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Check in on a couple recovering from meth addiction. **Family Life, E1**



PERSEVERANCE

Twin Falls graduate Chad Wallin training for shot at the Olympics. **Sports, B1**

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Outdoor expo showcases new wares. **Magic Valley, C1**



Good Morning

High: 104
Low: 69
Near record-breaking temperatures. Details: A2

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Boy trips off cliff, drowns

By Meagan Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Search and rescue crews Saturday evening recovered the body of a 14-year-old Twin Falls boy they said drowned at the Hidden Lakes area of Dierkes Lake.

"We ... requested assistance of other divers because these guys (had) been in the water

for 50 minutes," said Sgt. Daron Brown of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

He declined to release the boy's name. Twin Falls Search and Rescue and a dive team from Cassia County assisted in the recovery. The body was recovered at 9:15 p.m.

Visibility in the lake hampered their efforts,

Brown said.

The boy was attempting to jump from an area of the cliff known as Black Widow Run when he stumbled, Brown said.

"He was running to jump off and caught his toe on some rocks up above, tripped off the ledge and hit a rock at the bottom above the water and rolled into the water," Brown said.



Twin Falls County Search and Rescue divers Paul Melni, kneeling at left, and Johnny Reed, in the water, search Saturday for a 14-year-old boy who authorities said drowned in Hidden Lakes after falling from a cliff.



Eva Magana, 26, with her son Omar, 8, Eva's husband, Bulmaro, shot her before shooting himself on June 16.

Family faces sad truths after murder-suicide

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

BUHL — The party glowed with the grace of one worlfan.

Eva Magana was picture-perfect: she twirled and twirled with little children. She pulled even the grumpiest of old men onto the dance floor. She put on one heck of a show.

One week later on June 16 she was dead, killed by her husband in a cornfield southwest of Wendell, authorities say. Bulmaro Magana then turned the gun on himself.

Only in death did the facade of their happy marriage finally crumble.

When her siblings walked into the Maganas' Buhl home to collect her possessions, the walls told the tale: gaping holes in the wallboard created by Bulmaro's fists. It was the first physical evidence of violence they saw.

Eva and Bulmaro had told their families and friends she was divorcing him, but neither said why. Both of the predominantly Catholic families celebrated religious reservations and worried about how it would affect the couple's 8-year-old son Omar.

Now Eva's sister Ella Silva said she will never again object to a woman's reasons for leaving a marriage.

Her brother Adan Montoya expressed his own regrets.

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Left behind

On June 16, Bulmaro Magana shot his wife, Eva Magana, to death before turning the gun on himself. Left behind is Omar, their 8-year-old son and an extended family determined to take care of him. At the same time, Eva and Bulmaro's brothers, sisters and parents worried about signs of trouble they might have missed.

For Sarah



Sonny Shaw, owner of Shaw Construction Inc., embraces Sarah Evans as she thanks him for all the help she has received from neighbors and area businesses in the aftermath of the house fire that destroyed almost everything that she and her family owned.

Construction company leads volunteer effort to repair home of 'coffee lady'

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She's the convenience store clerk with the warm smile who always has a fresh pot of coffee brewing for sleepy-eyed customers.

Sarah Evans works the day shift at a local 7-Eleven — where Sonny Shaw and his construction crew stop for a cup to go before beginning their work day.

"Sarah's the coffee lady," Shaw said. "She has the coffee ready for us every morning."

But one morning last February, they came in to find out Evans' home had almost been gutted in an electrical fire. Her co-workers had put out a collection list for donations and started a list asking

Want to help?

Local construction workers are volunteering their time to repair Sarah Evans' Twin Falls home, which was damaged by an electrical fire in February. Local construction companies have donated many of the materials, but there is still a need for windows, flooring, carpet, tile and kitchen cabinets.

Those interested in helping should call Sonny Shaw at 308-5380.

for volunteers to help Evans repair her home. Sonny Shaw put his name at the top of that list, and other Shaw Construction Inc.

employees were quick to follow.

It was a cold February morning when Evans took her trash out and smelled smoke.

"I thought it was a woodburner," she remembers.

Then a neighbor came running from across the street.

"She said smoke was barreling out of the top of my house," Evans said.

The neighbor called 9-1-1 and seconds later, they heard the sirens. Evans' 20-year-old son, Josh, turned the breaker off and tried to douse the fire with water as the Twin Falls Fire Department trucks arrived. Then Evans, Josh and his 17-year-old sister, Leanna, stood back and let the

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Batteries included

Silicon Valley firm bets on an electric car with juice



The Roadster has a top speed of 135 mph, can travel more than 200 miles before it needs to be recharged.

By Mike Masgrove
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Detroit is floundering, gas prices are rising — now Silicon Valley is stepping in with an impractical-but-cool solution: A sexy, pricey and fast electric car that uses the same lithium ion batteries found in your cellphone or laptop.

The Tesla Roadster goes from zero to 60 in four noiseless seconds, has a top speed of 135 mph and can roam for more than 200 miles before needing a recharge.

This is not your father's electric car. The \$100,000 vehicle, with its sports car looks, is more Ferrari than Prius — and more about testosterone than granola.

Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors Inc. raised \$50 million in financing from San Francisco Bay area tech giants to get this car on the road. Those famous Toyota Prius owners Larry Page and Sergey Brin — yes, the Google guys —

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Coming this week

Monday: Image

Fitness trainers take a broader view.

Tuesday: Country Roads

Our West Wind columnist visits a remote arts event.

Wednesday: Food & Home

Canning season arrives in Magic Valley.

Friday: Outdoors

Finding the strength and plan to climb Mt. Borah

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Evacuation of Americans from Beirut winds down

The Associated Press

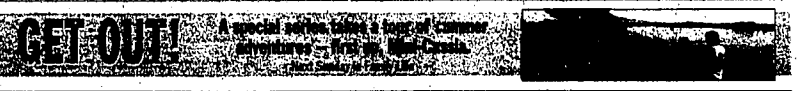
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hoverscraft landed on a sandy strip near Beirut's port on Saturday, whisking Americans away to the U.S. Navy ships. Others boarded a luxury cruise liner enlisted in the evacuation of Americans.

The mass departure of U.S. citizens from Lebanon wound down Saturday, but the pain was just beginning for those with family ties to Lebanon.

Many younger Lebanese-Americans were fleeing to safety, while the older generation who experienced the 1975-90 civil war, stayed behind despite the Israeli assault.

"I'm born in America, and I think differently," said Chris Mahrouk, 22, traveled from Los Angeles to visit his parents. They raised him in the U.S. but then moved back to their native Lebanon. They lived in Lebanon through the war, so they're pretty used to it. But for me, I've never seen a bomb blow up, or any

damage like that." The State Department said 10,000 Americans had been evacuated from Lebanon by Saturday. Ten U.S. Navy vessels were in the area for the operation. Some 25,000 Americans were estimated to be in Lebanon when the Israeli offensive began, but less than half were expected to flee.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Very hot, near record breaking temperatures. Highs, lower 100s.
Tonight: Clear skies, continued dry and quite warm. Lows, mid 60s to near 70.
Tomorrow: The heat continues for another day. Highs near 100.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: The very hot conditions continue. Highs near 100.
Tonight: Fair to clear skies and still dry. Lows, lower to mid 60s.
Tomorrow: Still on the toasty side with plenty of sunshining. Highs, mid to upper 90s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for July 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for Boise, Burley, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

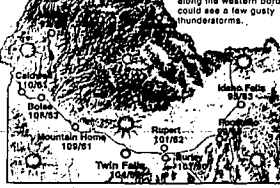
Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for international cities.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Spooky, gusty thunderstorms cannot be ruled out today through Tuesday in the High Country.

BOISE The next couple of days will perhaps be best spent inside with the air conditioning.

NORTHERN UTAH The straggling edge of high pressure will keep in the high air in place.



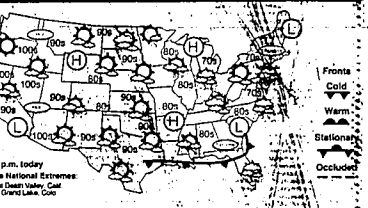
Yesterday's State Observer, 107 at Lewiston. Low: 48 at Boise. High: 73 at Idaho Falls.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzie Browne by e-mail to sbrowne@magicalvalley.com.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Drama "Sight Unseen," presented by the Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. in Halley, \$25 for reserved seating.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS Leo early party in the City Park, to help Camas County build a new library, 1 to 4 p.m., Fairfield City Park on Camas Avenue.

EXHIBITS Jeep Preservation Club of the Magic Valley show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Twin Falls City Park on Shoshone Street.

OUTDOORS Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities, including Junior Ranger "The Hunt is On!" at 11 a.m., Rock Creek at 2 p.m., Campfire at 8:30 p.m.

Car

have invested, as have executives from eBay Inc. and PayPal. The company is headed by entrepreneur Martin Eberhard, the man once behind a gadget called the Rikobot.

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Sarah

Continued from page A2 Firefighters do their work: Evans' other son, Isaiah, was at work at the time.

"There wasn't much we could do but watch and wait," Evans said.

The roof was destroyed and the rest of the home suffered heavy smoke and water damage. The American Red Cross put Evans up in a hotel for a few days, and since then, the family has stayed with friends.

On evenings and weekends, Shaw, his crew and other volunteers can be found at Evans' home, putting up fresh lumber, laying down new shingles.

"I think it makes me feel good helping out," Cooke said. Evans has been keeping a photo album mapping the home's progress the last five months.

"We can probably have this thing finished off by the time the snow flies," Shaw said. With that, Evans gave Shaw a



Sarah Evans stands with the Shaw Construction Inc. crew that has been steadily renovating her home since it was badly destroyed by an electrical fire in February. Clockwise from top: Sarah's son, Joshua Evans, Kelly Cooke, Richard Brown and Dustin Brooks say they are happy to lend a helping hand.

big hug, seemingly overwhelmed by the generosity and the other volunteers who have shown her.

"It makes me feel really good," said Evans, her eyes glistening with tears.

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Life after

"If I'd have known then what I know now, I would have taken her out that minute," said Adam, Evans' older brother.

On Friday, close to a dozen members of Evans' large family met with Bulmar's brother at the couple's home in Buhl to claim their possessions.

On the front deck, Montoya talked feebly about his sister playing a custody agreement, while the adults spoke about terms with the murder-suicide and securing a future for Omar.

"He knows what happened," Silva said. "He hasn't been showing any feelings."

Omar puts to the holes in the wall near the front door and cuts the air with a rapid succession of jabs to demonstrate how his father drove his fists through the wall during an argument with his mother.

"So you never knew anything was wrong at home?"

his mother? No, not that either. In fact, Bulmar's reputation was anything but violent. It was a hardworking daylanner and a passionate, though introverted, soccer coach who led his team Colima to the 2005 regional championship.

He also saved time to take his son to the local field to kick the ball around. Even Adam, whose wife was closer to Eva than anyone, said he cannot muster feelings of anger toward his former brother-in-law.

"It was so quiet," Adam said. "But he seemed like he was a pretty good guy."

Together the family reflects on missed signs and opportunities.

"We talk among ourselves," said Alberto. "Does it help? No. But it's the only thing we got."

Image mattered to Eva. What she wanted to have in substance, she held onto in form.

She excluded even those closest to her from the troubles shaping her personal life. She projected a life of glamour and frivolity. Her brother Adam said she always pursued the beautiful life, refusing as a young girl to ride in his dilapidated car.

She wore nice clothes and jewelry. She bought tickets to a \$200 ball game to Dallas to watch her band off to Dallas to watch the United States national soccer team play Mexico.

"She was always like that, she always looked good," said Ellis. "So you never knew anything was wrong at home?"

The mounting evidence of domestic problems is forcing the family to face how little they knew about Eva and Bulmar's marriage.

"This is the worst news of my life," his brother Manuel said. "I don't think that loss will ever be fixed. We still can't believe it."

The shock is changing how Eva's family thinks about divorce.

"Now if my other sister wants to divorce, I'm not going to question it," said Ellis. "It's an eye-opener. I'm wondering, 'How much did I know? How much did they cover up?'"

"No one loved Eva more than her father, Ampelio. To know she kept him ignorant of her pain leaves her father feeling alienated and betrayed that his daughter did not share her problems with him."

And Father's Day, Eva would request a famous Spanish song and dedicate it to her father.

"The lyrics, 'Dear dad, you're everything to me' now cause her father pain."

"If I was everything to her, why didn't she trust me enough to tell me?" he asks his children.

"If you lost your mother, you become an orphan," Adam said. "If you lose your husband, you become a widow. But there's no word for losing your daughter. There's no name for that."

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement for Saturday, July 22, 2006, with winning numbers and prize amounts.

AROUND THE NATION

GOOD LUCK KISS



Houston Shipley, 3, gives the horse of Dale Christiansen a good luck kiss before early morning steeplechase competition for the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, Friday, in Cheyenne, Wyo.

to be held Jan. 14. The rules panel also awarded South Carolina an early primary, which would be held a week after New Hampshire's Jan. 22 primary.

MISSOURI

Hot, hot St. Louis recovering from storms

ST. LOUIS — The heat was down and the skies were clear, but Kim Beck could only laugh when asked Saturday whether things were slowing down at the Salvation Army shelter she manages in suburban St. Louis.

"Far from it," Beck said. "We had 95 people spend the night last night. It may not be hot, but they don't have power. Here they get the creature comforts — they can eat, they can watch TV, some are even doing their laundry."

The shelter was just one spot where the city's weather-battered citizens found a haven as the region began recovering from a week that brought 100-degree heat and one of the worst storms ever to hit the area, followed by another big-thunderstorm Friday.

CALIFORNIA

Tina Fey leaving SNL for her own series

BURBANK, Calif. — Tina Fey is leaving the anchor chair at "Saturday Night Live." Fey says she's quitting the show after six seasons as head writer and co-anchor of the "Weekend Update" fake news segment to focus on her new NBC prime-time series, "30 Rock."

"The new show's going to take a lot of time," Fey said while appearing on Friday night's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

"I wanted to stop doing 'Saturday Night Live' so I could spend more time with Star Jones," she joked, referring to last month's dramatic departure of "The View" co-hostess.

Fey, 36, first joined "Saturday Night Live" as a writer in 1997 and became head writer in 1999.

In 2000, she first appeared on camera on "Weekend Update" alongside co-anchor Jimmy Fallon, who was replaced by Amy Poehler two years ago.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia may evict Boy Scouts council

PHILADELPHIA — The city said it will evict a Boy Scout council from its publicly owned headquarters or make the group pay a fair rent price, unless it changes its policy on gays. The Boy Scouts' Cradle of Liberty Council, the country's third-largest, has been battling with the city for more than three years over the policy, which like the national Scouts organization forbids gays from being leaders.

City Solicitor Romulo L. Diaz Jr. wrote a letter to William T.

Dwyer III, president of the Cradle of Liberty Council, stating that the council's "discriminatory policies" violate city policy and law, and that city officials have not been assured

the group won't discriminate. Unless the city gets a "fair-market rent agreement," the council will be evicted, the letter says.

— The Associated Press

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NEVADA

DNC wants to move up Nevada, S. C. primaries

WASHINGTON — Democrats bucked decades of tradition Saturday by moving to wedge the state of Nevada between the long-standing

one-two punch of Iowa and New Hampshire in the leadoff nominating contests for president in 2008.

In an effort to provide more diversity in early voting, the Democrats' rules and bylaws committee recommended that Nevada be allowed to hold a caucus the Saturday after Iowa's leadoff caucus — likely

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NATION

Civil rights foot soldier aims to solve lynching

By Greg Brashers
Associated Press writer



Civil rights activist Bobby Howard talks about his experiences growing up in Walton County, Ga., during an interview June 5, 2006 in Moore, Ga. He has been working since 1967 to bring the perpetrators of the infamous Moore's Ford lynching of 1946 to justice.

end, the potential witnesses slammed doors in his face or "ran him off their property." As the years went by, some people finally agreed to come forward, but the faded memories of the killings and the names of suspects and witnesses long dead that they offered were never enough to compel local prosecutors to bring charges.

To this day, Howard, a spry 65-year-old, is unfazed. He's certain that at least two of the lynching suspects are still alive, even if they are in their 80s, and remains confident that authorities will eventually take action. Harrison, the white farmer, is among those who have died. Earlier this year, the FBI decided to take another look at

the case. The local prosecutor, Walton County District Attorney Ken Wynne, has said he's willing to hear anything new, but said he doesn't have sufficient evidence and witnesses to reopen the case now. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said it will pursue every lead it gets and has never closed the case?

MONROE, Ga. — The dirt road that led to Moore's Ford bridge is paved now, and the creaky wooden bridge has been replaced with a sleek concrete span. But the black letters "KKK" sprayed on the new bridge's face offer an eerie reminder of the terrible events that happened here 60 years ago.

Bobby Howard brushes back a leafy tree branch, revealing a half-dozen more racist scribbles. He sniffs his disgust, but he is not surprised. He has long forsaken his personal safety to fight the culture of fear that has suppressed the truth of what took place on the bridge. He still hopes that truth may come out — in a courtroom.

The horror unfolded 60 years ago, on July 25, 1946. Ruby Butler, who was blanching cotton on a dusty road when she saw cars lined up bumper-to-bumper rattling toward the bridge, recalls: "I thought they were having a party down there. They were having a killing party."

Across town, white farmer Loy Harrison was driving home in a black coupe. Roger and Dorothy Malcom and George and Mae Murray Dorsey, who was seven months pregnant.

There were whisperings around town that George Dorsey, who had fought in the Army during the war, had secretly been dating a white woman, a taboo in the segregated South. And there was no love lost between the townsfolk and Roger Malcom, who had stabbed a white farmer during a knife fight 11 days earlier.

He was still waiting in jail when Harrison paid \$600 to bail him out.

When Harrison's truck rolled near the crossing, a white mob grabbed the two couples from the vehicle, dragged them down a nearby trail and tied them to trees. Using rifles, shotguns and pistols, the mob fired three volleys of bullets, leaving their bodies behind slumped in the dirt, according to investigators.

President Harry Truman dispatched the FBI to Monroe, a town about 45 miles east of Atlanta.

The feds, however, were met with a wall of silence.

Harrison, the farmer who claimed he'd been "ambushed" but was unharmed, told investigators he didn't recognize the dozen or so unmasked assailants. Other whites abided by a code of silence. Blacks, too, kept quiet, petrified of reprisal if they spoke out.

Several suspects were named in the FBI's 1946 investigation, but, partly due to a lack of witnesses, none were ever charged.

"The best people in town won't talk," a frustrated Georgia State Patrol Maj. William Howard was quoted as saying.

Howard, living in nearby Social Circle, was 5 years old when the two couples were lynched. It was as a teenager that he began to question why no one was ever brought to justice in the brazen, public killings at Moore's Ford.

A ride home from a civil rights rally in 1967, at which Howard had shaken hands with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., convinced him to try to find answers.

On the ride, Dan Young, head of the local NAACP chapter, motioned to Howard to glance out the back window of his car. The moment they had crossed the county line, he said, "a car had rolled up behind Young's vehicle, trailing it."

"People are watching every move I make," Young said. "That's why I need someone else helping me."

Howard swore he would, and made good on his word when he returned to Social Circle. He became a civil rights soldier, pushing back legalized segregation in his small town by banding together a group of young blacks who fought to integrate the school system and city pool.

As the public face of the group, Howard received regular threats. One night, his mother's home was firebombed, and another time, he said, he had to hastily reverse course when he spotted the barrel of a gun that someone was apparently aiming at him.

Howard, also faced scorn from his own community each

weekend, when he took out a list that Young had given him of purported witnesses to the killings, and encouraged them to come forward.

Varying his route so he could assure residents he wasn't being followed to their homes, or meeting sharecroppers when they came to town, Howard nonetheless made no progress. Weekend after weekend.

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AROUND THE WORLD

2 Americans, dozens of Iraqis killed as violence flares

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two American soldiers were killed Saturday in a mortar attack on Shiite construction workers were gunned down and five Shiite civilians were blown up, deepening the capital's security crisis. Shiite politicians called on the U.S. minister to cancel his visit to Washington to protest Israel's attacks in Lebanon.

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NATION

Civil rights foot soldier aims to solve lynching

By Greg Hines
Associated Press writer

MONROE, Ga. — The dirt road that led to Moore's Ford bridge is paved now, and the creaky wooden bridge has been replaced with a sleek concrete span. But the black letters "KKK" sprayed on the new bridge's face offer an eerie reminder of the terrible events that happened here 60 years ago.

Bobby Howard brushes back a leafy tree branch, revealing a half-dozen more racist scribbles. He sniffs his disgust, but he is not surprised. He has long forsaken his personal safety to fight the culture of fear that has suppressed the truth of what took place on the bridge. He still hopes that truth may come out — in a courtroom.

The horror unfolded 60 years ago, on July 25, 1946. Ruby Butler, who was bunched cotton on a dusty road when she saw cars lined up toward the bridge, recalled "I thought they were having a party down there. They were having a killing party."

Across town, white farmer Lon Harrison was driving home two black couples, Roger and Dorothy Malcom and George and Mae Murray Dorsey, who was seven months pregnant.

There were whisperings around town that George Dorsey, who had fought in the Army during the war, had secretly been dating a white woman, a taboo in the segregated South. And there was no love lost between the townsfolk and Roger Malcom, who had stabbed a white farmer during a knife fight 11 days earlier.

He was still waiting in jail when Harrison paid \$600 to bail him out.

When Harrison's truck rolled near the crossing, a white mob grabbed the two couples from the vehicle, dragged them down a nearby road and tied them to trees. Using rifles, shotguns and pistols, the mob fired three volleys of bullets, leaving their bodies behind slumped in the dirt, according to investigators.

President Harry Truman dispatched the FBI to Monroe, a town about 45 miles east of Atlanta.

The feds, however, were met with a wall of silence.

Harrison, the farmer who claimed he'd been "unbushed" but was unharmed, told investigators he didn't recognize the dozen or so unmasked assailants. Other whites abided by a code of silence. Blacks, too, kept quiet, petrified of reprisal if they spoke out.

Several suspects were named in the FBI's 1946 investigation, but partly due to a lack of witnesses, none were ever charged.

"The best people in town won't talk," a frustrated Georgia State Patrol Major William Spence was quoted as saying.

Howard, living in nearby Social Circle, was 5 years old when the two couples were lynched. It was as a teenager that he began to question why no one was ever brought to justice in the brazen, public killings at Moore's Ford.

A ride home from a civil rights rally in 1967, at which Howard had shaken hands with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., convinced him to try to find answers.

On the ride, Dan Young, head of the local NAACP chapter, motivated to Howard to glance out the back window of his car. The moment they had crossed the county line, he said, a car had rolled up behind Young's vehicle, trailing it.

"People are watching every move I make," Young said. "That's why I need someone else helping me."

Howard swore he would, and made good on his word when he returned to Social Circle. He became a civil rights soldier, pushing back legal segregation, pushing back the barriers of integration in his small town by bringing together a group of young blacks who fought to integrate the school system and city pool.

As the public face of the group, Howard received regular threats. One night, his mother's home was firebombed, and another time he said, he had to hastily reverse course when he spotted the barrel of a gun that someone was apparently aiming at him.

Howard also faced scorn from his own community each



Civil rights activist Bobby Howard talks about his experiences growing up in Walton County, Ga., during an interview June 5, 2006 in Monroe, Ga. He has been working since 1967 to bring the perpetrators of the infamous Moore's Ford lynching of 1946 to justice.

weekend, when he took out a list that Young had given him of purported witnesses to the killings, and encouraged them to come forward.

Varying his route so he could

assure residents he wasn't being followed to their homes, or meeting sharecroppers when they came to town, Howard nonetheless made no progress. Weekend after week-

end, the potential witnesses slammed doors in his face or ran him off their property. As the years went by, some people finally agreed to come forward, but the faded memories of the killings and the names of suspects and witnesses long dead that they offered were never enough to compel local prosecutors to bring charges.

To this day, Howard, a 65-year-old, is unfazed. He is certain that at least two of the lynching suspects are still alive, even if they are in their 90s, and remains confident that authorities will eventually take action. Harrison, the white farmer, is among those who have died.

Earlier this year, the FBI decided to take another look at

the case. The local prosecutor, Walton County District Attorney Ken Wynne, has said he's willing to hear anything new, but said he doesn't have sufficient evidence and witnesses to reopen the case now. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said it still pursues every lead it gets and has never closed the case.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho needs more than a drug czar to fight meth

To see Gov. Jim Risch scurry from one part of the state to the next, it's apparent that the short-term chief executive wants a legacy that lasts longer than his seven months in office.

But in creating the office of Drug Czar for Idaho, the governor's ambition exceeded his usual flair for executive action.

What Gov. Risch needs is a plan—or at least some explanation of what that plan will be.

As promised in his June inauguration speech, Risch named Idaho's first drug czar last week, tabbing former Boise police chief and current Boise City Councilman Jim Tibbs. Risch created the drug czar appointment as part of what he announced as a fight against the scourge of illegal drug use—most notably methamphetamine—and prostitution.

Appointing Tibbs, a well-established figure in Treasure Valley law enforcement, makes sense, and Risch's decision to engage the meth issue is valid. On a number of fronts, from violent and property crimes, overwhelmed prisons, health and welfare, and local law enforcement needs, methamphetamine has rocked Idaho and its communities.

Risch's decision has a political ring to it, however. Risch is also running for re-election as lieutenant governor against Democrat Larry LaRocco. His sudden campaign against meth had LaRocco up in arms. The former 1st district congressman campaigned in the spring on a pledge to "make Idaho a meth free zone." When Risch picked up the banner, LaRocco said Risch was late to the bandwagon.

"As lieutenant governor he never produced a memo to explain and he never said anything about it," said LaRocco who launched his own 14-point plan for collaboration against meth in June. "He should have indicated this was a problem long ago."

LaRocco makes a sound point on the timing and intensity of Risch's crusade. But Risch is obligated to act in his role as governor. In his first month on the job, controversies surrounding Idaho's overcrowded prisons rose to a head. Meanwhile, the Department of Correction reports that 52 percent of Idaho inmates say meth abuse was a primary reason they're behind bars.

Under the circumstances, Risch can't be blamed for joining the fight. But it's the cloudy picture that seems overwhelming.

Creating a drug czar post and appointing Tibbs looks good on paper, but how much impact will it have on legislative policy and statewide agencies? Tibbs will be a czar of one with no agency staff below him. He will rely on other agency support staff to assist him, but his post may not last when a new governor comes aboard in January.

Tibbs recognizes that fact, but said his meetings with agencies can streamline services into one comprehensive substance abuse strategy. The \$28 million Idaho spent on drug programs last year was identified by the Office of Performance Evaluations as "fragmented," so obviously efficiencies can be helped.

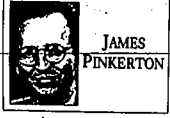
"This is a massive or monumental project which you think about it," said Tibbs. "Substance abuse covers a large project, you're talking about five or six state-agencies that have some component of that... This is something that needs to be done, if nothing else even if the (newly elected) governor discontinues it, the info gathered will be helpful to the new governor."

Tibbs' mission, however, must go beyond that and Risch's vision for it all has to help drive it. Funds must increase with the Idaho State Police budget, drug treatment programs and correction alternatives. How far the collaboration goes into the local levels of law enforcement is a question many counties and cities want to know. Additional collaboration must happen with schools, hospitals and community groups.

Risch is justified as the new governor to tackle the deadly issue of meth. But he'll need to rely on more than a drug czar to show how he'll do it.

Only terrorists can kill terrorism

Israel's legal right to pursue Hezbollah into Lebanon should not be in dispute. The United States' mission into Afghanistan five years ago provides ample precedent. But, as the United States has discovered, the practicalities—and impracticalities—of actually pacifying Muslim territory are daunting.



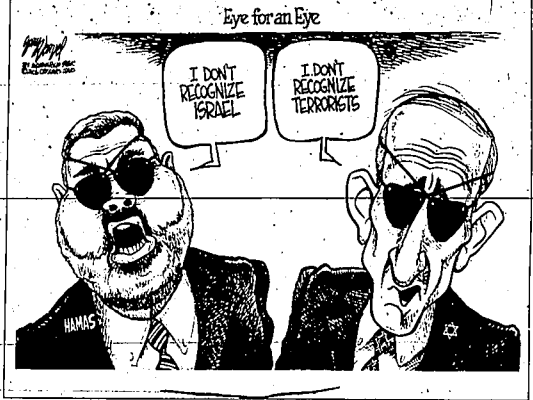
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So prospects for a secure peace for Israel, also for the United States—dependent more than military force and international law. Most likely, peace depends upon a political agreement, specifically a neutral bargain with Arab governments.

Meanwhile, if the Lebanese government can't or won't keep Hezbollah under control, Israel has a right to act energetically in its own self-defense. That's exactly what the United States did after the Sept. 11 attacks; if the Taliban wouldn't hand over Osama bin Laden and other criminal culprits, America had a perfect right to use military force in "hot pursuit," halfway around the world.

But then came the hard part: What should the United States do in Afghanistan after it got there? Letting bin Laden slip away counts as a major failure, but Murphy's Law applies in wartime, too. The continuing problem has been America's attempt to manage the lives of 28 million Afghans. At first, we were truly greeted as liberators. But that didn't last very long; foreign occupation never welcome, anywhere, for a protracted period.

Of course, the Americans could carpet-bomb the entire country—which would "work" in the sense that ethnic cleansing works. As the English speakers proved in North America from the 17th through 19th centuries, exter-



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and Muslims are not held to the same legal standard by international law and opinion. And yet in most places in the Arab world, including Syria, would-be terrorists are kept in check by governments that know how to fight fire with fire. In other words, terrorists are best subdued by terrible governments. And the Arabs have plenty of those; the challenge is to figure out how to persuade such rough customers to take responsibility for policing Lebanon.

minuting the locals is a proven technique for subduing a piece of territory. But in modern times, of course, such genocidal tactics are deemed unacceptable.

Also unacceptable, for a different reason, is the plan of administering a hostile population. The Israelis have tried, and failed, to do that in the West Bank and Gaza for the past 40 years. Indeed, the Israelis have tried to rule over parts of Lebanon before—unsuccessfully.

Back in 1982, after similar provocations across the Lebanese border, the Israeli military invaded that nation, driving all the way to Beirut. As with the United States in Afghanistan or Iraq, the initial offensive was easy, but the long-term occupation was a killer. Eventually, the Israelis

had to withdraw, leaving behind hundreds of thousands of ever more angry Lebanese, operating in anarchy.

Yet, even now, the Israelis seem to have little stomach for a repeat of the 1982 invasion and occupation. As a military source told the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz: "It is impossible to crush a popular, religious movement." More precisely, it is impossible for the Israelis to do the crushing, since Israel, like the United States, operates under the close scrutiny of a mostly hostile world media.

So who could crush "a popular, religious movement"? The answer in Lebanon is the same as in Afghanistan and Iraq: Only fellow Muslims can do the job.

For better or worse, Arabs

Not an appealing prospect? That's for sure. And is it in contradiction to the goal of fostering democracy and human rights in the Middle East? You bet.

But truly tough tactics—those, not rabble-rousing ground military force, applied by Arabs not fearful of international norms or international law—are the best option that Israel has for settling its Lebanon problem once and for all. And, yes, a similar toughness is the best available solution for the United States in Afghanistan and Iraq, too.

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Growth in Buhl requires water updates

Living in Buhl takes me back in time. Back to a pace of life that is more at ease than our big-city counterparts. Back to knowing our neighbors across the street and across town. Back to restlessy where hard work and families are best rewarded. We live in a time capsule of sorts—a nugget of small-town America as it used to be, right here in the 21st century.



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Chuck Sheridan

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A similar incident happened again last November. Furthermore, many of the collection system lines are in very poor condition, potentially resulting in a line collapse or leaking of raw sewage to the groundwater.

Over the years, the city has worked diligently to comply with environmental regulations.

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On Aug. 1, citizens will have the opportunity to vote

for a \$15 million revenue bond to correct the falling wastewater system and an \$8 million bond to upgrade the drinking water system, including bringing it into compliance with new EPA arsenic regulations.

Paying for these critical improvements is an expensive undertaking. But not funding the improvements now is the more costly mistake. Postponement of facility upgrades will only increase the price of fixing our system in coming years as the cost of materials and labor continues to rise. Continued deterioration of the system translates into larger, more expensive repairs.

The consequences for not passing the bond are considerable. Continued non-compliance with the wastewater permit leaves the door open for additional fines or other penalties from EPA. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has already placed severe restrictions on new growth in the city, translating to potential loss of business and declines in property value. Without passage of the bond, grant-

funding options are also limited, which may result in higher costs to the users. Waiting for judicial confirmation or another bond to authorize funding is a gamble and, in the end, may cost the city more. Finally, public and environmental health and safety concerns will persist as the system continues to deteriorate.

Our wastewater treatment facility was built in the 1960s and was designed to serve a population equivalent of 7,200 people. Today, the facility is working for the equivalent of 9,500. The time has come to make improvements that keep pace with our needs.

While we live in a community that beckons to a bygone era, we can't escape the realities that come with modern living. Indoor plumbing and running water are basic conveniences we take for granted—and if they are no longer available, Passage of the bonds will ensure that we don't have to go without, either.

Chuck Sheridan is the mayor for the city of Buhl.

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Booming population thirsts for more water

The front page last week: "What is happening to our water?"

How many people. Why does every city, town and county want more growth? More people, more homes built, more businesses drawn into town, but no way to increase the water available?

This can come to one inevitable conclusion: Less water per person per community.

There is only so much water coming into the Snake River aquifer. It isn't going to keep up with the increase in the population. You cannot expect the aquifer to expand as the population increases.

Maybe we had better start listening to Zeno Plenthoood, Plerr

Population Growth or whoever else is trying to awaken us to state limiting the number of people in the world, the country or even in our local area.

RAY L. MANLEY
Buhl

Leadership abandons the Constitution

Support stem cell research — veto George W. Bush. If he

was any dumber, we'd have to water him twice a week. They keep talking about drafting a constitution for Iraq.

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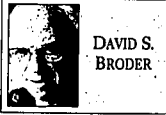
And we're not using it anymore.

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Twin Falls

LETTERS

Hardline immigration trips Republican Party

Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida is one frustrated and worried Republican. For six years, first as secretary of housing and urban development and more recently as a legislator, the Cuban refugee has labored to build support for President Bush and other Republicans among his fellow Hispanics.



DAVID S. BRODER

A poll this month for The Washington Post found that immigration was outranked as an issue by the war in Iraq and the economy.

Bush made his sharpest gains among the Spanish-speakers, boosted by an extensive outreach and advertising campaign on Spanish-language stations, largely invisible to the English-speaking audience.

The appeal, according to NDN analysis, was not primarily to the conservative tilt of the largely Catholic constituency. Rather, it was keyed to their aspirations for the good life, for fulfilling the American dream that brought them here.

Martinez, who fled Cuba by boat as a young boy, *Washington Post* found that immigration was outranked as an issue by the war in Iraq and the economy. But those voters who called immigration their top concern leaned heavily — 63 percent — to the GOP. So you can understand why Republicans who are on the ballot this fall are taking a hard-line position.

But the long-term threat to the GOP that Martinez sees is no myth. The percentage of Hispanics in the voting population is going to increase every election cycle for the foreseeable future, and the share of that vote that is Spanish-speaking will also rise, thanks to the number of recent immigrants.

last week, 181 House Republicans supported a ban on bilingual ballots, but nearly all Democrats and a minority of Republicans joined to defeat the measure.

Both Martinez and the NDN people see immigration as an issue that could be decisive nationally. NDN's Simon Rosenberg likens it to the effect on California politics when Republican Gov. Pete Wilson supported Proposition 187, an initiative to cut off social services to illegal immigrants. No Republican has won a major office in a regular statewide election since then.

Proposition 187 mobilized Hispanic voters and solidified them behind the Democrats. This immigration fight, Rosenberg said, could do the same thing nationally — and swing enough electoral votes in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada alone to make the Democrats favorites in the next presidential election.

Martinez puts it succinctly. "We can throw away all that we've gained if we follow a Pete Wilson-style strategy."

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The Animal House summit

Reporters who covered W's 2000 campaign often wondered whether the Bush scion would give up acting the fool if he got to be the kid.



MAUREEN DOWD

Would he stop playing peacock to his pre-meal moist towels during airplane interviews? Would he quit scrunching up his face and winking his eyebrows at maitre d's?

"In many regards, the Bush I knew did not seem to be built for what's ahead," wrote Frank Bruni, the Times writer who covered W's ascent, in his book "Ambling Into History."

The op-ed microphone incident at the G-8 lunch in St. Petersburg on Monday illustrated once more that W. never made any effort to adapt. The president has enshined his immaturity and insularity, turning every environment he inhabits — no matter how decorous or serious — into a comfortable frat house.

No matter what the trappings or the ceremony, the free world, he brings the same DKE diction, bearing and cadences, the same insouciance and smart-alecky attitude, the same sly, sly approach — swaggering, swaggering, talking to Tony Blair with his mouth full of buttered roll, and giving a startled Angela Merkel an impromptu shoulder rub. He can make even a global summit meeting seem like a kegger.

Catching W. off-guard, the really weird thing is his sense of victimization. He's strangely resentful about the actual core of his job. Even after the debacles of Iraq and Katrina, he continues to treat the presidency as a colossal interference with his desire to mountain bike and clear brush.

to other world leaders talk too long. What did he think being president was about?

The world may be blowing up, and the president may have a rare opportunity to jaw-jaw about bang-bang with his peers, but that pales in comparison with his burning desire to return to his feather pillow and gym back at the White House.

"Gotta go home," he tells the guy next to him. "Get something to do tonight. Go to the airport, get on the airplane and go home." A White House spokesman said Bush had nothing on his schedule after he returned to Washington on Monday about 4 p.m.

When he began meandering about how big Russia was, you expected him to yell, "Yo, Condi!" and ask his secretary of state: "Hey, what's the name of that other big country that has more people than any other country in the world? It begins with a 'C.' Dad spent some time there."

Perhaps it's that anti-patriotic chip on his shoulder, his rebellion against a family that prized manners and diplomacy above all. But when bored or frustrated, W. reserves the right to be boorish — no matter if the setting is a gilded palace or a Texas gony.

He treated Tony "As I Were" Blair like the servant in "The Remains of the Day," blowing off his offer to help with the Israel-Lebanon crisis, and changing the subject from substance to fluff at one point, noting about his 60th birthday Barbary gift: "Thanks for the sweater. Awfully thoughtful of you." Then he razed the British prime minister, who was hovering and wheeling like an abused wife: "I know you picked it out yourself."

After doing his best to undermine the United Nations and Kofi Annan, W. talked about the secretary-general like a fraternity pledge who wanted to fraternify with for

more beer or a mug of Diet Coke: "I felt telling Kofi to get on the phone with Assad and make something happen."

This loosey-goosey confidence that everything could be fixed with a phone call — and not even a phone call made by him, and not even a phone call made to the Iranians, who have more control over Hezbollah — was striking. He seems to have no clue that his own headlong, heedless actions in the Middle East have contributed to the jaw-dropping chaos there, and to Iran's growing influence and America's diminished leverage.

Bush may resent the sophistication required of a president. But when the world is going to hell, he should stop chewing and start thinking.

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Warmer oceans disrupt Pacific food chain

By Marcus Waddell
Associated Press writer

FARALLON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, Calif. — On these crazy, remote islands west of San Francisco, the largest seabird colony in the contiguous United States throbs with life.

Seagulls swarm so thick that visitors must yell to be heard above their cries. Sea lions bark. Pelicans glide.

But the steep decline of one small bird species for the second straight year has rekindled scientists' fears that global warming could be undermining the coastal food supply, threatening not just the Farallones but entire marine ecosystems.

They Cassin's auklets live much of their lives on the open ocean. But in spring, these gray-and-white relatives of the puffin venture to isolated Pacific outposts like the Farallones to dig deep burrows and lay their eggs. Adult auklets usually feed their chicks with krill, the minuscule, shrimp-like crustaceans that anchor the ocean's complex food web.

But not this year. Almost none of the 20,000 pairs of Cassin's auklets nesting in the Farallones will raise a chick that lives more than a few days, a repeat of last year's unprecedented breeding failure, according to Russ Bradley, a seabird biologist with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory who monitors the birds on the islands.

Scientists blame changes in West Coast climate patterns for a delay in the seasonal upwelling of cold, nutrient-rich waters from the ocean's depths for the second year in a row. Weak winds and faltering currents have left the Gulf of the Farallones without krill, on which Cassin's auklets and a variety of other seabirds, fish and mammals depend for food.

"The seas are warmer. And the number of krill being produced is lower," said Bradley as he held a Cassin's auklet chick, the only one from a study of 400 nests he expected to survive.

"Normally we would have hundreds," he said. The failure of last year's Pacific upwelling killed seabirds from California to British Columbia. Scientists had hoped the change was just a natural temperature fluctuation in season, as known as the California Current.

But the return of higher

ocean temperatures and scarce food resources this year has scientists wondering whether last year's erratic weather was less a fluke than the emergence of a troubling trend.

"How many years in a row do you see this before you start raising your eyebrows?" said Finn Schiwing, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Climatologists describe global warming as a worldwide rise in temperatures caused by the buildup of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases thought to trap heat in the atmosphere. Predictions of global warming's effects include rising sea levels, fiercer storms, more wildfires and warmer oceans.

Without long-term data scientists have so far found it difficult to make direct links between specific natural events and global warming. But the Farallones present a special case. Researchers have kept Cassin's auklet counts there every day since 1967. Never before have they seen such a drop-off in numbers. That decline comes as California ocean temperatures hover 3 to 5 degrees above average.

"One of the things that the climate models predict is that we're going to have unpredictable weather, extreme weather, that the whole seasonal cycle of events will not be what we expect," said Bill Peterson, a NOAA oceanographer in Newport, Ore. "We aren't seeing normal patterns."

Perhaps nowhere is this ecological disruption felt more than here on the Farallones, a 200-acre island chain often described as California's Galapagos. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service keeps the national wildlife refuge closed to visitors except for a small group of scientists and volunteers who live there year-round.

The krill-dependent whales and salmon that inhabit the surrounding waters have not appeared to suffer from the changes in food supply. But

during a recent visit to the islands this summer, scientists pointed to other species feeling the consequences.

The common murre, which resembles a flying penguin, has made a dramatic comeback recently, with about 200,000 adults nesting on the islands this year. But the absence of krill has led to a complete collapse of the juvenile stockfish population, the main food source for murre young. Nearly three-quarters of murre breeding this year are not expected to raise chicks that survive.

"At this point it's way too late in the season for the birds to initiate another attempt at breeding," said Peter Wazybyk, a Farallones-based biologist with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. "They'll just have to wait around for next year and hope that it's better."






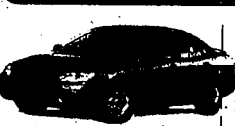








Murres cling to a rocky slope July 8 at the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge. On these crazy, remote islands nearly 30 miles west of San Francisco, the largest seabird colony in the contiguous United States appears to throbs with life. But the steep decline of one small bird here for the second year in a row has rekindled worries among scientists that global warming could be undermining California's coastal food supply.

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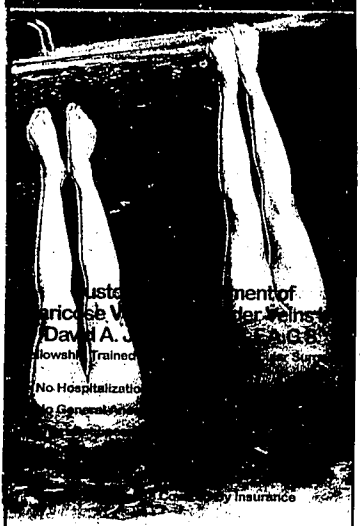
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Cowboys blank Minico to seal Area C title, state berth

By Brad Cairn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The 2006 American Legion AA Area C title game at Skip Walker Field looked nice and tame in comparison to last night's error-fest.

The Twin Falls Cowboys took a 5-0 shutout victory over the Minico Spartans for the championship and the No. 1 seed to this week's state tournament in Boise on a breezy Saturday night that featured zero errors and the stellar-pitching of Mitchell Dame and Chance Elam.

"I only had one day to rest, so I knew I had to get the defense involved," Dame said.

The starter and reliever allowed seven hits, but put

2006 American Legion AA Area C Tournament

At Skip Walker Field, Twin Falls

Friday's results

Championship bracket

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

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

Losers' bracket

Game 6: Highland 12, Pocatello 2

Saturday's results

Championship bracket

Game 10: Twin Falls 5, Minico 0

(winner takes No. 1 seed to state)

Losers' bracket

Game 8: Idaho Falls Russets 16, Idaho Falls Reds 1

Game 9: Idaho Falls Russets 6, Highland 3

Sunday's game

Game 11: Idaho Falls Russets vs. Minico, noon (winner takes No. 2 seed)

together eight strikeouts. Most Minico at-bats were routine grounders or fly balls.

"My arm was tight, but I was hitting my spots better," Elam said. "I just wanted to hit Drew's (Bernhard) glove."

"Those two came up big,"

Twin Falls head coach Jim Stadelmeier said. "We needed better pitching tonight and we got it. They were going right at (Minico)."

Dame and Elam put faith into the Cowboys defense and were well rewarded.

From a double play-to two spectacular catches in right by Nate Robertson, Minico just couldn't get anything going.

"Twin Falls played good defense. Nate had two great catches," Minico assistant coach Erin Runyon said. "You can't take that away from them."

The Spartans defense was likewise successful on all but a few occasions. There were no blowout innings, but small plays turned into runs for the Cowboys.

Catcher Drew Bernhard was the offensive stud of the night, batting 3-for-4. He hit two RBI singles to drive in Robertson both times and a sac-fly to right to put in Tyler Anderson for a

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Twin Falls right fielder Nate Robertson celebrates with Cowboys teammates after scoring during the third inning of Saturday's American Legion Class AA Area C Tournament championship game at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

Landis back in yellow

American poised to win Tour de France

The Associated Press

MONTCEAU-LES-MINES, France — Barring a crazy finale, Floyd Landis' wild ride through France should end in the sweetest way possible Sunday on the Champs-Elysees.

With yet another stunning comeback in the final time trial, Landis reclaimed the famed yellow jersey of the Tour de France leader Saturday along with a 59-second lead that should hand him atop the victory podium in Paris.

The American would be picking up where another Yank left off just last year, when Lance Armstrong completed his seventh and final Tour triumph.

"I could not be happier," Landis said. "It's one of the best days of my life."

The Phonix team leader, who trailed former teammate Oscar Pereiro of Spain by 30 seconds before the penultimate Stage 19, outpaced the Spaniard by 1 minute, 29 seconds in the race against the clock.

Overall, Pereiro fell to second, 59 seconds behind Landis, while German rider Andreas Klöden, 1:29 back, pushed Spaniard Carlos Sastre off the podium into fourth.

Sunday's ride could be the most anticlimactic moment of this unpredictable Tour, marked by Landis' bizarre performance — swings — from despair to elation — and news that he's been riding with an arthritic hip.

Landis and Pereiro have taken turns wearing yellow four times since Landis first won it in the Pyrenees after Stage 11. Seven riders have worn the jersey this time — one short of the record.

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Out of the pack



Chad Wallin, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate, runs on the College of Southern Idaho fitness trail on Friday. Wallin, a two-time NAIA All-American at Minot State University (N.D.), is preparing for a run at the 2008 Olympics as a marathoner.

Chad Wallin: From high school also-ran to U.S. Olympic hopeful

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — No decision is trivial.

The pain — a sharp, probing needle, searching, stabbing between the ribs — was so severe, so all-consuming that Chad Wallin did the one thing all distance runners are told not to. He stopped.

"We were going three miles and I remember I was at a corner, and I stopped. I had a side ache and I'm like, 'I can't do this,'" Wallin said. "People are passing me and we get ... back and I'm the fifth person on the team and I'm like, 'You know, I'm better than this.'"

That was the 1998 College of Southern Idaho high school cross-country invitational — the 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate's his first ever cross-country race. Standing in the late-August heat, side splitting, lungs stinging, legs on fire with lactic-acid hell, Wallin locked eyes with the face of self-doubt — a face and a voice that yells, "Quit! And why not? It's only a high school cross-country race. Quit and never come back. Go back to what you know — what is easy."

Instead, Wallin decided to go on and become the Bruins' top distance runner as a senior. He decided to go on to run for CSI, North Idaho College, and North Dakota's Minot State University. Nearly eight years later, Wallin was back on the CSI campus, this time the bona fide distance runner he decided to be. On Friday, he took to the CSI fitness trail as a two-sport NAIA All-American, a member of two NAIA champion cross-country teams, and Minot State's half-marathon record holder. On Friday, Wallin was running because he hopes to add another accolade to that list — 2008 U.S. Olympic team member.

Wallin's journey, however, hasn't been the meteoric rise of a pre-destined Olympian.

"They say a lot of people stop (after graduation) and are no longer competitive. Now, I think I'm just as competitive as ever."

1999 Twin Falls grad
Chad Wallin

He started late, bounced around, but found himself excelling after transferring from NIC to Minot State. At the NAIA level, he found something more to strive for. "It's an individual sport, but at the same time, especially for me, I thrive off people better than me," Wallin said. "So I think when you have a good team and 20 other people motivated, like, 'Hey, let's go in the morning, or especially with workouts, you kind of need somebody there to push you and I think the drive is a lot more. You know, you're there, people are better than you, you want to be like them, and etcetera. It kind of goes down the line.'"

Wallin commuted for the Beavers until he ran out of eligibility and also spent most of the last two years as an assistant running coach. But after recently finishing summer school classes and graduating with a major in corporate fitness and a coaching minor, he is on his own. For most runners, that's where things get dicey.

"They say that the motivation for people who graduate college is hard because you start working 50 hours a week and your motivation changes," Wallin said. "But for me, that's what I see myself thriving on because the odds are against you. They say a lot of people stop and are no

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Tiger's putting woes allow chase for the Claret Jug

The Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Tiger Woods gazed across green, and brown splashes of grass and tried desperately to gauge the speed of his putts, each mistake costing him a chance to turn this British Open into another runaway.

A chance for eagle turned into par. What looked like a birdie became a bogey.

His only consolation Saturday after rapping in a 3-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Royal Liverpool for a 1-under 71 was seeing his name atop the leaderboard, knowing that he has never lost any of the previous 10 majors when he took the lead into the last round.

Even so, the gentle wind off the Irish Sea carried renewed hope for

Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els and an all-star cast chasing him.

They all knew it could have been worse.

So did Woods.

"Just take away my three-putts, I would have a four-shot lead," Woods said.

Instead, he was at 13-under 203 and will be in the final group with the Garcia, a 26-year-old Spaniard who has been chasing Woods for seven years.

Garcia blistered the sun-baked links for a 65 to give him his best chance ever to capture a major.

Garcia held out a 9-iron from 167 yards for eagle on No. 2, took only 29 shots on the outward nine, and never faded. It will be his first time in the final group of a major, since he four shots behind

British Open at a glance

HOYLAKE, England — A brief look at Saturday's third round of the British Open at Royal Liverpool:

Leading: Tiger Woods, who shot a 1-under 71 for a three-day total of 203.

Just behind: Sergio Garcia, Chris DiMarco and Ernie Els are one stroke back, and 11 other players are within five shots.

Key stat: Woods three-putted three times on the back nine.

Where's Lotty: Phil Mickelson's

Woods in the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black.

nowhere to be found at Royal Liverpool. A 73 left him 10 strokes off the lead.

Noteworthy: Tiger Woods has never lost a major when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead. He's 10-0 in those situations.

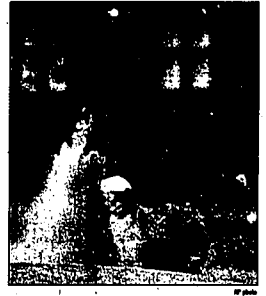
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turn this British Open into a wide-open affair.

Also at 12-under 204 was Chris DiMarco.

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Tiger Woods plays from a bunker during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Course in Hoylake, England Saturday.

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Rochester 5-1
Buffalo 4-3
Portland 3-1
Charlotte 2-1

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

ABC - British Open, final round at Hoylake, England
ESP-2 - PGA Tour B.C. Open, final round at Hoylake, England
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British Open

At Hoylake, England
Nick Faldo 18-22-25-24 = 70
Lee Westwood 19-23-26-24 = 72
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Adrian Panatta 19-23-26-24 = 72

GOLF

PGA TOUR

At the Greenbrier
Randy Wicks 12-18-21-19 = 69
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Report: Feds obtained medical records for Barry Bonds

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Federal prosecutors obtained Barry Bonds' medical files as part of their investigation into whether the slugger purchased himself when he said he never knowingly used steroids, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Two people familiar with the probe told the San Francisco Chronicle that U.S. Attorney's office received the medical records Wednesday in response to a subpoena issued to the San Francisco Giants. The sources, requested anonymity because of the investigation's sensitivity.

U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said Thursday his office still was pursuing an "ongoing steroid-related investigation" even though a federal grand jury considering possible perjury and tax-avoidance charges against Bonds expired that day without an indictment.

A new grand jury is expected to be impaneled this Thursday.

Ryan said he had postponed his decision on whether to seek an indictment of Bonds "in light of some recent developments." The receipt of the medical records was one of those developments, sources told the Chronicle.

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College Football

Vandal kicker out for season

MOSCOW - Senior kicker Mike Barrow will miss the 2006 season after sustaining a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Barrow, who was a first-team all-Western Athletic Conference selection in 2005 and a preseason selection by the Sporting News this season, injured his knee while playing basketball at home earlier this week.

Last fall, he was the 23rd ranked kicker in the nation after connecting on 16 of 19 field goal attempts (84.2 percent) for an average of 1.45 per game.

Magic Valley

Gooding announces practice dates

GOODING - Gooding High School recently released the start dates for its fall sports. All

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athletes must have all physical and other paperwork filled out in order to practice. Forms are available at athletic director Joleen Toone's door at GHHS. Girls and boys soccer both begin at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7. Coach Chris Thompson (934-5401) will hold girls practice on the middle school field, while Coach Roger Johnson (934-5683) will hold boys practice on the ISDB field.

Football two-a-days begin on Friday, Aug. 11 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the GHHS football field. Contact coach Chris Comstock at 934-9485. Cross-country begins at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 at the ISDB track. Contact coach Jack Nelson at 934-4783.

Volleyball starts at 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the high school gym. Contact coach John Leland at 539-1313 or Jenny Koski at 934-8516. Middle school volleyball starts at 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21 at the middle school gym.

Declo boys soccer tryouts announced

DECLO - The Declo High School Hornet boys soccer program will open practice from 8:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7 at the Declo High school fields. Players need to bring water, soccer cleats and shin guards. Incoming freshmen and juniors must have current physicals. For more information, call coach Tim Henrickson at (654-2611) (home), 678-1131 (work) or 312-4270 (cell).

T.F. athletes must arrange physicals

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

Stories

* Friday's sports story on the upcoming Idaho State Coaches Association awards incorrectly identified the summer league football program of Coach of Southern Idaho coach Nick Baumert created. Baumert is credited with creating the Twin Falls Terror. The Times-News regrets the error.

* Typo in Saturday's story "T.F. tops Reds in Wild On" listed the Twin Falls-Idaho Falls final score at 21-15. The score was 21-16 as reflected in the linescore. The Times-News regrets the error.

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SPORTS

British

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DiMarco, who overcame consecutive bogeys at the turn by making three straight birdies. DiMarco, who lost a playoff to Woods at the 2005 Masters, had a chance to join him in the lead until his faltry metal to the 18th green got stuck behind a pot bunker, forcing him to play away from the flag. And don't forget the Big Easy.

Els, in the final pairing with Woods at a major for the first time in six years, struggled with his irons but refused to let himself fall too far behind. He picked up birdies on the par-5 16th and 18th holes for a 71, leaving him in the three-way tie for second.

Woods might be 10-0 when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead in majors, but in half of those victories he led by at least three shots.

Reminded of Woods' perfect record, DiMarco wasn't interested.

"Stats don't lie. Obviously, he's a pretty good front-runner, and usually he's got a five- or six-shot lead," DiMarco said. "Tomorrow, he has a one-shot lead. You would have thought he'd be 4 or 5 under right now, and he's not.

"But the guy has a knack for winning, so it's going to be tight to beat him."

Another shot back at 11-under 205 was former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (66) and Angel Cabrera, who at a shot 66 and led the gallery wondering if there was something in the tea at Ifoylake that suited Argentines.

The last time the British Open came to this links course was in 1957, when Robert De Vicenzo of Argentina held off Jack Nicklaus.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS



Pictured are the 5th-6th grade Twin Falls City League Tournament champions. From left, front row: Trent Diederich, Austin Gardner, Michael Williams, Justin Evans, Riley Tappan and Nathan Sterner; back row: Nick Kyle, Michael Chapple, Forrest Gardner, Alex Witz, Daniel Boivert and Jameson Brown. The team finished the season with a 9-3 record and was coached by Janine Brown, Robbie Hyde and Dan Parker. The champs were sponsored by TitleFest, Parke's Funeral Home and M.X. Denture Clinic.

Roddick, Blake to meet for title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andy Roddick used his strong serve to overpower Robby Ginepri 7-5, 6-3 Saturday and move into the final at the RCA Championships. Roddick will play James Blake for the title, pitting the top two players in the United States. Blake, the tournament's No. 1 seed, is ranked sixth in the world; Roddick, the second seed, is ranked 11th.

"It's more what's happening off the serves," Roddick said. "Robby can handle (serve) paces as well as anybody. I tried to mix it up a little bit."

Williams ousted at Ohio tourney

MASON, Ohio — Vera Zvonareva ended Serena Williams' run in her first tournament in six months, beating the seven-time Grand Slam champion 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday to advance to the final of the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open. Zvonareva, unseeded and ranked 52nd, will be making her second appearance in three years in the championship match of the Tier III event Sunday when she faces fourth-seeded Katarina Srebnik, who upset defending champion Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

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Floyd Landis of the U.S. kisses his wife Amber after the 19th stage of the 93rd Tour de France cycling race from Le Creusot to Montceau-les-Mines, France on Saturday.

Landis

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"Hopefully, I won't give it away again," Landis said. "But I do think it's over now."

Landis became an instant legend among many cycling fans with his razor-fueled comeback Thursday, when he won the last of three Alpine stages to move from 11th to third in the overall standings. After a 21-mile, 7-time trial, he finished in Lausanne — where he lost the lead and fell 28th behind Percio.

The performance left him feeling "humiliation and depression," Landis said. A pep talk from five-time Tour winner and cycling icon Eddy Merckx, the father of his Phonak teammate Axel Merckx, helped.

A once-in-a-lifetime ride — "the best performance in the modern history of the Tour" according to race director Jean-Marie Leblanc — revived Landis' sagging chances. In his first Tour stage win, Landis closed the time gap from 8 minutes, 4 seconds to an incredible 30 seconds.

Saturday's time-trial was the finishing touch.

Landis, who finished second in the time trial, had been expected to do well. Percio, sensing his lead in danger, mustered a strong ride of his own, finishing fourth and 1:29 behind Landis.

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Idaho a pioneer in wind projects?

Developer labels state leader in renewable energy

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Will Idaho be a pioneer in generating electricity from renewable sources?

One developer of wind energy believes so.

"I think Idaho will take the lead in the renewables market," said James Carkulis, president of Exergy Development Group.

Exergy already operates one wind farm in the state — Fossil Gulch Wind Farm located at Bell Rapids in the Hagerman area. And the company has 10 more projects on its drawing board. Like many wind power companies, Exergy and Exergy will be keeping an eye on the upcoming release of a state utilities' wind integration study to see just how friendly the state is to wind power.

Last summer, Idaho Power Co. asked the state utilities commission to put a halt to its obligation to buy power from small wind farms at a rate set just for small renewable sources. The utility did so after receiving a surge in sales agreement applications from small producers like Exergy. In the meantime, Idaho Power officials have studied the means and costs of integrating small amounts of electricity into the company's system.

"Integration problems are very real," Carkulis said.

Small renewable power projects qualify for certain rates under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Congress passed the act during the energy crisis in the 1970s to encourage energy companies to develop power sources that do not rely on natural gas and coal.

The wind integration study should

be completed by mid- to late August, said Gene Fadness with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The public will still get the opportunity to comment on the study before the utilities-commissioners set the parameters for small wind power.

Idaho Power already has contracts with wind producers for a total of 206.8 megawatts of electricity, though only three projects that generate 19.9 megawatts are "on-line now," said Dennis Lopez, spokesman for the company.

Earlier this month, Idaho Power announced that Horizon Wind Energy would be awarded a contract with the utility for 66 megawatts of wind power. A Texas-based company, Horizon intends to build its wind project in Union County, Ore.

Carkulis estimates that Exergy's 10 wind projects should be completed

Wind projects in Idaho

- Currently, Idaho Power Co. buys electricity from three operating wind projects that produce 19.9 megawatts collectively.
- The power company has signed sales contracts with 13 other wind farms producing a total of 186.9 megawatts of power.

by the end of 2007. With the rising price of wind turbines, all of Exergy's wind farms qualify for the PURPA rate, and the company has signed contracts with Idaho Power. Exergy also plans to pursue other renewable energy projects besides wind power, Carkulis said.

Since Carkulis began working on wind power projects in the state, he has noticed a real change in public attitude toward renewable resources. Sempra Generation's coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County likely played a large role in that change,

- Exergy Development Group operates the Fossil Gulch Wind Farm in the Bell Rapids area near Hagerman.
- Exergy has plans for 10 wind farms in southern Idaho: four more on Bell Rapids, one south of Bell Rapids, one in the eastern portion of Twin Falls County, two in Cassia County, one in Blaine County and one near Blackfoot.

Carkulis said. Strong public opposition to the plant led to increased knowledge of energy sources, opening the door for renewable projects like wind, solar and biomass.

"The more that we've got to know the Idaho, the more that we saw a realization that renewables are here to stay," Carkulis said.

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\$1 million

Fairfield faces costs for water, sewer upgrade

By Lacey Colter
For the Times-News

FAIRFIELD — The jaw-dropping estimate to fix the city of Fairfield's water and sewer system?

One million dollars. Fred Oster of Sunrise Engineering quoted to the Fairfield City Council.

The number comes on the heels of a water and sewer study conducted by Sunrise.

Oster presented a slide show of the infiltration and cracks in the existing water lines. Some, Oster said, have been repaired with duct tape.

"The infiltration of the pipes creates water seeping into manholes," Oster said.

But the problem doesn't stop there. Oster went on to say that in the perimeter of the city, the pipes are small and create a problem with fire flow. The normal fire flow should be 150 gallons a minute. He said that on the edges of town, the pipes are producing closer to 400 gallons a minute.

Also, the newly proposed industrial park will need a state-recommended 2,500 gallon-per-minute fire flow — something the water system in town is just not capable of producing, Oster said.

"The bottom line here is that there is no capacity for new developments in the water and sewer department," Oster said.

The water improvements will entail manhole repairs as well as a new lift station that will have to pump the water across the highway.

"Oster listed the different phases of the improvements."
Phase One will include manhole repair, a lift station generator and electric repairs, which will cost around \$255,000, Oster said.

Phase Two will include the inspection and realignment of sewer lines, including 17,000 linear feet of line, to the tune of \$666,000.

Fairfield Mayor David Hanks wondered about the next step forward, deciding that it would be to present the issue to the public with a series of town hall meetings.

"Every fix that materials get more expensive. We need to move forward and try not to end up in the position we were in this spring," Hanks said.

Councilman Jerry Young added that the council would try to make people understand that they have been living very frugally and this is the end result of it.

"The system has been allowed to deteriorate for years and to get it back to normal, here's the cost per household," he said. "We have to tell the public like it is and get after it."

GUNS FOR FUN



Chase Archibald, of Idaho Falls, shoots a Smith & Wesson 460XVR Saturday at the Sportsman's Warehouse Outdoor Expo and Gun Show held at the Jerome Gun Club range off U.S. Highway 93.

Outdoor expo showcases new wares, offers public shooting

By Will Sites
Times-News writerJEROME — Guns and heat were the topics of the day at the Sportsman's Warehouse Outdoor Expo and Gun Show Saturday at the Jerome Gun Club.
As a relatively cool morning in the 90s gave way to a scorching 100-plus afternoon, the crowd was definitely thinned by summer swelter. "The heat is definitely keeping traffic down," said Cassandra Bastian, while working under the shade of the Friends of NWA tent. "But even with the heat, traffic has been steady."

And most of that traffic was trucking in and out of the handgun and rifle firing range. A myriad of gun vendors — including Taurus, Smith & Wesson and Springfield Armory — provided the public an opportunity to shoot the latest offerings of rifles and pistols.

Jim Dean, of Wild West Marketing Inc. in Eagle, said that (despite the heat) a steady stream of people were taking advantage of the annual event. "Attendance is down a little, but there are all kinds of people shooting here today," Dean said, as an extremely loud shot rang out from about 10 feet away. "That was the Smith & Wesson 500. It's the biggest handgun on Earth."



Leonard Fitzmaurice, of Twin Falls, shoots a Knight .50 caliber muzzleloader Saturday at the Jerome Gun Club firing range. Sportsman's Warehouse sponsored the annual event, which gives the public a chance to perse and shoot new guns.

Another popular item was the Smith & Wesson M&P15, which is based on the popular semi-automatic AR-15 rifle. The new M&P15 series, which stands for military and police, offers professional and sport shooters a rifle that combines ruggedness and reliability in a 5.56 mm NATO caliber. Although aesthetically impressive with its Rambo-like good looks, its acoustic magnetism paled in comparison to the big handguns.
Even when the thermometer was telling Chase

Archibald to seek a cooler climate, he wasn't breaking a sweat — not even when handgunning one of the biggest handguns on Earth. But then again, the BYU-Idaho student works interstate road construction. "I'm going to shoot the big one," said Archibald, clutching a handful of ammo. His weapon of choice was the powerful Smith & Wesson 460XVR, which shoots a .460 Magnum. It isn't Dirty Harry's thud-whacker — nope, it's bigger, meaner and

definitely louder.
"It's like a bomb going off in your hand," said Archibald, seemingly impressed after firing a couple of rounds. "You could knock down a bear with it." In fact, the manufacturer even distributes the 460 in a Bear Arms Personal Survival Kit as "...exactly what the extreme hunter needs."

Will Sites is the Times-News night city editor. He can be reached at 735-3233 or by e-mail at wsites@magicvalley.com.

Utah man dies in accident near Hansen

Times-News

HANSEN — A Salt Lake City man was killed in a traffic accident near Hansen, the Idaho State Police said Saturday.

The accident happened at 4:50 p.m. Friday at mile post 230 on U.S. Highway 30, two miles east of Hansen. Sigfredo Martinez Aguilera, 31, of Salt Lake City was driving a small tractor and pulling a propane weed burner that was rear-ended by a commercial truck, according to Trooper Chris Glenn. He said Aguilera was pronounced dead at the scene.

The truck driver, Brandon Simpson, 26, of Kimberly was treated and released at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Glenn said.

The Rock Creek Fire Department put out several small grass fires that were sparked by the explosion of the weed burner, Glenn said, adding that an investigation is ongoing.

Growth concerns Filer schools

By John E. Swayze

Times-News correspondent

FILER — Expanding residential development and a subsequent increase in enrollment has the Filer school board looking at how to handle the growth.

In September the board will begin forming a committee of representatives from each of the district's five zones. The committee will assess space needs of each school and make recommendations on advertising for bids, selecting an architect and building to

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Missing Crump?



Steve Crump's regular Sunday column is not in today's paper. Please look for his column in an upcoming edition.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES

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

Rosalee Vesta Wanamaker of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mildred Katherine Fairbrother of Burley, inmemorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley; family visitation at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church (Summers Funeral Homes in Boise).

George Arnold Stevens, formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

John D. Kieffer of Mountain Home, funeral at 4 p.m. Monday at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.



Lena Gierisch

BURLEY — Lena Bowen Marshall Gierisch, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother of Burley, returned home to her Father in Heaven on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. She was born Nov. 9, 1914, in Plymouth, Utah, to George Henry and Annie Theresa Estep Marshall. She married Gene Rudolph Gierisch on Nov. 4, 1935, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Lena was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in many church callings.

Lena loved to read, garden, and spend time with her family, as well as work on her genealogy. Her relationships with her family always came first. She was a joy to be around and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband, Gene; her children, Bill (Diane) Gierisch of Burley, Ellen Ann (Ernest) Paxson of Nevada, Utah, (Noreen) (Richard) Hoday of North Ogden, Utah, Irene (Steve) Groeschel of Draper, Utah, and Alice (Alex) Osterhout of Park; one sister, Ina Faliner of Salt Lake City; Utah; 21 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Warren Marshall; and a sister, Fern Jones. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2006, at the Pella LDS First and Second Ward Chapel, 160 W. 300 S., in Burley, with Bishop Thomas Carrard officiating. Burial will be in Pella Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

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William 'Bill' Gnemi

JEROME — William "Bill" Gnemi, 94, of Jerome, passed away July 18, 2006, at his home with family at his side.

He was born May 31, 1912, in Rock Springs, Wyoming, the oldest child of Peter Gnemi and Julia Delgado Gnemi.

"Bill" moved to the Jackson District/Rupert, Idaho, in 1918 and graduated from Rupert High School. After graduating, he returned to Wyoming where he was a real cowboy, riding the range for several ranches. He went to work for the State of Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1939.

On June 2, 1940, he married Margaret Brooks of Rock Springs. They shared five wonderful years together until her passing in September of 2005.

In 1942, Bill was appointed Superintendent of the State Game Farm in Jerome. He is known worldwide as an expert on pheasants. He held that position for 35 years, retiring in 1974 to a farm south of Jerome, where he was known for his beautiful flowers and birds.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Wilma (Jim) Hanson Wald of Boise; granddaughter, Cyndi Hanson of Boise; granddaughters-in-law, Doris Hanson of Buffalo, New York; sisters,



Norma Herbold, Tracy Gray, Mary (Joseph) Henschel, and brother, Walter (Jackie) Gnemi.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Brian Hanson; and his sister, Irena Gnemi.

In accordance with Bill's wishes, no formal services will be held. The family suggests that memorials be made in Bill's name to: Idaho Botanical Garden, 2355 E. Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712, or Hospice Visions, 2099 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83401, or your favorite charity. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83330.

Georgia Rose Stuhlberg

TWIN FALLS — Georgia Rose Stuhlberg, 85, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at her home after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 22, 1921, at Preston, Idaho, to Samuel and Rhoda Ann (Jenkins) Hansen.

At an early age she moved with her parents to Jerome, where she was raised on a farm and educated. She married Edward Stuhlberg on Dec. 30, 1938. They farmed south of Jerome and at Wendell before purchasing a family farm in 1945 southeast of Jerome.

After the death of her husband, Georgia sold the farm and moved to town. Georgia was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Barrymore Civic Club, Rebekah Lodge and also an avid bridge player in the community.

She was a very special mother and grandmother and will be missed by all. Surviving are a son, Charles Edward Stuhlberg of Ketchum; two daughters, Nancy (Jon) Heitzman and Judy Duncan of Twin Falls; three sisters; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death



by her husband, a daughter, a son, her parents, five brothers, and four sisters.

The funeral will be conducted on Monday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Bishop Gordon Ford officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday July 23rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be at the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorial contributions may be made in Georgia's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 1111 S. Orchard St., Suite 200, Boise, ID 83705.

DEATH NOTICES

Joseph 'Joe' Robinson

JEROME — Joseph "Joe" Robinson, 88, of Jerome, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., in Jerome. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Sigert E. Johnson

HAMMETT — Sigert Emil Johnson, 84, of Indian Creek/Hammett, died Friday, July 21, 2006, near his home.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the Mountain Home Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2425 American Legion Boulevard. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Thelma Stott



BURLEY — Thelma Malissa Bartholomew Stott, a 92-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley.

She was born Dec. 21, 1913, in Oakley, to Bert Letroy and Mary Ellen (Tracy) Bartholomew. On Nov. 10, 1932, she married Elden Rawlins Stott in the Manti LDS Temple. They lived in Manti for several years before moving to Idaho Falls in 1941. Thelma worked as a hotel and motel manager. Later, she worked at the Remington Arms Plant in Idaho Falls, during World War II, and also in various homes as a caregiver for several families. In 1994, she moved to Montana for one year and then, in 1995, moved to Burley, where she lived the remainder of her life. Her nickname was "The Gypsy" because she moved to different homes almost every year of her life.

Thelma is survived by her children, Betty Carr of Paul, Rich Stott of Burley and James Letroy (Sharon) Stott of Plains, Montana; sisters, Alta Lovoy of Rupert and Rose Mary "Dorothy" (Claude) Lovess of Garland, Utah; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sisters, Melva Bartholomew and Ella Richardson; brothers, Alonzo Lee Bartholomew, Letroy

devoted mother and grandmother; and a son, Donald Bartholomew, Richard Jensen May and Ralph Jensen May, a son, Clark B. Stott, and a great-grandson, Brandon Griffiths.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1330 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Marion Cemetery.

The family expresses their appreciation to IHC Hospice and to the staff of Highland Estates for the tender and loving care shown to Thelma and family.

Dollie 'Margaret' (Heck) Kayes



TWIN FALLS — Dollie "Margaret" (Heck) Kayes, 83, of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl, went home to her Lord and Savior July 21, 2006, after a short but brave battle with lung cancer.

Margaret was born January 16, 1943, in St. Louis, Mo., to Millie Ellen (Poff) and Tom Kay, the 11th of 13 children. She moved to Idaho at the age of 3 and was raised in Twin Falls. She married Philip W. Heck on September 1, 1959, divorcing 32 years later. Through their union, Margaret became the loving and gracious mother of eight children to whom she devoted her entire life. At the age of 21, she was awarded the youngest mother with the most children (five) through her church. At 26, she was awarded "Mother of the Year" through the same church.

Margaret enjoyed and bestowed upon her children the joys of camping, fishing, sewing, crocheting, embroidery and more. Always an excellent cook and her meals, which were available for any and all who came through her door, will be greatly missed. Margaret was always the first to give and last to expect anything in return. Never have there been a more loving and devoted mother and grand-

Margaret is survived by six of her eight children, David (Gertie) Heck of Buhl, Timothy Heck, Kerry (Terry) Pratt, Debbie Heck, Randy (Mirela) Heck and Sarah (Cliff) Heck-Towne, all of Twin Falls; and son-in-law, Burke Nelbaur of Rupert. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Brenda Burlington of Jerome and Nancy Reisenauer of Spokane, Wash.; brother, Clifford "Bud" Kay, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Margaret was welcomed into heaven by the loving arms of her daughter, Shelly Heck Nelbaur, and son, Rusty Heck; her parents, Millie and Tom Kay; three sisters; and six brothers.

Mom is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all. Though she is absent in body, her spirit, strength and hope shall always be with us. May God keep her in perfect peace.

Special thanks to Leita and MYRMC Home Health and Hospice for their caring support of Mom and the Idaho Youth Ranch.

At Margaret's request, there will be a graveside service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Former Spokane mayor James E. West dies

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Former Mayor James E. West, 82, died Saturday after a long battle with cancer that was recurred from illness over an Internet gay sex scandal, died Saturday of complications from recent cancer surgery. He was 82.

The conservative former Republican state Senate majority leader was diagnosed in early

2003 with colon cancer that later spread to his liver. A statement issued by a University of Washington Medical Center said his family and pastor were at his side at the hospital. "As a family we wish to thank the caregivers at University of Washington Medical Center, and the many friends of Jim for their support and prayers," the

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Denny Beck

BURLEY — Jay Denny Beck, a 7-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday July 20, 2006, at his home from complications from progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Burley, Idaho, the oldest child of Grant Beck and Phyllis Marie Warren Beck. He received his education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School. He married Peggy Louise Mosso on Sept. 15, 1961, in Burley. They were sealed for time and all eternity on Jan. 21, 1971, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

At an early age, Denny was taught the value of hard work as he farmed with his father. He continued this tradition when he farmed with his children years later. The value of honesty and integrity was instilled in his children's hearts as they worked side-by-side as "one" on the family farm. He was always proud of his heritage and was insistent in sharing this principle of pride in his family.

In Denny's earlier years, he enjoyed snowmobiling and team roping and also loved to elk hunt in the fall. Most important to Denny was his family. He loved them all and he and Peggy had a special smile and hug for each of his grandchildren.

Denny was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a man of great faith and integrity and served willingly in many callings including Bishop of the Star Ward. He was very proud of his 100 percent home teaching record and throughout his life, his gifts of clarity and love blessed all who knew him. Many grew and learned to appreciate the example set by him.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Peggy Beck of Burley, his children, Alyssa (Rick) Robinson of Oakley, Michael (Tammi) Beck of Burley, Angie (Kevin) Neuberger of Midway, and Gary (Shalene) Beck of Bellevue and Johnny (Cori) Beck of South Jordan, Utah; his living mother, Bernice Beck of Burley; siblings, Sandy Beck of Marsden, David (Susan) Beck and Bonnie (Chad) Jones, all of Burley; his sisters-in-law, Susan Beck of Kaysville, Utah; 19 grandchildren; and his uncle, J. Weldon Beck of Burley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grant and Phyllis; one brother, Garth Beck; his father and mother-in-law, Lyonel and Ida Mosso; and a brother-in-law, Gary Crawford.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to Idaho Home Health and Hospice Inc., Rupert, especially Pauline Chavez, Melissa Davids, Toni and Carmel for the tender care shown to Denny.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the Pella LDS First and Second Ward Chapel, 160 W. 400 S. in Burley with bishop Bret Robins officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Pleasant View Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church. The family suggests memorials be directed to a charity of choice.

Milfoil invades another lake

PRIEST LAKE (AP) — As officials in northern Idaho begin an eradication campaign against European milfoil, the invasive weed has found its way into another lake. Two organizations, the Idaho Eurasian Milfoil Task Force and the Selkirk Conservation Alliance, said the weed has been spotted in Priest Lake.

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

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N N	EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS: The House on July 19 failed, 235 for and 193 against, to reach the two-thirds majority needed to override President Bush's veto of a bill (HR 810) to expand federal financing of embryonic stem-cell research beyond limits he set in 2001. A yes vote was to enact the bill.
Y Y	NON-EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS: Voting 273 for and 154 against, the House on July 18 failed to reach a two-thirds majority needed to send President Bush a bill (S 2754) directing the Department of Health and Human Services to fund stem-cell research that excludes the use of human embryos and develop a detailed plan for such funding. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
N N	EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS: Voting 63 for and 37 against, the Senate on July 18 sent the White House a bill (HR 810) to extend federal financing of embryonic stem-cell research beyond limits set by President Bush. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y Y	NON-EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS: Voting 100 for and none against, the Senate on July 18 sent the House a bill (S 2754) directing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial support of stem-cell research that does not involve human embryos. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y Y	BAN ON FETUS FARMS: Voting 100 for and none against, the Senate on July 18 sent the House a bill (S 3504) making it illegal for one to solicit or accept fetal tissue generated specifically for embryonic stem-cell research. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y Y	SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BAN: Voting 236 for and 187 against, the House on July 19 sent the White House a bill (HR 2389) stripping federal courts of jurisdiction over the Pledge of Allegiance. The measure would give state courts sole authority to judge whether the words "under God" in organized pledge recitals at schools violate the constitutional separation of church and state. A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.
Y Y	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Voting 260 for and 167 against, the House on July 19 sent the Senate a bill (HR 2389) stripping federal courts of jurisdiction over the Pledge of Allegiance. The measure would give state courts sole authority to judge whether the words "under God" in organized pledge recitals at schools violate the constitutional separation of church and state. A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.
Y N	OMAN TRADE AGREEMENT: Voting 221 for and 205 against, the House on July 20 sent President Bush a bill (HR 5694) to implement a free-trade accord with the Arab Gulf state of Oman. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y Y	U.S. PORT SECURITY: Voting 227 for and 196 against, the House on July 20 blocked a Democratic bid to strip the U.S.-Oman trade agreement of language allowing Oman interests to perform work such as cargo handling and dock maintenance at U.S. ports. A yes vote was to advance the trade pact.
Y Y	SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL: The House on July 20 adopted, 410 for and eight against, a measure (H Res 821) supporting Israel in its ongoing military campaign against the militant Islamic organizations Hezbollah and Hamas. A yes vote backed the resolution.
Y Y	VOTING RIGHTS ACT: Voting 98 for and none against, the Senate on July 20 sent President Bush a bill (HR 5694) to extend the Voting Rights Act for 25 years beyond its scheduled expiration next year. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
N N	CORPS OF ENGINEERS OVERSIGHT: Voting 54 for and 46 against, the Senate on July 19 approved an amendment requiring outside review of Army Corps of Engineers projects when the cost is more than \$40 million, a state governor requests special oversight, another federal agency challenges the project or the Army secretary declares the project to be controversial. A yes vote backed the amendment.

Sawtooth Wilderness bill vote is Monday

HOUSE (AP) — A bill that would designate 492 square miles in central Idaho as protected wilderness in exchange for a controversial transfer of public lands to state and local governments will face a floor vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on Monday.

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Mary Carlisle

BLISS — Mary Arlene Haddock Carlisle, 60, a resident of Bliss, died Monday, July 17, 2006, at her home.

Mary was born to Huber and Esther Haddock in Visalia, California, on March 11, 1946. She was one of five girls, all of whom attended Linwood Grammar School, a three-room school. Mary continued her education by graduating from Mt. Whitney High School and College of the Sequoias in Visalia. She attained her bachelor's degree at the University of California at Davis and, during that time, she met Stan Carlisle. After marrying in December of 1968, Mary completed her master's degree work at the Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Mary was an outstanding student who learned to play the piano and the flute and was a very active 4-H member as a child. She became a very accomplished seamstress and taught sewing at Lane Community College in Oregon.

Mary and Stan moved to Bliss, Idaho, in 1973, and soon had to learn to milk a cow, milking 30 or 35 a day for many years. She was known in Bliss as a good friend or a for-

midable foe. Mary and Stan together proudly raised their Diamond 5 registered herd of Herefords, and Mary was an active partner in farming; the computer helped. Mary kept good records, and only she and QuickBooks knew the bottom line about Diamond 5 Ranch. Mary moved her last field of hay on the day she died July 17, 2006.

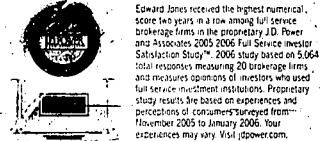
Mary was a member of the Gooding County Farm Bureau and the Purple Sage Cowbodies, where she was a past president.

Mary is survived by her husband, Stan; her sisters, Ann (Charles) Wise, Margaret (Marvin) Hughes and Mildred (John) Gault; brother-in-law, Jim (Jan) Carlisle; and sisters-in-law, Marilyn Carlisle and Susan (John) McVay; as well as many aunts and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Marie Haddock.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be sent to the donors' favorite charities.

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Hansen schools prepare for new school year

HANSEN — Hansen schools are preparing for the 2006-2007 school year. All new students, preschool through sixth grade, may register from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14 through Aug. 25 at the elementary school.

Parents or legal guardians must bring a certified birth certificate and an up-to-date immunization record in order to register their child. Students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2006.

Class supply lists are posted at the elementary school and at the following vendors: Shook's Target, Kings Harvests, K-Mart, Fred Meyer and Wal-Mart in Jerome.

In addition, the Hansen schools, in cooperation with parents and non-public school agencies, engages in Child Find services throughout the school year.

Child Find activities are conducted to create public awareness of special education programs, advise the public of the rights of students, and alert residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities.

If anyone knows of a child who is 3 through 21 years of age who may have individual needs that result from disabilities or developmental delays, and who is not enrolled in the school program, call Cathie Standley or Dennis Coulter at 423-5475 or 423-6387.

Rupert Centennial group announces events

RUPERT — The Rupert Centennial Committee announces its schedule of events for July and August.

"The Moving Wall Vietnam Memorial will be available for viewing at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, July 26



The Minidoka Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to five local Key Club scholars. The \$400 scholarships were awarded based on activities, Key Club participation, leadership and scholarship. Pictured, left to right, Brad Seger, scholarship chairman; Joan Beron, Kimberly Key Club advisor; Mary Beth Palen, Kara Lundy and Morgan Price, all Kimberly High School award recipients; and Brian Turner, Twin Falls Minidoka president. Award recipients not pictured are Muzel Sullivan, Magic Valley Christian High School, and Timothy Husztrak, Twin Falls High School.

to 31. For more information, call Larry at 436-5273.

Entries for the Minidoka County Fair should be entered July 31. Judging will be Aug. 1. For antique exhibit information, call Gary at 436-3982.

Aug. 5 will be Go-Cart Races around the Rupert Square. For more information, call Bob at 431-8030.

Aug. 20 is Farm Workers Appreciation Day on the Rupert Square.

Sept. 7 to 9 is "A Walk Through History" tour at the Minidoka, Acquia and Rupert Cemeteries. For more information, call Roberta at 436-4554.

Minico class of 1986 reunion coming up fast

RUPERT — The Minico High School class of 1986 reunion will be held Aug. 4 to 5.

Those planning to attend should RSVP at Highschoolforever.com, or call Susan Fleck at 412-486-4416 by July 21.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced July 17 results.

North/south: first, Warren and Faun McIntire; second, Marian Snow and Lila Buman; third, Dolly Freiburger and Katherine Carson; and fourth, Ella Anness and Lola Moorman.

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

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert. All area bridge players are invited.

For more information, call 878-3997.

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Lincoln County 4-H/FEA members and the Market-Animal-Sale Committee thank all the past supporters of our Lincoln County fat stock sale.

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Local women receive Job's Daughters awards

BURLEY — Becky Joosten and Carleen Clayville were honored recently by Job's Daughters.

Joosten, a graduate of Minico High School, received an educational scholarship at the annual Job's Daughters Grand Session in McColl. This Degree of Royal Purple is awarded to a majority members (former Jobbies) who are at least 25 years of age.

Clayville of Rupert was awarded the highest honor given to adults working with Job's Daughters at the grand session — In McColl. This Degree of Royal Purple is awarded to a majority members (former Jobbies) who are at least 25 years of age.

and attends Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., where she will be a sophomore this fall.

The Burley/Rupert Job's Daughters hold fund-raisers throughout the year to contribute to the scholarship fund.

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served on Bethel councils and made outstanding contributions to the Bethel Guardian Council above and beyond the usual responsibilities.

Clayville has held many offices in the Burley/Rupert Bethel, including Bethel guardian and in the Grand Council of Idaho.

Local student on dean's list at Albright College

READING, Pa. — Manuela Gonzalez of Twin Falls, a sophomore psychology major and graduate of Twin Falls High School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Albright College. Students must attain at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible for the dean's list.

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Owl deaths unnerv researchers

Frequent kills reported on I-84

By Heath Drizin
The Idaho Statesman



Boise State University graduate student **Thom Boves** holds a barn owl he found dead along Interstate 84 on June 10 while on a drive from Boise to Burley.

BOISE — A speckled wing pokes out from the bunch grass beside Interstate 84, wobbling in the wind that scours the scrubby high desert. Graduate student Thom Boves pulls the truck to the side of the road and picks up the lifeless bird with his bare hands, examining its dusky brown body before putting it in a plastic bag.

The carcass is a barn owl that likely met its end as it tracked a rodent to the pavement, reacting too late to an oncoming vehicle. It's a scene repeating itself at an alarming rate on the Interstate, raising environmental, safety and agricultural concerns.

Many of these dead owls are finding their way into a freezer bursting with feather-filled plastic bags at the Raptor Research Center of Capitol Boulevard in Boise. This is where Boves, who is studying raptor biology at Boise State University, is conducting an exhaustive, long-term study on barn owl deaths between Boise and Burley.

Up to 2,500 owls have been killed along the roadway in the past two years, and researchers are worried the deaths may be greatly reducing the population, even raising the spectre of localized extinctions.

Barn owl numbers have been declining around the world for decades, but the numbers in southern Idaho are particularly striking because no one thought many lived in the area to begin with, Boves said. Southern Idaho is the northern edge of the barn owl's inland North American range, which stretches from coast to coast. In Europe, some countries with dead mortality rates similar to south Idaho have seen localized extinctions.

No one knows how many of the ghost-faced owls live in southern Idaho. The birds are nocturnal and secretive, making population studies difficult, said raptor biologist Carl Marti, who has done extensive studies on the owls. But Marti said the numbers from the study likely mean lower population are being heavily affected.

"I've been rather surprised at the numbers he's been finding out there," he said.

Boves is working with BSU professor Jim Belthoff on the study and has been doing his twice-monthly surveys for two

years. During that time he's found more than 800 dead barn owls. Accounting for owls he doesn't find and carcasses carried away by scavengers, he estimates as many as 3.5 times that many have been killed.

On a recent survey, Boves found about 15 owls from the edge of Boise to Burley. And that's just a piece of Interstate 84. There's anecdotal evidence that the road mortality extends to other south Idaho roads and further down the freeway.

It's fairly clear the owls are being hit by vehicles. But why barn owls are dying at a rate more than 10 times that of the next-most-frequently found bird is unknown, Boves said. The owls appear to be hunting before they die. Some have been found with a vole in their talons and many have undigested voles in their stomachs, and likely follow rodents to the road and sometimes across it.

The numbers have surprised everyone, including the researchers conducting the study, Boves said.

"When the public thinks of roadkill, they think of mammals running across the road," he said.

One theory is that the owls are getting nonlethal poisoning from pesticides in their agricultural hunting areas, Boves said. The poisoning could affect their central nervous system, making them a little slow to react to vehicles.

Boves has been conducting surveys for two years but has yet to see a barn owl get hit. In fact, he estimates he's seen only three living barn owls in the wild. Short of setting up video cameras at hot spots (a possibility Boves and Belthoff have discussed) it's difficult to do more than extrapolate from the dead bird's injuries about what may have happened to the owls.

Winter is peak time for owl deaths and Boves often gets on the road at dawn and doesn't

get back until after dark. To better spot the carcasses, which are sometimes hidden by brush, Boves drives 20 mph under the speed limit in the slow lane, pulling over often and dodging 85-mph traffic to retrieve owls.

For every nesting owl killed, a score of rodents get a reprieve. A barn owl nest can have six to 11 young, each capable of eating a rodent a day, and the owls often nest twice a year, said Bill Mattox, president of the Conservation Research Foundation. That means fewer rodents chewing crops and is the reason Mattox's environmental research foundation is trying to convince farmers to install nest boxes for barn owls in southwest Idaho.

Through the I-84 study involves an area composed of 40 percent agricultural land, 60 percent of the owls have been found in agricultural areas, meaning they likely ate rodents that fed on crops.

Owls can save farmers thousands of dollars a year in pesticides, one reason farmers should be concerned about the road deaths, Mattox said.

"Most farmers recognize the benefit of these birds but, nevertheless, today there's a remnant of the old mentality of, 'If it's a hawk or an owl, you shoot it,'" Mattox said.

Timber fires march on

By Jesse Harlan Alderman
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Two wildfires burning in rugged stretches of pine forest in the Idaho Rockies are still growing, crawling up steep, rocky terrain arid, in one case, threatening nearby homes.

The Trailhead Fire burning along densely forested slopes near Grandjean, about 10 miles west-southwest of Stanley by air, did not grow substantially on Saturday, said Ed Waldpafel at Sawtooth National Forest headquarters in Twin Falls.

Fire movement slowed considerably after growing from 250 to about 750 acres — about 1-1/2 square miles — on Friday. Firefighters were aided overnight by an inversion layer that blanketed the tree line and prevented smoke from rising, and by a fleeting shower late Saturday afternoon.

Crews were gaining the upper hand, but continued to face brutal conditions on the ground where temperatures were hovering around 100 degrees and walls of flame persisted in steep, dry stands of lodgepole pine, subalpine fir and Douglas fir, Waldpafel said.

"The fire is not expected to be contained until Wednesday, but crews are curbing the spread of flames by drenching surrounding avalanche chutes with aerial water drops, Waldpafel said.

"We have taken advantage of natural barriers because it's really a sunny country up there," he said. "It's tough to build lines on all the rocky slopes. We don't want anybody to get hurt, that's the main priority."

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"We're going to want a cross section of the community, business people and retired people" board member Shirley Gailey said. "Really, it should be anyone who's interested."

Based on subdivision development plans provided by engineers at Filer Mutual Telephone Co., rough estimates are about 0.5 new students for each of the 200 to 300 homes projected to be built in the next year.

"Prior to January 2006 we were only aware of two housing developments in the Filer area, but since then we've got

ten four more requests," said Jon Lantz, Filer Mutual Telephone Co. general manager. "We could have more plans by year's end."

The district had 1,380 students attending elementary through high school in 2006. About 170 of those were students from outside the district.

Individuals interested in participating on the committee should contact the Filer School District office at 326-5981.

Correspondent John E. Swayze lives in Filer. He can be reached at 326-2212 or by e-mail at swayze@aol.com.

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Dutch oven treats

Teams whip up tasty fare at Pioneer Days cook-off

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

OAKLEY — If you think Dutch oven means barbecued ribs, Dutch oven potatoes and peach cobbler, think again.

The fare was more than fair, according to the judges Friday at the Oakley Pioneer Days Dutch Oven Cook-off, even if the number of contestants was low.

Six teams competed in three categories, so everyone went home with prizes, thanks to sponsors such as Project Mutual Telephone, Zion's Bank, D.L. Evans Bank, A to Z Heating, and several others. Scott and Brett Arneel walked away with top prize in the youth division, as they were the only team that entered.

"Last year we had seven youth teams so you just never know," said cook-off spokeswoman Vicki Balbutin. "The field was small this year, but the food was great and the dishes were all quite unique." In the novice division, Melissa and Maryanne Clark won a new Dutch oven with their recipe for "Grandpa Crockett's Funeral Potatoes," a twist on the normal sliced potato with onion and cheese.

John, Burch and Darrell McFarland also walked away with a Dutch oven with their chuck wagon pork chop dish. It was served with baby carrots in a spicy sauce made from cream of celery soup and onion soup mix.

The winning novice team, Tyler Reagan and Trisha Ann, Reagan, also picked pork for its Team Staffed Apple Nurk Chops.

Two teams competed in the championship division, running neck in neck in 100 points but the proof was in the



Tom Reagan and Trisha Jackson serve up their smoked pork ribs Friday to judges at the Oakley Pioneer Days Dutch Oven Cook-off in Oakley. The team took second place in the championship division.

preparation in this contest. "The Ketterlings won because the Reagans failed to get their main dish cooked quite enough," said judges Basil and Rowena Fairchild. "The Reagans had an impeccable

presentation with wonderful garnishes and display, but their main dish just wasn't quite cooked done enough and that is the real gist of the contest." Rowena Fairchild said Alicia

and Ryan Ketterling served up a Cornish hen dish that was "to die for." Added Fairchild: "I remember the effort Alicia made last year with her daughter and she has literally come full circle."

Burley woman loved music, family

By Treva Tegen
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Edith Marchant Dunn sang in a number of choirs, duets and productions for 60 years. In fact, her love of music was second only to her love of family.

She died July 8 at Parke View Cancer and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born July 25, 1911, in Fisher City, Utah. She was the fourth of eight children born to Stanley and Hattie Marchant. Her family moved to Burley a year after she was born and she grew up in the area performing or singing in her Sunday school and community productions.

After high school she attended Brigham Young University and participated in music programs through the university. While there she met Bert Corless. They married and had a son, Earl Corless. The family moved to Salt Lake City in the 1940s. While in Salt Lake, Edith was in the choir, and was recognized for, and was accepted to, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Those who knew her often heard Edith speak fondly of her time with the choir. Edith and her family moved to the Jackson area near Rupert to farm after only a few years in Salt Lake City.

"She always adjusted well to change," Earl Corless said of his mother.

After the couple divorced, Edith moved to Twin Falls where she worked at The Vogue for several years. After the store closed she had an opportunity to move to California with a friend and work at Ar. I. Maglin & Co., a luxury department store in San Mateo, Calif. While living in California, Edith found, not one, but two choirs in which to sing. Each Sunday she would attend a morning and then an evening church meeting to be part of the choir who were under the same director.

She met and married



Grandell Dunn in 1959. Grandell had three children of his own. Son (Shaw), Greg (Dunn) and Carmen (Brewerton), and Edith loved them like they were her own.

Edith was a caretaker by nature. Whenever someone was in need she was there. When her mother was injured she moved in with her parents for a time to help out.

She also came to the aid of two of her sisters when they were ill, caring for them and doing whatever she could to

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she was a nursing angel," says her sister Nona Jacobs.

After Grandell passed away, Edith served a mission for her church in Boca Raton, Fla. She also spent a lot of time traveling with the BYU Alumni Tours, seeing such sites as China, Europe, Russia, Australia and more.

"Of course she continued singing throughout her life. She and her sister Nona were frequently asked to sing duets at weddings, funerals and gatherings."

"She taught me two things: One was cooking. The other was the example she set. I never heard her say anything unkind about anybody. That is something I would really like to pass on to a my children," said Nona Dunn Shaw, a stepdaughter.

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Mixed market



Twin Falls residents Dave and Shelly McAlindin, who are heading to Arizona, have their house up for sale and are seeing a slight slowdown in the over-\$300,000 market. Mary Shaw is their listing agent.

Photo by JULE PENCE/Times-News

Fast rising

MV values increase at unheard-of rate

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — If you think all that extra traffic you're seeing on the roads these days indicates growth in Magic Valley, you're right.

"We've been discovered," says Dave McAlindin, who finished a week ago Friday as the economic director for the city of Twin Falls. Recent population estimates for the city of Twin Falls indicate the town has grown over 9 percent since 2000.

And the law of supply and demand is at work. Prices for houses under construction that will sell for under \$200,000 are escalating almost daily. Appraiser Doug Vollmer speculated that in some of the most desirable areas, new homes have appreciated between 30 and 40 percent over the past year. He also said he has seen actual bidding wars over some real estate. Olivia Rowe, executive director for the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, said average appreciation for all housing in Magic Valley over the past year is 28 percent.

There are 4,000 new houses scheduled for the city of Twin Falls and 1,500 for Jerome, according to city officials. That doesn't account for the country subdivisions in Jerome and Twin Falls counties, not to mention new construction in Gooding and Lincoln counties.

The hottest towns? Twin Falls remains the most desirable place to live, said broker Sid Lezamis, but people are viewing nearby towns such as Kimberly, Filer and Jerome as excellent alternatives since homes there are a bit more affordable. In fact, from the east side of Magic Valley to the west, real estate is moving. "People are willing to drive if they pay a little less for their homes," Lezamis said.

A combination of factors are driving up house prices. "Land is the driving force right now — raw development ground," Lezamis said. "There is huge appreciation with any kind of land that has development potential."

Some lot prices have almost doubled in the past four years, said Vollmer. In just the past year and a half, some lots in good locations have increased by up to 60 percent, Lezamis said.

But besides the cost of land increasing, so has the cost of materials. For example, electrical wiring increased by almost 400 percent, Lezamis noted.

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Local real estate hotter than a pistol in some sectors, cooling off in others

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — After a year of remodeling and updating their 3,600-square-foot two-story home in Twin Falls, Dave McAlindin and his wife, Shelly, have put their house up for sale.

They plan to move to Arizona where Dave has a new job. Because they are asking over \$300,000, they might have to wait a while.

But in today's market, "a while" means only a few weeks. If their house had been appraised at under \$150,000, in today's Magic Valley real estate market they could probably sell their home before the for-sale sign had even been planted in the ground. Real estate in the lower price ranges is so white hot that a buyer should offer his best bid the first time negotiations begin, advises Olivia Rowe, executive director of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

"The days of wheeling and dealing are gone," Rowe said. "If you don't make your best offer right at the beginning, someone else will come in and get it."

It's a bit like the market in which Jerome real estate broker Bonny Ross started her career in the late 1970s — rapidly escalating prices and quick sales. However, the market Ross is watching now is even more frenetic.

"Right now, houses in some



Real estate broker Bonny Ross has seen the ups and the downs in Magic Valley real estate during her almost 30 years in the industry. She says the current market is the hottest she has ever witnessed.

price ranges are selling in 24 hours," Ross said. "I've never seen it like this before."

Mainly, it's retirees and young families snapping up those houses in the lower price ranges. They find the Magic Valley area attractive because of its low cost of living and an uncomplicated life style, McAlindin said.

But nothing lasts forever, and some people are wondering if the Magic Valley is in for a repeat of the early 1980s, which presented real estate agents and sellers with a major correction of the '80s market. Magic Valley was in a recession, and houses would sit for months, even years before selling.

If there is a correction in the current real estate market, it won't be dramatic, says

McAlindin, who has been the economic director for the city of Twin Falls for the past 10 years.

"The economy is too good here," he said. "We have a 2.9 percent unemployment rate and there are jobs out there that people can't fill."

"It's about supply and demand. The companies looking to come here want to know if we have affordable housing, and I say, 'We kick butt there.'"

Others agree that Magic Valley probably isn't facing any significant correction in real estate.

"The market is already softening a little," said broker Sid Lezamis. "But the bottom line is, we are going to continue to see growth in Magic Valley."

Lezamis said a minor correction

New real estate agents face grueling preparation, work schedule

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Over the past year, Mary Shaw's cell phone has become her most prized possession, she says.

That's how long she has been selling real estate. She checks her phone several times a day, since it is one of the lifelines to her business — along with her car, her computer and her two-inch thick real estate manuals she acquired when she attended real estate school in Boise for two weeks a year ago.

Shaw is one of 400 real estate agents in Magic Valley. Like children drawn to a Christmas tree with colorful

gifts piled high underneath it, more people than ever are being attracted locally to real estate in hopes of cashing in. Just since the beginning of 2006, there have been 75 people get their licenses to sell in Magic Valley, said Olivia Rowe, executive director of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Two weeks might not seem like much time to put into preparing for a new career, but Shaw said, "People think becoming a real estate agent is easy, but it's not. It's not easy at all."

First Shaw had to sit in a classroom for eight hours a

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pleasure would actually be good because it would help to stabilize the market.

"We've seen a little bit of a slowdown in outlying states. That was what was fueling our market," he said.

McAlindin explained, "If it takes longer to sell your house in Arizona or California and you have to lower the price to do it, it means it takes those people longer to move here and they bring less money with them."

Appraiser and developer Doug Vollmer joked, "If it went down by 25 percent, we probably wouldn't notice."

But still, selling a house is usu-

ally nerve-wracking, and the McAlindins would like to see a sale sooner rather than later. Their niche — the over-\$300,000 market — just happens to be the first to slow down.

"We're seeing people in the over-\$300,000 range having to wait a little longer now," Ross said.

Vollmer explained, "We're an ag-based economy in this valley. We don't have the Microns, Hewlett-Packards and

Alberston's like they have in the Boise valley, so there are fewer people who can afford the more expensive homes. Half of the houses that sell here are what we call starrer homes."

Verve finds niche in climbing, yoga apparel

By Joshua Lindenstein
Daily Camera

BOULDER, Colo. — Back when Christian Griffith started his rock-climbing apparel company in 1998, yoga was still considered fairly eccentric and New Age. Now it's used widely by people who just want to feel like new.

In the past few years, yoga has even rejuvenated Verve, Griffith's Boulder-based busi-

ness. Once a pioneering venture as one of the few climbing-specific apparel companies in the world, Verve is now just as well known for its appeal to the yoga market.

Griffith, who grew up in Boulder, earned degrees in philosophy and psychology from the University of Colorado and was one of the top climbers in the nation in his prime, says at least 60 percent of Verve's sales now are made by the yoga com-

munity.

It's a recent shift, and one that came not a moment too soon for Verve, which fell on hard times during the economic downturn earlier this decade.

Large retailers like REI and Eastern Mountain Sports and their abilities to offer greater economies of scale make life difficult for small companies like Verve. Other small climbing-oriented companies that have popped up around the

globe have diminished demand for Verve clothing, and a shift in the market toward more style and less function has also affected Verve's sales.

But with the explosion of yoga in the United States, Verve struck a chord with a new crowd.

"Yoga is a young market and so there's a lot of new people coming into that activity,"

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Christian Griffith poses at his Verve's company offices with his dogs, Sicily, left, and Lucy, May 5 in Boulder, Colo.

YOUR BUSINESS

Joshua Palmer

TWIN FALLS — Joshua Palmer, a reporter for the *Times-News*, has received three awards from the Oregon News Publishers Association for the 2006 Better News paper reporting competition.

He won first place for Personality in the Feature Story, as well as third place for Best General Feature Story. He also won third place for Best Writing.

All three awards were given for articles he wrote for the *West-Lane News* in Veneta, Ore., while he was a student at the University of Oregon.

Eric Victor

GOODING — Gooding County Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Department announced the addition of Eric Victor, physical therapist, as the new rehabilitation services director.

Victor is originally from the Magic Valley area. He has worked in New Mexico, Alaska, Washington and most recently Oregon. He received his Master of Science in physical therapy at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and has degrees from the Idaho State University and Hicks College. Victor and his wife have two children.

Carol Nelson

GOODING — Gooding County Memorial Hospital announced the addition of Carol Nelson, physician assistant, to the emergency room department.

Nelson has over thirteen years of experience in the field of emergency medicine and has spent her entire career practicing in rural hospitals, most recently Texas, Wyoming, and Montana.

Barb Turner

TWIN FALLS — Barb Turner has joined Paternal Insurance as a producer for their employee benefits division.

Turner has been involved in the medical and life insurance industry for 26 years.

Brian Messmer

JACKPOT, Nev. — Brian Messmer, principal of Jackpot Combined School, recently attended the fifth annual Summer Leadership Institute of The Principals' Partnership, a program of the Union Pacific Foundation. The Principals' Partnership is a nationally recognized professional development program involving 1,000 public high school lead-

ers. During the four-day institute, Messmer participated in sessions on brain-based learning, improving literacy, smaller learning communities, leadership in an age of accountability, closing the achievement gap, and using data to improve schools, among other topics.

More information about The Partnership can be found on its Web site, www.principalspartnership.com.

Shanna Harrison

JEROME — Shanna Harrison has joined the team at Westerra Real Estate Group as an agent. She brings with her two years experience in property and residential sales and is available at Westerra's Jerome office on South Lincoln.

Harrison has lived in the Magic Valley her entire life and resides in Jerome with her husband and son.

Trini Whitty

KETCHUM — Idaho Independent Bank announced the appointment of Trini Whitty as a consumer loan officer. She has 12 years banking experience. Prior to joining Idaho Independent Bank, she was a service manager for another local financial institution.

Whitty has been involved with Blaine County communities for the last 17 years. She is active in the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce and previously served as secretary/treasurer for the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Adam Adams

Administration in Finance and Management.

Adams has passed the certified public accountant exam and is currently awaiting licensure. He is working on his Master's of Accountancy with emphasis on Taxation. Since his employment, he has developed skills and knowledge in compilation, reviews, research, and tax returns.

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Fernando Cortez-Gonzalez

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced that Fernando Cortez-Gonzalez of Filer graduated July 10th with a Class A commercial driver's license with endorsements.

Accountants

TWIN FALLS — Cooper Norman

Cooper Norman announced the addition of two new employees.

Bill Miller joined the Cooper Norman team in June. He recently graduated from Utah State University in May 2005 with a Masters of Accountancy and an emphasis in Professional Accountancy.

Miller is currently sitting for the certified public accountant exam and hopes to complete it during 2006. Since his employment, he has developed skills and knowledge in compilation, reviews, research, and tax returns.

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TWIN FALLS — Edward Jones investment representative

Trevor Tarter recently received the A. F. McKenzie Achievement Award for his outstanding sales and service efforts over the past year. The award is named for Al McKenzie, who developed the firm's training program during his nearly 60 years of service with Edward Jones.

Tarter was one of only 1,566 of the firm's more than 9,000 investment representatives to receive the award. He has been serving the Twin Falls area since 2001.

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Fitnes coaches

TWIN FALLS — Body IQ Women's Fitness Center announced the addition of two new employees.

Both Bagwell is a fitness coach. She has been involved in many aspects of athletic training for a number of years.

She graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in English and Communications and works full time as a Recreation Coordinator for the City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

As a fitness coach, she is excited to learn and teach clients valuable knowledge that will help them achieve their own fitness goals.

Mandi Rucker is a fitness coach. She has lived in Twin Falls all of her life. She started Body IQ as a member and quickly became interested in learning more about fitness. She is excited to start her own physical therapy and injury prevention business. She is ready to help motivate others. She also enjoys scrapbooking and playing with her two children.

Bagwell and Rucker are in the year long apprentice program to become personal trainers. As part of their apprenticeship they are accepting new clients to train at no charge for the months of July and August. For more information, or to place an order, call 733-1173. Pictured, from left, are Steve and Andrea Seaman, owners; and Cass Spencer, sales.

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Clothes

Griffith says. That also means a lot of new people that are considering purchasing things like clothing.

"Climbing is much more established. I'm sure if you were to look at the growth curve, climbing I think as an activity either plateaued or hit a more modest growth curve probably about four or five years ago. Yoga, on the other hand, I think is still probably in the process of escalating.

"It certainly has allowed us to sustain a scale that, if we were exclusively climbing, we wouldn't have been able to maintain."

Griffith, who began climbing under the tutelage of local climbers, including Pat Arment, at the age of 12, founded Verve

Milestones

to supplement his income as a professional climber and as a way to get his own ideas into production.

He was a U.S. Climbing Team member from 1988-90. He was the 1991 Canadian national champion and 1994 U.S. champ. He spent five years as a route setter for national championships and world cups in the United States and has designed about 20 climbing gyms worldwide.

Verve's reputation in the climbing community was built on the back of Griffith's reputation, but later was reinforced by the clothing's durability and emphasis on function while still keeping aesthetics in mind.

At first, Verve's offerings were limited to a couple of pairs of climbing pants. Now the line includes chalk bags, shirts, jeans, jackets and other items, much of which is worn by local Verve-sponsored climbers like Johnny Colocoeche, Mallory Cox and Shannon Försman.

"His clothing line was one of the early examples of a style that's become really accepted," says Jeff Arctey, the former editor of *Climbing* magazine. "Christian pioneered a lot of those basic concepts."

Durable, loose-fitting and nonrestrictive, Verve clothing has caught the attention of yoga practitioners, who traditionally wore tighter fitting danteq, which could become uncomfortable.

"People who move and don't like to be encumbered wear his stuff," says Dan Michael, an instructor at the Yoga Workshop in Boulder.

Appealing to two very Boulder pastimes like yoga and rock climbing has certainly helped Verve thrive. But a third Boulder-esque aspect of Verve has also gained attention: It's the epitome of "locally made." More than 90 percent of Verve clothing is sewn by a crew of six or seven "granites" in their homes in Boulder and all of the clothes are made on American soil.

"For a long time, I think I kind of relied on my own reputation in the climbing industry to kind of carry the brand forward," says Griffith, who still climbs five days a week. "I wasn't going out enough and telling why the brand was significant.

"And now we're doing that. We're saying, 'Yeah, we are locally made.' We don't just go to China and find a cheap factory," even in tough economic times, Griffith says.

MILESTONES

BAKERY CELEBRATES



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Lazy Daisy Bakery located at 122 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls. They offer fresh baked items. They can also help with a party or a special event. For more information, or to place an order, call 733-1173. Pictured, from left, are Steve and Andrea Seaman, owners; and Cass Spencer, sales.

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MONEY

NextStudent offers private student loans

Market Wire

PHOENIX, Ariz. — There is an option for undergraduate and graduate students who have not yet applied for their student loans or for those without sufficient federal funds for the fall semester. Phoenix-based NextStudent, a premier education funding company, has a private student loan program to help undergraduate and graduate students receive the funding they need to get them through college.

NextStudent's Private Student Loans have no application deadlines or fees and are available throughout the year to help cover the total cost of a student's education, less financial aid. An annual maximum of \$40,000 or the calculated cost of attendance (lesser amount) is available with a program maximum of \$130,000. Private student loans pay for tuition and fees, housing, supplies and computers. Preapproval often is available in minutes when student

borrowers apply directly online with NextStudent's fast and easy application form. Qualification may be available with or without a co-signer. Through the program, loan funds go direct to the borrower. Student borrowers do not have to make payments until after they graduate, and there are many repayment options that can save money in addition. Interest payments could be tax deductible.

Eligibility requirements for NextStudent's Undergraduate and Graduate Student Loan Programs require that students be enrolled at least half time in a degree or certificate program at a TEI-approved school. The student loans can be used for distance learning and international studies as well. TEI, The Education Resources Institute, is a nonprofit institution that guarantees all NextStudent private loans.

With NextStudent's Private Student Loan Program, repayment begins six months after graduation or when a student

borrower drops to less than half-time enrollment status. Repayment is on a 20-year payment plan. For those students with balances of more than \$40,000, the repayment term may be extended to 25 years. The minimum payment on private student loans is \$25.

Student borrowers who need funds to make it through college or graduate school have the advantage of NextStudent's Private Loan Program to help them receive the education of their dreams. Student loan borrowers are not faced with the stress of application deadlines and can receive the funds they need anytime during the year.

NextStudent, <http://www.nextstudent.com/>, federal lender code B34051, is dedicated to helping students and their families find affordable ways to pay for college. NextStudent offers one-on-one education finance counseling and has a portfolio of highly competitive education finance products and services.

Survey of bloggers: Under 30 and sociable

By Kim Hart
The Washington Post

They consider themselves digital natives.

They're young. They're addicted to instant messaging and social networks. And they're more apt to dish about the drama at last night's party than the president's latest flap.

Bloggers have become influential fixtures in cyberspace, but the term covers about 12 million people who write online Web logs, known as blogs. The Pew Internet & American Life Project this week released a survey of bloggers aimed at getting a better grasp on who they are and why they do what they do.

The majority of bloggers, more than half of whom are younger than 30, use their blogs as a mode of creative expression, the survey found. Money-making possibilities motivate only 15 percent of bloggers, and most blog on a variety of topics, with 11 percent focusing on politics.

They are also likely to be

white than the general Internet-using population, and more than half live in suburban areas, according to Pew.

"Bloggers in general don't intend to have a lot of impact," said Amanda Lenhart, who directed the survey. "The motivation comes from within; it tends to be very personal. They're not out to change the world."

But blogs are changing the way people, particularly young adults, communicate. About 60 percent of bloggers maintain their Web sites to keep in touch with friends and family, and half of them blog to network or meet new people, the survey said.

Blogs are also gaining readers, even if it's fewer than 10 a day, which was reported by nearly 25 percent of the bloggers surveyed. The number of people regularly reading blogs has doubled in the past two years, and more than 49 million blogs are now on the Web, the blog-tracking service Technorati Inc. said.

"Of all the bloggers out there, there are only about 10,000

that have an audience beyond their friends and families," said B.L. Ochman, a business blogger who tracks online trends.

"It astounds me that people are willing to do this stuff without getting paid," Ochman said. "I come from a generation that gets paid for our work."

About 33 percent of bloggers see blogging as a form of journalism, the survey showed. "The average blogger is a 14-year-old girl writing about her cat," said Alexander Halavais, an assistant professor of interactive communications at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

LiveJournal is the most popular blog-hosting site, followed by MySpace, Blogger and Xanga. Text and photos tend to dominate blogs, but a growing number of bloggers are adding audio and video content. The typical blogger spends less than five hours per week pecking material on a blog, the survey shows.

"There's a new blog every five minutes," Ochman said. "Now everybody's got a printing press."

Plan designed to attract nurses

Newsday

Hospitals nationwide are desperate for nurses and are dangling everything from fat bonuses to cruises to lure them.

But the South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside, N.Y., is willing to go beyond that: It's building 22 brand-new 2-bedroom apartments and doling them out to recruits for a year, below-market prices.

"It's the first time I've heard of something like that being done in this region," said Henry Sikorski, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Farmingdale State University of New York.

But he isn't surprised. In Nassau and Suffolk Counties, the vacancy rate for

nursing positions is estimated at 10 percent compared with 8 percent in the state and 8 percent nationwide, according to a 2005 report from the Healthcare Association of New York State. An aging population and the profession's rapid turnover complicate the problem, experts say.

By 2014, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the nursing shortage to exceed 1.2 million.

At South Nassau, officials began hiring nurses from India and the Philippines to combat the crisis. They are not alone. Hospitals throughout the United States and in countries such as Britain, Ireland and Canada also are lining up to hire nurses from the two countries.

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FAMILY LIFE

YOU AND THE ONES YOU LOVE BEST

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One day at a time



Heather Harbaugh and her husband, T.J., attend a Sunday school class earlier this year at First Church of God in Jerome. Times-News readers met the Harbaughs in April in a three-part series on their meth addiction and recovery. Now, both are helping teach kids about drug abuse.

Recovering meth addicts still going strong

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — They say time heals all wounds.

There was never a truer adage for Heather and T.J. Harbaugh.

Two years ago, Heather was a couple of dozen pounds overweight, gaunt, helplessly addicted to methamphetamine and preparing to kill herself.

T.J. was at the top of the Magic Valley meth-dealing hierarchy, in prison and possibly facing 30 years behind bars.

Today, Heather and T.J. are married, living in a fixer-upper in Jerome, active in their church and — most importantly — meth free.

You may remember much of this from a series about the Harbaughs the Times-News published in April. Since those stories ran, the Harbaughs

How you met the Harbaughs

In April, the Times-News published a three-day series chronicling the slide into methamphetamine addiction, rock-bottom point, and eventual recovery of two Jerome residents who later reunited. This is an update on their progress.

have enjoyed a bit of regional fame which has gotten them back into the meth game — only this time, they're fighting meth, not using it.

Shortly after the stories were published, T.J. was contacted by a church group that wanted him to speak at a gathering near Rough Creek north of here. Never comfortable in front of a crowd, T.J. reluctantly agreed.

Before a crowd of about 80, many of them children, T.J. told his story. He spoke of the slip into drug addiction and the crimes he committed to support it. He spoke about get-

ting caught, going to jail and eventually realizing the error of his ways. And he threw in a bit of preaching, for good measure.

"I was a little nervous going up there," T.J. said. "But I'm pretty sure they got my message." It could happen to you. Heather has also found ways to keep children out of trouble. She volunteers as a youth group leader at her church, First Church of God, where she counsels kids every Wednesday evening.

T.J. sings in the gospel choir there. And, of course, the

Harbaughs still attend recovery meetings one night a week in Twin Falls.

On top of all that, Heather and T.J. manage six rental properties. And they've got their own house to fix up, too. Progress is slow going, but the Harbaughs know that good things come to those who work hard.

In their free time — which doesn't come as often as they'd like — Heather and T.J. go four-wheeling near Hagerman.

They are still very close with their families. Heather said church and family have been the keys to keeping the couple clean. But most integral to their recovery: each other. "Yeah," Heather said, "We're still doing OK." Together.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@tn.net.

ONLINE DATING

Baby, why does your MySpace profile still say 'single'?

By Abigail Tucker
The Baltimore Sun

Last semester, Bill Gostic, a junior at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, started hanging out with "this one girl. It was sort of romantic," he said. "But I told her I didn't want anything serious, just to have fun. And she said, 'Yeah, just for fun.'"

Gostic smiled ruefully. One night not long ago, he was clicking around Facebook.com, a social networking Web site popular with college students, and noticed that the girl's profile had changed. The box indicating her relationship status, which used to be checked "single," was suddenly, chillingly blank. He asked her about it; she said that she'd like both of them to switch their profiles to "in a relationship," and, if she didn't feel the same — well, they wouldn't be having so much fun anymore.

"Then it just became this slow struggle," Gostic said. He's still seeing her and has erased his single status, though he hasn't filled in the fatal "in a relation-



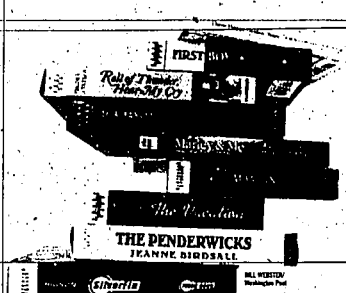
Johns Hopkins sophomore Steven Yang and girlfriend Desiree Vasquez make up — in person — after a spat the night before. 'Some things are best done in person,' Yang says.

ship" bubble. "I haven't canceled completely," he said. Young love, never easy, is now more tortured than ever thanks

to social Web sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Friendster, that ask users to define their dating status. Those in the first throes of passion

agonize over the right moment to check the "in a relationship" option; others who feel the fire

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Hit the road and read by ear

By Tracy Grant
The Washington Post

It's time to hit the road or head to the airport, for summer vacation.

The problem with going to the beach, the mountains or a national park is the time it takes to get there.

Reading is a great way to pass the time. So is listening. Some of these books on tape or CD are perfect for the whole family.

Others are meant just for you, kids: Slip on your headphones, look out the window and travel into a world all your own.

Dog days

• "A Dog's Life" by Ann M. Martin.

If you have ever wondered what a dog thinks, you'll find this as interesting as it is heartbreaking. The story is told from the perspective of Squirrel, a stray dog. How does she feel when another stray gets hit by a car? What is it like to go hungry? What does a dog think when her "people" leave? *Listening time:* 4 hours. *Read by* Wendy Dillon.

• "Marley & Me" by John Grogan.

This book is subtitled "Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog." That gives you a hint of the antics that play out as a football puppy turns into a 100-pound yellow Lab. Everyone listening with you will be laughing as Marley gets expelled from obedience school. *Listening time:* 6 hours. *Read by* author John Grogan.

Vacation views

• "The Penderwicks" by Jeanne Birdsall.

This wonderful story of four sisters on vacation celebrates the freedom, fun and friendship that make kid-dom and summer a perfect match. It will put you in the mood for a magical, memory-making holiday. *Listening time:* 6 hours 45 minutes. *Read by* Susan Denaker.

• "The Vacation" by Polly Horvath.

If the Penderwicks get the perfect vacation, then pity poor Henry, whose parents go off to Africa and leave him with his crazy uncles, Pigg and Magnolia. Henry's vacation takes him to Virginia Beach, the Florida Everglades (where he gets lost in the swamp) and finally to Oklahoma. You'll laugh at his exploits and admire that he's so sensible while surrounded by crazy adults. *Listening time:* 4 hours 41 minutes. *Read by* Kirby Heyborne.

• "These Happy Golden Years" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

A slightly older Laura — of Little House on the Prairie fame — gets ready to marry and move on to another chapter in her life. *Listening time:* 7 hours. *Read by* Cherry Jones.

Quick listens

These picks are perfect for a short car ride. Each lasts less than an hour, and listeners of all ages will enjoy them.

• "Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech. *Read by* Scott Wolf.

• "The Moryn Watson Collection" by Kate DiCamillo. *Read by* Ron McLary.

• "The Twits" by Roald Dahl. *Read by* Simon Callow.

• "Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker" by Megan McDonald. *Read by* Nancy Cartwright.

Still can't decide? Most public libraries have audio books — sometimes hundreds of titles.

never knew his father, and his mother died of cancer. Now life is about to get really complicated, as Alfred finds himself in "possession of Excalibur, King Arthur's legendary sword." For ages 11 and older. There are some gruesome battles! *Listening time:* 7 hours. *Read by* Paul Michael.

• "SilverFin" by Charlie Higson.

This novel is set in the 1930s when the boy who would become 007, James Bond, is starting boarding school. It's thrilling, but probably best for ages 11 and older, and definitely not for anyone afraid of eels! *Listening time:* 8 hours 30 minutes. *Read by* Nathaniel Parker.

• "First Boy" by Gary Schmidt.

Why would Cooper Lewett, a farm boy from New Hampshire, be getting visits from senators? Who would try to burn down his farm, and why does the president want to meet with him? You'll continue puzzling over this mystery long after you have finished it. Again, best for slightly older audiences. *Listening time:* 4 hours 47 minutes. *Read by* Jesse Berns.

Old favorites

• "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred D. Taylor.

In this story set in Mississippi during the Depression, Cassie Logan and her family fight for the respect that all people deserve but that blacks rarely received in the 1930s. *Listening time:* 7 hours 26 minutes. *Read by* Lynne Thigpen.

• "The Spies among us" by Rick Yancey.

Alfred has never fit in. He's awkward and big for his age. He has trouble in school. He

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

ANNIVERSARY

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors, Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Swedish meatballs with rice, vegetables, bread, fruit salad, pudding in a cloud
Tuesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, carrot salad, cherry cobbler
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad bar, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Ribcubes, potato salad, peas and carrots, salad bar, bread, dessert
Friday: Beef stroganoff, spring vegetables, bananas and strawberries, fresh fruit, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Quilting
Monday: Bridge Club
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Exercise class
Commission of the Blind
Wednesday: Quilting
Thursday: Birthdays
Friday: Blood pressure
Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Today: Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Malibu chicken, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Lasagna, cottage cheese, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.: \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Jackpot trip, bus leaves the center at 3:30 p.m., returns at 11 p.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic
Saturday: No community breakfast cancelled through September

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.
Menus:
Tuesday: Egg salad sandwiches, later tots, three-bean salad, peaches, green salad, cookies
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot rolls, peas, green salad, mixed fruit, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Speakers, noon
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards and games, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menus:
Monday: Turkey a la king over potatoes, carrots, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, country

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.
Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit, salad, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, peas, salad, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
211 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Menus:
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily
Tuesday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, buttered corn, carrot sticks, pear salad, homemade rolls, brownies
Wednesday: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, fries, watermelon, chocolate cream pie
Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, five-way mix (broccoli, carrots, peas), homemade bread, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Family night, dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
Full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; \$4 for seniors 60 and above; \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, corn, salad bar, brownies
Wednesday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, Oriental vegetables, salad bar, peach cobbler
Friday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, cherry crisp
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Potato bar, custard, bread
Tuesday: Chicken chow mein, rice, carrot-cabbage-rainin salad, bread sticks
Wednesday: Taco salad, chips, Jell-O, strawberry short-cake
Thursday: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, cauliflower, beet salad, rolls, cobbler
Activities:
Monday: Open pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Open pool, 9:30 a.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Open pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Open pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Rebekah pinochle

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Menus:
Tuesday: Meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli mix, biscuits, strawberry shortcake
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Friday: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, frye eye salad, orange cake with orange icing
Activities:
Monday: Shopping in Jerome, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Bunko Club, 12:45 p.m.
Organizational meeting
Thursday: Exercise at Club (Bunko), 8:30 p.m.
Friday: Piano concert with Kevin Chin, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday: Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum and Minidoka internment monument visit, 9:30 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by taxi to the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Menus:
Monday: Pork chops with mushrooms, potatoes and gravy, winter mixed vegetables, peach crisp, bread
Tuesday: Chicken casserole, broccoli, fruit crisp, bread
Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, bread
Activities:
Monday: Fair entry, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Judge luncheon Veterans of Foreign Wars, noon to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.
Menus:
Monday: Meatloaf, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
Friday: Salad bar with fajita salad, fruit salad, broccoli salad, Jell-O salad, cottage cheese, beans, bread, dessert

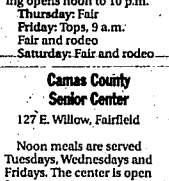
Wednesdays

Exhibit building opens noon to 10 p.m.
Thursday: Fair
Friday: Topp, 9 a.m.
Fair and rodeo
Saturday: Fair and rodeo
Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Wednesday: Chili, cornbread, raw vegetables, fruit, pudding
Friday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Minkidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menus:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, salad, turnovers
Tuesday: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, vegetables, cottage cheese, sherbet
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Taco salad, fruit salad, Texas toast, pudding
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 8 a.m.
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.
SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 478-0727 for appointments
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Friday: Yard sale, 9 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Yard sale, 9 a.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, potato salad, fruit cup, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, roll, salad, Black Forest cake
Thursday: Pork noodles, Oriental vegetables, boiled eggs, mandarin apple pie
Friday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple-cabbage salad, roll, assorted desserts
Activities:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pies for sale
Pool
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

THE GUTHRIES



GOODING — Elden "Red" and JoAnn Guthrie will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, July 30. Family and friends are invited to attend from 1 to 4 p.m. in the covered patio area at the Shoshone City Park, with a potluck lunch starting at 1 p.m.
Side dishes are welcome; however, the company of family and friends makes the best gift.
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Dating

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The dating debate the protocol of switching back to "single" — or even, on Myspace, to "swinger." Partners often disagree on their mutual situation, and the resulting drama pervades college campuses and twentysomething enclaves across the country.
The predicament is particularly vexing for a youthful dating couple accustomed to super-casual, label-free relationships.
"Becoming 'Facebook Official' is a huge step for young couples, even though frequently the change occurs without a real-world conversation — just with the click of a mouse, as in the case of Britney Johnson and an overzealous flame."
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FAMILY LIFE

Wallow in the warm fuzzies, Pisces

IF JULY 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Get all your ducks in a row and aim to hatch your most important plans between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is something you truly need, the universe is likely to provide. If you have worked hard, a much-deserved reward could land at your feet. Be cautious of making key decisions or changes in February when intuitions could be off base and relationships could be clouded by strange misgivings. A good relationship will survive any tests placed upon it as the idea of March approach, but a difficult one might dissolve.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The world looks lovely. A special someone might only have eyes for you. If you are looking for a new hookup you might find one in your own back yard. Buy something nice for your partner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Head for the tunnel of love. Cozy conjuring could be on the agenda over the next few days. Go ahead and make a passionate declaration of love. Everyone thinks you are the top banana.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): He who hesitates is lost. Plotting and planting — or seducing — seems to be the cause setbacks. Put finishing touches on a project or fine tune the details, but be upfront, not secretive, with loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give in to guilty pleasures! The jury will vote for an acquittal if your heart is in the right place for the next few days. Venus traveling through your sign brightens your physical attractions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be the weather person. It is always sunny when a few extra dollars appear in the bank and you are able to claim some stands next to you. Spending on others can bring a smile to someone's face.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Give front to your thoughts! You may need to work behind the scenes this week to move a brilliant thought into motion. Relationships can take a turn for the better, especially if love is the destination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get psyched. Love and affection are more easily shown under these stars. The ties that bind can be known all more tightly today and tomorrow. Or broke for either to money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pamper your partner. Whether it is love notes or a fascinating new face, there is a chance for true togetherness. Today or tomorrow might be the perfect time to obtain a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be seen with the right people. Your popularity skyrockets this week, but only if you hang out with the best. Be there or be square, whether it's work or a wonderful love affair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Seek that elusive rabbit Harvey. Science says he isn't there unless others see him, but didn't you notice a gleam of affection in someone's eye? That must mean it is the real thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do that wooden that you do so well. No love notes are really needed, as your ability to mesmerize others is at a peak this week. Put on a great show and someone will fall under your spell.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Wallow in the warm fuzzies. Bathroom slippers can pamper feet, but a special someone might pamper the rest of your body. The next several days could change a "maybe" into a sure thing.

Boy cured of bed-wetting is now different child

DEAR ABBY: I want to thank you for an article you wrote that my mother kept for my nephew. Because of it, my 13-year-old son is now cured from bed-wetting. You had mentioned Hargitt House Foundation for helping children who wet the bed. Well, after only nine weeks, my son is dry. He can now enjoy going to sleep-overs when he was too embarrassed to go anywhere overnight.

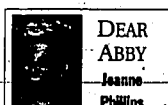
My sanity has returned. You don't know how angry I felt to wake up to all those urine-soaked sheets every morning. I know I should not have gotten angry with him, but when you are frustrated every day, it wears on you. I know it wasn't his fault or anything that he did wrong. I feel so guilty for treating him as if he were.

My son is truly a different

child now. They changed his bed, he is more rested, and he is joyful and pleasant to be around. Thanks so much to you and to Hargitt House for allowing my son to have his self-esteem back.

—TRACEY IN TEXAS
DEAR TRACEY: Thank you for your complimentary letter, but the letter to which you are referring appeared in my late aunt Ann Landers' column in 1994 or 1995. I am pleased, however, to offer the Hargitt House Foundation as a resource to my readers.

Bed-wetting is a problem that is shared by children and adults worldwide, and members of both sexes. Its sufferers come from all races and socioeconomic classes, and yet it is something that is rarely discussed — a deep, dark "family secret" kept behind



DEAR ABBY: Until recently, I lived happily in my apartment complex. All that changed when some neighbors moved in. "Greg" and his girlfriend, "Suzy," smoke what I believe is marijuana. I let the landlord know, and she had a talk with them. Of course they denied everything and swore that they do not smoke anything in their room. The landlord then spoke to me and said there is not much he can do about the problem.

Abby, the smell is terrible. My closet abuts the area in which they smoke, and my clothing is permeated. People have asked me if I smoke dope. I tell them I don't, and leave it at that.

My concern is that I will be working for a school district

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because it's an unstable position. The baby can suddenly find itself prone, and he doesn't know how to get out of that position."

However, once a child is old enough to roll from back to front on his own, belly sleeping is fine, says Thach. A Back to Sleep campaign was launched in 1994 to encourage parents — and anyone else watching babies — to put their babies on their backs to sleep.

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No bedding, including bumpers

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You should have a firm mattress covered by a fitted sheet.

The academy recommends that a baby sleep in a crib or bassinet in the parents' room until the child is 6 months old. "It seems to have a protective factor," says Thach.

closed doors. Bed-wetters often suffer from low self-esteem and an overwhelming sense of shame. And tragically, some children are abused because of it.

The Hargitt House Foundation has helped many children and their parents overcome the problem of bed-wetting. For more information about its program, write: The Hargitt House Foundation, P.O. Box 130342, The Woodlands, TX 77393; on-the-Web, visit www.hargitthousefoundation.com, or e-mail info@hargitthousefoundation.com.

soon and I'm afraid my colleagues may think the same thing, and it will put me in a bad light with the school administration. My neighbors smoke 24/7, and I don't know what other options I have. My landlord says they have to be caught in the act. Have you any ideas? Please keep this strictly anonymous because I'm afraid of retribution.

—SMOKED OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR SMOKED OUT: Your landlord copped out. Because your neighbors are smoking 24/7, they could be using something stronger than marijuana. Pick up the phone and notify the police about your problem. Because the stench has traveled through the walls (or-vents), it's time the matter was properly investigated and a stop is put to it.

Pediatricians have new guidelines for fighting SIDS

By Amy Bertram
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Don't use a pacifier; do use a pacifier. Do put bumpers around your baby's crib; don't put bumpers around your baby's crib. Sleeping with your baby is OK; sleeping with your baby is not OK.

For many new parents, the ever-changing advice about safe sleeping for infants can be confusing.

"This is because of the nature of SIDS, the leading cause of post-neonatal death. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the sudden or unexpected death of a child under 1 for which no reason can be found."

About 3,000 infants die each year from SIDS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The advice seems to change so often "because we don't know what causes SIDS," says Dr. Donna Halloran, an assistant professor of pediatrics at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

"A lot of theories gain and lose credibility over time as more studies are done. Plus, there are a lot of emotions involved with it: it's such a sad topic."

However, campaigns in the past 12 years to get babies to sleep on their backs have made significant improvements in the SIDS death rate. Yet, more work needs to be done, says experts.

While it's true that no one knows what causes SIDS, recent research has shown that a specific receptor in the brain may be involved. A new study at the Medical College of Wisconsin lends credence to a theory that serotonin receptors may be involved in an infant's ability

to gasp — and therefore breathe — in low-oxygen conditions. This gasping mechanism is thought to fall in SIDS victims.

But just a defective mechanism usually isn't enough to cause SIDS in low-oxygen conditions. This gasping mechanism is thought to fall in SIDS victims.

According to Dr. Bradley Thach, a nationally known expert on SIDS prevention, the leading theory is that three things must be present for a baby to die of SIDS:

• The infant must have an underlying abnormality, such as the defective breathing mechanism.

• The infant must be in a suffocating or hot environment.

• The infant must be of a certain age (technically under 1 year old, but usually between 2 and 4 months old).

Right now, the only thing experts and parents can control is the environment; thus the American Academy of Pediatrics recently convened a SIDS task force and announced revised guidelines for SIDS prevention. Here are some of them:

Back to sleep

For years, parents put their babies to sleep in their stomachs. "It's true that babies do sleep better on their stomachs," says Halloran.

But research has shown that can be dangerous, because it can cause a baby to rebreathe carbon dioxide, depriving the child of oxygen and leading to death. Young infants don't have the neck strength to lift their heads from a dangerous position. And death can happen in perhaps as little as five minutes.

Thach also emphasizes that side sleeping is a no-no. "It's

bad because it's an unstable position. The baby can suddenly find itself prone, and he doesn't know how to get out of that position."

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No co-sleeping

This is a hot topic in the world of parenting right now.

The recent American Academy of Pediatrics report states that bed sharing of parents and infants is harmful and should never be done.

Breast-feeding proponents say co-sleeping helps parents bond and is easier on moms who nurse their babies in the middle of the night. And

because breast-feeding may be a defense against SIDS, some co-sleeping parents are upset with the recommendation.

"It's really a hot-button issue," says Kemp. "But it happens over and over. We see the rate-site situations are babies dying in these circumstances."

"There have been a whole variety of studies showing that babies might be at an increased risk if they sleep with their mother. ... Babies less than 3 months old absolutely should not. The data is pretty clear there. ... It's a pretty emotional argument, but in terms of what's safe for the baby, it's pretty clear. Being on an adult bed is not safe. Add a sleeping adult, and it's an extra problem."

Use a pacifier

For years some doctors warned against pacifiers because of the fear that they could interfere with breastfeeding and other reasons. But recent studies clearly demonstrate that using a pacifier can help prevent SIDS.

The recommendation now is that caregivers offer a pacifier at naptime and bedtime. Researchers aren't sure why it works, but they call the evidence compelling.

The American Academy of Pediatrics does offer these guidelines:

- The pacifier should be used when placing the infant in the crib for sleep and should not be reinserted once the baby falls asleep. If the baby refuses the pacifier, he or she should not be forced to take it.
- Pacifiers should not be

coated in any sweet solution. Pacifiers should be cleaned often and replaced regularly.

For breast-fed infants, delay pacifier introduction until 1 month of age to ensure that breast-feeding is firmly established.

No smoking

When a mom smokes while pregnant, the risk of SIDS goes up. In addition, smoke in the infant's environment after birth is also a risk factor. So avoid exposing your baby to second-hand smoke, whether the child is awake or sleeping.

No overheating

The infant should be lightly clothed for sleep. Experts recommend a sleeping gown or a sleep sack, and the bedroom temperature should be kept comfortable for a lightly clothed adult. The baby should never feel hot to the touch.

Good prenatal care

Having good prenatal care can often, but certainly not always, result in a full-term baby. Premature babies are much more likely to die of SIDS, almost three times more likely, says Halloran, who has done research with SIDS and premature infants.

"I'm confident the (neonatal intensive care unit) tells parents that sleeping on the back is best, but I wonder if parents go home and put them to sleep on their bellies."

"I care about prevention. I really want parents to be sure to keep their premature babies on their backs much longer than even they would a full-term infant."



Book review: 'Ladies First' worth a read

The Washington Post

"Ladies First," by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel. The full title of this book is all: "Ladies First: 40 Daring American Women Who Were Second to None."

Inside are the stories of some impressive women who lived at different times but shared a burning desire to

succeed. For many, their accomplishments weren't easy.

Childhood polio victim Wilma Rudolph was told she would never walk again on her left leg.

She went on to win three gold medals in track at the

1960 Olympics.

Classmates thought it a joke when Elizabeth Blackwell showed up for medical school in 1847, but they weren't laughing when two years later she graduated first in her class.

Victoria Murden rowed

alone across the Atlantic, in a Elizabeth, in seven weeks.

This book will be enjoyed by boys as well as girls.

The stories are short — three pages each — but will certainly get you thinking: What would I have done in her place?

"Real Estate Corner"
EQUITY AS COLLATERAL
by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

Of the myriad advantages of home ownership, both financial and personal, one is the potential tax advantage of using home equity as collateral for loans.

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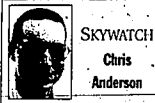
SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	ALLERGIES
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow/green	Thick, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
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SKYWATCH Chris Anderson Sky calendar through Saturday

Planets: Venus before sunrise; One hour after sunset; Moon: New moon 10:33 p.m. Monday...

Next week: Jupiter's miniature solar system. Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Summer has turned inside out

This might be the first summer in history when no kid ever goes outside. Never breaks a window...



MAN OF THE HOUSE Chris Erskine It's mid-July, and so far I haven't seen a single kid...

Why? Because kids don't like to have kids anymore. And who can blame them, now when they have cellphones and PlayStations, Facebook and the latest videos? Listen, ever seen a football? It just sits there in the bin in the garage...

It happened pretty recently, this absence of kids. Forty years ago — even 10 — you used to see kids everywhere, on skateboards and bikes, playing hopscotch or grooving a jump shot...

green things that tower over houses). They used to ride bikes for miles and miles, till their legs ached and their lungs burned, spitting constantly, because that's what you did back then...

It couldn't have been good for them, all that exercise. Back then, kids had ribs that stuck out over their swim trunks. They had waistlines. They had tans. Seriously, it was almost prehistoric. I'm talking about the '60s and '70s, when kids didn't even have e-mail...

At night, they'd play Kick the Can, possibly the greatest game ever invented. In Kick the Can, one kid was "it" and tried to catch the other kids hiding around the neighborhood...

Chris Erskine's e-mail address at the Las Vegas Times is erksine@latimes.com.

Book review: 'Travels With My Family'

The Washington Post "Travels With My Family" by Marie-Louise Gay and David Hornel...

what this little gem of a book is about. The two kids in "My Family" yearn to stay at hotels with pools and view Disneyland and the Grand Canyon...

adventures that often turn out — well, how would you feel if alligators nearly ate you in a Florida swamp? Or if you had almost been crushed to death by tumbling tumbleweeds in the desert?



STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Jacob Robert Winter, son of Zack and Taylor Winter, of Burley, was born July 2, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Kadon James Plaster, son of Amanda Kay and Kelly Gene Plaster of Twin Falls, was born July 5, 2006.

Draylin Isaac Pacheco, son of Jaqueline Michelle Baker and Jose Silvestre Pacheco of Twin Falls, was born July 7, 2006.

Sebastian Avalos-Corona Jr., son of Marivel Corona and Jose Sebastian Avalos of Kimberly, was born July 10, 2006.

Alison Velazquez, daughter of Piedad and Joaquin Velazquez of Buhl, was born July 10, 2006.

Stash James Bovey, son of Sherce Dawn and Melvin Leroy Bovey of Twin Falls, was born July 11, 2006.

Riley Samaira Goodwin, daughter of Erin Serena and Phillip Laddell Goodwin of Twin Falls, was born July 11, 2006.

Garrett Patrick Nelson, son of Lisa and Bob Earl Nelson Jr. of Eden, was born July 11, 2006.

Elissa Rae Castillo, daughter of Tiffany Rae Ordonez and Javier Castillo Castillo of Buhl, was born July 11, 2006.

Mercedes Guadalupe Valdez, daughter of Irene Catalina and Eustaquio Valdez of Gooding, was born July 11, 2006.

Brogan Michael Fair on of Rebecca Anne and Darren Michael Fair of Twin Falls, was born July 11, 2006.

Briinley Maylynn Terrell, daughter of Shanay Nikol Byrns and Chad Oliver Terrell of Twin Falls, was born July 12, 2006.

Ashlynn Jalde Garrison,

daughter of Lacy Dawn and Ryan Christopher Garrison of Jerome, was born July 12, 2006.

John Thomas Dennis Kliegl, son of Samantha Kristine and Chris Thomas Kliegl of Buhl, was born July 12, 2006.

Nadia Gabriela Jack, daughter of Elly Miramontes and Derrick Eldon Jack of Jackpot, Nev., was born July 12, 2006.

Kyle Michelle Fox, daughter of Kelly and James Paul Fox of Twin Falls, was born July 13, 2006.

Kath Page Schmidt, daughter of Talia Alicia and Tommy Joe Schmidt of Jerome, was born July 13, 2006.

Erin Elizabeth Hyer, daughter of Mindi Jo and Nathan John Hyer of Twin Falls, was born July 13, 2006.

Alli Louise Romas, daughter of Amanda Louise Jackson of Gooding, was born July 15, 2006.

Anna Lynn Stockham, daughter of Kirsten Lynn and Shane Levar Stockham of Buhl, was born July 15, 2006.

Nicholas Pere Edwards, son of Marilana and Kent Frances Edwards of Jerome, was born July 16, 2006.

Emily Elizabeth McKague, daughter of Jenny Ellen Bowly and Storm Wolf McKague of Hazelton, was born July 16, 2006.

Daniel Joseph Yi, son of Angelianna Marie and Joseph Suk Yi of Twin Falls, was born July 16, 2006.

Draycen Heath Lamm, son of Heather Marie Cameron and Daret R. Lamm of Twin Falls, was born July 16, 2006.

Ashlyn Reed Cheslik, son of Amber Lynn and Eric Reed Cheslik of Twin Falls, was born July 16, 2006.

Talton Olivia Ann Sparks, daughter of Kelly Lanette and Thomas Olaf Sparks Jr. of Twin Falls, was born July 16, 2006.

Ethan Scott Leitch, son of

Nicole Layne and Robert Burl Leitch of Buhl, was born July 17, 2006.

St. Luke's Family Medical Center

Austin James O'Neal, son of Jim and Mary Ann O'Neal of Jerome, was born July 5, 2006.

Torin James Tensionn Daniels, son of Jessica Bejelic and Shawn Daniels of Kimberly, was born July 6, 2006.

Cheyenne Hayden Horton, daughter of Jeff and Jessica Horton of Caldwell, was born July 15, 2006.

Nathaniel Axel Hulet, son of Angie Hulet of Filer, was born July 16, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Cole Henry Conklin, son of Shannon and Todd Conklin of Ketchum, was born July 5, 2006.

Lillian Rose Poedy, daughter of Nichole Poedy and Kyle Phillips of Halley, was born July 5, 2006.

Lana Shea Lincoln, daughter of Shannon and Kevin Lincoln of Bellevue, was born July 7, 2006.

Marina Kathleen Wigdale, daughter of Susana Wigdale and Patrick Cizmaznia of Ketchum, was born July 7, 2006.

Jack Anderson Eastop, son of Rachel and Craig Eastop of Bellevue, was born July 8, 2006.

Allie Christine Johnson, daughter of Jill and Daniel Johnson of Idaho Falls, was born July 8, 2006.

Eduardo Sergio Barriga, son of Magdalena Valencia and Eduardo Barriga of Halley, was born July 10, 2006.

Giovanni Cardenas-Lopez, son of Gloria Lopez-Valencia and Jose Cardenas-Rosas of Bellevue, was born July 11, 2006.

Pets in divorce can be a dog fight

By Jane Porter The Hartford Courant

Gaetano Ferro, a divorce lawyer, remembers an unusual case from a decade ago. It involved a custody dispute over a Springer spaniel.

What Ferro remembers most about the sizzling judges in the courthouse, and he recalls that the couple finally decided the dog would spend alternate weeks with each owner.

Such a case would be less unusual, and probably less funny, today. Nearly a quarter of divorce lawyers surveyed across the U.S. have noticed an increase in pet-custody cases in the past five years, according to a recent poll of 1,500 members of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

"There is a shift occurring in our society in which the pet is considered more a member of the family... and therefore becomes, sadly, a part of the battle when the family disintegrates," said Joyce Tischer, founding director of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization based in Northern California.

A 2004 survey found that 56 percent of pet owners would very likely risk their own lives for their pet, and 53 percent

spend more now on their pet than they did three years ago. A 2001 survey by the same group, the American Animal Hospital Association, found that 83 percent of pet owners refer to themselves as their pet's "mom" or "dad."

"That relationship is not acknowledged by the courts, where pets are still considered "property," no different from the silverware, the plasma TV and the living-room sofa.

"In America, pets are basically chattel," said Monica Harper, a matrimonial lawyer in Hartford, Conn.

As a result, many judges find fighting over pets a waste of court time, and attorneys counsel their clients to settle such disputes on their own. The matrimonial lawyers' survey found that 90 percent of the pet-custody battles were about dogs.

"To a dog, disputing who gets the cat or dog is like shooting a mosquito with an elephant gun.

But for many divorcing couples, the pet is like their child. To help judges consider the well-being of animals involved in such cases, the Animal Legal Defense Fund developed a friend-of-the-court brief five years ago.

The 18-page brief is intended to show judges that "there is an unnamed third party fit a

custody case," Tischer said. "There is a distinction in the dog or cats mind — believe it or not — as to who tends to be closer," she said of the relationship between pet and owners.

The brief makes clear that the animal's interests should not be left out in such cases. Generally, pets stay in the home where children primarily live, said Thomas Colin, chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Family Law Section.

But when the splitting couple does not have children, the issue becomes more complicated.

During his first 10 years practicing as a matrimonial lawyer, Colin had never encountered a pet-custody issue. But just last year, he worked on two custody disputes involving dogs. In both cases, the divorcing couples did not have children.

"These dogs were so important to these two couples that they stood in the shoes of a child to them," Colin said. "So I treated it that way for them."

Deciding who was granted custody of the pets meant giving up registration certificates, determining who was responsible for taking care of the animals, and who had more of an attachment, he said.

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Take me out to the minor-league ballgame

Minor-league ballparks gaining reputation as fan-friendly, affordable, fun



Brooklyn's Coney Island parachute jump towers over the Brooklyn Cyclones' baseball stadium, KeySpan Park, at dusk during their home debut against the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in this June 25, 2001, file photo, in New York.



Justin Schaffer, 10, waits patiently for a home run ball June 15 from the picnic area at a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game in Toledo, Ohio.

By John Seewer
Associated Press writer

TOLEDO, Ohio — Sitting at picnic table above the ballpark's left field wall, Susan Schaffer munched on sweet corn and a chocolate chip cookie.

Her five boys stood along the fence hoping to catch a home run ball and cheering on the minor league's Toledo Mud Hens.

"The seats are cheap enough that it's one of the few activities we can do as a family without going broke," said Schaffer, of Toledo. "It's just a good time."

A building boom over the last decade has turned drab minor league ballparks into showplaces of America's pastime. Combining brick facades and architecture that blends the ballparks into their urban settings, they are far cry from their concrete and steel predecessors. Many have the same fan-friendly features found in the major leagues without the high prices. And combined, with nearby attractions, a trip to the ballpark can be part of a perfect getaway.

Oklahoma City's ballpark is the anchor of the town's entertainment district. Louisville Slugger Field in Kentucky is a short trolley ride from the bat maker's museum. And Brooklyn's KeySpan Park is steps from New York's famed Coney Island boardwalk.

"When it's done right, you can make a weekend out of it," said Charlie O'Reilly, of Rutherford, N.J., a baseball fan who has visited more than 300 ballparks.

Tickets at minor league parks average about \$9 although food and drink prices are sometimes more in line with those at most major league games. A number of new parks have playgrounds or grassy areas where the kids can play if they get antsy.

"Movies" such as "Bull Durham" and the season-ending major league baseball strike in 1994 have helped renew interest in the minors, O'Reilly said.

If you go ...

TICKETS: While tickets are almost always available on game days, a few of the most popular ballparks do sell out, especially on week-ends. Call the team or order tickets in advance.

TIPS: Arrive early and explore the neighborhood around the ballpark or take in batting practice. Get up and wander around. Many new ballparks have courses that allow fans to walk around the entire ballpark.

BALLPARKS: To find a ballpark in your area, Minor League Baseball has a clickable map at: <http://www.minorleaguebaseball.com/esp/mlb/info/geographical.jsp>

So have the new urban ballparks. Among the best are those nestled into downtowns and close to other attractions

• Auto Zone Park in Memphis, Tenn., is steps from the renowned Beale Street and two blocks from the music clubs on Beale Street.

The ballpark serves up barbecue nachos with pulled pork from a nearby rib joint. The smell of grilling the sometimes makes it way into the seats, said Kyle Parkinson, a spokesman for the Memphis Redbirds.

AT&T Bricktown Ballpark, home of the Oklahoma RedHawks, sits next to a canal where visitors can ride a water taxi. There's also plenty of shopping, outdoor dining and nightclubs.

"The whole neighborhood has become a destination," O'Reilly said.

Louisville Slugger Field is close to not only the baseball bat museum but also the Four Seasons Live entertainment district featuring a night club, music clubs and a Hard Rock Cafe.

"People just pour over there after the game," said Louisville

Bats spokesman Svend Iansen. "Most of the people who come here aren't coming to see the players. It's the attractions, the promenade."

Toledo's fifth Third Field has picnic tables beyond the outfield and a view of the downtown skyline from most seats. The view surprises most out-of-towners, who don't expect to see skyscrapers in a midsize city, said Joe Napoli, general manager of the Mud Hens.

Next to the stadium is a new Tony Packo's restaurant that serves up Hungarian hot dogs made famous by Toledo native Jamie Farr on television's "M*A*S*H." The baseball-themed eatery has ballpark seats in its lobby.

Jeff Partium, of Detroit, plans a two-day trip with his family to Toledo for a day at the ballpark and the zoo in late July. "My son is an absolute baseball nut," he said. "Two years ago, the team surveyed fans and found it had visitors from every state except Hawaii."

"You would be surprised at how many people actually do plan to see different ballparks on a one-day trip with us from them all year-round," said Joe Mock, who runs a Web site called www.baseballparks.com and has traveled to 42 parks just this year. Among his favorites are The Ball Diamond in Round Rock, Texas; FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, Pa.; Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, N.M. He also was impressed with West End Field in Greenville, S.C., which opened this season. The ballpark is a mini-version of Boston's Fenway Park and is an anchor of the revitalized neighborhood now filled with art galleries and restaurants. "It's just fantastic how this ballpark is integrated into the area," Mock said.

Some ballparks are worth visiting to see the view alone.

All three cities serve a sizeable chunk of the park, and visitors can ride the bus, then hike back — or vice versa. However, some of the other areas, such as Glacier Point, are reachable only by paid tour or bus or foot. A full-day tour of Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, for one, costs \$60 per adult. Once in the grove, though, you can catch a tram that winds through the sequoias. Your hotel can help arrange tours, or contact Yosemite National Park (209-372-0200, www.nps.gov/yosec).

To go completely motorless, hire a horse or mule for a trot through Yosemite Valley, or raft down the Merced River. Finally, with 800 miles of trails, you can walk your hiking socks off.

Great Eastern Trail promises hiker's haven from Florida to N.Y.

By Greg Bleasdale
Associated Press writer

SODDY-DAISY, Tenn. — In the depths of the Little Possum Gorge, a footpath strewn with the tools that built it suddenly emerges through a forest of hemlock and magnolia to a breathtaking waterfall.

The treacherous falls, dubbed "Imodium" after the anti-diarrhea drug by those adventurers whom it has scared witless, was once known only to the most daring of kayakers willing to plunge down the 25-foot drop.

With every clank, though, a team of volunteers cobble together the latest piece of a rocky pathway leading to a shallow pool beneath the rapids, part of a 40-mile trail they're building just north of Tennessee's border with Georgia.

The stretch is a lynchpin in the ambitious Great Eastern Trail, a path of about 1,700 miles envisioned by hiking enthusiasts to someday string together a vast network of existing trails and link the Florida-Alabama border to New York's Finger Lakes.

Planners hope that eventually it could serve as a foundation of a 10,000-mile network of paths spanning from south Florida to Maine, from Virginia to North Dakota. With increased development and sprawl along the East Coast, they believe the timing is right.

"If we don't do it now, it's not going to happen," said Jeffrey Hunter, the American Hiking Society's Southeast trails director.

Hunter is working with local trail groups and volunteers across the nation to build roughly 600 miles of new trail to connect a system of trails already in place. The new trail will largely be constructed on public lands, but occasionally trail groups will have to negotiate the purchase or donation of land.

When finished, the Great Eastern Trail would stretch just west of the Appalachian Trail, the gold standard of the hiking world dreamed up in a 1921 essay by forester Benton MacKaye.

But overuse of that trail has caused litter pileups, trampled plants and crowded campsites, said Alison Bullock, a director with the National Park Service's rivers and trails program who is helping plan the new trail.

"We're trying to provide an alternative," Bullock said. "We want to disperse the recreation. And there are so many gorgeous and undiscovered locales."

The Great Eastern Trail would start at Alabama's southern border, rolling through gentle forest before climbing up cliff-top vistas as the path edges north. A ring of old logging roads would stretch the trail through Georgia to Tennessee, where the trail would pass Chattanooga and border river gorges and rocky outcroppings on its way to the mid-Atlantic states.

Through caves and crags, ridges and overlooks, the trail would then scamper through Virginia, Kentucky and West



Jeffrey Hunter, Southeast Trail program director, stands on a section of rock over Little Possum Creek north of Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., June 6.

Virginia. It crosses the narrow width of Maryland next, piggybacking on a historic towpath that's probably the trail's eastern segment. In Pennsylvania, it wanders through thick, dark forests using old logging roads, etching a path through Paddy Mountain on the trail's only tunnel before ending a few miles north just across the New York border.

FEARLESS TRAVELER

Car-free Yosemite

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: We would like to go to Yosemite and not rent a car. Is that possible?

A: California's Yosemite National Park may be the size of Rhode Island, but you won't need a car to explore it from peak to valley. "It is very easy to get around Yosemite without a car," says park ranger Adrienne Freeman. "You can get around by foot, bicycle or bus. And then there's the whole other world of organized tours."

A majority of park-goers bring cars into Yosemite, but of the 3.5 million annual visitors, more than half rely on alternative transportation, including those with autos. The Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (877-98-YAKTS, www.yarts.com) runs the park's biggest carpool, commuting between Merced, Calif. (take a train there from the airport), and various points in Yosemite. The transfer costs \$20 per person round trip and includes the park admission

fee. For a home base, Freeman recommends the centrally located Yosemite Valley Inn, a range of lodgings. "Get in the valley and stay in the valley," she says. "You can then reach the outlying areas by doing different tours."

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TRAVEL

Dial-up directions: A good find?

By Steve Hoadley
The Washington Post

LAB REPORT: PHONE GPS RESEARCH QUESTION: Fancy navigation screens are showing up on all kinds of luxury dashboards. That's great for the Lexus class, but don't Taurus drivers need satellite-powered, turn-by-turn directions, too?

You can buy a handheld GPS, if you don't mind tending to yet another gadget. For the rest of us, the techno-wizards have crammed a Global Positioning System service into the cellphones. Sprint and Nextel already offer navigation programs. Now Verizon has launched GPS on its feature-packed V phone (the LG 9800). This slightly oversized blifold currently runs at \$129.99 with a two-year contract after a \$50 rebate; the VZ Navigator subscription cost \$9.99 a month or \$2.99 a day (VZ Navigator is also available on the Motorola V325 and RAZR phones).

We wondered: Can this latest cellphone navigator guide us down the road without too much "dangerous hands-on" fumbling and without racking up ruinous fees?

METHODOLOGY: We tested the V on a recent trip to Georgia. Starting from a Krystal parking lot in Savannah, we entered an address on St. Simons Island, about 80 miles away. We'd never been there before and had no other directions to rely on.

RESULTS: Entering info is easy on this phone, which opens legible like a pamphlet to review a page — if they — keyboard and a 1 1/2-inch screen. (There's another color screen and a larger keypad on the cover for standard cell-phone use when it's closed.) The device calculated our current position and then, after a pause of about 20 seconds, downloaded directions, instructed us to exit right on Bee Road.

Crucially, you don't need to hold or read the phone once you get on the road, making it great for solo drivers. The phone guides you with clear instructions spoken by a pleasant female robot voice. It gives you a warning as a turn approaches ("Prepare to turn left in point four miles onto Victory Drive"), then nudges you again at the critical moment ("Turn right now onto Victory Drive"). It's like having an unflappable spouse with a laser map-reader skills. (Soon someone will invent navigational software that replicates marital driving conditions: "We're lost, aren't we? The Florcor Vector (a) robot voice will say, 'For God's sake, why don't you just stop and ask somebody?'"

All in all, the system was accurate and easy to use. It even helped us in getting out of Savannah, a city where directions were turned around until we were stunned to reach I-95 faster than our own route would have allowed. The long run down the interstate was silent and turn-free, but the monitor tracked our progress on a simple graphic map. You can opt for a more detailed and zoomable map, but you'll need free hands to call it up.

CONCLUSION: On top of the \$9.99-a-month VZ Navigator subscription, each time you ask for directions, you pay to connect to wireless database at a premium rate based on your calling plan (if you have unlimited minutes, for example, you wouldn't pay any extra). Fortunately, the device needs to connect only once, at the beginning of the drive (or more often if you throw in any unplanned detours, which is essentially asking it to start over). Checking the route later, we found that our hour-long trip required less than five minutes of airtime.

The V phone's navigation service performed as advertised — less money than we expected and with more map accuracy than we needed. Until we can afford that Beemer with the dashboard monitor, this poor-man's navigator more than serves.

Hostels don't mean hostile living

By Sheila Flynn
Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Wander through any major European city and you're bound to stumble upon dozens of hostels, their doorways crowded with rucksacks and clanging laughing backpackers.

The cheap, dormitory-style lodging and lively social scene are fixtures for European travelers on a budget. Hostel life abroad has been chronicled in books and movies, with tales of free-spirited youths and their devil-may-care attitudes.

But they've never quite caught on across the Atlantic. Numbering about 10,000 worldwide, there are only about 350 hostels in the U.S., according to Hostelling International-USA. The few available suffer from a lukewarm reputation, a transportation system that does not favor backpackers and — perhaps the most fatal flaw — anonymity.

"Most Americans 'wouldn't even understand the word 'hostel,'" said Mark Vidalin, marketing director of HI-USA. "If you asked them to define the word, they would have some misconstrued idea of it."

Hostels, which usually cost between \$20 to \$30 per night, have been in operation for around a century, Vidalin said. His organization has been opening hostels since 1934, spurred by "the whole idea of internationalism and achieving peace through travel," Vidalin said.

But that philosophy is absent in most of America's hostels, said traveler Mynyan Aghamiri as she chatted in the common room of the HI hostel in Austin, the capital of Texas. Aghamiri said hostels should be about meeting interesting people and sharing experiences, but that element is missing in American hostels.

"The whole idea of hostelling is not applied in the U.S. as much," said Aghamiri, an Iran native who has traveled throughout Europe and America. "In the U.S., it has developed into a cheap place to stay."

Vidalin said 80 of America's hostels are regulated by his organization — a nonprofit that sets out rules for cleanliness, staff training and similar concerns. The others are independently run, as are hundreds in Europe.

But while independent European hostels often draw the most travelers — popular, most likely, due to the lack of regulation — the competitors in the U.S. are often dull or uninviting, according



Kieran Rafferty, center, and Tom O'Callaghan, right, both 19 from Bristol, England wait to check into the American Youth Hostel in New York, June 23. This Hostelling International facility in Manhattan, at 103rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, walking distance from Columbia University, has dorm beds available on peak summer travel weekends for just \$30-\$35, a small fraction of what a hotel room in Midtown costs.

to backpackers. Many are converted motels or houses bearing no resemblance to the hostels' typical dormitory-style accommodations craving with travelers.

David Capelle, who owns a hostel-booking Web site on which travelers can post ratings and reviews, said 40 percent of people who use Hostelz.com live in the U.S. — but only 9 percent of them book American hostels.

"There really aren't, as far as I've seen, any truly great hostels in the U.S.," said Capelle, 30, who has traveled extensively in North America.

Part of the problem stems from general difficulties with backpacking. "Through America-travel industry officials said, the long distances between cities and lack of cheap and efficient transportation hinder the idea of budget travel."

"The infrastructure's different — just the distance between points, travel time," Vidalin said. "I think we're always going to be challenged with the fact that the train system is not nearly as developed in America. The bus system is developed but ... coach travel has sort of a bad reputation, in some respects, in much of America."

In Spain, for example, nearly every major city can be reached by rail or bus from Madrid. But in Texas, direct passenger train service doesn't even exist between Dallas and Houston.

In San Antonio, the city's only hostel was quiet and nearly empty on a prime traveling weekend in June. Chinese student Liu Lu was one of the only travelers in the



A view from the sun deck at The American Youth Hostel in New York on June 23.

small, one-story outcrop from Columbia University — they haven't seen a stream-lined effort to do so.

"It's very important, though, because hostels are the way that many young people get a love for travel that they can pursue their whole lives," said Allen Kay, a spokesman for the Travel Industry Association of America. He said cities that grab young travelers early "have a very good opportunity to get them to come back again and again."

Vidalin echoed those sentiments. "Those are tomorrow's university grads, professionally decision-makers — people that are also going to be traveling with their families," he said. "We all want to go back to where we were in our youth."

Capelle said backpackers also complain about America's uneven distribution of hostels. In major European cities like London, Rome or Paris, backpackers can choose from dozens. In large American cities such as Dallas, there's not even one.

"There is some frustration over the fact that there are so many cities in the U.S. — even large cities — where there really isn't a hostel," Capelle said.

Travel industry experts said, there would be undeniable benefits if cities promoted hostels and backpacking, but

BUSINESS TRAVELER

Southwest Airlines isn't always the cheapest option

By Keith L. Alexander
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Over more than 30 years, Southwest Airlines has justly earned a reputation as the first carrier travelers look to for cheap fares. Its influence in lowering air fares generally can't be overstated.

Any time the airline moved into a new market, its rivals were forced to bring their prices down. In 1993, when Southwest arrived at BWI, US Airways and United Airlines had to cut their prices by as much as 40 percent.

Now, however, the low-fare goliath is facing some tough

competition of its own — and its fares are not always the cheapest anymore, especially for business travelers, who often purchase tickets at the last minute.

Consider: A round-trip, nonstop flight from BWI to Fort Lauderdale, Texas, leaving Tuesday and returning Wednesday was \$476.60 on Southwest's Web site Monday. The same route went for \$178 on US Airways, according to Orbitz.com. A round-trip, nonstop flight to Denver was \$644 on Southwest but \$607 on United.

"We're not saying we will be the lowest fare every time, 100 percent guaranteed," said Keith Taylor, Southwest's vice presi-

dent of revenue management and pricing. "But we will say that Southwest has the lowest fares in the industry and the highest amount of seats at those fares."

Southwest does have more seats at cheap fares than other airlines, giving travelers more chances to get those seats. Other airlines have fewer flights and a wider range of prices, limiting chances for the cheapest seats.

Southwest hasn't been immune to forces affecting the industry and driving prices higher. Fuel bills for all carriers have climbed sharply in recent years, with the cost of jet fuel eclipsing labor as the industry's No. 1 expense.

Southwest, which has had some success in hedging its fuel costs, still faces an \$800 million fuel expense this year. The airline has already raised its fares four times since Jan. 1.

Air fares were an average 9.1 percent higher across the nation during the fourth quarter of 2005 than in the comparable period in 2004, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Southwest's fares aren't routinely the lowest prices anywhere, more partly because competing legacy carriers such as United, Delta and US Airways have been aggressively matching or undercutting Southwest's prices. Those carriers used the bankruptcy

courts to reduce their costs enough to better compete with Southwest at the ticket counter.

Also pressuring Southwest, other low-fare carriers such as AirTran Airways and JetBlue Airways have expanded along Southwest's routes, often matching — and in some cases beating — Southwest's fares.

Yet while Southwest's fares may not be as cheap as in previous years, the carrier still offers many perks that other airlines do not, such as no fees to change tickets or fly standby and refundable tickets. Also, Southwest, unlike many carriers, doesn't require a Saturday night stay for a cheaper ticket.

Tequila's blue agave fields become UNESCO site

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's sprawling blue fields of agave — a cactus-like plant used to make tequila — have been added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Residents of Mexico's mountainous Jalisco state were thrilled by the designation from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

"We are very emotional," said Yadira Gaytan, the assistant mayor of the town of Tequila in Jalisco state.

"There is a lot of joy among people here because we have been waiting for this for a long time."

The World Heritage list includes many of the top landmarks of the world, from natural formations like the Grand Canyon, to manmade structures and historic sites like the Great Wall of China and the Auschwitz concentration camp.

In addition to the agave fields, the other new sites just added to the list by UNESCO were the Malpelo

fauna and flora sanctuary in Colombia and China's Sichuan Province, home to more than 30 percent of the world's highly endangered plants.

Also included on the list were the historical town of Harar Jugol in Ethiopia; the Chongoni Rock Art Area in Malawi; the cluster of stone buildings on the Apravasi Ghat site in Mauritius; the Kondoa Rock Art sites in Tanzania, and the Stone Circles site in Gambia and Senegal.

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The consolations of beach camping in Assateague

By Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

If you want to be near the ocean, you could rent a house for a week and spend 10,000 dollars. Or you can camp on the sand and drift off to the sound of the waves for \$30 a night.

The so-called two-person tent I'd borrowed from a backpacking friend was so small, I felt as if my daughter and I had been stuffed into a sausage casing for the night.

When the rain came in the wee hours, I awoke to a wet pillow, water pattering my face.

The thin slab of plastic filled with a quarter-inch of air was no heavenly bed, and I had to share the communal bathroom with about 50 other campers.

But I was within steps of the ocean.

As a die-hard hotel person, I seek creature comforts. I have no urge to rough it in the woods. But as a die-hard ocean person, I was open to suffering the indignities of camping for the chance to commune with the ocean up close and personal.

After my trip last month to Maryland's Assateague State Park, I will even go so far as to say that the hardships of beach camping pale in comparison with the pluses: lying in view of the stars at night while listening to the waves roll in. Awakening at dawn with the smell of sea salt in the fresh air. Parking coffee over an open fire as the sun of a new day lights the sand with hues of pink and gold. Plucking the first footprint on a beach washed smooth by the night tide.

Oceanfront camping is something of an endangered species, but federal, state and county governments up and down the Atlantic seaboard have held onto a handful of oceanfront beaches that they share with campers. More than two dozen campgrounds dot U.S. Atlantic Coast beaches, including several within a few hours' drive of metropolitan Washington.

If, like me, you're an inexperienced camper, be aware that most ocean camping is not much like backpacking, so don't make the mistake I did and borrow supplies from a backpacker. Those people hike deep into the woods, carrying everything they'll use. They have to bring tents of size of towels.

In the United States, oceanfront property is too valuable to be remote, and in most cases you can drive your vehicle right next to the spot where you intend to pitch your tent or drag your trailer. So bring a big tent, and all the creature comforts you can stuff around it.

Some of the other campers near my campsite on Assateague, eight miles from Ocean City, Md., even brought lawn ornaments.

Kevin and Kendie Reich of Laurel, Md., brought along a slide and swimming pool for their 19-month-old daughter, plus bikes for themselves and their three boys and a bike trailer for the baby, and Rollerblades and a powerboat and baseball equipment and a big plastic tub for bathing the kids, and a hatchback and snowblower and alternate all-terrain vehicles for riding the beach, and lounge chairs and beach toys and a really big tent, even though the family was sleeping in the trailer pulled by one of the two vehicles they drove.

They said they were sorry they hadn't brought the kayaks, as usual, and were planning to call an uncle to bring them.

The ocean will provide solace, but you'll probably need a much solace, as I did if, like a good Scout, you come prepared.

If you haven't been camping for 25 years, you won't believe the stuff outdoors sell now.

Blooms and rows of cool stuff. Like a microfibre towel that fits into a washcloth-size pouch. Folding saws and collapsing cloth buckets. Careless rolls of toilet paper so small you can fit them in your shirt pocket.

The special devices for roasting bread over an open fire are not new, but now there are even gizmos for making campfire pies, and little portable ovens that heat to 600 degrees. I find myself wanting everything in the camping section except for the two 10-gallon jugs (each holds 28 fluid ounces) and solid-waste bags. Personally, if a trip requires the purchase of a personal pooper scooper, I'd rather stay home.

In the end, I got only what I came for, a bottle of propane and a one-burner camp stove. I also buy a new charcoal grill and throw the borrowed tent and sleeping bags, along with food, clothes and a few toiletries, into my minivan. My daughter and I swing through the neighborhood to pick up my friend Kathy and her daughter and their stuff, including a tent like mine.

It seemed like a lot when it was piled in the van. Once we spread it out on our \$30-a-night assigned spot on Assateague — one of 350 campsites in the state park — it looks like nothing. The campsites here are within 10 yards of one another, but this being a weekday, we're between two empty spots.

Most people nearby not only have trailers or big tents for sleeping, but big tents for hanging out, too. There is one exception, and feeling some kinship, I introduce myself. It's Chris Collins, 21, from Clarksville, Md. He mentions that neither of us has brought as much stuff as other people.

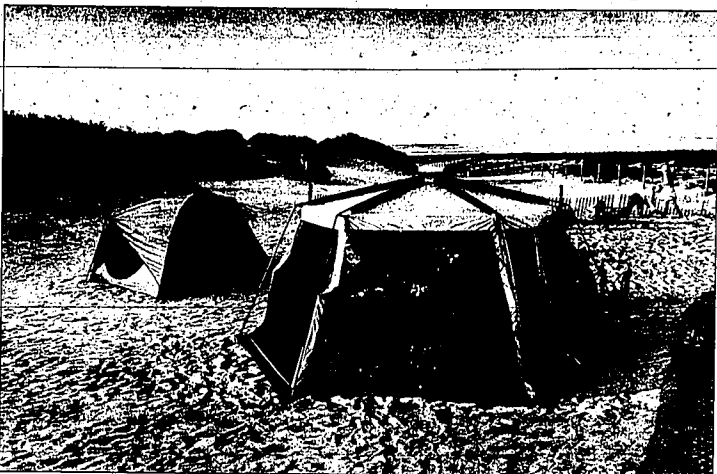
"I just bring enough to make a fire and get drunk," he says. "I ask him what he finds appealing about camping. 'I like the outdoors; it doesn't get much deeper than that.'"

Time to set up our own campsite, and to round up the girls, ages 12 and 13, who disappeared over the dunes and rushed to the ocean the minute we arrived.

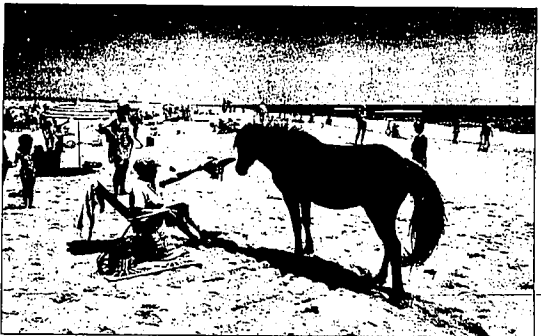
On this trip, our two tiny tents look a bit forlorn on our campsite, which consists of a big swath of sand, a picnic table, a fire ring and a slab of driveway big enough for my minivan and a camper trailer, if we had a camper trailer.

But we aren't totally roughing it. A few miles from the park we picked up raw shrimp for the grill and crab cakes for the campstove. Now we wrap potatoes in foil to put in the campfire ring, and we manage to release vegetables from a can by repeatedly puncturing it with a bottle opener.

I've brought what turn out to be essentials: 100 lamps filled with citron oil. Once the lamps are lit, the mosquitoes disappear. There are no horseflies on this particular trip, because the wind is blowing from the ocean. When it blows from the bay I recall from my previous trip, the horseflies will make



ABOVE: The Benavides family of Edgewater, Md., who pitched their tent recently at Maryland's Assateague State Park, are among those who've turned beach camping into a summer tradition.



RIGHT: Campers share the beach with the wild ponies of Maryland's Assateague Island.

you wish you had a tail-long enough for swatting.

It's great to see two modern-day children totally entertained by the simple pleasure of roasting marshmallows for s'mores.

I awake in the middle of the night with rain pattering through the tent-door screen. I lie there and let the drops bounce off my face as I make a tough decision: I can get out of the tent and get drenched while adjusting the rain flap that I didn't quite properly affix the night before, or just slumch back.

I turn my wet pillow over. But I can't get comfortable, because if I move even an inch to the right, I'll be lying atop, and will probably awaken, my sleeping daughter.

The rain gradually stops, the frogs and crickets quiet down, and light seeps through the screen. I crawl out of the tent, stumble and think: This is the first time I've literally stumbled out of bed.

They I glance toward the ocean-side dunes and realize I've stumbled into a glorious sunrise. I walk about 10 yards to the water's edge and feel the joy of morning. I am alone on a miles-long stretch of beach. I put my footprints in the smooth sand.

I'm soon joined by three of the more than 140 wild ponies that roam the top 20 miles of this 37-mile-long island. The romantic version of how they came to be here: They are the progeny of horses that swam ashore from a shipwrecked Spanish galleon some 300 years ago. Assistant park director J.C. Barbery says that while some may have originated from the ships of explorers, it's likely that at least some were simply left behind by farmers who used to graze their stock illegally here.

Either way, the horses have a certain romantic flair when they stand along the beach, their heads raised, manes blowing in the wind.

Even if you're tired from not enough sleep, life doesn't get much better than that.

Later, I can't help but wonder what the experienced campers with all their stuff did that day. I wander over to talk with Marie and Charles Profe of Toms River, N.J., who are relaxing on lounge chairs outside their trailer. They've been camping every year of their 39 years of marriage. As Marie explains it, "Once you've camped on the rim of the Grand Canyon, you never want to go inside a room again."

They've spent the day biking and fishing. They're going to be at this spot for a month. Turns out every group of about 30 campsites has a volunteer host who keeps an eye on things. This couple is our lookout.

I stroll across the way to talk to the Reich family — the ones with the boatload of stuff, including a swimming pool. Kevin, who was born in 1960, has been coming to Assateague to camp since 1962. That was soon after the Ash Wednesday

storm of March 1962 that wiped out everything on the island, causing the developers who were in a building frenzy to give up and go home.

When Kevin first started coming, his family had to take a ferry from near Berlin, Md. The roads on the island had been wiped out, but Kevin's dad put umbrellas over the family station wagon to drive through the sand, and they'd bring huge blocks of ice to keep their food cold.

They have spent some time today hitting and catching baseballs. On a bike ride they saw, according to one of the boys, "10 deer, four horses and tons of birds, including a quail." They've been around, and they like the Caribbean, says Kevin. "But this is our most favorite place in the world; this is what we look forward to all year."

I get it. I might not totally agree, but I don't want to wait a long time again before returning. I'd even like to come back this season. And I'm going to bring a lot more stuff.

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The ponies of Maryland's Assateague Island roam freely around the state park's 350 overnight sites.

Idaho's spiderman still missing, seven years after last seen

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Every summer, thousands of hobo spiders crawl underneath doors and through crawlspaces into Idaho homes. Little reminders of a man who took on nature's most venomous creatures, only to disappear without a trace seven years ago.

Darwin Vest was among the first toxicologists to link the rising number of venomous spider bites in the Northwest to the newly arrived European hobo spider. He became a renowned hobo spider expert, helping to educate doctors and residents about the arachnids.

And on June 3, 1999 — just before the start of hobo spider mating season — he vanished, becoming one of Idaho's unsolved mysteries.

"It was Darwin's favorite time of the year," said his sister, Rebecca Vest. "He loved the heat and when all the critters came out."

Though his missing person case is still open, the Idaho Falls police department's investigation is considered inactive, and detectives at the department believe Vest died after falling into the rushing Snake River that cuts through town.

"We're stuck until somebody comes forward or we find some remains," said Lt. Joe Cavley, the department's spokesman. "That's why we're not positive he's deceased — we just don't have any indications. We don't have any signs of foul play or notes of suicide, nothing as far as him packing up his clothes and leaving."

A few months are known about Vest's actions that day. He met Eric Seneff and another friend at a local bar to play an interactive trivia game.

"It was good with science and I was good with entertainment and we made quite a team," Seneff said. "I left about

12 p.m. and he and another friend went to another bar. He was probably a little drunk — one thing about Darwin was that he didn't hold his liquor very well, and that was his one Achilles' heel."

The 31-year-old Vest eventually decided to walk home in the rain, declining a taxi ride, said Sgt. Jim Hoffman with the Idaho Falls police department. He loved to walk, especially at night, and his room may have taken him by the river where he often gathered data about spider habitat.

"Yes, Darwin would have had some reason to be down by the river, but he hated rain, like a cat," Rebecca Vest said. "I just have no doubt in my mind — there just had to be foul play involved."

Darwin Vest had been assaulted and robbed a few years earlier, and some suspected that his attackers had returned. But Hoffman said police checked all those leads, and didn't find anything suggestive of a crime.

"Most of the leads we get are people overhearing someone saying that someone else talked about killing him, and none of those have turned out," Hoffman said. "When you live in a small town, lots of rumors get started."

Vest was well-liked by most but did ruffle some feathers in the community, Seneff said. "Most people just devote themselves to making money, getting married and having kids, but he listened to a different drummer," Seneff said. "A lot of people thought he was weird or gay, but I think he was truly an ascetic guy. He was also an atheist, and this community is really Mormon."

A few hours after Vest's disappearance, a woman who lived several miles south of Idaho Falls called police to report she'd seen the body of a man floating on the river, Rebecca Vest said. Family members believe that man

was likely Darwin Vest, and after several years of searching they had him legally declared dead in 2004.

A few years after Vest's disappearance, the family learned that a police officer had seen someone lying by the river bank that night, but assumed it was a transient, Rebecca Vest said.

"Shame, shame on them. They could have saved Darwin's life — but then, you try to follow up on a story like that and everything falls apart," she said. "I think that if he was down there, he may have been stabbed, drugged or beat up and he needed help."

Either way, these days Vest's family and friends try to move on, but it's hard — especially during hobo spider season, during holidays and when the anniversary of his disappearance rolls around, Rebecca Vest said.

"It's a way, it never ends — it feels almost as traumatic as when it first happened," she said. "Darwin was so fascinated by life itself, and by mysteries: If there was something unanswered, he would research it."

Rebecca Vest worked with Darwin before his disappearance, the two milking the fangs of hobo spiders to study their

venom and researching the spiders' expanding western habitat.

"Since I was a little girl, he was teaching me about snakes and spiders and venomous fish and sea life. We always had these amazing specimens around," she said. "I thought he was invincible, having done all this research and handled venomous snakes that would

kill you if they grazed you with a fang.

Even now, when she sees a spider, she's more likely to grab a digital camera than a fly swatter, and to silently wish for an end to Darwin's mystery.

"It's unimaginable that he's gone," she said. "If we could just know what happened, that's all I hope for."

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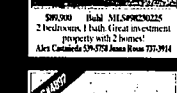
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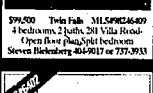
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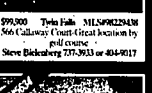
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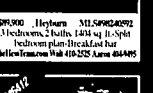
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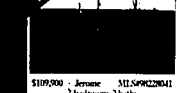
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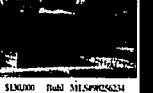
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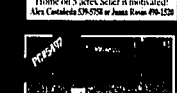
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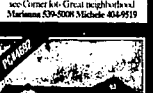
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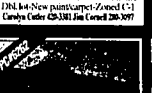
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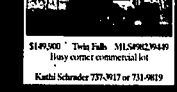
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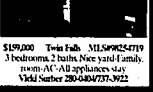
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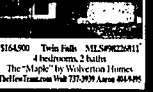
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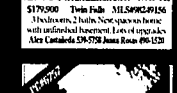
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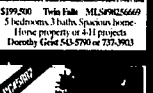
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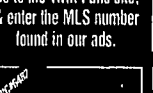
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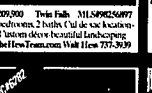
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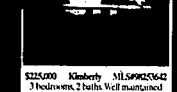
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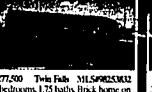
\$225,000 Kimberly **MLS#06023949**
3 bedrooms, 2 baths Well maintained
property with all the extras
Janet Tilly 404-9519



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3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 5 acres 1044 sq ft.
home 2 wood R-4
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3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths The "Torrey
Place" by Wakeston Homes
The Low-Tonson Ave 737-3939 Anna 604-9495



\$299,000 Twin Falls **MLS#06023949**
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
2126 Schroy TRXO Parade Home
Lynn Rasmussen or Lynn 737-3904/308-2807



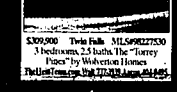
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5 bedrooms, 2 baths Near farm
with beautiful landscaped back yard
Stacy Shelton 737-3928 or 308-1101



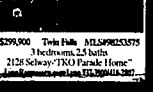
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3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
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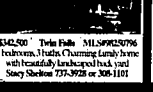
\$424,000 Twin Falls **MLS#06023447**
3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths The "Twin Falls"
Without basement Covered bakery
Nabeek Webb 526-2578/737-3906



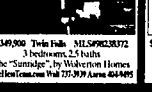
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Spectacular - 3.68 acres
Steven Bledsoe 404-9107 or 737-3933



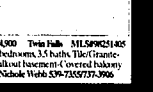
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Great development property
on canyon rim
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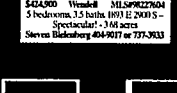
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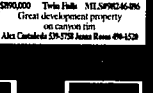
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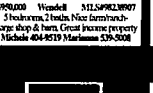
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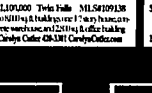
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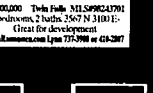
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FOUND \$20 gift card in the Winco parking lot. Found 7/17. Made out to Josh. Please call and identify the giver. 208-643-5620.

FOUND Border Collie, near Rogerson, white with gray patches, female. Please call 208-429-2282.

FOUND child's baseball mitt. On boat docks north of bridge in Burley. Just past Cat's Ranch. Call 208-645-2518.

FOUND Chocolate Lab, male pup around 8-10 months old. Red collar, no tags. Very well mannered. Found on East H in Jerome. Call 208-324-3740.

FOUND Miniature Dachshund puppy in the South Hills. To the party who was looking for him, we found him. Call 328-6044.

FOUND German Shepherd/Border Collie mix, 8-10 months. On 7/12 in Miner Hazelton area. Call 208-850-7834 to identify.

FOUND Lab, July 18th white, female, young adult, puppy, very sweet. Found around 9th and Hiwaha Street in Twin Falls. Call 208-735-1203.

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FOUND 7/4 Possible cross male, brown & white, semi-curly hair with short tail. South of Wendell. 538-5591

FOUND Black Lab, male, neared, no collar, lost on 7/19 vicinity of 16th Ave E. in Jerome. Answers to Kirby. Reward 358-1977.

FOUND black steer 750 lb., wired ear tag and juvenile's wart on left side of neck. He disappeared from pasture around 6th July from 2581 E. 3700 N. T.F. Reward! Please notify Sheriff's Dept. or John Saxton (owner) 208-734-1821.

LOST Golden Retriever with red collar. Lost in 1800 block of Falls in 208-1517 or 558-1618.

LOST mens gold wedding band with 2 small diamonds in it. Found in Cozco. Call 208-543-5583

LOST dog, male, black/white Wire Hair Terrier cross on Quincy-St. in Twin Falls. Has a reddish/brown collar. Answers to "Tug". Call 208-423-5004 or 208-539-2904

LOST fishing waders at Sublett Reservoir. Cash Reward! Call 208-439-9739

LOST Blue Heeler X adult male, on 7/13 from the 2200 block of Burton Ave in Burley. Wearing a brown leather collar with "Corcho" and "42" on it. Call Dixie at (208)431-9910.lv.mg

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 - Spaniel cross, black, female, 4 month pup, Center Road Buhl.
 - Lab cross, black, male, 6 weeks old pup, near Addison Ave. near Dunes Motel.
 - Lab Kelpie cross, male, 8 weeks old pup.
 - Sighthound cross, yellow male adult, Lavina Street.
 - Collie cross, male, sable and white, adult, Kenyon Rd.
 - Retriever Aussie cross, tan pup, male, Imperial St.
 - Collie cross, tri color, male adult, Borah Ave. West.

ADOPTIONS

- Collie cross, female, young adult
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- Chester/Shepherd cross male, young adult.
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Category	A Budget		
	2006/2007 Approved Budget Amount	2006/2006 Approved Budget Amount	2004/2006 Approved Budget Amount
Anticipated Revenue			
Cash Carryover	75,000	156,000	133,048
Courtesy	673,701	622,799	609,466
Chiefs	6,000	3,500	3,500
Total	754,701	782,299	746,014
Budgeted Expense			
Wages	558,866	571,736	549,840
Benefits	189,936	204,163	196,174
Expenses			
Contingency/Cash Reserve	8,899	6,400	
Total	754,701	782,299	746,014
Anticipated Revenue			
Cash Carryover	150,000	79,700	156,015
Land Line/Wireless Fees	308,971	857,069	887,139
Other		64,828	47,859
Total	1,323,571	1,467,905	1,029,377
Budgeted Expense			
Wages/Salaries	206,342	154,307	141,903
Benefits	50,557	52,081	47,859
Contingency/Cash Reserve	1,066,672	1,196,689	839,615
Total	1,323,571	1,467,905	1,029,377

B BUDGET

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 911 will meet WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. in the SIRCMM Operations building located at 811 East Avenue H in Jerome, Idaho, for the purpose of considering and fixing a final budget for the 2008/2007 fiscal year, at which time any taxpayer of Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, and Twin Falls counties may appear to be heard upon any part of the said budget.

Attest: Anna Savo, Admin. Assistant

PUBLISHED: July 23, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notification is in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Code (IAPA 58.01.01.213.02. Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company (Tesoro) will hold an informational meeting open to the public on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Burley Best Western Inn. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate discussion regarding an upcoming project at the Burley Terminal. Tesoro will commence construction on a terminal upgrade and emission reduction project at the Burley Terminal in August 2006. The project requires a Permit to Construct from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). For additional information regarding this notice contact Sherri Zeller at 720-558-0585.

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LANDS FOR LEASE

BIA ACCEPTS BID FOR FARM/PASTURE LEASES

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, August 1, 2006 on various parcels of land for lease on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 208-239-2307.

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EDUCATION Kinross School District is looking for 14 full-time Special Education Teaching Assistants at the elementary school.

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EDUCATION Forklift driver's wanted. Must be certified and have valid CDL. Apply at 1025 Shoshone N. #3

GENERAL Shop foreman for Hayburn heavy duty truck shop. 20 years experience required.

GENERAL INSTRUCTORS Local music studio now hiring ballet and jazz instructors. Must send resume to PNB 247.

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SWM, 39, 6'4", 180lbs, brown/blu, Pisces, smoker, fun-loving, romantic, likes movies, swimming, horseback riding, travel. Seeks WF, 30-45, smoker, independent, possible romance. Hollister #930896

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SWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoor sports, and more, Seeking SF, race open, 36-48, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls #913296

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SWM, 42, 5'2", 185lb, light brown/blue-green, truck driver, enjoys yard work, walks, hunting, fishing, camping, country drives, simple times. ISO honest, commitment-minded lady to share the special times in life. Appleton #936240

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
In a recent column, you gave a problem in which South had a weak hand with one heart and three spades. His partner made a takeout double of a minor and then bid hearts. You advised South to pass now. Since the double "guarantees" both majors, why shouldn't South make a preference bid for spades?

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ANSWER: A takeout double guarantees both majors, unless the hand is too strong for an overall. On the quoted sequence North could just have six hearts and 17 points with one, two or three spades. No length is implied in spades, as North has simply shown extra values and long hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding ♠ Q-10-6-4-3, ♥ A-Q-7-2, ♦ 3, ♣ Q-4-3. I heard my partner open one diamond and the next hand bid one heart. I said one spade, and my partner rebid two clubs. What should I have done next?

Full Retreat, Pueblo, Colo.

ANSWER: A good case can be made for passing. Partner knows you have five spades (you would have doubted with four) and you have no realistic source of tricks, do you? If you want to try for game, bidding two no-trump gets your hand-type across reasonably well. I'm not keen on raising to three clubs with only three-card support.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding ♠ K-Q-10, ♥ A-J-3-2, ♦ J-3-2, ♣ Q-7-4. I opened one club and rebid one heart over my partner's call of one diamond. When he put me back to two clubs, I went on to two diamonds. Nothing too bad happened to us,

but my partner suggested I should have bid one no-trump at my second turn. Am I allowed to conceal my hearts like that?

Random Rebid, Mason City, Iowa

ANSWER: The general rule I follow is always to rebid one no-trump with a completely square hand. I may lose a major fit on a part-score deal, but if my partner has enough for game, he will be able to explore over my no-trump rebid to dig up the fit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
How should I interpret the last bid in this unopposed sequence: one club - one spade - one no-trump - four diamonds?

Broken Up, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: The call cannot be natural. With a spade-diamond two-suit, partner would jump to three diamonds, or start by using New Minor Forcing if that convention is in your arsenal. So it must be a cue-bid showing diamond shortage, either looking for spade support or showing a fit in clubs. My feeling is that the bid implicitly sets spades as trump and shows short diamonds in a slam try.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I came across the term "Neapolitan control" in a bridge column, and I assume this has nothing to do with a diet that prohibits ice cream! But what is it?

Nutritional, Cartersville, Ga.

ANSWER: The Italians were the first to use the idea of responding to a strong opening bid by showing controls, with the idea that an ace counts as two controls, and a king as one.

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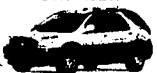

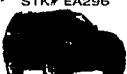

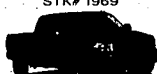





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