylvania — have been burned in Russia already this year. Orbiting cameras see a red-and-green checkerboard in Siberia, of "hot spots" among endless evergreens.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an authoritative U.N.-sponsored network of scientists, has long predicted that summer drying droughts would worsen forest fires, which in many regions are primarily set by

Supporters of leftist presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador are holding nationwide demonstrations to demand a ballot-by-ballot recount in the disputed July 2 presidential election. Federal and state police clashed with striking miners in April and farm protesters in May, leaving four people dead. But the clashes in Oaxaca have paralyzed one of Mexico's top cultural tourist attractions, where visitors normally browse traditional markets for Indian handicrafts, hike ancient pyramids and stroll along cobblestone streets to sample mole dishes.

The protests have reduced tourism by 75 percent, costing the city more than \$45 million, according to the Mexican Employers Federation, a business lobby.

Protesters follow other eruptions of civil unrest and class conflict that have plagued President Vicente Fox as his term winds to a close.

WORLD

Israeli tanks, troops mass on border

By Benjamin Harvey
Associated Press writer

ON THE ISRAELI-LEBANON BORDER — Israel massed tanks and troops on the border Friday hours after calling up reserves, as the army announced plans for a ground operation to destroy Hezbollah's tunnels, hideouts and weapons caches.

With Hezbollah's rocket attacks and Israel bombings undiminished, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said she would visit the Middle East beginning Sunday — her first trip to the region since the crisis erupted 10 days ago. But she ruled out a quick cease-fire between Israel and the Shiite guerrillas as a "false promise."

Israel, which pulled its troops out of Lebanon just six years ago after a lengthy and costly occupation that caused painful divisions within the Jewish state, was poised to carry out its third large-scale ground operation in Lebanon since 1978. This time, however, the Israelis signaled they did not want to stay long.

Israel hopes the operation will end in the neutralization of Hezbollah. But the operation carries great risks for the country and the region. If Lebanon's weak central government is undermined, it could immerse the country again in disorder and ignite fresh passions in many Arab countries against Israel and the United States.

On Friday, the Israeli army confirmed that small units have been operating in Lebanon for days. An official from the U.N. monitoring force in south Lebanon said 300 to 500 Israeli troops were believed to be in the western sector of the border, backed by as many as 30 tanks — a likely precursor to a large ground force that Israel could use to

sweep Hezbollah out of the area.

Israel's goal is not to create a buffer zone as it did during its occupation of southern Lebanon from 1982 to 2000, said a senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the top's military sensitivity.

Rather, Israel wants to weaken Hezbollah with a limited ground operation to make it

easier for the Lebanese army to move into areas previously controlled by the guerrillas, possibly with the aid of a beefed-up international peacekeeping force, the official said.

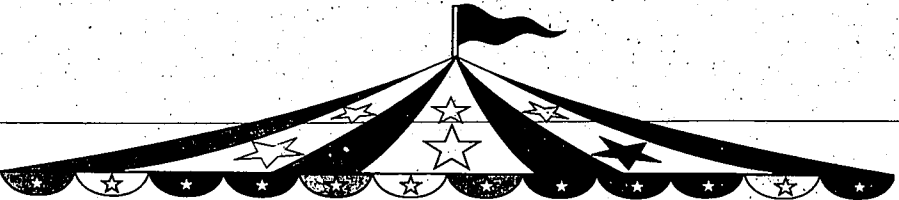
On Friday, Israel knocked out a key bridge on the road to Syria and pummeled Hezbollah positions in the south as long lines of tanks and armored personnel carriers

lined up at the border — in some places close enough to see Lebanese homes on the other side.

A barrage of 11 Hezbollah rockets rained down again on Israel's third-largest city, the northern port of Haifa, wounding at least five people, two seriously. The army said rockets also hit Rosh Pina, Safed and communities near the Sea of Galilee.



Israeli tanks and troops line up on a road near the Israeli town of Arvin, near the Lebanese border on Friday.



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Drug combination may aid people with multiple sclerosis

LONDON (AP) — Four years ago, Karen Ayres was paralyzed from the neck down by multiple sclerosis.

"When I was lying in my hospital bed, not even able to twitch my toes, I was jealous of anyone who could walk," she said.

But then she started receiving an experimental combination of drugs. And within weeks, she herself was walking — right out of the hospital.

That was in 2002. And Ayres, 28 and studying for a doctoral degree in health and psychology, hasn't had any relapses of her disease since.

She was among 27 patients with aggressive MS who were treated with a course of the anticancer drug, mitoxantrone plus Copaxone, which is used to treat relapsing MS.

Like Ayres, many of the other patients experienced results so remarkable that some MS experts, when expressing caution, are now taking a second look at the preliminary experiment.

A three-year controlled study is being launched at 10 centers across the United Kingdom to further investigate the drug combination. The results of the initial trial, led by Dr. Mike Boggild at the Walton Centre in Liverpool, will be published next month in the *Journal of Neurology*.

The cause of nerve-damaging multiple sclerosis is unknown and there is no cure. The most common form causes periodic flare-ups of symptoms, which include trouble seeing and walking.

Mitoxantrone is so powerful that it is potentially toxic and can only be used safely in the short term. Boggild and his colleagues combined it with Copaxone — a slow-acting drug.

"We decided to overlap the treatments because we wanted to give some time to Copaxone to build up its effect," said Boggild. What happened was dramatic. "Patients who were just the worst of the worst did remarkably well," Boggild said.

"We think we've tapped into an unexpected synergy between the two drugs that gives you more than the sum of the parts," he said.

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Tiger takes control, and Els rises to the challenge at Open

The Associated Press

HOVLAKE, England — Tiger Woods couldn't even see the flag, but he knew his 4-iron was close to perfect. Thousands of fans who were crammed elbow-to-elbow on a grassy hillcock above the 14th green saw the ball bang into the cup, but they had no idea who hit it.

Seconds later, when Woods emerged from behind a row of bunkers and high-fired his caddy, the mystery was over.

The question Friday was whether the British Open was over, too.

Woods put on a clinic with his long irons, none more spectacular than his eagle on 209 yards on one of the toughest holes at Royal Liverpool. It carried him to a 7-under 65, matching his best score ever in a major, and gave him a one-shot lead over Ernie Els.

"It was just trying to land the ball on the front edge and let it chase on there



Tiger Woods of the United States reacts to making a birdie putt on the 8th during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Course in Hoylake, England on Friday.

and get my 4 and go on," Woods said. "It happened to go in."

"But when asked whether the tournament was over, Woods tapped the table. "I'm not here with the (claret) jug."

British Open Leaderboard

Second Round

T. Woods	67-65—132	12
E. Els	68-65—133	11
C. Dimarco	70-65—135	9
R. Goosen	70-66—136	8
M. Angel Jimenez	67-70—137	7
A. Scott	68-69—137	7
M. Ilonen	68-69—137	7
R. Rock	69-69—138	6

Other notables

S. Garcia	68-71—139	5
J. Furyk	68-71—139	5
D. Duval	70-70—140	4
M. Weir	68-72—140	4
P. Mickelson	69-71—140	4

he said. "We've got a long way to go, man."

Even so, his name atop the leaderboard is a daunting sight at Grand Slam events. This is the seventh time Woods has had the 36-hole lead in a major, and he has never lost from out

front.

That didn't seem to bother Els. When the Big Easy headed to the first tee, the scoreboard already showed Woods at 12 under par.

Instead of getting spooked, Els was inspired.

"If he's 12 under, there's some birdies to be made out there," Els said. "I had to get my share of them."

Els made birdie on all the par 5s, and picked up two more strokes with shots that were every bit as good as Woods', though not quite as dramatic. One was a hump-and-run 7-iron that stopped rolling 2 feet from the cup on No. 3, the other a 4-iron into 15 feet left of the flag on the 14th. He made birdie from just short of the par-5 18th for his 65.

All along, his target was Woods—and that posted score of 12-under 132.

"I didn't want to back down," Els said. "I really was trying to get into this final group. I haven't been in this position for a while."

Quiroz's bomb lifts Minico to title tilt

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's not certain if anybody wishes they had Jesse's girl, but it's probable they wouldn't mind taking his swing from the eighth inning.

Down 5-3 against the Idaho Falls Russets in the top of the inning, Minico Spartans third baseman Jesse Quiroz stepped inside the box with the bases loaded and two out. Based on his previous at bats against pitcher Garrett Rose — two strikeouts and a flyout — this could "have been" the last chance for a Spartans rally.

With a 2-2 count, Quiroz bled a screamer deep to left field as the Minico faithful went crazy — a lead-stealing grand slam to put Minico on top, 7-5.

"I just juiced that last at-bat. I knew I had to come up big," Quiroz said. "I just wanted a base hit and I ended up getting under it and hitting it out."

The upset of the No. 1 seed Idaho Falls puts the No. 5 seed Spartans in the championship game against the Twin Falls Cowboys, who beat the Idaho Falls Red 21-16 Friday night.

"They battled, and the guy with the greatest slam struggled the whole game. That's just how baseball plays," Russes head coach Tyrone Horne said.

It shouldn't have come as a surprise. By that time, Rose's pitches just didn't have the pop that kept the Spartans on the scoreboard for five innings. With the temperature in the 90s and the game headed into the second hour, Rose allowed seven hits, one walk and one hit batter before Horne finally relieved him. But the damage was done.

"I went and asked him if he felt good and I had faith in him, but he just left pitches



Minico's McCoy Worthington is caught out while sliding back to first base during the second inning of their game with Idaho Falls Friday at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

up. I'd rather have him throw it in the dirt and give up one run than four," Horne said.

When leadoff man McCoy Worthington took his at-bat, Minico trailed 5-1. He, Cody Winnill, Matt Tracy and Colton Douglas led off the inning with singles. Tracy drove in Worthington, but Winnill was tagged at second for the first out, leaving runners at the corners. Andy Carlisle walked to load the bases back up, followed by Dane Broadhead's strike out. Throughout the

inning, Horne consulted with Rose, but the starter wouldn't give up the mound.

Dallas Garner added another run by batting in Tracy to closer the gap further, 5-3. That's when Quiroz made his mark on the game. Dale Sayles doubled and Worthington came up again, but was hit by a pitch. Rose was finally pulled for David Hopkins, who picked up a quick groundout to end the inning.

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2006 American Legion AA Area C Tournament

At Skip Walker Field, Twin Falls

Thursday's results

Game 1: Minico 8, Pocatello 3

Game 2: Idaho Falls Reds 12, Madison 1, seven innings

Game 3: Pocatello 9, Madison 8, 10 innings

Game 4: Twin Falls 14, Highland 7

Friday's results

Championship bracket

Game 5: Minico 7, I.F. Russsets 5

Game 7: Twin Falls 21, I.F. Reds 16

Losers' bracket

Game 6: Highland 12, Pocatello 2

Saturday's games

Championship game

Game 10: Minico vs. Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m. (winner takes No. 1 seed to state)

Losers' bracket

Game 8: I.F. Russsets vs. I.F. Reds, 1 p.m.

Game 9: Highland vs. Game 8 winner, 4:30 p.m.

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fans who watched the Twin Falls Cowboys AA take a crazy 21-15 win from the Idaho Falls Reds on Friday night saw everything but fireworks.

The nearly four-hour contest saw 37 hits, 19 errors, nine pitchers, three injuries and more lead changes than a NASCAR race.

Nate Robertson finished 3-for-6 with a solo home run, a triple, a walk, three RBIs and a stolen base. Remington Pullin finished 4-for-6.

Down 15-13 in the top of the eighth, the Cowboys put up eight runs just as it looked as if the Reds would pull off the win. Idaho Falls put together a few more runs, but couldn't overcome the arm of winning pitcher Casey Jerome and the Cowboys defense.

Idaho Falls starting pitcher Argei Chapa began a promising game, but injured his knee crossing home plate in the first inning. Reds No. 2 pitcher Josh Kuns was also injured on a Robertson shot.

Unfortunately for the Cowboys, center fielder Marcus Schaal severely injured his left ankle when he collided into the wall chasing down Chapa's hit. This was the same play in which Chapa suffered his injury.

Twin Falls 21, I.F. Reds 15
Twin Falls: Dan Berntson, Chase Bergstrom, Chris, 20, Dan Latta, Daniel Ochs, 20th, Luke (2), Dustin Strain (4), Dalton Strain (4), Chase Hernandez (1), Michael Tolson, Shawn Moore (8) and Austin Daniels (W — 3-0-1, 1-0-0-0)

Cowboys: Greg — 20, Tim Fells, Nathan Reynolds, Mike Latta, Chase Bergstrom, Chris, 20, Dan Latta, Luke Robinson, Idaho Falls: Aaron, Camilo, 10, Tim Latta, Robinson took several Idaho Falls, Oregon.

Camps open with T.O. in Dallas and the usual shakeup around the league

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Reggie Bush, Edgerton James, Ben Roethlisberger. LaVar Arrington.

And, of course, Terrell Owens.

For differing reasons, all will be in the spotlight when NFL training camps open this week. So will robbing quarterbacks Daunte Culpepper, Carson Palmer, Drew Brees and Chad Pennington. As well as Adam Vinatieri, the best clutch kicker in NFL history, who has moved from New England to Indianapolis, a team with Super Bowl ambitions he helped thwart several times.

Camps open with any number of intriguing story lines:

— The Saints' return to New Orleans from Katrina-imposed exile. They will feature Bush, the explosive running back and all-purpose touchdown man from Southern California.

— James, who left Indy for suddenly free-agent Arizona, which is operating a new stadium

this season.

— Roethlisberger's return to Pittsburgh from a motorcycle accident.

— Arrington's debut with the New York Giants after a less-than-amicable departure from division-rival Washington.

And then there is Owens.

Even with all the interesting plots as training camps open, it's still likely to be "all T.O., all the time" for a while, as it was last year when he was disrupting the Eagles' camp.

Even before the 2006 camp started, he was sounding off — promoting his new book by saying he was misquoted by Jason Rosenhaus, his co-author (who also is his co-agent); once again bashing Donovan McNabb, and proclaiming (for the hundredth time) that he has been misunderstood and attacked for no good reason.

I.F.O. has been vocal, his new coach hasn't been.

It took 48 days from the day Jerry Jones signed Owens to a \$25

million, three-year deal for Bill Parcells to say anything about it. He didn't say much and has declined to talk about it since.

"I support it and that's the way we go, and I don't view it as a gamble," Parcells said. "It's in my best interest that he's successful. And it's in his best interest that he's successful."

It may help that the Cowboys will train in Oxnard, Calif., 1,500 miles from home and three time zones, away from Philadelphia. Most other teams are either home or close to it — the Saints are in Jackson, Miss.

Meanwhile, there are dozens of other plots, particularly those surrounding quarterbacks.

Four high-profile QBs, for example, are coming off serious injuries. Not only do their futures hinge on full recoveries, but so do the seasons for their teams.

Two of them, Daunte Culpepper and Brees, are beginning with new clubs.

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Landis remains third at Tour

The Associated Press

MACON, France — American Floyd Landis remained in third place in the Tour de France, while Matteo Tosatto of Italy won Friday's 18th stage in which the top contenders rode together in a tanning park.

Spain's Oscar Pereiro retained the yellow jersey as the Tour's overall leader after the relatively easy 122.4-mile stage from Morzine to Macon, which followed three tough days in the Alps. Pereiro, of the Iles Balears team, and his main-rivals for the Tour title cruised in 8 minutes behind Tosatto.



Overall leader Oscar Pereiro of Spain drinks during the 18th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race between Morzine, France Alps, and Macon, central France, Friday.

That sets the stage for Saturday's time trial, the last major test before cycling's premier race ends Sunday on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Saturday's race against the clock, in which riders leave one by one in reverse order of the standings, measures 35.4 miles from Le Creusot to Montceau-les-Mines. Going in, Pereiro holds a 12-second lead over countryman Carlos Sastre, and a 30-second advantage over Landis.

"I know Floyd is better than me in the time trial, but I'm going to go all out," Pereiro said.

Landis said he was "optimistic" about Saturday's stage.

Tosatto won Friday's stage by prevailing in a sprint against fellow Italian Cristian

Moreni of Colofidis and Gerolsteiner rider Ronny Scholz of Germany. Tosatto and Moreni finished in 4 hours, 16 minutes, 15 seconds. Scholz was another 2 seconds back.

It was the first stage victories in four Tour appearances for the QuickStep rider who

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SPORTS

Single-A Cowboys end regular season with sweep of Rockies

Three Stars

TWIN FALLS — It was a fine way to wrap up a solid regular season. The Twin Falls Cowboys...

The wins put the Cowboys at 20-10 in Area C and so far...

Nick Yergensen and David Lish provided the big moment in Game 1 Friday...

They just came out and got the job done today, said Twin Falls coach Devin Kunz.

The district tourney begins Wednesday.

Wednesday at Bruin Field. Twelve of the league's 16 teams will compete at the four-day tournament.

Game 2: Twin Falls, 10-3; Boise, 1-6. Game 3: Twin Falls, 10-3; Boise, 1-6.

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Kimberly splits with Wood River

KIMBERLY — A falling 9-7 in a tough opener, Kimberly bounced back for a big win in the nightcap against Wood River Friday...

The teams were tied 7-7 in the top of the seventh before Wood River's Brian Bray blasted a two-run home run to win it.

Game 2: Wood River, 10-3; Kimberly, 1-6. Game 3: Wood River, 10-3; Kimberly, 1-6.

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Tribe sweeps I.F. Rangers

BUHL — The Buhl Tribe continued its torrid streak on Friday, sweeping the Idaho Falls Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 6-5 Friday night.

Brad Twiss connected on three-run homers in the first game, while Perry Hamilton added a solo shot to help Austin Laring to the win.

"We had most of the week off because of football camp and that was a little bit of a concern," Tribe head coach Allyn Reynolds said.

Buhl wraps up its regular-season schedule at home today against the Idaho Falls Rockies for a noon doubleheader.

Game 2: Idaho Falls, 10-3; Buhl, 1-6. Game 3: Idaho Falls, 10-3; Buhl, 1-6.

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Local golf

Seppi, Fischer win at IGAU state tournament

RUPERT — Twin Falls golfers David Seppi and Randi Fischer took top honors at the Idaho Golf Association juniors state-wide tournament...

Earlier in the week at Jerome County Club, Seppi led a 68 for the overall title at a juniors tournament.

IGA District I Tournament. Results: Seppi, 68; Fischer, 71.

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Some good, some bad for A-Rod

TORONTO (AP) — Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to reach 450 home runs, but committed his team-leading 18th error in the New York Yankees' 7-3 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday night.

Troy Glaus homered and had four RBIs and A.J. Burnett earned his second win for the Blue Jays, who have won two, two games of their four-game series against the second-place Yankees.

Rodriguez's three-run homer in the third inning off Burnett was also his 2,000th hit.

A-Rod, who turns 31 next Thursday, is the eighth player to get his 2,000th hit before his 31st birthday.

Ken Griffey Jr. was the previous youngest to reach 450. He was 31 years, 261 days old when he did it Aug. 9, 2001.



New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, right, is congratulated by teammates Derek Lee, center, and Johnny Damon, left, after they all scored on his three-run home run during third inning A.J. Burnett's last out of the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Friday.

the second half of a season since Arizona lost its first 11 following the All-Star break in 2004.

Twins 14, Indians 6

CLEVELAND — Rondell White and Michael Cuddyer each had four RBIs and the Twins won their eighth straight game.

Justin Morneau scored four times and Dennis Reyes (2-0), the third of five Minnesota pitchers, worked two-thirds of an inning for the win.

Foyals 8, Angels 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — David Deluzo and Mark Grudzielniak hit three-run homers for the Royals.

gave up five hits and three runs in 7 1-3 innings to get the win. He was recalled from Triple-A Omaha prior to the game, taking Scott Elarton's spot in the rotation.

Rangers 10, White Sox 3

CHICAGO — Michael Young and Mark Teixeira hit back-to-back homers to lead Texas over the White Sox.

Kevin Mench hit a three-run homer in the eighth for the Rangers and Brad Wilkerson added a solo shot in the ninth.

National League

Phillies 6, Braves 5

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Rollins had four hits, including

a homer, and pinch-hitter David Delluc delivered a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning to help the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 6-5 Friday night.

David Bell went 4-for-4 and Chase Utley extended his hitting streak to 22 games for the Phillies.

Marlins 4, Pirates 1

MIAMI — Rookie Scott Olsen struck out 11 and Cody Ross hit a two-run homer for the Marlins.

Olsen (8-4) allowed one run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out six straight hitters before the first and third innings.

Mets 7, Astros 0

NEW YORK — Jose Valentin hit his second grand slam in the last two weeks to back John Maine's four-hitter in the Mets' win.

Valentin hit the ninth grand slam of his career in the second inning. It was the Mets' fifth in the last two weeks.

Nationals 7, Cubs 6

WASHINGTON — Alex Escobar's two-run single in the eighth inning capped the comeback for the Nationals.

Jon Rauch (3-1) threw a perfect eighth to get the win and Chad Cordero pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Three Americans reach RCA semis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Three Americans are in the semifinals of the RCA Championships for the first time since 1992.

Top-seeded James Blake, second-seeded Andy Roddick and No. 4 Robby Ginepri all advanced with straight-set victories Friday.

Blanke, who is a career-high sixth in the ATP rankings, had the biggest challenge. He won two tiebreakers to get a semifinal in Dubai in March 2005.

Defending champion Pat Schuyder overcame ninth-seeded Sania Mirza and won rain delays to reach a semifinal in Dubai in March 2005.

Williams, Schnyder reach Ohio semifinals

MASON, Ohio — Serena Williams reached the semifinals for the first time in more than a year, beating Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-2 on Friday night to advance in the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open.

Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion whose WTA Tour ranking fell to 140 while she took six months off with a chronic left knee injury, will meet 52nd-ranked Vera Zvonareva on Saturday night.

Minico

Broadhead came in for relief of starter Winnill and pitched two shutout innings to keep Minico on top.

"I was going off adrenaline after Jesse hit that ball," Broadhead said. "You don't realize it, but it was the bottom of the ninth and you're coming to close it out on a great team like that ... it was awesome."

"Little things win games," Horne said. "They didn't kill us. We killed ourselves."

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Tour

won the 2004 Tour of Fuzsany. He pumped his right fist and screamed as he crossed the line.

Ulrich dismissed by T-Mobile team amid doping allegations

BERLIN — Former Tour de France champion Jan Ulrich was fired by his T-Mobile team Friday, several weeks after he was linked to a Spanish doctor charged with doping.

Ulrich was forced out of this year's Tour on the eve of the race. He had been considered a leading contender.

Ulrich, who won the Tour in 1997 and was runner-up five times, was pulled out of the race after Spanish media reports said his name turned up on a list of 56 cyclists who had contact with the doctor.

T-Mobile said it also immediately terminated the contract of Spanish rider Oscar Sevilla, who also was pulled from the Tour and suspended by the team.

T-Mobile said both Ulrich and Sevilla failed to provide evidence of their innocence within a deadline set by the team.

Clemens as the team opens camp under new coach Eric Mangini, a 35-year-old Bill Belichick protégé.

Then there's Roethlisberger, the quarterback as Pittsburgh won its fifth Super Bowl by beating Seattle last February.

He broke his jaw and had numerous facial injuries when his motorcycle collided with a car in downtown Pittsburgh on June 12. It could have been worse — he was riding without a helmet and acknowledged later that those on the scene told him he was perhaps a minute from death.

Camps

Culpepper, who tore up his knee last October while playing for Minnesota, was traded to Miami, which hopes he can prop it ahead of perennial AFC East champion New England.

Brees is coming off a serious shoulder injury, so there are questions about him even as he says he's "ahead of schedule" in his recovery.

Carson Palmer led Cincinnati to its first playoff berth since 1993, then had a devastating knee injury against Pittsburgh in the possession opener. If he can't start, newly acquired career backup Anthony Wright would fill in until Palmer is ready.

Chad Pennington of the New York Jets underwent rotator cuff surgery on his throwing shoulder for the second straight year and finds himself competing with Patrick Ramsey and rookie Kellen

Advertisement for Magie Valley with text: "We can help you! You have questions, We have answers!" and contact information for Bob McKinstry, Danny Karren, and Verlene Claiborn.

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel
Pennsylvania 500 Lineup
Race 1: 11:00 a.m. ET
Race 2: 1:00 p.m. ET

BASEBALL

American League
National League
Pitchers: L, R, H, E, W, L, P, S, B, F, G, P, S, B, F, G, P, S, B, F, G

Baseball (Cont.)
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GAME PLAN

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
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AUTO RACING
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NASCAR Busch Series

BASEBALL

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McNabb's turn to fire shots at T.O. and his 'children's book'

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Donovan McNabb does a better job avoiding tackles than lingering questions about Tom Owens.



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, left, talks with receiver Todd Pinkston during the opening of the team's football camp Friday in Bethlehem, Pa.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, left, talks with receiver Todd Pinkston during the opening of the team's football camp Friday in Bethlehem, Pa.

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs
Police said Cooper was able to walk after being shot and the injury wasn't believed to be serious, but he was taken to a hospital for treatment.



Vests a force at speedway

By Linda Brittan
Times-Herald correspondent

TWIN FALLS—Pepsi Premier driver Rob Vest cut his racing teeth in 1988 in the Coeur d'Alene area driving street stock cars on a quarter-mile track. Several years later Vest bought a car from Brett Thompson and decided to take on the Magic Valley Speedway in a modified car. By 2005 he had already seven up a track championship. As the track champion, Vest later flew off to Nashville, Tenn. where he was honored at the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series banquet along with other regional winners. He also picked up a substantial amount of prize money along with a trophy and a brand-new racing helmet.

"It was great," Vest said of his dream season. "I like to do it again."

However, repeating championships is tough in any sport, but a few extra obstacles were placed in front of the modified drivers after the rules were modified for the 2006 season. The track management has since made adjustments to a couple of those rules, such as reintroducing the left-side weights of the cars and more recently, limiting the number of tires the late-model drivers can purchase per week to one while allowing the modified drivers to purchase as many as they wish all in an attempt to even out the playing field so the cars are as competitive as possible.

"I think it's pretty fair, the way they have it now, with the tire rule and the weight rule," Vest said. "It really helped with the new tire rule. At the beginning of the year they (late models) were a lot faster than us, now I think we're pretty even."

Vest is one of two modified



Former Magic Valley Speedway champion Rob Vest (right) and crew chief Tony Vest take a moment to pose in front of the No. 27 Pepsi Premier Division car after putting in some hard work to get the car ready for tonight's event. On the roof of the car is the racing helmet Rob won after capturing the 2005 MVS championship.

drivers with a win in the 2006 season, but as a true competitor, he would prefer to have a better showing in the point standings than his current fifth place.

"I'd like to be higher up, but I guess I had all my good luck last year," Vest explains.

Ask any driver and they will tell you that no championship is won on their own.

Vest's brother Tony has been a big key to Rob's success, although Tony admits that he had to learn the ropes along the way.

"I've really learned a lot over the years," Tony said. "When we bought the car neither one of us knew what we were doing on the car and we learned together. Rob's been a mechanic for quite a while, and that helped on that end of it. We work on the car all

the time together and we learn things from each other."

Spending that "much" time with your little brother may have been a nightmare at a younger age, but the two have found a common interest and have put together a winning combination at this stage of the game, although Tony admits that sometimes the big brother will come out in him.

"Sometimes he takes chances that excite us," Tony said choosing his words carefully.

Regardless of his rank in the point standings, Rob is doing what he loves to do. Even on a night off for the Pepsi Premier Series, you can find Rob in the pits helping his friends get their cars race-ready. Rob even is willing to help out as a last-minute driver, as evident the night of

July 15 when he hopped into a Thunder Stock car after Brian Lopez, regular driver of the No. 35 car, could not make it out to the track in time for the race.

"Vest won that main event, surprising few, especially after they discovered who was behind the wheel."

So what is Vest's next goal after conquering an MVS track championship, not to mention a win in last week's Thunder Stock race?

"Well, I think the modifieds have a slim future (at MVS)," Vest said. "I think the more late-models that they get out there the modifieds are going to be phased out, but you can't blame them for that. The modified is fun to drive but it can be a handful. What I'd really like to do is get a late-model."

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP
Pennsylvania 500
Sitz: Long Pond, Pa.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Sunday, race (TNT, 11:30 a.m.).
Track: Pocono International
Raceway (triangular-oval, 2.5 miles, 14 degrees banking in turn 1, 8 degrees in turn 2, 6 degrees in turn 3).
Race distance: 500 miles, 200 laps.

Last race: Kyle Busch had to go to overtime at New Hampshire International Speedway for his first victory of the year. Busch passed Elliott Sadler for the lead 61 laps from the end and appeared to have the win all wrapped up before a crash involving Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brian Vickers and Clint Bowyer brought out a caution flag on lap 236; just three laps from the scheduled end. The race was extended even longer after another accident. At the last restart on lap 307, both rookie Denny Hamlin

and Carl Edwards moved past Sadler, but Busch easily pulled away from the challengers. Last year: Roush Racing swept the two Pocono races of 2005 when Kurt Busch won the Pennsylvania 500. Carl Edwards won the Pocono 500 earlier in the year for Roush's first win at the track.

BUSCH SERIES
Goody's 250
Sitz: Martinsville, Va.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying, 10:05 a.m., race (NBC, 1:30 p.m.).
Track: Martinsville Speedway (oval, 0.526 miles, 12 degrees banking in turns)
Race distance: 131.5 miles, 250 laps.
Last race: Carl Edwards easily held off a late challenge from Kevin Harvick to win at New Hampshire International Speedway. Edwards now has eight career Busch victories. Last year: Inaugural race.

A LOOK AHEAD

Nextel Cup
Aug. 6 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
Aug. 13 — TBA, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklynn, Mich.
Sept. 3 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 9 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 24 — Dover 200, Del. Sept. 30 — Yellow Transportation 300, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 13 — Dollar General 300, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 28 — Sam's Town 250, Memphis, Tenn.

Craftsman Truck
Aug. 4 — Power Stroke Diesel 200, Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 12 — Toyota Tundra 200, Lebanon, Tenn.
Aug. 23 — Mobil 1 Auto Parts 200, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 16 — Sylvania 200, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 23 — Las Vegas 350 Oct. 7 — TBA, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 21 — Kroger 200, Martinsville, Va.

Busch Series
July 29 — Gateway 200, Madison, Ill.
Aug. 5 — Kroger 200, Indianapolis

Standings
Nextel Cup
1. Jimmie Johnson 2,789
2. Matt Kenseth 2,721
3. Jeff Burton 2,478
4. Kyle Busch 2,455
5. Mark Martin 2,451
6. Casey Kahne 2,445
7. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. 2,428
8. Kevin Harvick 2,408
9. Jeff Gordon 2,342
(tie) Greg Biffle 2,342
11. Tony Stewart 2,331
12. Denny Hamlin 2,324
13. Carl Edwards 2,196
14. Kurt Busch 2,136
15. Casey Mears 2,091
16. Clint Bowyer 2,024
17. Jamie McMurray 1,985
18. Brian Vickers 1,974
19. Ryan Newman 1,966
20. Elliott Sauter 1,963

Craftsman Trucks
1. Todd Bodine 2,161
2. David Reutimann 2,044
3. Johnny Benson 1,998
4. Rick Crawford 1,930
5. Ted Musgrave 1,915
6. Ron Hornaday Jr. 1,903
7. Jack Sprague 1,898
8. David Starr 1,872
9. Terry Cook 1,864
10. Dennis Setzer 1,855
11. Mike Bliss 1,850
12. Matt Crafton 1,795
13. Erik Darnell 1,633
14. Brendan Gaughan 1,628
15. Mike Skinner 1,611
16. Bobby Hamilton Jr. 1,481
17. Aric Armiaola 1,418
18. Timothy Peters 1,394
19. Chad McCowbey 1,365
20. Joey Miller 1,323

Hot temperatures, hotter drivers at MVS

By Linda Brittan
Times-Herald correspondent

TWIN FALLS—There may be different opinions as to why, but it's clear from the results that the late-model cars in the Pepsi Premier Division at the Magic Valley Speedway have made a 180-degree turn from last year, and have been victorious in nine of 11 main-event races, compared to just a single win in all last season. However, there are still six races yet to be hammered over before the 2006 program is just a memory for the feature division drivers.

Hoping to make another statement for the modifieds, tonight is driver of the No. 48 car Mike Buddenhagen who is the highest ranked modified driver at third in the Premier Series Division point standings. Although Buddenhagen is still looking for that elusive win, he has been methodically making his way up in the point standings this season by taking on a litany of late-model cars.

"I haven't gotten caught up in any wrecks, but also the driving by all the drivers has improved tremendously," Buddenhagen said. "That makes it a lot easier out there. I definitely will be looking for a win tonight though. I at least want one this year. I haven't been this excited for a race to come up ever."

Also looking for their turn in

the winner's circle will be modified drivers Rick Van Veen, Allen Williams, Daryl West and Sam Harris, Jr., along full-time late-model drivers David Patrick and Mike Greco, all of whom have been tirelessly searching for that right combination that will put them in victory lane before the season comes to an end.

Jerry Rice leads the pack in the Budweiser Grand Nationals Division going into tonight's race with 2005 track champion Louis Lopez his closest rival. A bad night for any driver combined with a top finish for a competitor could still throw a monkey wrench into the point standings works however, but it will all shake out after tonight's final races before heading into the MVS Chase for the Championship which begins next Saturday night.

Pat Quinn of Meridian, who won each of the two previous main events held at MVS, will see if he can pull off the trifecta as the Super Six cars make their third and final appearance at the Twin Falls track this evening.

The Warrior cars are also on tonight's agenda making their next to last appearance of the season as they engage in combat once again against the one-third mile track.

Dan De Boer was the main event winner last time out and for his accomplishment, his car

MVS Point Standings

Pepsi Premier Series		
1. Steve Jones	534	418
2. Bobby Latham	522	404
3. Mike Buddenhagen	490	392
4. T.J. Woodhall	488	374
5. Rob Vest	446	368
6. David Patrick	426	
7. Mike Greco	392	
8. Rick Van Veen	374	
9. Eddy McKean	349	
10. (tie) Sam Harris, Jr., Norm Hatke	344	

Budweiser Grand Nationals		
1. Jerry Rice	328	
2. Louis Lopez	318	
3. Jerry McKean	310	
4. Randy Price	300	
5. Jeff Meads	296	
6. Ernie Hall	284	
7. Bill Manker	224	
8. William Dalton	194	
9. Timon O'Brian	158	
10. Chris Meads	38	

NAPA Pony Stocks		
1. Jason Whitely	456	
2. (tie) Lou Andersen, Josh Pliz	430	
4. Kristi Fenninger	420	

Magic Valley Pipe Thuder Stocks		
1. Craig Nuthak	512	
2. Desi Ahrens	474	
3. Jim Howard	466	
4. Jim Shirley	450	
5. John Hoogendoom	446	
6. (tie) Michelle Rouse, Brian Lopez, Kamie Nuthak	372	
9. Mike Dawson	332	
10. Steve Edens	270	

Qua's Electronics Warriors		
1. Dan DeBoer	98	
2. Kent Jensen	62	
3. Marshall Lund	76	
4. Kenny Hatke	72	
5. Cory Rutledge	70	
6. Jeff Peck	66	
7. (tie) Chelsea Hodge, Rob Beelle	46	
9. (tie) Louis Lopez, Laura Arlington	44	

was placed in the infield in hopes that the anvil that was launched into the air during the July 3 'Eve of Destruction' celebrations would land on the vehicle and eliminate it from further competition. Fortuna-

tely for De Boer, the anvil missed its mark by just a few inches and the No. 90 car was spared to run another night.

Gates at the Magic Valley Speedway open at 4 p.m., green flag racing begins at 7:05.

R/YR officially nits rock bottom with Sadler departure

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Robert Yates Racing has officially hit rock bottom.

Both Dale Jarrett and Elliott Sadler have jumped ship, choosing to flee R/YR for new rides in 2007. Sponsor UPS is also leaving with Jarrett, creating a chaotic time for a one-preneur organization.

Despite the turnover, no one was sanctioned Friday. Instead, there was parking for an overwhelming sense of relief following Sadler's long-awaited decision.

"I finally have a clear-cut direction for the organization now that we know Elliott is leaving," said Tommy Baldwin, Sadler's crew chief. "We just wanted a direction. This has been going on since January, and it's been a real thorn in our sides."

"We just wanted to end, one way or the other, so we all knew what the deal was going to be from here on

out."

Sadler had been mulling his future with R/YR for several months, and finally asked for and received his release on Thursday.

Although he's expected to replace Jeremy Mayfield at Evernham Motorsports — with Mayfield likely going to one of Michael Waltrip's Toyota's — Sadler insisted Friday he does not have another job lined up.

Instead, he cited a difference in philosophies between himself and Yates as his reason for leaving.

"I just have a difference of opinion on which way the sport is going than those guys did," Sadler said. "I couldn't really make myself buy into the system in which way I think the company is going, so we just decided to split and do something different."

R/YR was one of the top teams in NASCAR from its 1989 debut. The team won 57 races and had 419 top-10

finishes, while Jarrett won two Daytona 500s and a championship in 1999.

The team also placed at least one driver in the top 10 in the point standings in 10 out of 17 years.

But a decline began in 2001, when its six-year streak of placing a driver in the top five of the final standings ended. Jarrett has not made the final top 10 since 2002, and Sadler only did it in 2004.

Heading into Sunday's event at Pocono Raceway, Sadler was 20th in the standings. Jarrett is 24th and neither are contenders to make the Chase for the championship.

They struggled in Friday's qualifying, too. Sadler was 25th and Jarrett was 35th. Denny Hamlin, who won here last month, won the pole.

Despite the difficulties, those inside the organization insist the sport is cyclical and R/YR will rise again.

"Robert has been in the sport for a long time, he's one of the premier people and he's not going anywhere," crew chief Slugger Lubbe said. "He cut his finger, he had bleeding, he'd sell his soul to give a fast race car to Dale or Elliott."

"He just wants to get back on top. It's a vicious circle."

Yet it's not clear how Yates plans to fix his mess. R/YR's driver development program isn't stocked with talent, although the team does have new-comer Stephen Leicht in the pipeline. He'll make his Nextel Cup debut on Sunday after qualifying 36th.

Because of Jarrett and Sadler's defections, the 19-year-old Leitch could find himself on the fast track into one of R/YR's vacant Nextel Cup seats.

"We have a future with Stephen Leicht," team co-owner Doug Yates said. "Is he ready for Clip next year? I

don't know. We'll let that take care of itself these next few weeks and the rest of the year."

R/YR is also believed to be talking to former Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton, who has been out of racing for almost two years but has recently been searching the garage for an available ride.

But Doug Yates was coy about potential drivers.

"There are a lot of guys available that maybe need to revitalize their career or another chance, so we'll look at that as well," he said.

Sadler believes that R/YR can bounce back with the right driver, but he's not it.

"I'm not saying it won't work for somebody else," Sadler said. "I think if you get a good driver, come in here and buy into what Robert and Doug are doing with their company, I think they are going to run good next year."

MAGIC VALLEY

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Suspects arrested in Xpress robbery

TWIN FALLS — Two men suspected in the July 3 robbery of Xpress Cash have been arrested.

Trines Maksic, 20, a Twin Falls resident and Brent W. Higley, 18, of Shoshone were arraigned Friday on robbery charges.

"Maksic vaulted over the counter and pointed the gun at the lady. He is in jail on a \$100 bond," said Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebs. "The other, Higley, who provided the gun, was let loose."

Maksic also is charged with felony aggravated assault, one count of theft and one count of burglary. All charges are pending.

Higley has no criminal record in Twin Falls County. "Their preliminary hearings are set for July 28.

Yellowstone mysteries to be revealed at CSI

TWIN FALLS — When will Yellowstone erupt again? Will California fall into the ocean during the next big quake? Is any place safe from natural disasters? The answers to these and many other questions will be found in the Natural Disasters class at the College of Southern Idaho, a three-credit class that begins Aug. 22.

Students will explore the causes and effects of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, landslides, hurricanes, tornadoes and even meteorite impacts. The class will visit local geologic features, critique popular movies that depict natural disasters and evaluate the potential for various hazards.

The class will meet from 2 to 3:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, contact Shawn Willsey, CSI geology professor, at 732-6421 or at swillsey@csi.edu.

Gooding GOP to interview candidates

GOODING — Gooding County Republican Central Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Planning and Zoning Office, 145 Seventh Ave. E. to interview applicants for the position of District No. 2 Gooding County commissioner. Applicants are asked to present a written resume.

For more information, call Gary Osborne, central committee chairman, at 934-5350 or Helen Edwards at 934-5762.

Filer daycare facility seeks permit

FILER — The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Filer City Hall, 300 Main St.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application for a special-use permit submitted by Jennifer and Travis Doty to operate a daycare facility at 2206 Alex Drive in Filer.

The application may be examined from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Filer City Hall.

Watershed advisory group nixes meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled.

The next meeting will be Sept. 26.

For more information, call Jennifer Clark at the Twin Falls office of the Department of Environmental Quality at 736-2190.

— staff reports

Wildfire burns near Paul

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

PAUL — A fire that broke out late Thursday afternoon on Bureau of Reclamation ground near Paul burned 342 acres before crews got it under control.

"The fire was controlled last night," said Sky Buffat, fire information officer for the Bureau of Land Management.

Buffat said the cause of the blaze, which burned about three miles northwest of Paul, was unknown as of

"The fuel load is very similar to last year. There is plenty to burn."

— Sky Buffat, BLM fire information officer

Friday morning.

About 50 BLM personnel were sent to the fire along with eight engines and two single-engine air tankers that made multiple drops and a helicopter.

Buffat said all of the resources have been removed from the site but crews will continue to watch it.

The fire also involved two power grids belonging to United Electric Co-op Inc.

"But we were able to save them along with some out-buildings," she said.

Due to the hot weather and lack of moisture, vegetation is all dried out and basically becomes fuel, she said.

"The fuel load is very similar to last year," she said. "There is plenty to burn."



Bureau of Land Management firefighter Daniel Vasquez, right, lights a fire break along the road at 200 N. 850 W. of Paul Thursday afternoon as a BLM helicopter surveys the scene.

"It's been great — it's been a kick. This has been hard for me. Public health people are the best. They are dedicated to public service."

— Cheryl Juntunen, retiring South Central District Health director



Cheryl Juntunen, director of South Central District Health, will retire in the spring. She's been with the public health agency since 1977 and has been its director since 1981.

Longtime public health director to retire

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cheryl Juntunen can remember well that day back in 1981 when she saw the report on a study about the strange, new virus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It was 1981. Up until that point, what the world would come to know as HIV/AIDS was a mysterious disease that was showing up in hemophiliacs, heroin addicts, homosexuals and Haitians. The disease was attacking people's immune systems and many of them were succumbing to Kaposi's sarcoma, a rare cancer of the connective tissue whose victims up to that point had typically been elderly men. This latest study was frightening. It had discovered the HIV/AIDS virus was not only deadly, it was transmissible.

"There had been reports of this particular syndrome, but this was the first formalized epidemiology study that showed we had a communicable disease problem," Juntunen said. "Oh man, you knew it was big trouble."

Juntunen remembers getting a sick feeling in the pit of her stomach. "Now, it has certainly changed the world in a lot of ways," Juntunen said. "The AIDS epidemic is just one of the big public health issues that came about during Juntunen's almost 30-year tenure with South Central District Health."

Juntunen will soon retire from the career she's come to know and love. She came on board Aug. 1, 1977, as a public health nurse in the Burley office. She and her husband, Roger, has been living in Rolla, N.D., a small town on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation along the Canadian border, where Juntunen worked as a public health nurse. But the

Northwest, with its lush, green forests and pristine rivers, beckoned the two outdoor enthusiasts. Juntunen sent resumes to all the Northwestern states and Alaska. The state of Idaho called.

"We said we'd give it a year," she said. "Now here we are 29 years later and we're still here."

After a few years with the Burley office, Juntunen was promoted to nursing director and moved to the Twin Falls office. In 1991, she became the first woman director of a district health agency. Today, she oversees a \$6 million annual budget, six offices in eight counties, 40 programs and 100 employees. And even though she looks forward to new adventures, she said she will miss her job and the people she works with.

"It's been great — it's been a kick," Juntunen said. "This has been hard for

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Wendell City Council reconsiders dog ordinance

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Residents in Wendell must apply for a kennel license if they have more than three dogs.

Once they get the permit, there is no limit on how many canines they may have, and Planning and Zoning Chairman Paul Isaacson wants to change that, he told the Wendell City Council during Thursday's meeting.

"There is no teeth in the ordinance," Isaacson told the

council, explaining that the way the ordinance is written now, dog owners could be approved to have a group of Chihuahuas only to turn around and get pit bulls or Dobermans.

The ordinance loophole was discovered when a Seventh Avenue resident came to the P & Z for a kennel license.

Adjacent neighbors signed the permit and no complaints with odor or noise were recorded.

Councilman Don Bunn wanted to know if the changes

to the ordinance needed to be done before kennel licenses would be issued.

"Was their permit approved?" he asked.

Isaacson said that since all requirements were met for the permit, it was approved but the ordinance should be changed before problems arise.

"The P & Z wants to rewrite this ordinance and then give it back to you for approval," he told the council.

Any changes made to the ordinance will need the

approval of City Council.

In the meantime, residents approved for kennel licenses before the change will only be required to meet any new guidelines when their one-year permits expire.

In other council news, Karen Isaacson, representative of the Wendell Gem Team, announced that the Save Our Sign committee has a donor interested in matching fundraising efforts up to \$10,000.

"This could be a huge opportunity for the sign," she

said. "It also shows that there are others out there in the community who want to see the sign back up."

The Save Our Sign project is still looking at raising over \$40,000. They have around \$3,000 in the bank for the Hub City sign to be rehung.

To donate to the S.O.S. project call 536-5161.

Blair Koch covers the Wendell City Council. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Decision on ethanol plant diverted, for time being

For Times-News

RUFERT — Everyone is in favor of economic development, but no one wants to see it happen in his neighborhood.

For about 60 residents who live near Mart Produce, two miles east of Rupert, enough questions remained after a six-hour zoning commission meeting Thursday to prevent the board from approving a special use permit for an ethanol plant in the neighborhood.

More than 100 people showed up at Thursday's meeting, but a handful left by the time John Bernsburg's request for the permit for some of his property at 200 E. 100 N. Rupert, came before the board.

And by the time the board began deliberating, many more had left.

Bernsburg has offered an option to a yet-undisclosed ethanol producer to purchase land for an ethanol facility.

"Those who live near the proposed site stuck it out, wanting to see what, if anything, the board would decide.

Bernsburg had solid support from some of his neighbors. But many residents complained that the extra traffic, noise, odors, contaminants and the unknowns of who would be building at the site were too much for them to support.

Midwaka County School Board member Greer Copeland endorsed the project, saying the district would smile upon the \$773,000 in taxes that would be funneled to the schools each year.

"This area is stressed, we need economy," Copeland said. "They have money."

Mini-Cassia developer David Price said the project is bound to stir on some toes, but it would spread the tax burden.

"This community is losing one hell of an opportunity to bail itself out of the hole it is in," Bernsburg said.

After more than an hour of deliberation, the board concluded that it did not have enough information to make an informed decision.

The board will meet again Tuesday, July 25, at 4 p.m. to continue its deliberation on this issue.

OBITUARIES

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Mildred Katherine Fairbrother



BURLEY — Mildred Katherine Fairbrother, 77, went home to her Lord and Savior July 20, 2006, while recovering from a traumatic brain injury following a bicycle accident. Mildred was born May 31, 1929, in Nampa, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley, Idaho, at 11 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2006. Family visitation will precede the service at 10:30 a.m.

She met her sweetheart, Guy Robert "Bob" Fairbrother, while working in McCall, Idaho, the summer of 1951. They were married on November 23, 1951.

They resided in Pullman, Wash., while Bob completed his veterinary studies. After his graduation, they moved to Caldwell, Idaho, where they were blessed with the birth of twin girls.

A move to Burley, Idaho, in 1957 was followed by the birth of two sons. Mildred

enjoyed quilting, scrap booking and gardening. Mildred also graduated from Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in education.

She is survived by her husband and children, Connie Herbert — of — Hagerman, Carmen (Tim) Sidlaruk of Burley, Steve (Leslie) Fairbrother of Bellevue, Idaho, and Robert (Suzie) Fairbrother of Jerome. Mildred is also survived by

seven grandchildren, Kristi (Shane) McKinnon, Brad Herbert, Brandon Fairbrother, Melissa Fairbrother, Nicholas Sidlaruk, Joshua Sidlaruk and Gene Fairbrother. Mildred was excitedly expecting the arrival of her first great-grandchild.

Mildred and Bob spent the summers in McCall, where they enjoyed canoeing on the area lakes. She was enjoying one-of-her-many-hike-rides around this beautiful area when she suffered a traumatic brain injury which ultimately led to her passing. The last weeks of her life she asked family repeatedly to take her home. The Lord listened and has taken her home.

Special thanks to the McCall Quick Response Unit and hospital — of — St. Alphonsus Life Flight, nurses, staff and doctors. Donations can be made in Mildred's name to the Brain Injury Association of Idaho, 500 W. Idaho, Boise, ID 83702.

Dr. John D. Kieffer



MOUNTAIN HOME — Dr. John D. Kieffer passed from this life on July 20, 2006, he was 87 years old. At the time of his passing, he was under the compassionate care of the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and again on Monday, July 24, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., both to be held at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2006, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Hagerman Cemetery.

John was born February 17, 1919, to John D. and Della M. Kieffer in Shawneetown, Ill. His father died when John was a young boy, so he was raised primarily by his mother and older sisters. His boyhood years were spent on the banks of the Ohio River in Southern Illinois. Many of his stories and tales of these early years are likened to that of a Tom Sawyer story.

When dad was a senior in high school in 1937, the "Great Flood of '37" essentially washed away his hometown of Shawneetown and with that his boyhood home. John and dad attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he pursued an Agriculture and Education degree. During this time was the onset of World War II and dad enlisted in the U.S. Army. His primary training in the Air Corps was as a Medical Technician, which was the beginning of his career to come. Dad was stationed at various bases around the country, but eventually landed at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho. It was during this time that he and some buddies attended a Methodist Church Picnic, on an October day, and he met our mother, Fern A. Robbins. They were later married April 16, 1944.

After the war, dad was eager to return to Idaho with his family and get on with life. He had Med Tech training in the military provided an immediate transition into a laboratory position at the Samaritan Hospital in Nampa. During this time at the hospital, dad and his family remained connected with his agriculture roots by helping

neighbors and friends with projects and harvests. Also, at this time, he raised and ran round dogs.

After this time at the hospital, dad realized that he was ready to pursue his boyhood dream of becoming a doctor, so he could "fix his mothers feet, buy her a new pair of shoes, and take her dancing." This is when he enrolled at Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Oregon. At this time, dad and mom had two kids and the third on her way. While at Western States College, dad developed and taught the clinical laboratory program for the college, and also worked at the Portland General Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

Upon completion and graduation from Chiropractic College, dad and mom returned to Idaho and "hung their first shingle" in Gooding, Idaho. They later relocated to Mountain Home, but always maintained a close connection to friends and community in Gooding County. Before leaving Gooding, the family had grown from three to five kids and while in Mountain Home, the final two, "Kieffer, Kids" were born. After retiring from practice in Mountain Home, dad and mom built a new home in Hagerman, where they had ten blessed and wonderful years.

Throughout his life, dad was devoted to his family and also the community in which he lived. He was always active in church and many community organizations including the Old Fellows, Bebechaks, Elks, Grange, etc. Master Gardeners and always had a special interest in politics. He was always eager to "wet a line" at a favorite fishing spot, load up the horses for a pack trip, do some bird hunting, get out in nature for a hike, or just get out for a "Sunday Drive." As a family, there was always a family vacation in the works for a visit to some part of the country.

It was his love of life and love



of nature that he has instilled in all of us kids and we will always remember him for.

Although born in Illinois, dad was truly a "proud Idahoan." Professionally, dad served his profession proudly by setting a strong example of ethics: He was truly devoted to serving the people who entrusted their healthcare to him. He was passionate with his work until his final days. He served for 24 years on the Idaho State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and was instrumental in the development of the Idaho State Chiropractic Law. He was also active in membership and leadership roles of local and national chiropractic organizations.

At the time of his death, dad is survived by his wife of 62 years, Fern; five of his children, Janet Renfrew and her husband Bill of Fairbanks, Alaska, John F. Kieffer of Mountain Home, Judy Unruh and her husband John of Manhattan, Kansas; Terry Kieffer and his wife Jeanne of Toledo, Oregon, and Jeffrey Kieffer of Mountain Home; his sister, Mary L. Langendorfer of Junction, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

John has been welcomed into heaven by two daughters, Joan and Jean, one grand-daughter, three sisters, his parents and countless other family and friends.

As a family, we would like to thank Dr. Irinel Stanciu for her care of dad these last few years. His care givers at home, Kim and Geraldine, are especially appreciated and will always have a special place in our hearts, and our true heartfelt thanks to the Idaho States Veterans Home for their compassionate and wonderful care of our father.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution in dad's honor, we ask that this be made to The Nature Conservancy of Idaho, 1109 Main St., Suite 333, Boise, ID 83702, or to your favorite charity.

Randy W. Hansen
GOODING — Randy W.

OBITUARIES

Naomi Pet Price



GOODING — Naomi, who was born to Tena (Bohon) and Claude Chugg on the "Home place" at Acequia, Idaho, on October 11, 1928, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006. Weighing in at only 5 pounds, with the cord wrapped around her neck, she was introduced early to what would turn out to be an exciting life. She may have always been the runt of the litter, but she had a large personality to make up for any shortcomings that may have come with a small stature.

As a girl growing up on the farm, she worked hard in the fields alongside her parents, brothers and sisters, but she always found time for artistic expression, as was evidenced in her top dancing painting, drawing, fondness for debate, and acting. She excelled in all endeavors, she undertook. Naomi attended the local schools and graduated from Rupert High School in 1946. Following this, she attended Kingman College in Spokane and received a certificate in stenography and general secretarial work. She also attended Idaho State University. She held several jobs in bookkeeping, general stenography, and public. She was very proud to work and retire from the Farmers Home Administration.

In the summer of 1958, she met a dashing blue-eyed townie named Gordon "Whitely" Price. It must have been a match made in heaven for they were married just six weeks later on Aug. 23rd. Naomi and Whitely made their first home in Boise in July 1959, they had their first child, a son, Fredric Whitely. Although Fred was a joy and a wonder to them, along came Tena Alene just 17 months, 2 weeks, and 4 days later, in October of 1961. In July 1969, they had their first child, a son, Fredric Whitely. Although Fred was a joy and a wonder to them, along came Tena Alene just 17 months, 2 weeks, and 4 days later, in October of 1961. In July 1969, they had their first child, a son, Fredric Whitely.

She introduced them to art

with endless hours spent learning decoupage, oils, watercolors and, of course, pulling tally, to name but a few. Naomi also loved music and she spent many a time dancing around the house with her kids.

She was never calm in a crisis, and there were times that when one of the kids got hurt, she'd scream "Whitely" at the top of her lungs, off to the hospital they'd go for stitches and bandages. But Mom took the scary out of it by showering them with her kisses and hugs.

After moving to Gooding in 1971, they settled into their new life in a small town. It wasn't unusual to see one of Tena's friend's horses pastured out in the lawn, or all the neighborhood kids playing in the yard.

She always made sure everybody was fed and watered. She'd do anything for her kids, even if it meant touching a bug. She became a 4-H leader for Fred's entomology class just to make sure he was able to enjoy something he was interested in.

It was not uncommon to see Whitely and Naomi on the golf course together. They were a formidable couple in the tournaments they played. They were members of the Gooding Country Club and traveled to scrambles and tournaments across the state.

Whitely was buried on their 28th wedding anniversary in 1986, and Naomi learned a new way of life. She devoted her time to her yard and flowers, continued golf, traveled to see her family and had many friends. She volunteered



countless hours at the Gooding Hospital Auxiliary Store. She was a believer in continuing education and "attended" classes at CSI and painting classes in Gooding and Boise. She became a lifeline to many of her friends, as well as the rock that held the family together.

Naomi is survived by her and Whitely's children, Fred (Rossell) Price of Boise and Tena (Steve) Highberger; her grandchildren, Zach and Stevie Highberger; her granddaughters, Gordon (Sharon) Price of Arizona, Peggy Camder of Illinois and Alison Hatfield of Washington; her brother, Jack (Margaret) Chugg of Arizona; sisters, Alene Orvik of Worley and Arizona, and Donna (Merle) Sager of Burley; sisters-in-law, Beth Chugg of Boise and Carol Chugg of Christmas Valley, Ore.; and other relatives too numerous to mention.

In addition to her husband, Naomi was preceded in death by her Mother and Dad; her grandsons, Beau and Joseph Highberger; her brothers, Dan and Fred Chugg, as well as many precious relatives and friends.

Naomi, who was bright and generous of spirit, will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

Services were under the direction of Demary's Funeral Chapel on Saturday, July 15th, 2006. She was laid to rest next to her beloved Whitely at the MAJ Cemetery in Rupert, Idaho.

I'm blowing you kisses my little Mommy, you'd better hurry and catch them...

George Arnold Stevens



GOODING — George Arnold Stevens, 93, a former resident of Gooding, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in Baker City, Ore.

George was born May 29, 1913, in Jerome, Idaho, the oldest son of Hans Arnold and Rachel Johanna Pearson Stevens. He spent his early childhood helping his father on the farm and attended school in Jerome. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and served in the Boise-Gardena area, where he helped on the construction of Forest Service roads. On June 25, 1930, he joined the KKK. Katherine Vipperman in Hagerman; They were the parents of two daughters, Katherine and Antia.

George was a mechanic; he enjoyed overhauling cars and he could repair most anything that needed fixing, electrical and equipment. He spent his working years in the Wendell and Gooding and Fairfield area where he worked as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic and truck driver. He also worked for a building contractor, Max Bosinger, for a number of years and helped build many houses in the area.

George enjoyed bowling; he said it was a lot of fun. He first bowled with the Hub City Bowlers. On the team were George Wahler, Ed Holmanek, Bill Parr, Harry Hoffburg and George. They

bowled together for a number of years and for the Fairfield Motor team. He attended the state tournament in Boise every year. He bowled an average of 180-185. He had to give up bowling in 1995 due to poor eyesight.

His wife, Katherine, passed away in 1986, and he was remarried June Dunn. Since June's death, George has made his home with a grandson, Eddy Packham, and his family in Twin Falls, when they moved to Yakima, Wash., last fall. George was a very kind and mild mannered man all of his life.

George was preceded in

death by his wife, Katherine; his daughter, Katherine King-eight brothers and sisters; and two grandchildren, George Packham and Dale Lee. Surviving family are five sisters, Marguerite Merritt of Wendell, Helen (Matt) Weech of American Falls, Patricia (Joe) Barker of Boise, Beth (Grant) Pratt and Sybil Stevens, both of Kennewick, Wash., and his daughter, Antia Amick of Astoria, Ore. He has eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

George is remembered as a mechanic rather than a farmer. He could fix anything! Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

See services and obituary on page C3

DEATH NOTICES

Sigert E. Johnson

HAMMETT — Sigert E. Johnson, 84, of Indian Cove/Hammett, died Friday, July 21, 2006. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rost

Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Carl Crooks

TWIN FALLS — Carl Crooks, 76, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Randy W. Hansen

GOODING — Randy W.

Hansen, 53, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, at his home.

At his request, no services are planned. Cremation was the direction of Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

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Corps: Boaters beware as utility draws down Snake to power ACs

LEWISTON (AP) — Fluctuations in flows of the Snake River in Hells Canyon could lower the river to a level the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers considers unsafe for navigation.

Idaho Power Co. plans to lower the river level to 6,500 cubic feet per second Sunday at Johnson Bar, located about 88 miles upriver of Clarkston, said Dennis Lopez, an Idaho Power spokesman.

"We are making this drawdown during the light load periods — midnight to 6 a.m.," Lopez told The Lewiston Tribune.

Lopez said that when demand for power is highest — during the hottest part of the day — flows could increase to 23,000 cfs.

Flows below 8,500 cfs above

the mouth of the Salmon River are unsafe for navigation, said Ed Kim, a hydrologist with the corps at Walla Walla, Wash.

"Boaters have to exercise extreme caution out there," said Kim.

"If you don't have to go above the mouth of the Salmon don't."

Idaho Power, the corps and commercial boaters have worked to keep flows at safe levels after three accidents involving commercial powerboats six years ago during low flows.

Lopez said the operating license the company has from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission allows flows to be reduced to 5,000 cfs.

The corps has recommended to FERC that the new license for Idaho Power set minimum flows at 8,500 cfs

above Salmon and 11,500 below.

When the river is flowing below 8,500 cfs, rocks that are normally submerged appear above the water and can damage boats. Also, new currents appear that can make navigating the river more challenging.

"That is a fun level to run that river," said Roy Lombardo, a U.S. Forest Service river ranger. "I think most people won't have any trouble at all. The big four boaters are just going to have to be on their toes."

But Justin Luther of Snake River Adventures in Lewiston said commercial riverboat captains who know the river will do better than private boaters with less skill.

"There will be a lot of private boaters dinging up boats for sure," he said.



Fish and Game conservation officers Tom Lucias, left, and Steve Anderson keep a moose cool with a hose before loading it into a trailer headed to Blinn Creek, on Thursday in Pocatello. The moose wandered into a yard near Ross Park in Pocatello trying to escape the heat and had to be tranquilized and removed.

Idaho officials hose down hot moose

POCATELLO (AP) — A moose that wandered into town and refused to leave the shade it had found was tranquilized by Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials, hosed down, and then released outside this eastern Idaho city.

"It's at least as uncomfortable for them as it is for us humans," Carl Anderson, a Fish and Game wildlife manager, told the Idaho State Journal. "Especially when they're wearing a fur coat."

Anderson said the 1-year-old moose, might have been on the move to escape

the heat on Thursday.

"It's possible some terrestrial animals will change where they're at because of streams drying up and food drying up," he said. "They could then go down lower and into a more contained area which obviously isn't a good thing."

He said many animals become more active at night when temperatures are cooler. Fish and other aquatic species, he said, can be even more sensitive to hot weather.

"They can actually die just from increased water temperatures," Anderson said.

In Pocatello, Friday was the

seventh consecutive day that the temperature reached at least 95 degrees. The average high temperature in the city in July this year has been 92 degrees, with just 0.15 inches of precipitation.

"It's warm and it does that this time of year," said Dave Phelps, a hydrometeorological technician with the National Weather Service in Pocatello. "We don't have cold air coming down from the North and warm air just keeps pushing up."

Besides hot weather, Anderson said wildlife also has to contend with forest fires.

AROUND THE STATE

Pilot loses license for landing in Halley

BOISE — A Boise-area pilot who landed at the airport in Halley while it was closed for construction work has lost his license.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, William S. Powers of Eagle, a Boise suburb, didn't appeal the revocation.

Powers landed his Cessna 172 single-engine plane on the runway at Friedman Memorial Airport in the early evening of May 4. The runway was clearly marked with lights showing it

was closed, the FAA said.

Powers apparently told airport officials at the time he had an unspecified emergency, but he then climbed back into his plane and took off without clearance from air traffic controllers.

Powers, who owns the aircraft, can apply for reinstatement of the license after one year.

Arrest warrant issued in cross burning

SPIRIT LAKE — A cross burning on the lawn of a black man's northern Idaho home

has led to the issuing of an arrest warrant for one person, police said.

The suspect, whose name has not been released, could face charges of malicious harassment and conspiracy to commit malicious harassment, said Lansing Haynes, Kootenai County's chief deputy prosecutor. Each crime carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines.

Haynes said other people might have been involved in the incident Sunday.

— The Associated Press

OBITUARY

Susie Vesta Wanamaker



just being a mom.

She is survived by two sons, Farrell Wanamaker of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Darrell (Barbara) Wanamaker of Malin, Ore.; three grandchildren, Loreta Kay McCullough of Malin, Ore., Marnetta Lynn Walden of Tule Lake, Calif., and Darrell Allen Wanamaker

of White City, Ore.; six great-grandchildren, Kristin Mandee, Jordan, Jake, Tyler and Riley, two sisters, Marie Biggerstaff of Kimberly and Irene Johnson of Twin Falls; special friend, Carolyn Edwards; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, July 24, 2006, at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Mike Seward and the Rev. Mel Rayborn officiating. Interment will follow in Filer Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene, 3550 E. 3750 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.

KIMBERLY — Susie Vesta Wanamaker, 90, of Kimberly died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at SunBridg Care and Rehabilitation Center of Alzheimer's.

She was born Oct. 14, 1915, in Filer, Idaho, the daughter of Fred and Berta Hagler. She was the first baby born on the Clover Tract. She was raised and educated in Idaho and on Nov. 13, 1936, married Foster V. Wanamaker in Boise, Idaho, and he preceded her in death in 1968. They lived in southern Idaho throughout their married life except for a few years in Oregon. Susie worked at various bean houses for a number of years. She was a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene and had lived in Kimberly since 1969. She enjoyed doing church work, gardening and

Public Health Foundation and has been nominated to serve on the Governance Committee of the American Hospital Association.

"The one thing about retirement is I hope I don't flizzle off to the sunset," Juntunen said.

She and her retired husband plan to spend more time at their cabin, and with their two grown children and their new

granddaughter, who live in Portland, Ore. And for awhile, Juntunen is just plain going to take it easy.

"For the first time since I was 14, I'm going to take three months off," she said.

— Times-News Business Editor Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

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the best. They are dedicated to public service."

Juntunen said it wasn't Sept. 11, but the anthrax attacks that motivated lawmakers to approve more funding for public health agencies, which they realized would be on the front lines should another bioterrorism attack occur. Juntunen said that thanks to increased funding, public health agencies are better prepared for dealing with the next outbreak or attack.

Juntunen also has been involved in other ways in her community. She was on Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board for a dozen years and now sits on the board of Mindoka County Memorial Hospital. And as a member of the Twin Falls Kiwanis, she still finds time to sell popcorn at the Thursday evening band concerts in the park.

Juntunen is now helping to recruit the person who will take her place in South Central District Health's top office and will stay on board until next spring. But she's not ready for the rocking chair yet. She plans to continue serving on the Mindoka Memorial Hospital board and the board of the

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Phillip Lee Wise of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary. Family requests casual dress.

Denny Beck of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 160 W. 40th, in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Hilda Junker Eichelberg of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

Georgia Stuhlberg of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

John Isidro Romero of Filer, rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; funeral Mass and celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Church. Friends and family may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Chapel and from 6 p.m. until time of the rosary Sunday at the church.

Ernest Moss of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive by the golf course.

Lena Glerlach of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 160 W. 40th S. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Enid Cocking Worden of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

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

Helan Naomi Ball of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Daniel P. Stephenson of Burley, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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Please express your interest to the contacts listed below by July 25, 2006.

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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.

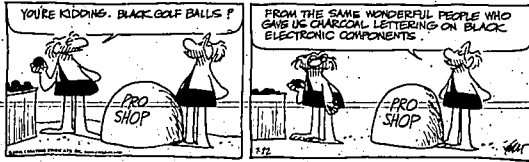
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- Days of operation are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.
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Based on the number of responses to the Expression of Interest, the INL may host a Focus-On Forum to present details and expectations on the required services.

COMICS

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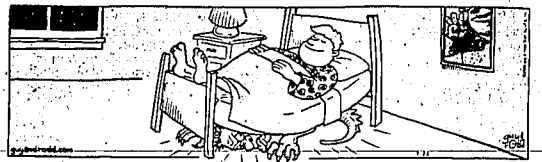
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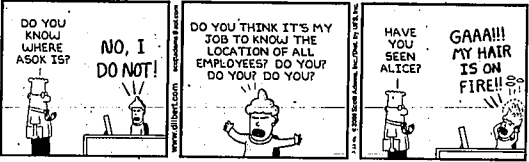
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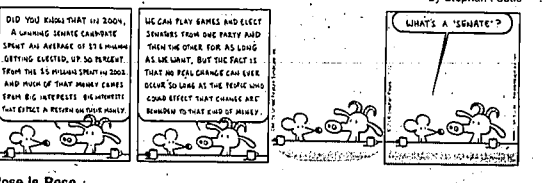
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Don't let it go to your head, Leo

IF JULY 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your year ahead is likely to run like clockwork. Launch your most important personal plans in October or November when you have an extra helping of good luck from the stars to assist you. Even December offers the promise of added assistance from the universe and the likelihood is that others will be more generous toward you than usual. The last quarter of 2006 is a time when you can realize permanent improvements on many levels and achieve a sense of lasting security in at least one sector of your life.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Like the captain of the starship Enterprise, time and space are at your fingertips. Spend quality time with a special someone to boldly go where you've never gone before.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go ahead and play make-believe this weekend. The magic carpet of your heart

may which you away on a romantic journey. It is a good time to turn on the fountain that spews endless ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be a kid and let your don't have a care in the world. Take a weekend off from the business world. Recharge your batteries by doing the things you liked to do during childhood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let it go to your head. You may be the object of someone's affection or the center of attention. Fleeting popularity may boost your confidence, but be alert for fair-weather friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moneymaking activities will need a touch of dedication and a dash of initiative to succeed. A kind and loving partner may act as an inspiration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you believe in fairies, clap your hands. Like Peter Pan and Neverland some things just aren't real. However, that doesn't mean you can't enjoy things of the imagination and have a great time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Why make things simple and efficient when a way can be found to make them complex and wonderful? Carousel horses are always painted. Maybe that is why the ride to nowhere is so much fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The planets are smiling on personal enterprise and courage. Your head may be flooded by constructive ideas. Draw others into the circle to successfully start joint projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Separate fact from fiction. Everyone needs to escape into an unwind by watching a good movie or reading a fascinating book. A relationship may allow you to ignore harsh realities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let imagination run wild. You are utterly romantic and may hope that a new-love is your designated soul mate. Enjoy a carnival, be dazzled by the theater and suspend disbelief for a few hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set the stage for love. Gather all the necessary props and put serious matters on the back burner. It is time to play a leading role. You can easily create the perfect impression when needed.

Non Sequitur

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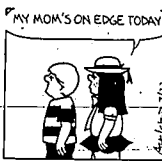
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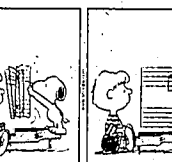
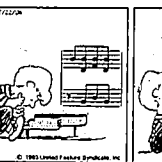
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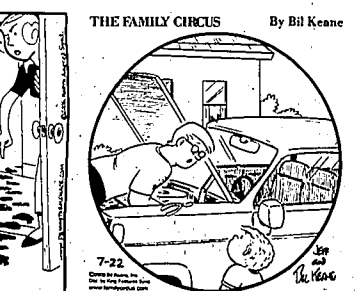
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By Bil Keane

HEY, GIVE THAT BACK



Willy, a 1-year-old cat is photographed Thursday with a display of several pairs of garden gloves that he took from unknown yards in his neighborhood in Pelham, N.Y. Willy has brought home nine pairs of gloves and the slippers over several weeks laying them on his owners' front or back porches.

Bratty little sister annoys tweener who's growing up

DEAR ABBY: I am 11. My sister, "Brittany," is 9. She always tries to make me feel dumb and little. She makes fun of everything I do and cracks rude comments about me. She kisses up to everyone else and makes them think she's an angel.

I am fed up with Brittany's smart-alecky comments and rudeness. She constantly annoys me because we have the same room. She thinks it's a huge joke that I am going through puberty and holds her nose around me all the time.

I have tried talking to her, my parents, my grandparents, and anyone else who will listen. They think we are "just being sisters" and that I complain too much. Help!

—BETRAYED IN FORT SMITH, ARK.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

I am a business student, and I wish to take a psychology course so I can be away from my parents and family. I want to be by myself. I just hate being with them. Am I doing the right thing?

—MIDDLE EASTERN GIRL.

DEAR MIDDLE EASTERN GIRL: I agree with you that the reason you feel the way you do could be depression. Depression and feelings of isolation often feed upon each other — each making the other worse.

I see no harm in your taking a psychology course; such courses can be helpful. However, if there is a student health center at your school, my advice is to talk to a counselor there about your feelings. You need professional help beyond what I can offer in a letter.

DEAR FED UP: Your sister is acting like a brat because she is only a few months of you. Please try to keep that in mind when she makes you feel "dumb" and "little," because you are neither.

When Brittany teases you about going through puberty, remind her that in a few years she will be going through the exact same thing — and how will she like you holding your nose around her?

Puberty is a difficult time under the best circumstances, and sharing a room with a little pest can make it even more so. Perhaps that room could be rearranged so that you both have some degree of privacy? Think about it and discuss it with your mother, because it is doable.

DEAR ABBY: I recently ended a three-year relationship, and afterward I found out my ex had fathered a child while we were together. This is

not the reason I ended the relationship because I didn't know about it until after it was over.

When I told our mutual friends that I knew, a few of them told me they had known the whole time, but were "giving him the opportunity to be a man and tell me himself." I feel hurt and betrayed because no one told me the truth. One of these "friends" was my own sister, which has obviously put a strain on our relationship. What should I do?

—BETRAYED IN FORT SMITH, ARK.

DEAR BETRAYED: Although you were told the reason they kept silent was to "give (your ex) the opportunity to be a man and tell you himself," it may also have been that they didn't want to hurt you. In other words, it was a misguided effort to protect you. So please try to forgive them. (That includes your sister.) And be grateful to the Lord because you didn't waste any more time on that phandering jerk.

DEAR ABBY: I always read the advice you give everyone. I am depressed. Since childhood, I have always been a problem child. I always have this sense of loneliness in me. Due to that, I'm not very active. I never want to marry. I wish to remain alone. According to our customs here in Kuwait, marriage is compulsory. But I do not want to marry!

An editor had to make 'Cleveland' fit, so he changed the town's spelling

This day in history: On July 22, 1796, surveyors named a part of Ohio "Cleveland" in honor of their boss, General Moses Cleveland. The town on the site became "Cleveland," according to the most common story, when the editor of the local paper couldn't fit the original name on the paper's masthead.

Whatever the story, the General's descendants also eventually dropped the "A" sometime before the descendant named Grover Cleveland became president.

To the rest of the animal world, humans are pretty stinky. Anthropologist Louis Leakey believes there's a good evolutionary reason for the stench: to mark their territory and to ward off predators.

"Cluck cluck" is how hens speak in English. It's "cot cot cot cot" in French, "gak-gak" in German, "guk guk" in Turkish, and "pak pak pak" in Hebrew.

The world's record for a non-stop chicken flight is a little more than 230 yards. It's not much for a bird, but it sure beats the best flight by a penguin, emu, kagu, kiwi or ostrich.

It was Harry Truman who installed the regulation bowling lane in the basement of the White House.

It was a woman turned into a cow by Zeus because he had

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNES

Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

a beef against her. She became the Roman goddess of all business.

Chock Full o' Nuts? Why not Chock Full o' beans? William Black owned a pushcart business back in the 1920s that sold pastries loaded with nuts and hot coffee to passersby. The nutty pastries eventually fell by the wayside and Black found himself with a popular brand of coffee recognized by an odd-sounding name.

Humans are one of the few animals that use sweat glands as their primary means of cooling the body. Although most other animals have sweat glands, they've developed other, more efficient ways of cooling — panting, mud rolling, urinating on the leg, to name just a few.

Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford Hayes and Abraham Lincoln were the United States' only bearded presidents. They were also all Republicans. Coincidence? We think not.

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Market Watch

July 21, 2006

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Nasdaq composite	2,020.59
Standard & Poor's 500	1,240.29
Russell 2000	871.94

Stocks of local interest

Con Agra	21.90	▼ .05
Dell Inc.	19.91	▼ 2.19
Idacorp	38.08	▲ .47
Lithia Motors	27.74	▼ .06
Micron	14.15	▼ .38
Supervalu	30.54	▼ .32

Commodities

Sept. Oil	74.43	▲ .16
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	84.27	▲ .42
July gold	619.6	▼ 12.1

Dell shares plunge on lowered 2Q outlook

By Barbara Ortog AP Business writer

NEW YORK — Shares of Dell Inc. plunged to their lowest level in nearly five years Friday after the world's largest computer maker lowered its second-quarter earnings outlook below Wall Street's estimates, due mainly to aggressive price cuts in a slowing market.

The company, which has a call center in Twin Falls, said it expects fiscal second-quarter earnings between 21 cents and 23 cents per share on sales of about \$14 billion, below the earnings of 32 cents per share on sales of \$14.2 billion analysts polled by Thomson Financial had expected. The company's previous outlook was roughly in line with consensus estimates.

Analysts had been expecting the company to lower its sales outlook, but the resulting profit shortfall surprised investors, who sent the company's shares down \$2.47, or 11 percent, to



Dell corporate logos and signs at Novell's BrainShare convention March 22 in a Salt Lake City file photo. Shares of Dell Inc. plummeted to nearly a five-year low after the world's largest computer maker lowered its fiscal second-quarter earnings outlook below Wall Street's estimates, due mainly to aggressive price cuts in a slowing worldwide commercial market.

\$19.63 in morning trading on the Nasdaq. The last time the stock traded near that price was in 2001.

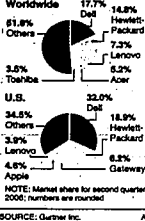
Dell's operating margins were already low, so even a seemingly minor revenue shortfall can compress them quite a bit, leading to much

lower earnings than a company with strong margins would see, said ThinkEquity analyst Eric M. Ross.

"Internally, the company is in disarray. They are finding it difficult to compete because they are so used to winning," Ross added. "It's taking them more

PC market share

Dell Inc. is the top PC maker worldwide with more than half of its business in the U.S.



NOTE: Market share for second quarter 2006; numbers are rounded.

SOURCE: Gartner Inc.

effort to be the low cost, low price provider."

Round Rock, Texas-based Dell pioneered the direct sales model it is known for. But the company is facing tough competition from rivals such as Hewlett-

Packard Co. and China's Lenovo Group Ltd.

Dell's worldwide PC shipments grew about 11 percent in the second quarter, according to research firms IDC and Gartner Inc. But others saw faster growth, and as a result Dell's global market share barely budged.

Even Apple, which holds a tiny fraction of the computer market, is flexing its muscles. The company's fiscal third-quarter profit was boosted not only by iPod sales, but demand for its notebook computers as well.

Apple was able to take advantage of falling component prices in a way Dell hasn't, said Shaw Wu of American Technology Research. The analyst, who has a "Buy" rating on both Apple and Dell, said he thought Dell could withstand some of the "pressure thanks to the lower component prices."

"Obviously they didn't," he said.

Boeing, Airbus pull no punches at show

By Del Quentin Wilber The Washington Post

FARNBOROUGH, England — Arch rivals Boeing Co. and Airbus SAS have engaged in a do-or-die battle for dominance of the commercial airliner market for years. And they do not hesitate to brag about how their particular jet is (a) faster; b) bigger; c) more fuel-efficient; d) more high-tech; or e) all of the above than their competitor's plane.

Normally separated by thousands of miles of Atlantic Ocean, the companies' headquarters become neighbors during the Farnborough International Airshow, the year's major aviation trade event. Camped in huge portable buildings, called chalets, executives from both companies spend their days courting clients, scores of analysts and hundreds of journalists at a sprawling airport near London. They operate in one of the few industries in which two companies compete for nearly the entire product market — in this case, large commercial airliner.

Every detail counts in the high-stakes contest, especially when clients and analysts top back and forth for briefings and more casual encounters. Even the lunch menu matters. And don't think the executives' pride stops with the fuel-efficiency or the size of their jets.

"We serve by far the best lunch at the air show," boasted John Leahy, a top Airbus executive, just before he sat down for a meal at his chalet's dining room. The menu included sea bream crusted with pistachio on a thin tart of tomato.

Boeing's retort: "I think it's great they have good food," said Scott Carson, Boeing's vice president of sales. "But we're not selling food."

Carson may belie his own company's prowess at preparing a meal.

Among the items on the company's menu the other day: wild mushroom bruschetta and braised red cabbage.

The show reveals much about each company's DNA, how they view themselves and how they view their futures. Founded in 1970, Airbus is the brash European upstart. For three decades, its one goal was to be Boeing's equal, and it relentlessly attacked its foe. In 2000, it bested Boeing in orders and led in that key category through 2005.

Looking toward the sun



Scientist David Fork of the Palo Alto Research Center in Palo Alto, Calif., with the lab's leading-edge solar-collecting system. The technology promises low cost, high efficiency electricity and a small footprint.

Pioneering tech lab puts energy into solar

By Charles Pfler Los Angeles Times

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Over the years, the Palo Alto Research Center has developed numerous electricity-gobbling innovations.

Now the storied lab that gave the world laser printing and graphical user interfaces is trying to harness the sun to power its inventions.

The Xerox Corp. subsidiary known as PARC has produced super-efficient solar systems that experts say could make photovoltaic power — sunlight converted directly into

electricity — available on a large scale at prices competitive with fossil fuels for the first time. PARC's technology is one of several promising approaches in the field.

"Solar is growing at 30 percent annually," said analyst Ron Pernick of Clean Edge Inc., a research organization that specializes in alternative energy technology.

Comparing the expansion to the best years of the personal computer industry, Pernick forecasts that solar power will be a \$51 billion global business in 2015, up from \$11.2 billion last year.

The research at PARC is part of an eco-friendly technology trend that draws on the materials and know-how that built computer microprocessors and other high-tech staples.

"PARC's efforts dovetail with Silicon Valley's push into 'clean tech,' including conservation and renewable energy. Reusable paper is as big as the sky," said Erik Straser of Mohr Davidow Ventures in Menlo Park, who has invested in emerging solar companies.

That hopefulness stems from dramatic technology

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In an era of stratospheric oil prices, investors are beginning to see solar as the next big thing, despite its embryonic state. Many industry watchers expect to see large rooftop collectors for powering businesses and solar farms that will approach the size of major power plants.

"The electricity market is as big as the sky," said Erik Straser of Mohr Davidow Ventures in Menlo Park, who has invested in emerging solar companies.

That hopefulness stems from dramatic technology

USDA to reduce BSE testing

By Libby Quaid Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said Japan and other trading partners should not object to his decision to curtail testing for mad cow disease.

Johanns announced Thursday he will cut testing by about 90 percent by bringing surveillance in line with "a very, very low level" of mad cow disease in the United States.

Japan, a potentially lucrative trading partner, has cut off U.S. beef shipments, but demand for the current level of tests or more. Japan was a huge consumer of American beef before the first U.S. case of mad cow disease.

"In Japan, there really shouldn't be any reaction," Johanns said. He noted the U.S. has agreed to limit shipments to beef from animals younger than 20 months, an age at which mad cow disease is not found in cattle.

"It's important for them to recognize that we have bent over backwards," he said.

Japan's Agriculture Minister Shiroki Nakagawa said Friday cuts in the testing program "will not directly affect" the government's decision on returning beef imports, according to ministry spokesman Hideo Kawakami. The ministry, the industry group, said trading partners should agree that "we have gone above and beyond in providing assurances about our beef production system."

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin said he hoped Johanns was right but that "the Japanese appear ready to take advantage of any gap is an excuse to drag out this trade dispute further."

Cellular phone company goes on good deeds spree

By Renee Wells Special to the Times-News

BURLEY — Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Just ask the Mini-Cassia residents who ate lunch at Morey's Steakhouse on Wednesday.

Their tabs were picked up by the "Allied Good Deeds Guy," who was in Mini-Cassia telling residents the company wants to be a part of the communities it will be serving with its buyout of U.S. Cellular.

The lunches were not the only good deeds provided.

Gas was purchased, hair cuts were paid for and groceries were bought. And two charitable donations of \$2,000 each were made to the Rupert Swimming Pool fund and Helping Hands/Freedom Trails camp for those with special needs.

"This is a beautiful thing," said Burley resident Joel Garza, as he stood in the grocery line at Stokes Market Wednesday with a somewhat dazed look on his face.

"I am actually totally in shock. I can't believe they are doing this for so many people."

Customers who purchased groceries for almost an hour had their bills paid by the cellular phone company.

At Morey's, people just seemed pleased to be in the right place at the right time.

"I came to the right place to eat today," said Robert Hanks. "That guy even explained how my phone works. It must be a big company if they can do this."

Some customers watched with interest as the Good Deeds Guy, Forrest Guider, approached a table where three Project Mutual Telephone

employees were sitting.

The executives said they were impressed and one of them said he was once an Allied customer.

At another table, three women said they had just been discussing how they wished they had eaten lunch in Rupert on Monday when Guider was in that community.

"We sure didn't expect this, but hey, it's great," said Delores Mabey.

The Morey's staff was even pleasantly surprised when their boss told them the company had provided a \$25 gift certificate to the café for each of them.

The fun in Rupert Monday ended when a radio station got wind of what was going on and caused a traffic jam by letting people know there was someone picking up gas tabs at a local gas station.

Guider said his is a job anyone would enjoy.

"Who wouldn't love just giving money to people?" he said. "Nobody gets upset at me and it is great to see people's reactions when I tell them there are no strings attached."

He said his most memorable local incident was when he told an elderly woman he was going to pay for her groceries.

"She started crying, and I almost did, too," he said.

"She said this would allow her to purchase some special things, like fresh fruit, or some clothes or something, with a check that normally just doesn't go that far."

In most cases there isn't any such thing as a free lunch — unless you just happened to be in the right Mini-Cassia establishment earlier this week.

This article originally appeared in the South Idaho Press.

MONEY

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns for contract type (e.g., Soybean, Corn), price, and change. Includes sub-sections for Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and other commodities.

BEANS

Table listing various bean contracts (e.g., Soybean, Soybean Meal) with prices and changes.

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Table listing grain contracts (e.g., Wheat, Corn) with prices and changes.

CHEESE

Table listing cheese contracts (e.g., Cheddar, Swiss) with prices and changes.

POTATOES

Table listing potato contracts (e.g., Russet Burbank) with prices and changes.

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Table listing sugar contracts (e.g., Sugar No. 11) with prices and changes.

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LIVESTOCK

Table listing livestock contracts (e.g., Cattle, Hogs) with prices and changes.

METALS/MONEY

Table listing metal and money contracts (e.g., Gold, Silver, Platinum) with prices and changes.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual fund investments with names and prices.

Solar

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changes. For decades, solar power was dominated by thermal systems that heat water...

At the core of photovoltaic cells are semiconductor materials such as silicon. Solar rays knock electrons loose from silicon atoms...

Recently, a handful of companies have developed systems that use mirrors or lenses to concentrate the sun's rays...

PARC's concentrating technology was developed with SolFocus, a start-up being incubated inside PARC.

The second-generation system shrinks the collectors 90 percent and makes them about an inch thick, creating a honeycomb of precision-molded glass coated with mirrors.

Their small size would make the collectors more economical and easier to mount on the rooftops of commercial buildings...

David Fork, a PARC scientist and co-inventor of the solid-glass system, said the design had another big advantage...

over earlier technology. It could theoretically last 100 years, thanks largely to durable materials.

"With previous designs, things have burned. Rooftops have caught fire," particularly in areas where leaves or other debris clog the system.

PARC is also working on a solar technology that returns to the lab's roots, printing circuitry onto solar chip assemblies...

New technologies are making solar a hot bet for venture capitalists who pumped \$150 million into solar start-ups last year, according to Clean Edge.

Strasler has invested in Energy Innovations Inc., a Pasadena, Calif., company run by Bill Gross of technology incubator Ideastream.

In 2004, the most recent year for which data are available, solar accounted for only 0.06 percent of the nation's power supply, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

"In the next several decades, it's very doable, technically," PARC's Fork said.

Large table listing various mutual fund investments with columns for fund name, price, and change.

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Who cares what
old treasure
is worth?

Did you see the news story about the teacher who found an old cigar box in her attic? When she opened it, it was crammed full of old papers. She was about to toss them in the trash when she noticed the word "stock" on one of the papers. Upon further inspection, she discovered that the box was full of old stock certificates. Just for fun, she had their value assessed.

You guessed it: instant millionaire.

JOSEPH
WALKER

"I don't imagine my life will be much different," she said after banking her new-found fortune. "I may buy some new clothes. But other than that, I won't be making many changes."

Personally, I think wealth is wasted on such people. What's the point of being suddenly prosperous if you're not going to allow yourself to suddenly — you know — prosper?

I know I would. I know this because I've been thinking about it all week — or at least since my late father's wife, Jean, called to tell me about an old box she found while cleaning.

"There are some real treasures in these boxes," she said. "You ought to have them."

"Treasures?" I asked. "What sort of treasures?"

"Oh, you know — jewelry, certificates, a little money, and there are some metals that are absolutely precious."

Jewelry? Certificates? Money? Precious metals? And she wants to give them to me?

Ch-ch-ching!

Unlike the teacher in the news story, I could come up with plenty of ideas for improving my life once those treasures made their way into my bank account. Most involved quitting my job and buying a Winnebago. By the time I got the box from Jean, I had already imagined myself back and forth across the country and all the way to Hawaii (with and without the Winnebago, respectively).

In the privacy of my car, I carefully opened the black jewelry box. Inside, it was just as she had promised: jewelry, certificates, money and precious metals. Only the jewelry was costume jewelry in brilliant blues, reds and greens; marines. The certificates included my mother's high school diploma. The money was an English penny. And the precious "metals" were actually precious metals, including one awarded to my great-grandfather for being an "Indian War Veteran" and another presented to my great-great-grandfather for helping to pioneer the American West.

OK, I'll admit it: I was disappointed at first. There was nothing of any value here — unless you counted sentimental value. But the more I studied the stuff in the box, the more like a treasure it seemed to be. And the more like a mystery. What did my great-grandmother's garish red rhinestone brooch tell me about the personality of a woman I never met? Am I the only one in the family who will be surprised to learn that Mom graduated from high school in Denver? Who wore the dangly blue pendant and why did it smell — vaguely but distinctively — of turpentine?

And what about the cool reading spectacles? What was the deal with those?

I'm not exactly sure where to look for the answers to these questions. But we're going to have a lot of fun trying to find them. Meanwhile, I'm enjoying this wonderful sense of connection as I handle and admire objects that were obviously cherished by my ancestors.

It makes me feel grounded. It makes me feel like I belong. It makes me feel like I'm part of something that extends beyond the here and now, and that feeling is something I value and treasure.

Regardless of the value of the treasure in the box.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

House of God

Going to church by staying at home

"These are people who are less interested in attending church than in being the church."

— Religion researcher
George Barna

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After Sunday dinner at Joe Rodgers' Rockville, Md., home, guests adjourn to the living room for church.

In his makeshift chapel, wooden kitchen stools and a floral print couch act as pews, a portable keyboard substitutes for an organ and the host, an electronics technician by day, serves as pastor.

But just as there is no formal name or dress code for this church, there is no sermon or pastor-led prayer. When it came time to bow their heads on a recent May evening, each of the 10 adults in attendance had something to contribute: One man prayed for success with his new fitness program; another sought guidance as he prepared for his upcoming marriage.

The worshippers have different faith backgrounds, including evangelical, Episcopalian and Catholic. What they share is a dissatisfaction with traditional church services.

"You can't ask questions in most churches. You might make an appointment with the pastor, get in his daybook for a quick lunch," said Rodgers, 50.

A growing number of Christians around the country are moving to home churches — both as a way to create personal connections in the age of the megachurch and as a return to the blueprint of the Christian church spelled out in the New Testament, which describes Jesus and the apostles teaching small groups in peoples' homes.

Estimates vary widely for a movement that is by design informal and decentralized, but the consensus among home-churchers is that they are part of a growing trend.

George Barna, a religion pollster, estimates that since 2000, more than 20 million Americans have begun exploring alternative forms of worship, including home churches, workplace ministries and online faith communities. Barna based that figure on surveys of the religious practices and attitudes of American adults that he has conducted over the past 25 years.

"These are people who are



Joe Rodgers, left, who hosts a weekly church meeting in his Rockville, Md., home, prays with fellow congregant Don Moore. A growing number of Christians around the country are moving to home churches as a way to create personal connections in the age of the megachurch and as a return to the blueprint of the Christian church spelled out in the New Testament.

less interested in attending church than in being the church," said Barna, who became a home-churcher last year. The alternatives are attractive to those who want to deepen their relationships with God and one another, and they also suit Americans' growing taste for flexibility and control of their schedules, he said.

Although many Christians still participate in their old churches while trying out new ones, Barna predicts that over the next two decades, traditional churches will lose half their "market share" to these alternative start-ups.

His estimates far exceed the best guesses of home-church networks. The Orlando, Fla.-based Dawn Ministries places the number of home churches in the United States in the tens of thousands, based partly on the size of online directories and attendance at home-church conferences.

Home churches are usually



Dinner precedes the church meetings at Joe Rodgers' Rockville, Md., home. Markos Windsor, 4, sits at the kids' table with his brothers as the adults eat and talk at their own table.

non-denominational and consist of a dozen or so friends or family members who often meet without an ordained pastor.

They have historically proliferated in countries with repressive regimes. In China, millions of people have con-

verted to Christianity in unauthorized home churches over the past half-century. But the United States, has seen only intermittent swells of activity.

The free-form style of fellowship got a boost in this country during the 1960s and

1970s with the hippie Jesus Movement and the Charismatic Renewal, a worldwide movement best known for embracing speaking in tongues and other emotional expressions of faith. These movements downplayed hierarchy and emphasized broad participation.

The more recent rise of home churches has been facilitated by the Internet, said John White, a Denver-based coordinator for Dawn Ministries, one of several organizations that helps plant new home churches.

White said that when he tired of the "endless" church administration meetings and quit his job as a Presbyterian minister to start a home church eight years ago, it was difficult to find anyone to join. Now he has an e-mail list of more than 800 people nationwide who receive his postings about practical issues of home churching —

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Founding Fathers' faith — or lack of it — still debated

The Sacramento Bee

When George Washington took the oath of office, he kissed the Bible and then, to the surprise of many around him, he ad-libbed the phrase "So help me God." Nearly every president since has followed this tradition.

But when it came to Washington's — and the rest of our founding fathers' — religious beliefs?

With July Fourth around the corner, the relationship between church and state once again is being discussed. Inevitably, it leads to our Founding Fathers' intentions and beliefs.

Even now, after years of reviewing diaries, letters and other papers, historians still disagree about who practiced what faith publicly and what they privately believed.

None of the Founding



'I challenge anyone to find one single line in 37 published volumes of his writings where he said he was a deist,' says Peter Lillback, president of Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenoside, Pa., and author of 'George Washington's Sacred Fire.'

Fathers provoke stronger debate than the man who attended worship services near Mount Vernon.

"It would be wrong to think of Washington as an Evangelical Christian of today."

— Author
David L. Holmes

Some say Washington was a deist, someone who adhered to a 17th century European philosophy that God created the world but did not interfere with it.

Others say he was a Christian, a churchgoing member of the Anglican (now Episcopal) church who made sure his troops attended worship services.

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But there is much, much evidence that he was a Christian.

He points to Washington's request for a custom-sized prayer book, his references in his writings to God, heaven and the divine, and his active participation in his church.

But others say Washington's faith cannot be easily labeled.

"The Christianity then isn't the Christianity of today," says David L. Holmes, author of "The Faiths of the Founding Fathers."

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RELIGION

Soloist will perform 'Child of God'

TWIN FALLS — Soloist Liberty Yates will sing 'I am a Child of God'...

The Rev. Phil Price will speak on 'Ordinary Citizens of God's Kingdom'...

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after worship.

Howard guest vocalist at Rock Creek church

TWIN FALLS — Samantha Howard will be the guest vocalist during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church...

The Rev. Dale Metzger will speak on 'We Can't Afford It! Oh, Really?'...

Summer Study will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1605 Grandview Drive N.W. No. 38.

Church news

Monday through Friday with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For more information, call 734-5268.

Sunday sermon focuses on finding strength

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Bruce Stevens of Twin Falls will be the speaker at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church...

The church's annual Meeting in the Pines will be July 29-30 at Bear Gulch Campground in the South Hills.

Visitors are welcome.

Savior Lutheran Church schedules day camp

TWIN FALLS — Our Savior Lutheran Church will hold a Sunday through Thursday day camp at Cascade/Candy Cone Park.

Camp hours are noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

All first- through sixth-graders are invited. Trained Luther Heights staff will lead children in Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts.

singing and nature studies. Cost is \$35; participants will need to bring a sack lunch.

To register or for more information, call 733-3774.

New Life church states Vacation Bible School

WENDELL — The Wendell Community Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the New Life Community Church, 800 W. Main.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate in music, crafts, snacks, Bible stories and games.

The event is sponsored by the Living Waters Presbyterian Church, New Life Community Church and Centro de Oracion y Alabanza.

For more information, call 536-6223.

Joy Explosion features free barbecue, games

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Nazarene Church is sponsoring Joy Explosion, featuring a free barbecue, games and water slide, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Kimberly City Park.

Children ages 4 to 12 are then invited to attend Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 31 through Aug. 4 at the church, 3550 E. 3750 N. (Polk Street East) in Kimberly.

For more information, call 423-5290.

Churches co-host day camp July 30-Aug. 3

SHOSHONE — The New Hope Lutheran Church of Shoshone and Luther Heights Bible Camp are co-hosting a day camp July 30 through Aug. 3.

The camp is open to all children in first through sixth grades. It will include Bible study, songs, games and crafts.

The first session is from 1 to 3 p.m. July 30 at the Jennings House, located next to the Desecol. Church at the corner of U.S. Highway 93 and West B Street.

Participants should bring a sack lunch. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided.

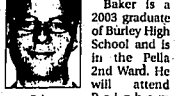
Admission is free, but campers should pre-register by calling 886-7000.

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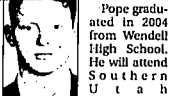
Returned from serving

Elder Justin Jordan Baker served in the Guatemala City, Central Mission.



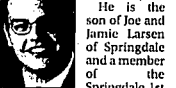
Baker is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School and is in the Bella 2nd Ward. He will attend Brigham Young University, majoring in computer science.

Elder Kael Pope served in the Mexico Chihuahua Mission.



Pope graduated in 2004 from Wendell High School. He will attend Southern Utah University, where he will play basketball.

Elder Jared Larsen returned from serving in the Spain Bilboa Mission.



He is the son of Joe and Jamie Larsen of Springdale and a member of the Springdale 1st Ward.

Larsen plans to return to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

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Called to serve:

Sister Julie Hyatt will serve in the Tennessee Nashville Mission.



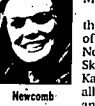
Hyatt is the daughter of Brent and Jan Hyatt of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 7th Ward. She is graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2003 and attended Idaho State University, majoring in mass communications.

Elder Eric Woodward will serve in the Ohio Cincinnati Mission.



Woodward is the son of Ruth and Roger Woodward of Paul, an Eagle Scout and is in the Emerson 2nd Ward. He graduated in 2005 from Minico High School and attended one year at Idaho State University. He will enter the Mission Training Center on Wednesday.

Sister Ashley Newcomb will serve in the Nebraska Mission.



Newcomb is the daughter of Ross Newcomb and Skip and Karen Hyton, all of Rupert, and is in the Rupert 7th Ward. She graduated in 2002 from Kimberly High School and in 2006 from Utah State University. She will enter the Missionary Training Center on Aug. 16.

Insurer's policies for churchgoers attract Christians

The Denver Post

Dianna Drees was taking her children to a home-school group at the family's church when the SUV on the highway road and crashed her Nissan Altima into a fence.

Because she was on her way to a church function — and because she and her husband, David, held an insurance policy specifically for churchgoers — the \$500 deductible for damage to the couple's car was waived.

The Drees of Aurora, Colo., are part of a growing number of faithful signing up for FaithGuard insurance policies offered by West Des Moines, Iowa-based GuideOne Insurance.

The company was founded in the 1930s to offer lower insurance rates to regular churchgoers who don't drink alcohol, according to its Web site. A year ago, it began offering special benefits for regular churchgoers.

An addition to waiving the deductible for accidents that occur on the way to or from a church activity, the company will double medical payments if the policyholders are injured when an accident while driving nonfamily members to or from church or a church function.

FaithGuard coverage also will contribute \$750 toward tithing or church donations if the insured drivers are injured while driving to church, and will make a \$1,000 memorial donation if the driver or a member of his family is killed while en route to church.

Drees and her three children were hurt in the March accident, but their car was totaled. GuideOne, one of the largest insurers of churches, offers the FaithGuard program in 19 states.

The company said it currently is adding new FaithGuard policies at a rate of more than 160 per day.

Spokeswoman Emily Abbas said the popularity of FaithGuard is proving that

Americans who attend church regularly also are in the market for insurance that understands their beliefs and needs.

The growing interest in FaithGuard policies comes at a time when other businesses are moving to target Christian audiences.

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God cares more about adultery than abortion

Abortion has been a very important political, moral and religious issue for more than 60 years. In order to resolve this issue, I have searched the Bible for relevant guidance, and here is what I've found:

God uses abortion and sterilization to punish women who have committed adultery (Numbers 5:11-31). This means that God, according to the Bible, believes female adultery is far worse than abortion or sterilization.

When David stole Bathsheba from her husband, Uriah, and then had Uriah murdered, God made David the king but punished him by killing his bastard child (2 Samuel 11-12).

Again, God thought adultery was a more serious crime than killing an innocent child and anointed David the king even though he was a murderer.

God, again, sterilizes adulterers (Leviticus 20:20-21). God thinks adultery is more serious than sterilization.

God says, immediately following the Ten Commandments, that its permissible to kill your slaves as long as you do it slowly (Exodus 21:20). Obviously, God is not concerned about aborting fetuses if it's permissible to beat human beings, including pregnant women, to death.

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Home

addressing such matters as how to organize child-friendly services, how to handle tithing, and what to do if the church gets too big.

With more access to religious information online, people are realizing that they don't have to rely on a pastor with an advanced degree to lead them. What's said, instead, they can learn how to create an alternative in a few steps. The result is an overall "flattening of the church," White said.

This is in keeping with God's plan to have a "kingdom of priests" in which everyone participates in his or her religious life, he said.

Critics of the home-church movement warn that, by meeting only in small groups with leaders, Christians could become disconnected and stray from orthodox beliefs.

"We human beings are prone to error; we need each other," said Scott Kisker, an associate professor of evangelism at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. He said that even the early home-based churches were connected through the apostles and that "many books of the New Testament are letters from the apostles calling churches to more faithful doctrine."

Many traditional churches do have midweek Bible study groups or cell churches. For some, these can be a first taste of home church, said Greg Windsor, a real estate developer and a member of the Rockville congregation that meets in Rodgers' home.

Windsor, 48, became interested in home churching almost 10 years ago while he was attending a nearby megachurch.

"The person sitting next to you in the pew could be close to dying, but people don't really know one another," he said. By abandoning the steeple, the pastor and the crowds of people, Windsor said, his tiny congregation is trying to live according to the Holy Testament.

Stripped of its most basic elements, he said, his group can focus on developing "deep friendships" and "helping one another grow spiritually."

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NEW BISHOPRIC



The Paul 3rd Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently named a new bishopric. From left in the front are Dan Bolingbroke, first counselor; Todd Wheeler, bishop; and Eric Bennett, second counselor; and in the back, Doug Bailey, ward clerk; and Monte Dayley, executive secretary.

Washington

Jefferson could be scornful of religion but he quickly learned that attitude got him into trouble with the public," says Wood.

Why do the religious beliefs of men who lived more than 200 years ago matter today?

"They created the values we use to hold us together," says Wood. Though the debate about the faiths of the Founding Fathers continues, "they believed in the freedom of religious expression," says Wood.

"They were the educated elite, the enlightened men of their time, and they believed in God — with a few exceptions — but they tended not to like religious enthusiasm, and there is also that question about whether they believed in the divinity of Christ."

Thomas Jefferson was either a deist or a Christian in his public life who was known to mock the faith to close friends, says Wood.

John Adams was Unitarian. James Madison was an orthodox Christian later influenced by deism. Samuel Adams was a rock-solid Congregationalist.

Wood says that what they displayed publicly was sometimes different than what they expressed privately.

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Schools juggle holidays for Muslims, other faiths

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Hindu, and Christian — each faith has its holy days. Schools across the country are asking how to respect them all.

Consider the University at Albany, which canceled classes on major Muslim holidays. Faculty wanted the move out of concern for Muslim students after the Sept. 11 attacks. But then came the questions: What about Hindus? Buddhists?

President Kermit Hall last fall decided to return to the original calendar.

"Can you operate a university and give each religious group an accommodation? I think the answer is, 'No,'" he says.

Make that "maybe." School administrators across the country are rethinking their calendars as their student bodies become more diverse.

In May, Muslim parents asked New York City's education department for days off on two major Muslim holidays, which some districts in Michigan and New Jersey already have granted.

In January, a Long Island mosque petitioned New York Gov. George Pataki to consider the holidays when scheduling mandatory statewide testing.

Last month, the state Legislature passed a bill that



Muslim student Karal Rehman, 15, poses this week at her Phoenix, Md., home. She attends a public high school in Baltimore County, where officials approved a school calendar that includes a day off for the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashana, but none for Muslim holidays.

would take all religious holidays into account when scheduling the mandatory tests. The Council on American-Islamic Relations called it the first step toward recognizing Muslim holidays in public schools.

But last month, despite a Muslim group's lobbying at every board meeting, the

Baltimore County district in Maryland approved a calendar with a day off for the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashana, but none for Muslim holidays. The group had hoped the district's growing diversity — 47.8 percent of students last year were minorities — would be persuasive.

"Either I go against my faith, or I miss my schoolwork and have imperfect attendance," said 15-year-old Karal Rehman, who will enter 10th grade in Baltimore this fall. In January, her midterm exams fell during Eid al-Adha, one of the two most important holidays in Islam.

It can get complicated. When Muslims in the Tampa Bay region of Florida asked for a day off to celebrate the end of Ramadan, another local religious group perked up.

"There was discussion in the Hindu community if we should also push for a holiday," said Nikhil Joshi, a board member of the national Hindu American Foundation.

The Hillsborough County school board responded by ending days off for all religious holidays. The move inspired more than 3,500 e-mails. Christian leaders pleaded for the Muslim holiday. Finally, the district restored this fall's original calendar, with days off for

Good Friday, Easter Monday and the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur.

The Muslim community was relieved it hadn't hurt other faiths. The Hindu community decided not to ask for days off.

"You would hope in a country of religious freedom all would be recognized, but we know that's not practical," Joshi said.

School districts say they can't take days off for purely religious reasons, but they can act if they think operations are affected by students or staff taking the day off.

That practice gives school holidays a certain regional flair. Some schools close for the beginning of hunting season. San Francisco schools have Cesar Chavez Day on March 30 to celebrate farmworkers, and Chicago schools have March 5 to honor Casimir Pulaski, a Polish colonel who helped the American side in the Revolutionary War.

Religion is more sensitive. Some districts mark "special observance days" when no test or exam can be scheduled. Other districts find inspiration in the business world — each student gets a number of "floating" days to celebrate his or her own holidays with an excused absence.



Members of the Halleflugh Handbell Choir from the First Presbyterian Church wait for a practice session outside the church.

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TWIN FALLS — The Halleflugh Handbell Choir will present its first Outdoor Handbell Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Kroll Memorial Courtyard at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

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Those planning to attend should bring a blanket or chair.

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More of nation's churches try going multi, not mega

St. Petersburg Times

If the Rev. Charlie Martin seems a bit busy, it's because he's got places to go.

On a typical Sunday, Martin, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks in Largo, Fla., worships at 11 a.m., preaches at the 9 a.m. service and then slips into a car and hurries toward Florida's Pasco County.

Forty-five minutes later, he's on again. This time in front of his second flock: First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, North. His second congregation is only eight months old, but Martin already contemplates a third in the southern part of St. Petersburg, Fla.

"It kind of keeps you buzzing," Martin said of his schedule.

His multicampus vision mir-

"The question is 'How many people do not have a relationship with Christ?' If we're really going to impact that many people, we can't build enough new buildings."

— Rev. Geoff Surratt

rors a national trend, as churches around the country franchise themselves and open multiple branded locations. Established churches are using the concept to grow by getting smaller, avoiding the impersonal nature associated with some megachurches. They also sidestep the high cost of con-

structing large buildings to hold growing flocks.

Martin's budget bears witness to the benefit. It likely would cost his church millions to expand its main campus or buy land to build a new church in development-heavy south Pasco County. But operating a second congregation at Trinity College this year will rack up a bill of only \$228,500, church officials said.

Most importantly, he says, his ministry reaches a new crop of personalities.

"Everybody needs a close-by church," Martin said.

There is no single formula for multisite expansion. Some churches are employing separate staff at their satellite locations and operating almost completely independent of their mother churches. Others are transmitting services from

main campuses to alternate locations where members watch on big screens.

Church growth experts say ministries are at the beginning of a fertility boom. In 1990, approximately 10 churches had satellite ministries. By 2004, about 1,500 multisite locations had sprung up, according to Leadership Network, a consulting company in Dallas that trains church leaders.

But some scholars set the number of multisite venues at least three times higher.

The motivation to multiply comes from the 60 to 90 percent of the national population that scholars say are unchurched.

"The question for us really isn't 'How many churches are there?'" said the Rev. Geoff Surratt, co-author of The Multi-

site Church Revolution. "The question is 'How many people do not have a relationship with Christ?' If we're really going to impact that many people, we can't build enough new buildings."

Many church leaders see the multisite model as a viable solution to growth and evangelistic challenges. But some critics warn the approach could leave parishioners feeling disconnected from the founding church and place too much emphasis on preachers and personalities.

"One of the negatives is you're not allowing the 'new' church to have autonomy," said Rodney A. Harrison, a professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. "You're going to reproduce any unhealthy characteristic in a

multisite church."

Biblical scholars trace the multi-site church movement back to the New Testament, when early apostles founded churches in the days following Jesus Christ. The modern movement took off about two years ago with megachurches leading the way.

In August 2004, without Walls International Church in Tampa, Fla., opened Without Walls Central, a second church in Auburndale, Fla. Last summer, the new church moved into a 10,000-seat facility in Lakeland, Fla. Leaders at Without Walls, which has 26,000 members and is the nation's fastest growing church, are considering even more expansions, including using fiber optics to beam worship services to movie theaters around the country.

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Former Air Force officer battles proselytizing in the military

By Alan Cooperman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Porcelain figurines are perched on the mantelpiece—behind—Mike Weinstein. Guests are seated on chair cushions in front of him. It's a nice crowd at a polite suburban fund-raiser.

But Mikey — his friends, his enemies, even complete strangers call him "Mikey" — has had it with nice.

He's done with polite.

"We've created this foundation to be a weapon. We're going to lay down a withering field of fire and leave sucking chest wounds," he says.

Weinstein, 51, was once a White House lawyer who defended the Reagan administration during the Iran-contra investigation. Three generations of his family — he, his father, both his sons and a daughter-in-law — have gone to U.S. military academies.

Now he's declaring war against what, for him, is an improbable enemy: the defense establishment. He is suing the Air Force in federal court, demanding a permanent injunction against alleged religious favoritism and proselytizing in the service. He has also formed the nonprofit "Military Religious Freedom Foundation" to combat what he sees as a concerted effort by evangelical Christian organizations to treat the armed forces as a mission field, ripe for conversions.

Weinstein's head is big and bald, like a cannonball mounted on his short, powerful frame. At home in Albuquerque, N.M., he listens to heavy metal at full volume. The incongruity of his sheepish first name is exceeded only by the incongruity of a middle-aged corporate lawyer quoting Meat Loaf and Marilyn Manson.

Yet one of his favorite lines these days — right up there with "sucking chest wounds" — comes from the Officers' Christian Fellowship, a private organization with 14,000 active-duty members on more than 200 U.S. military bases worldwide. In its mission statement, the OCF says its goal is "a spiritually transformed military, with ambassadors for Christ in uniform, empowered by the Holy Spirit."

Ambassadors for Christ in uniform. According to the OCF's executive director, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce Fister, it means that "the people around a military leader ought to see the characteristics of Christ in that leader." It is a national tradition reflected in "hundreds of writings and proclamations passed down through the ages by American leaders who claim divine protection for our nation, place our nation's trust in God and claim God as our source of strength."

To Weinstein, a Jew and a member of a military family, it is an abomination. It "evokes the Crusades." He says he can't believe that generals talk like this when the United States is fighting a global war on terror and trying to win hearts and minds in Muslim countries.

He starts to get riled up, saying that "the Christian right wants people to think that separation of church and state is a myth, like Bigfoot." And then he pauses, something he does not do often.

"Let me make it clear. I would shed my last drop of blood to defend their right to hold that biblical worldview. They are absolutely entitled to believe that Anne Frank is burning in hell along with Dr. Seuss, Gandhi and Einstein," he says.

"But I will not accept my government telling me who are the children of the greater God and who are the children of the lesser God. That's the difference. I will not defend. I will fight them tooth and nail, and lay down a withering field of fire and leave sucking chest wounds — if they engage the majority of the state, which is what they're doing."

On July 29, 2004, Weinstein was visiting the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs as the first parent of a son, Curtis, who had just finished three weeks of combat survival training. Weinstein spotted him across a room and knew instantly that something was wrong. They drove off campus, in stormy silence.

"All right, Curtis ... I can't take any more of this. What the hell have you done?" Weinstein remembers asking.

"It's not what I've done, Dad. It's what I'm going to do," Curtis answered, according to his father. "I'm going to beat the (...) out of the next person that calls me a (...) Jew or accuses me or our people of killing Jesus Christ."

At that moment, Weinstein says, "everything kind of telescoped. I could hear my heart in my ears. For a guy who talks a lot ... I was speechless."

Weinstein says Curtis recounted eight or nine separate incidents in which cadets and officers had made anti-Semitic remarks.

One came in the heat of athletic competition, when an upperclassman taunted, "How does it make you feel to know that you killed Jesus Christ?"

"What hurt me the most was ... you know, he's a tough kid, he was the city wrestling champ of Albuquerque (as a sophomore in high school ... but) he said, 'Dad, I don't real-

ly know what to do when they say that,'" Weinstein recalls.

Weinstein says he has since talked with hundreds of present and former cadets and staff at the academy and has become convinced that the conflict is not between Christians and Jews, but between aggressively evangelical Christians and everybody else.

Weinstein's passion already has shaken the Pentagon. His complaints about the Air Force Academy led last year to congressional hearings, an internal Air Force investigation and

new Air Force guidelines on religious tolerance.

The internal inquiry substantiated virtually all of his specific allegations. It found, for example, that Brig. Gen. Johnny Weida, the commander of cadets, taught the entire incoming class a "J for Jesus" hand signal that football coach Fisher DeBerry hung a "Team Jesus" banner in the locker room; and that more than 250 faculty members and senior officers signed a campus newspaper advertisement saying, "We believe that

Jesus Christ is the only real hope for the world."

But the report concluded there was "no overt religious discrimination," merely a "lack of awareness-over-where-the-line is drawn between permissible and impermissible expression of beliefs."

In its motion to dismiss Weinstein's lawsuit, the Air Force maintains that it has already remedied the Academy's religious climate and that Weinstein's complaint cites no specific incidents in the Air Force at large.

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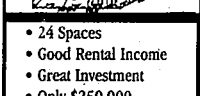
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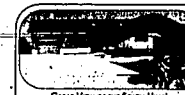
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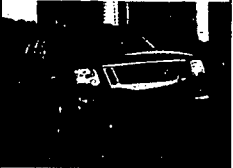
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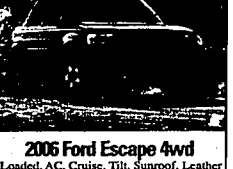
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#84

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-14.

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Saturday, July 22, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"I'll not listen to reason... Reason always means what someone else has got to say."

— Elizabeth Gaskell

In the first year of the BOLS Tips competition, Rixi Markus offered the following piece of advice: When, as a defender, you are about to attack from a holding such as a doubleton jack, queen or king, consider the possible advantage of leading a low card. It was today's hand that Rixi used to illustrate her tip.

As South was unwilling to pass his partner's penalty double of two spades, it seemed clear that the spade strength was likely to be in the dummy. Accordingly, in view of the absence of any re-entry to her own hand, Rixi decided to lead the spade two rather than the queen.

As you can see, declarer could no longer cope with his task. He won with the ace, entered his hand with a club, and led a diamond, losing to East's queen. Declarer ducked the spade return, allowing the queen to hold, but West was able to put her partner in with the ace of hearts to clear the spades. Now South could take only eight tricks.

It is easy to see that if West leads the spade queen initially, declarer will win with the ace and make the contract, as East will be unable to attack spades effectively. When he shifts to a heart, declarer can win the heart king and drive out the diamond ace at least nine tricks. Even if East returns a spade into dummy's tenace, declarer has enough time to come to 10 tricks.

Hand analysis for North, South, East, and West. Includes suit breakdown and key cards.

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East INT Pass 2♠ 2♠ Pass Pass 2♠ 2♠ 3♥ Pass: 3NT All pass

Opening lead: See today's article!

BID WITH THE ACES

Hand analysis for South, West, North, and East. Includes suit breakdown and key cards.

ANSWER: Go to the back of the class if you rebid two spades. Yes, you appear to have a six-card suit, but you should raise partner's hearts since your hearts are very good and your spades very bad. Always support with support — it keeps partner happy!

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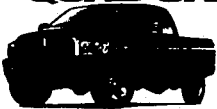
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