

JARBIDGE ARTS...

Nevada town serves up stew and storytelling



See Country Roads, D1

...AND HISTORY

Historians wrap up their summer archiving project

KEEPING WATCH

Dispatcher Angel Majerus answers many calls to duty



See Magic Valley, A4

Good Morning

High: 77
Low: 56

Partly cloudy and breezy at times. Details: A2

Times-News

TUESDAY
August 1, 2006
50 cents

MagicValley.com

Aquifer recharge upheld

Director finds water belonged to state, not canal companies

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — The state did not take water from Magic Valley canal companies when it replenished the aquifer this spring, according to a recent investigation.

In July, Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, cast doubt on whether the state used the correct water rights when it diverted water earlier this year for aquifer recharge. Collier expressed concern that the water might have belonged to the North Side Canal Co. and the Twin Falls Canal Co. for power production. After review, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher ruled that the recharge water did indeed belong to the state.

"I have determined that diversions to recharge were made properly in accordance with the water right permit held by the Water Resource Board and the water right permit for power production held by the North Side Canal Company and the Twin Falls Canal Company," Dreher wrote in his letter to Collier dated July 27.

The 2006 Legislature instructed the Water Resource Board to develop a management plan for the shrinking Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, the Lake Erie-sized source of water for people from Ashton to King Hill. The aquifer — and, consequently, Magic Valley irrigators — has seen decreased water levels over the past 50 years due to changes in irrigation practices, groundwater pumping and drought. Putting water back into the aquifer, known as recharge, is one strategy that has been identified as a way to restore it.

Cold business



Cindy Mitchell, right, a seventh-grade math teacher at Jerome Middle School, passes a bag of ice Friday to her daughter, Tiffany Krots, at Swensen's Market. Mitchell enjoys the part-time summer job she's been doing since 1994.

Locally owned Tour Ice delivers the cool

By Will Sims
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — We're all guilty of it. Especially during the hot sweltering days of summer, when relief is short and days are long. And Joshua Warren has been our victim far too many times.

"People are always saying what a 'cool' job I have," said Warren last week while piling in another 12-hour-plus day at the plant. "And they say it at about the time my shoes are melting in the pavement and I'm burning up — it isn't cool." Warren is in the ice business. The

grandson of the founder of locally owned Tour Ice, he makes, bags and delivers the frozen product throughout seven counties in the Magic Valley, including the towns of Hammett, Rupert, Castleford and Shoshone. He said he understands the snarky "cool job" comments, but that it tends to get a little odd after throwing hundreds of bags of ice on a triple-digit southern Idaho day. As the third generation Warren to work the ice, his family tree has been rooted in the product since 1977.

"My parents' started the business

Facts about Tour Ice:

- Three generations have worked at the plant
- Makes three types of ice, including cubed, pressed block and formed block
- Can make about 50,000 pounds of ice per day
- Can store about 10,000 pounds of ice
- Delivers ice in seven counties
- Treats and tests water for purity

Please see ICE, Page A2

Murder, kidnapping spike in report

Overall crime numbers decrease in MV, state

By Nate Poppo
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — 2005 was a tough year in the Magic Valley. Five murders were reported in Twin Falls County, four more than the previous year. Jerome County reported one and Lincoln, two — both had none in 2004.

And kidnappings rose, first as sharply — from one to 10 in Jerome County, two to five in Gooding and 19 to 33 in Twin Falls.

But the two categories of crime were unusual spikes in a federal report that showed most crimes on the decline.

The Uniform Crime Report for 2005, compiled by the FBI from local police statistics, shows that both arrests and crimes reported fell in Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Please see CRIME, Page A2

Total arrests by county in 2004 and 2005:

County	2004	2005	% drop
Cassia	1,541	1,184	23.2
Gooding	559	526	5.9
Jerome	860	832	3.3
Lincoln	34	23	32.4
Minidoka	871	622	28.5
Twin Falls	2,956	2,721	8.3
Idaho	77,996	73,547	5.7

*Not all agencies participated in report
Source: Uniform Crime Report, 2005

FDA considers nonprescription morning-after pill sales

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Women over 18 may soon be able to get the morning-after pill without a prescription. In a surprise decision Monday, health officials revived a long-stalled application to allow over-the-counter sales of the emergency contraceptive.

The Food and Drug Administration told Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. that it wanted to meet within a week to discuss how to allow adults to freely buy the contraceptive — known as Plan B — while keeping it prescription-only for people under 18.

The contraceptive still would be available only from behind pharmacy counters.

The announcement came just 24 hours before President Bush's nominee to lead the regulatory agency, Dr. Andrew von Eschbach, was to appear before a Senate committee.

Please see PILL, Page A2

Coming tomorrow
CONCRETE CRAZY
diving sidewalks and patios.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

Index

Business and Service directory ..C8
Classifieds ..C2-1
Comics ..A6-7
Country Roads ..D1
Crossword ..C7
Dear Abby ..A7
Horoscope ..A6
Magic Valley ..A4
Money ..C1
Movies ..A7
Obituaries ..A5
Opinion ..A9
Sports ..B1
Stocks ..C2
Sudoku ..C4
Weather ..A2

State to expedite hunting licenses for terminally ill youth

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Lawyers might not understand the impact of Bill 1391, which they unanimously approved this month.

But Matthew Woodley would have — had he lived to see it.

Woodley died last year after a painful battle with cancer. He would have been 18 this year.

But before he died, he had the opportunity to go with his dad on one last hunt together. He was lucky in that Rusty

Tews of Shoshone invited him to hunt pheasants on his property. Most hunters spend a lot of time waiting to buy a license and finding a place to hunt.

"And that is time young people with life-threatening illnesses don't have."

Now a new law allows people like Woodley to cut through the red tape so they can hunt while they are still strong enough to enjoy it.

The director of the Idaho Fish & Game Department now can issue hunting licenses free of charge directly to youth with life-threatening illnesses.

Hunt of a Lifetime

To learn more about Hunt of a Lifetime, visit: www.huntofalifetime.org.



Matthew and James Woodley enjoy a pheasant hunt near Shoshone, their last hunt together.

Please see HUNT, Page A2



TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs upper 70s to low 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear nighttime skies. Low 50s
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry and pleasant. Highs low to middle 80s

BURLEY/RUPERT 5-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly breezy periods and a few clouds. Maybe a gusty thunderstorm. Highs near 80
Tonight: Mostly clear, mainly dry and breezy at times. Lows under 40s to low 50s
Tomorrow: Pleasant with plentiful sunshine. Highs 80s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Twin Falls. Includes a 'SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.' section.

TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast for Twin Falls from Today to Saturday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and moon, and temperature ranges.

Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset Pollen Count

Table with 7 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes data for today and tomorrow.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August 2nd through 8th, including moonrise and moonset times.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels for today and tomorrow.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table of regional weather forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

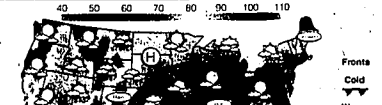
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table of national weather forecasts for various US cities.

HIGHEST THE INDEX THE MOST PRODUCTION REQUIRED

Table showing the highest U.V. index and most production required for various US cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's 'Quote of the Day' featuring a photo and a quote about production.

Today IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

- EDUCATION: 'Avid Video Editing' class, five-day course sponsored by Western States College.
FAMILY: 'Baby and Me' class, 'Is Daddy Sick?'
FESTIVALS: Beginning day of Jerome County Fair.
GOVERNMENT: Twin Falls County commissioners, Blaine County commissioners.

Ice

Continued from page A1. A company 'I bagged ice in the garage... we had eight customers.' The company was started when his father, who worked in commercial refrigeration, became disappointed with the quality of the product he saw at ice plants.

Pill

Continued from page A1. Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., called the FDA announcement a 'delay tactic' and promised to continue blocking von Eschenbach's nomination pending a final decision on the contraceptive.

Hunt

Continued from page A1. Use his license and hunt on his land, he said, and decided not to hand over his license. 'Like other forms of therapy, the thrill of the hunt can distract young hunters from their drug struggles.

Crime

Continued from page A1. Authorities in Twin Falls County made 2,721 arrests in 2005, down from 2,956 in 2004. Most of those were for drugs or drug-related equipment (502), driving under the influence (338) or larceny (359).

Correction

Wind farm developed, managed and owned by separate businesses.

Continued from page A1. An article in Monday's edition contained incorrect information about the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman. The Fossil Gulch Wind Farm is owned and operated by Energy Development Group, Inc., managed by Airstroms LLC, and is owned by Colorado & Santa Fe Energy. The Times-News regrets the error.

Correction

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Correction

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

Times-News advertisement listing contact information for Publisher, Editor, Advertising department, Classified department, and Online department.

Continued from page A1. The headline in Monday's edition incorrectly stated that the operator of a wind farm near Hagerman was Energy Development Group, Inc.

AROUND THE WORLD

MIDDLE EAST Israel says no cease-fire will widen ground attack

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister declared Monday that there would be no cease-fire with Hezbollah guerrillas, apologizing for the deaths of Lebanese civilians but saying "we will not give up on our goal to live a life free of terror." His Security Cabinet approved widening the ground offensive.

Israeli warplanes hit Hezbollah fighters battling with soldiers near the border as the guerrillas fired mortars into Israel. But an Israeli suspension of most airstrikes in Lebanon—and a pause by the guerrillas on rocket attacks in northern Israel—brought both countries their quietest day since the conflict began three weeks ago.

Lebanese fled north in overflowing trucks and cars. About 200 people—mostly elderly—escaped the border town of Bint Jbeil, where Israeli troops and Hezbollah guerrillas fought their bloodiest clashes. Two residents were killed on the road out, one of malnutrition, the other of heart failure.

The lull was felt across northern Israel, too: In the town of Nahariya, residents who had been hiding in shelters for the better part of three weeks began emerging. Supermarkets were fuller than before and more people were on the streets, walking along the beach and shopping.

But diplomatic efforts to end the crisis faltered, despite increased world pressure for a cease-fire after the devastating strike in Qana. Israel's Security Cabinet early Tuesday approved widening the ground offensive, a participant said, and rejected a cease-fire until an international force is in place in southern Lebanon.

The participant, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to report, said Israel's airstrikes would resume "in full force" after a 48-hour suspension expires in another day.

IRAN

Security Council gives Iran until end of August

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council passed a weakened resolution Monday giving Iran until Aug. 31 to suspend uranium enrichment or face the threat of economic and diplomatic sanctions. Iran immediately rejected the council action, saying it would only make negotiations more difficult concerning a package of incentives offered in June for it to suspend enrichment.

"All along it has been the persistence of some to draw arbitrary red lines and deadlines that has closed the door to any compromise," said Iran's U.N. Ambassador Javad Zarif. "This tendency has single-handedly blocked success and in most cases killed proposals in their infancy."

"This approach will not lead to any productive outcome and in fact it can only exacerbate the situation." Because of Russian and Chinese demands, the text was watered down from earlier drafts, which would have made the threat of sanctions immediate. The draft now essentially requires the council to hold more discussions

before it considers sanctions. The draft passed by a vote of 14-1. Qatar, which represents Arab states on the council, cast the lone dissenting vote.

MEXICO

Supporters of Lopez Obrador block capital

MEXICO CITY — Supporters of Mexican leftist presidential candidate brought rush-hour traffic to a crawl Monday, causing the stock market to drop and forcing office workers dressed in business suits and high heels to hike for miles to work.

The sprawling tent cities in the financial heart of the Mexican capital were another sign that Andrés López Obrador and his supporters won't accept anything less than victory from the top electoral court.

The tribunal is weighing allegations that former ruling party candidate Felipe Calderón a slight advantage in the July 2 election. It has until Sept. 6 to declare a president-elect or annul the elections. López Obrador is demanding a vote-for-vote recount, and has vowed to block the city center until the Federal Electoral Tribunal rules on his request.

GUANTANAMO Memos say detainees routinely attack guards

WASHINGTON — The prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay during the war on terror have attacked their military guards hundreds of times, turning broken toilet parts, utensils, radios and even a bloody lizard tail into makeshift weapons. Pentagon incident reports reviewed by The Associated Press show Military Police guards are routinely head-butted, spat upon and doused by "cocktails" of feces, urine, vomit and sperm collected in metal cups by the prisoners.

They've been repeatedly grabbed, punched or assaulted by prisoners who reach through the small "bean holes" used to deliver food and blankets through cell doors, the reports say. Serious assaults requiring medical attention, however, are rare, the reports indicate.

The detainees "reached under the face mask of an IRF (Initial Reaction Force) team member's helmet and scratched his face, attempting to gouge his eyes," states a May

27, 2005, report on an effort to remove a recalcitrant prisoner from his cell. "The IRF team member received scratches to his face and eye socket area," the report said.

AFGHANISTAN NATO takes command from U.S. in south

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — NATO took over command of insurgency-wracked southern Afghanistan from the United States on Monday, and the top general warned that he will "strike ruthlessly" against Taliban rebels when necessary. To mark the handover, an American soldier holding the flag of the U.S.-led coalition walked out of a white tent shading U.S., European, Canadian and Afghan officials from the baking sun, amid the roar of aircraft taking off nearby. A British soldier then walked in with the standard of the NATO force.

HEAT WAVE Midwest, Plains seek relief from blazing sun

CHICAGO — The blowtorch heat that blistered California last week gripped the Midwest on Monday, prompting communities to throw air-conditioned buildings open to the public and endangering millions of people with outdoor jobs — including NFL players in training camp. Temperatures throughout the Midwest and Plains exceeded 100 degrees. The heat index, a measure of temperature plus humidity, climbed as high as 110 in some places. The National Weather

Service issued heat warnings for such cities as Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton, Ohio, and Tulsa, Okla. Cheryl Harrison struggled to stay comfortable as she handed out fliers supporting an increase in the minimum wage at an intersection in Columbus, Ohio.

"I have my water, my hat, and I stand in the shade a lot," Harrison said. "And, when I feel that cool breeze, I really take a minute to appreciate it." The worst of the heat was expected to drift into the Northeast today, bringing scorching temperatures to New York, Washington and Boston.

ENVIRONMENT Britain, California to unite on global warming

LOS ANGELES — British Prime Minister Tony Blair and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced an agreement Monday to bypass the Bush administration and work together to explore ways of fighting global warming. They agreed to collaborate on research into cleaner-burn-

ing fuels and technologies, and look into the possibility of setting up a system whereby polluters could buy and sell the right to emit greenhouse gases. The idea is to use market forces and market incentives to curb pollution. Environmental groups ques-

tioned the value of the agreement, calling it little more than a symbolic gesture. California is looking to cut carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. President Bush has rejected the idea of ordering such cuts. — Compiled from wire reports

EARLY BIRD BUFFET
golden corral
Seniors 60+ Only \$5.79
MONDAY - SATURDAY 2:00 - 3:30PM
1822 Blue Lakes Blvd. • Twin Falls • 208-725-1820

SENIORS
62 And Over
"SAVE BIG" ON TUESDAYS
20% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE
ALL DAY...
No other discounts apply

THE HEALTH FOOD PLACE
(Across From KMVT)
Centre Pointe Plaza • 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd., N. • 733-1411
M-F 9:30am-5:30pm • SAT 9:30am-3:30pm • SUN CLOSED

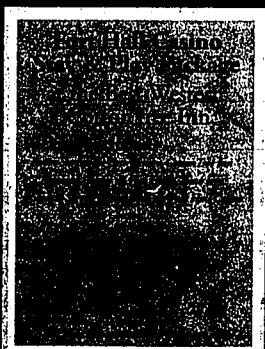
ZEISS Premium Lenses
FINE EYEWEAR
IN ONE HOUR
Since 1984 Mountain West OPTICAL
731 North College Road • Twin Falls • 734-3937



FORT HALL CASINO

A Place to Play. Place To Stay.
And The Winner is You!

The Best Western Cotton Tree Inn is teaming up with the Fort Hall Casino to offer you the most enjoyable stay possible.



Room Stay Includes:

- Family Mini Suite
- 1 or 2 queen beds
- Living Room Area w/ sofa
- Refrigerator and Microwave
- Free High Speed Wireless Internet
- 24 Hour swimming pool and Hot Tub
- Free Hot Breakfast Buffet

Coupon Book Includes:

- Free Buffalo Club Membership
- 2,810 coupons for Cash
- 2 Regular Bingo Session packets
- Lunch Buy one meal get one free at the Buffalo Horn Grill
- Dinner for 2 at the Grill
- Free Souvenir Gift

Festival of CASH

August 1st - 31st

\$100

daily cash prizes within the hours of 10am - 10pm

\$37,000

TOTAL CASH VALUE IN AUGUST

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
SEE BUFFALO CLUB FOR DETAILS AND OFFICIAL RULES



JEROME COUNTY FAIR

CARNIVAL

AUG 1-5

ADVANCE SALE One Day Unlimited Ride Pay One Price Coupon **\$15.00**

Available at **OASIS** in Jerome until Sun. Thurs. 11:00 AM OR WHILE THEY LAST
INFO @ DISCOUNTS at



Just north of Pocatello • Exit 80 off I-15 • 800-497-4231

MAGIC VALLEY

TUESDAY
August 1, 2006

Page
A4

City Editor Matthew
Brady: 735-3234

AROUND THE VALLEY

Parade will kick off Jerome fair

JEROME — A parade to kick off the Jerome County Fair and Hodeo will start at 5 p.m. today.

The parade will line up on East Main from Tiger Drive back toward 200 East Road. All horses will be up front, behind the police, fire, ambulance and color guard.

Although the parade starts at 5 p.m., all participants must be in line by 4:30 p.m. No water guns are allowed, and no throwing of candy.

Gooding to register students Aug. 16-18

GOODING — All students who plan to attend Gooding Elementary School will need to be registered, including those who were students at the end of the last school year and those who pre-registered for kindergarten.

For new students, the child's legal birth certificate (issued by the state or country of birth) and a record of immunizations are required at the time of registration. Certain types of vaccinations and a number of doses are required by the state for a child to attend school in Idaho. Parents or guardians should consult their health care provider if they have questions.

Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 16, 1 to 7 p.m. Aug. 17 and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 18. Registration fees, which are payable at the time of registration, are \$1 each for kindergartners, \$5 each for first-, second- and third-grades and \$8 for fourth- and fifth-graders. Checks should be made payable to Gooding Elementary School. The first day of school for first through fifth grades is Aug. 24.

Sawtooths wildfire declared under control

GRANDJEAN — The Trailhead Fire was declared fully controlled at 6 p.m. Monday.

Incident Commander Braden says that there will still be some smoke in the burn area.

"However, we feel confident that the fire lines we have constructed, and the barriers that we have anchored our lines to, will continue to prevent this fire from spreading," he said.

The Forest Service Grizzly Gulch Campground is expected to reopen by this weekend.

Cost of suppressing this human-caused fire has exceeded \$1.5 million.

Swimming near boat ramps sparks concern

BURLEY — Despite a "No Swimming" sign at the Burley Golf Course Marina's boat ramps, many people are finding the cheapest way to beat the heat is to hop in the Snake River.

But swimming in boat ramps within city limits is a misdemeanor. According to City Attorney Randy Stone, swimming in "publicly owned and operated boat ramps" is punishable by state law and can result in \$500 fines or six months in jail.

"It is against the law," Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said. "But, it is also dangerous. We want the kids to be safe. We need to understand that it is dangerous for kids to swim in boat ramp areas where people are backing in and loading up boats."

— compiled from staff reports

Buhl voting on water, sewer bonds

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUIH — In today's bond election, voters will decide the fate of an \$8 million bond for water system improvements and another \$15 million for wastewater system improvements.

The election is one in a series of steps toward an arsenic treatment facility, improved fire protection around Buhl and an overhauling sewer system.

According to city officials, the bonds must pass if the city

Voting facts

Polls are open from noon to 8 p.m. today at the Buhl Fire Department, 203 North Broadway Avenue. For more information, call 543-3650.

hopes to compete for federal grants and low-interest loans.

"The bonds must be in place before we are even looked at for grants," said City Engineer Scott Bybee.

Buhl's sewer and drinking water systems are both out of compliance.

"The last time the sewer lines were flushed out they flushed out chunks of concrete," said Mayor Charles Sheridan. "The infrastructure is falling apart."

The city's wastewater treatment facility was built in the mid-1960s. Even with capacity increases in 1985 and 1991, the system has been pushed beyond its limit.

The city's drinking water has too much arsenic in it, according to the EPA's new maximum level set at 10 parts per billion. Buhl's water has been tested between 6 and 22 ppb.

Despite the need for improvements, many Buhl residents say they cannot afford higher water and sewer bills.

Buhl residents are paying a base water rate of \$9.50 for 6,000 gallons of water and \$16.49 for sewer services. The city wants to increase rates to \$25.50 for 12,000 gallons of water and \$32 for sewer.

Industrial rates would increase by 94 percent.

Blair Koch can be e-mailed at blair_206@hotmail.com or phoned at 316-2607.

Fish farmers upset with state water agency

Fate of Blue Lakes and Clear Springs water in question

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Fish producers in the Thousand Springs area say they're still short of water and question the state's handling of the issue in light of a recent court ruling.

"Blue Lakes continues to suffer serious water shortages, and junior groundwater users continue to deplete Blue Lakes' water supply," wrote Daniel Steenson, an attorney for Blue Lakes Trout Farm Inc., in a letter to Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

In spring 2005, both Blue Lakes Trout and Clear Springs Foods Inc. asked Dreher to shut down pumps with water rights junior to theirs because already depleted levels in the aquifer had dropped with the drought. The director ordered groundwater users to provide replacement water to the two fish farms. However, in June, District Court Judge Barry Wood determined the rules that Dreher used in his orders were unconstitutional, leaving the fate of Blue Lakes and Clear Springs' water in question.

The state has requested that Wood's ruling be put on hold until the Idaho Supreme Court hears its appeal. Wood will listen to arguments on Water Resources' motion next week. Dan Steenson and Clear Springs' attorney John Simpson sent Dreher letters recently reiterating the companies' water shortages. Dreher responded by asking each party to outline how to proceed.

"The Department's failure to administer water rights pursuant to existing law demonstrates a complete disregard for the Idaho Constitution, water distribution statutes, and Clear Springs' senior water rights," Simpson wrote.

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

Keeping watch on the valley

Funny calls help balance the serious ones for dispatcher

By Nate Poplino
Times-News writer

JEROME — When dogs run loose, when cars collide, she'll be calling.

It will be one of the quietest conversations you'll ever have, yet one of the most important. And if you need to talk longer, she'll stay on the line.

She is Angel Majerus, one of the dispatchers employed by the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

"Twelve hours a day, four days a week, she sits in front of several computer monitors wearing a headset and waits for the calls to come.

Last dogs, traffic accidents, shootings. She gets it all.

The call center covers everything in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties except the Twin Falls Police Department, and even covers Camas County at night.

Majerus, of Larsen, all but stumbled into the job after attending the University of Montana-Missoula and the College of Southern Idaho.

"I just kind of applied," she said. "It was available and sounded interesting."

Her hours depend on what she signs up for, but she usually works two day shifts followed by two night shifts. The two shifts are very different, she said.

Daytime calls include loose pets, thefts and reckless drivers. It's at night when the predators, domestic situations and DUIs come out.

Some calls are just plain weird — often involving animals. Once, Majerus said, she got a call about an 8-foot alligator crawling sideways in a yard in Eden. Another involved a barn and stuck in a woman's chimney, hooting incessantly.

"In the background you could hear her (the woman) hooting at the owl," Majerus said.

Sometimes the calls have nothing to do with an emergency.

"On Thanksgiving, people ask what tem-



Angel Majerus, a 911 dispatcher, answers a call at SHRCOMM in Jerome.

On the Net

To see Angel Majerus in action, go to www.mvgvalley.com

perature to cook the turkey," Majerus said. "Funny calls like that help balance the more serious ones. When she first began the job, Majerus said, she would leave work thinking about the tedious situations she heard about.

"CRP-in-progress calls, those kind of stay with you," she said.

But the worst have always been incidents involving children.

"A crash involving a kid, a small child not breathing ... It's changed my perspective of the things that are important," she said.

And that's an easy worry for Majerus to bring home to her 3-year-old daughter.

Other dispatchers have taken calls from relatives of their co-workers, and she knows it could happen to her.

"Stuff can happen to anybody," she said. "You have to treat it like any other call, keep the personal part out of it until later on."

One way to do that is to stick to her call formula. She always starts by asking whether the caller is — that way, she has a location if the call is interrupted.

Sometimes the location is already given. SHRCOMM has the ability to access phone company records for landlines, which provide an address, name and phone number.

But it can't do the same for cell phones, and a growing number of people are dropping their landlines in favor of cell phones.

"Cell calls are harder to pinpoint," Majerus said. "If you lose the connection, you don't always have the cell number to call back on."

She next asks what the call is about before getting a name and phone number. She types information into her computer the whole time and sends a file to the appropriate local agency.

All of this happens within 30 seconds.

The time after that is when Majerus changes hats from dispatcher to counselor.

"If it's a domestic, we try to defuse the situation," she said. "If it's a medical condition ... We like to keep them on the phone so we can hear what's going on."

Burley man found guilty of lewd contact with child

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

RUPERT — A 39-year-old Burley man could face life in prison after being convicted last week of two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor girl under 16 years of age.

David Leon Johnson, 39, Burley, was indicted by a

grand jury on Aug. 24, 2005, on three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct, after months of investigation brought the alleged crimes to light. A hearing was held in Rupert and the jury returned the guilty verdict on July 20.

Johnson posted bond hours after the conviction, but was required to give up his passport, sign extradition papers

and was ordered to have no contact with females under 16 years of age. He is scheduled for sentencing on Sept. 22 in Minidoka District Court.

Johnson's wife reported to law enforcement that a child told her Johnson had been forcing the 6-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity with him.

She testified in the hearing

that she had been informed of such incidents occurring nearly a year before she disclosed it to authorities, but when she confronted Johnson, he convinced her she had been misinformed.

When the child came to her again and said the activity was again taking place, she sought professional help, according to her testimony.

NEWSTRACKER

LAST WE KNEW: The state required groundwater users to provide water to fish producers in the Thousand Springs area.

THE LATEST: A recent court ruling on Idaho water law cast doubt on future actions in the spring users' cases. Water Resources is asking parties for direction.

WHAT'S NEXT: Next week, District Court Judge Barry Wood will hear arguments on whether his ruling should go into effect or be stayed pending the outcome of an appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners

Meeting held July 31, 2006, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the county courthouse. Commissioners Gary Grindstaff and Tom Mikesell present. Commissioner Bill Brockman was attending an Idaho Cattlemen's Association meeting.

<p>✓ Airport lease: 2 in favor</p>	<p>The commissioners approved a lease agreement with Kevin and Sherry Overings for space at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.</p>	<p>✓ Williams Ranch: 2 in favor</p>	<p>The commissioners approved a final plat for the Williams Ranch Subdivision.</p>
<p>✓ Hospital funds: 2 in favor</p>	<p>The commissioners approved the creation of two funds for money related to the sale and lease of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The two funds will allow the money to be properly tracked and used.</p>	<p>✓ Whisper Mountain: 2 in favor</p>	<p>The commissioners approved an amendment to the contract for an evil hazard mitigation plan on Whisper Mountain. The amendment changes the schedule from a one-time payment when the work is done to several smaller payments in December 2006 and March and June 2007.</p>
<p>✓ Dairy expansion: 2 in favor</p>	<p>The commissioners approved a request for a state siting team for a dairy expansion at 4200 N 2900 E near the Cassia County line. The dairy will expand to 15,120 animal units.</p>	<p>✓ ...</p>	<p>The commissioners approved an amended version of the 2004 State Homeland Security Program Grant Award that will provide \$605,215.70 to the county. The money is used for various safety and disaster services programs and equipment.</p>

SERVICES

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

Venice Hadfield Benson

TWIN FALLS — Venice Hadfield Benson passed away Saturday, July 29, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Venice was born March 20, 1913, in Logansport, Ind., to John and John G. Hadfield. The family moved to Smithfield in 1914, where Venice resided until her marriage to LaMont Benson of Newton, Utah. They raised two children in Newton, where they engaged in farming. In 1947, they moved to Smithfield, Utah. The Bensons divorced in 1972.

Venice moved to Carson, Calif., in 1973, where she resided with a sister. She was a member of the Torrence California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and did her temple work in the Los Angeles Temple. In 1986, Venice moved to St. George, Utah. She became a pink lady at the St. George hospital and was a volunteer at the St. George Historical Museum. She attended the comm. unit



college for seniors and resumed her temple work in the St. George Temple. In 1984, Venice moved to Salt Lake City, and two years later moved back to St. George, where she resided until she moved to Twin Falls in 2001. During her lifetime, Venice traveled extensively, almost always in the company of her brothers and sisters. She also spent time with her daughter, Sondra, and family in Germany while they were

there on assignment with the Air Force. Venice was known for her kindness and caring. Her patriarchal blessing talked of the marvelous good she had done for others.

Venice is survived by two daughters, Sondra (Mont) Hill of Filer, Idaho, and Susan (Scott) Liddell of Sandy, Utah; five grandchildren, Jay (Wendal) Hill of Richland, Wash., Lynne (Chris) Horne of Star, Idaho, Kip Hill of New Plymouth, Idaho, and Laura (Curt) Thiemann of Twin Falls, Idaho. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren, Erin and Jared Norton of Star, Idaho, Amanda and Gabe Thiemann of Twin Falls, Idaho, Brie Palmer and Sidney Herman of Chandler, Ariz. A son, Dee Lamont, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at the Smithfield, Utah, Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family online at www.legacyfuneralhome.com.

Buddy L. DeWeese of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Reformed Church in Twin Falls, 1631 Grandview Circle N. (corner of Fox Lane Road and Grandview Drive North) (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Troy Alonso of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Oliver L. "Bud" Clark of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Baptist Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the mortuary.

Marie Clmer Arterburn of Hagerman, graveside celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hagerman Cemetery Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Amy Ethel Chamberlin Neff Orton of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Thelma Barker Taylor of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Heyburn LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive in Heyburn; interment will follow at 3 p.m. at the Grand View Cemetery in Elba. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at

DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth Ordaz

TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth Ordaz, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Alpine Manor in Twin Falls. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow the Mass at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

Elbert R. Middleton
JEROME — Elbert R. Middleton, 62, of Jerome, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Reuben M. Will
GOODING — Reuben Martin Will, 81, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Doris D. Nicholas

WENDELL — Doris D. Nicholas, 82, of Wendell, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

CENTURY CINEMA 5 & BURLEY THEATRE
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
DEADMAN'S CHEST
1:30 • 4:30 • 7:30 • 10:00 (PG-13)

LADY IN THE WATER
2:00 • 4:00 • 7:00 • 9:30 (PG)

THE ANT BULLY
2:00 • 4:00 • 7:00 • 9:30 (PG)

MONSTER HOUSE
2:00 • 4:00 • 7:00 • 9:30 (PG)

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
2:00 • 4:00 • 7:00 • 9:30 (PG-13)

Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Jerry Dale Gage of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley)

John Daniel Stockman II of

Las Vegas, graveside service at 12:40 p.m. Friday, at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Henderson, Nev. (Palm Mortuary in Henderson, Nev.)

Mildred Irene Andressen of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, graveside memorial service Sunday at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone.

Exclusive Technology Now Available!

FREE HEARING EVALUATION!
Call Today!

PROFESSIONAL HEARING AID Services

734-2800 (Across from CVS)
878-7800 (Inside Plummer Insurance-Bldg.)

In Concert at Calvary Chapel Buhl

2003 Christian Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year

Dennis Agajian
At: Calvary Chapel Buhl, 1004 Burley Ave. (Old Hilday's Store)
Thursday, August 3rd 7:00 p.m.

FINAL SUMMER CLEARANCE

On Women's Summer Shoes and Sandals

ADDITIONAL 20% OFF

The already low sale price.

Hudson's SHOES

Lynwood Shopping Center
Twin Falls • 733-6280
Open Mon-Fri 9:30-6:00 • Sat 9:30-

What's an OFFER? DEAL?

Receive up to a **\$1000 INSTANT DISCOUNT**

with purchase of qualifying Lennox® home comfort products.

Call Us Today!

Call us and ask for full details.

BRIZEE
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Comfort & Confidence Since 1909
(208) 733-2624
227 2nd Ave. E, Twin Falls, ID
Visit us at www.brizee.com

Jack Benton Cubit

TWIN FALLS — Jack Benton Cubit, 76, lifetime resident of Twin Falls, died early Saturday morning, July 29, 2006, at SunBridge Center for Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Jack was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on May 2, 1930, to Hazel Scheut Cubit and Roy Cubit. He was educated in Twin Falls schools, where he enjoyed all sports and excelled in swimming. He enjoyed the adventures of camping and fishing with his friends, and jogging along with his big brother. As a young man, Jack was stricken with a fever that left him mentally impaired. He never lost his happy-go-lucky nature nor the qualities of a good upbringing. His favorite pastime was walking or bowling. Jack was preceded in death



by his parents; and his brother, Roy Patrick Cubit. After the death of his mother in 1987, he had some measure of happiness under the guidance of his cousin, Donna Holmes, and guardians, the Rev. Robert Van Nest and

Helen Arnold, who serve under the auspices of Twin Falls County Board of Community Guardians. The guardians wish to thank the ladies at SunBridge who gave him such tender loving care during his last years.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday evening at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Memorials can be made in Jack's name to the Twin Falls County Board Community Guardians organization, in care of Dennis Voorhees, P.O. Box Z, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or may be given to funeral chapel staff at the services.

Laura A. Snyder

BOISE — After a valiant battle with cancer, Laura A. Snyder, 59, of Boise, and formerly of Filer, Idaho, was called home to Jesus on July 25, 2006.

Laura was born Jan. 24, 1956, in Neodesha, Kan., to Lauren and Elois Butts. Her family moved to Filer, Idaho, in 1957. She attended school in Filer and graduated from Filer High School in 1974. She married Paul Fingerson in 1975. The marriage lasted 20 years, and produced the joys of her life — her three beautiful children: Adam, Lauren and Heidi. They later divorced and, in 1996, she married the love of her life, Philip Snyder. Although not nearly long enough, Phil and Laura celebrated 10 wonderful years together. They were each other's best friends, enjoying yard sales, going out to dinner and to the mall for Laura's favorite, Marie Callender's cinnamon rolls. Although



Laura did not fish, she would accompany Phil on fishing trips, finding joy in just being together. Laura loved her family and her best times were spent with her husband, children, grandchildren and her sisters. Laura loved music, especially southern gospel. She played the piano and had an impressive soprano singing voice. A Christian since childhood, she attended the

Collister Community Church in Boise.

Laura is survived by her spouse, Philip S. Snyder; her three children, sons Adam and Lauren Fingerson, and her daughter, Heidi Fingerson; and three stepchildren, John Snyder (Candy), Jewellee R. Snyder (Tony) and Melody Green (Chris). Also surviving are her sisters, Dolores Humphrey (Dave), Grace Hill (Jim) and Marguerite Walbridge (Bob); five nephews and nieces; five great-nieces and nephews; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Lauren and Elois Butts. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service to celebrate Laura's life will be held Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at the Collister Community Church, 4709 W. State Street in Boise, Idaho, at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to cancer research.

Mary Broadhead McAlister

RUPERT — Mary Ann Hellewell, 92-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2006, at Parkview Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Mary was born Aug. 29, 1913, in Heyburn, Idaho, the daughter of James Burrup and Elizabeth Sara Edna, Lechty Hellewell. She received and completed her education in Heyburn. She married Edward Broadhead on Aug. 21, 1933. Together, they had seven children. Ed passed away on June 12, 1947.

She later married Guy McAlister on Nov. 8, 1964, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 1982. Mary worked hard all of her life and set a great example for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed crocheting and needle work and working in her flower gardens. However, the most important part of her life was



her family. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served faithfully in various callings.

She is survived by two sons, Edward (Diane) Broadhead, Middleton, Idaho, and Orville (MaryLou) Broadhead of Rupert; two brothers, George (Charlotte) Hellewell of Heyburn and Heber Hellewell of Moses Lake, Wash.; 13

grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; three nephews who died in infancy; and two adult daughters, Nellie Mae Pague and Barbara Meiners; three brothers, Johnny, James and William "Bill" Hellewell; one sister, Louise Monson; and two grandsons.

The family expresses their appreciation to everyone for all their love and support for Mary. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Chapel, 526 S. F. St., with Bishop Gary D. Mecham officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

community news, see page A9.

LENNOX
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

COMICS

Beetle Bailey



Blondie



The Born Loser



Garfield



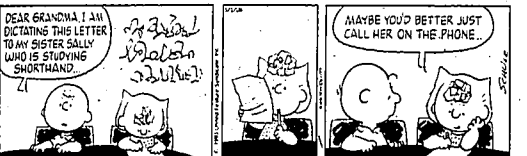
Hagar the Horrible



Hi and Lois



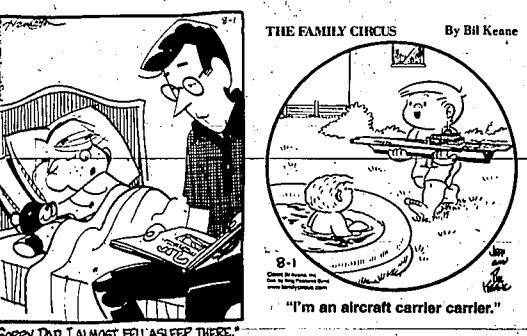
Classic Peanuts



The Wizard of Id



Dennis the Menace



Widow makes up her mind that age doesn't matter

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, after 56 years of marriage, I became a widow. I am only 82. I miss the companionship, but what I miss the most is ballroom dancing. All my friends are widows, or their husbands are too feeble to dance.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

I keep house for my divorced son and teenage grandson. I drive my grandson to school in a carpool, take him to the doctor, the dentist, etc. I am blessed with good health and can travel across the country to visit my daughters and other relatives. I play bridge three or four times a week. I am active in my religious community and have many friends of all ages. I love to read, and I'm never bored or lonely.

ABBY: What I'm trying to say is: Age is all in the mind. — YOUNG AT HEART IN ARIZONA DEAR YOUNG AT HEART: I agree with you. With your attitude you will never be "old" or lonely.

As to missing hallroom dancing, check your Yellow Pages for dancing schools and sign up for some classes. I know a lady who went dancing well into her 90s. When she attended events, she would take one (or two) dancing instructors with her. Where there's a will, there's a way.

DEAR ABBY: Both of my siblings and I are in our mid-20s. As to missing hallroom dancing, check your Yellow Pages for dancing schools and sign up for some classes. I know a lady who went dancing well into her 90s. When she attended events, she would take one (or two) dancing instructors with her. Where there's a will, there's a way.

After years of fighting, bickering and unhappiness, my parents have finally separated for good. My mother has moved in with her cousin.

My problem is my mother is perpetually depressed. This has been going on for years. In addition, she has become more and more reclusive. Her life has become her job, her cat and occasional outings with her cousin, my siblings or me. We have tried repeatedly to get Mom into counseling or help in any sort of social organization to no avail. Mother is only in her mid-50s and dislikes anything involving "seniors."

ABBY: Please help. Can you suggest some place or organization to which my mother can turn for help? DEAR WIT'S END IN WILLINGTON DEPRESSION is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain. The good news is that, in most cases, it is treatable. Your adjustment will both help for a thorough checkup, and if possible, you should accom-

pany her and explain how restricted her life has become.

DEAR ABBY: I met an interesting, caring, loving man four weeks ago. He is 23 and I am 28. We are very attracted to each other. We have already become intimate, and we have decided to date exclusively.

I realize our relationship has moved awfully fast, and it may no be the smartest thing I have ever done. My problem is, he never wants to go anywhere. He prefers to sit at his home or mine, watch TV. He has sex or not — and he's completely satisfied with that.

On the other hand, am a go-getter. I love to be taken out and shown a good time, go dancing, go to the gym, to the movies, to the theater and restaurants.

I have discussed my unhappiness with him, but he thinks I'm overreacting. Is this a warning sign? What do you think?

— FAST LOVE IN TEXAS DEAR FAST LOVE: I think you have jumped the gun. Your boyfriend's passivity is a warning sign. You forego the things others you need to know him a lot better. If there are major disparities now in your view of what makes a good time, consider the adjustments you will both have to make if you get really serious.

The British empire freed its slaves on this day in 1838

This day in history: On Aug. 1, 1838, after years of acrimonious debate, all slaves in the British empire were officially freed. Just after midnight on August 1, a group of newly-freed slaves gathered around a coffin at a church in Falmouth, Jamaica. Inside they placed chains, an iron collar, and a whip before burying it in the churchyard.

The highest frequency that cars can hear is 70,000 vibrations per second. People don't even come close to their highest — it is the low 20,000s.

Winston Churchill smoked about 300,000 cigars in his lifetime.

With a dilemma, at least you only have to choose between two hard choices. A polydema is much harder — it's like a dilemma, but with three or more choices.

As Greek tradition has it, the nine muses were the daughters of Zeus (god of all gods) and Mnemosyne (goddess of memory). The muses and their



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

specialties were Calliope (epic poetry), Erato (love poetry), Melpomene (tragedy), Thalia (comedy), Clio (history), Urania (astronomy), Polyhymnia (sacred song), Terpsichore (dance/choral song), and Euterpe (lyrics).

Both male and female gags have beads. Peach melba and melba toast were both invented by French hotel chef Auguste Escoffier. He was trying to impress a celebrity guest, Australian opera singer, Nellie Melba.

When Lewis and Clark set off from St. Louis two centuries ago into unexplored regions of the West, they believed they might run into

mammoths and seven-foot beavers.

"Liar" is such an ugly word. "Pseudologist" sounds so much nicer.

Butterfly collectors don't get much respect. In the early 1700s, Lady Eleanor Blount was declared insane on the basis of pursuing the hobby, after an entomologist testified, "None but those deprived of their Senses would go in Pursuit of butterflies."

The first auto insurance issued was in February of 1898, by the Travelers Insurance Co. It was primarily designed to cover the cost of damage and medical bills in case an auto driver crashed into a horse.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmangers@mingo-barrett.com.

41-year-old Arizona mother joins the Army

TUCSON, Ariz. — LaurieAnn Fucca is making history as the first Arizona woman to join the Army past her 40th birthday.

Fucca, a 41-year-old mother of four, was to travel for boot camp Monday — three weeks after her eldest son was sent to Iraq at age 19.

The Army recently raised its maximum recruiting age to 42. "I've always wanted to be in the military for a long as I can remember, but I never had the opportunity because I was a full-time mom," Fucca said.

Sgt. Fucca said her friends "laughed their heads off" when she told them of her enlistment.

"They said, 'No way — not you!'" Fucca said as she prepared to pack her duffel bag for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. "My son was like 'You're crazy. Moms

don't join the military," she said.

Paris bans thong bikinis at summer event PARIS — Puritanism in Paris.

Worried about an excess of flesh visible on the banks of the River Seine, Paris City Hall has banned thong bikinis, topless sunbathing and nudity at the summer sand-sites-city event known as Paris Beaches.

Le Parisien newspaper reported Saturday. Violators will be fined \$48, the report said.

"Thongs and 'bottom-only' bikinis are common sights on France's Mediterranean and Atlantic shores.

— Compiled from wire reports

BANKRUPTCY - 95 DOWN The Debt Relief Agency of Idaho George P. Essma Attorney At Law 2122 S. Owyhee, W. Suite 200 FREE CONSULTATION We are a Debt Relief Agency. We help people file for Bankruptcy Relief under the BANKRUPTCY CODE www.DebtrReliefIdaho.com

Investment Management Inc. ORPHEUM TEL. 476-9111 JEROME 4 Monster Truck (pg) 7.00 - 8.15 Ant Bully (pg) 7.15 - 9.30 Lady in the Water (pg) 7.15 - 9.30 Pirates / Caribbean 2 (pg) 7.00 Summer Matinee #3 Rebound ac. or Nancy McPhee pg. 7.00 - 9.15 All Seats \$1.50 w/out Marine Ticket THIN 12 Pirates of the Caribbean 2 Dead Man's Chest pg. 7.15 - 9.45 Jack Black & Nechelle Cust pg. 7.15 - 9.45 Superman Returns (pg) 7.00 Steven Spielberg's Monster Truck (pg) 7.00 - 9.15 Lady in the Water (pg) 7.00 - 9.30 Ant Bully (pg) 7.20 - 9.45 Devil Wagon (pg) 7.30 - 9.45 CATS (pg) 7.00 - 9.30 Click (pg) 7.00 - 9.30 You, Me and Duane (pg) 7.00 - 9.30 Summer Matinee #3 Rebound ac. or Nancy McPhee pg. 7.00 - 9.15 All Seats \$1.50 w/out Marine Ticket ODYSSEY 6 My Super Ex-Girlfriend (pg) 7.15 - 9.30 Little Man (pg) 7.15 - 9.45 Clerks 2 (pg) 7.15 - 9.30 John Tucker Must Die (pg) 7.00 - 7.30 - 9.15 - 9.45 Miami Vice (pg) 7.15 - 9.45

Opinion Editor David Cooper 733-0931, Ext. 246

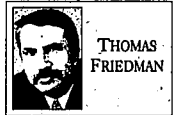
OPINION

On the eve of madness



DAMASCUS, Syria — Over Turkish coffee the other morning, I picked up a copy of *The Syria Times*, the local English-language paper, and my eye immediately went to a small box at the top of the front page. It said, "The Middle East on the Eve of Modernity P. 5."

I thought: What a perfect way to describe the Middle East today — going back to some pre-modern era! Yes, the Syria Times was not trying to be ironic. It turned out the headline was the title of a book about Aleppo in the 18th century.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

But had it been a news headline, it would have been apt: Condoleezza Rice must have been severely leg-lagged when she said that what's going on in Lebanon and Iraq today were the "birth pangs of a new Middle East." Oh, I wish it were so. What we are actually seeing are the rebirth pangs of the old Middle East, only fueled now by oil and more destructive weaponry.

Some of the most primordial, tribal passions, which always lurk beneath the surface here — Sunnis versus Shiites, Jews versus Muslims, Lebanese versus Syrians — but are usually held in check by modern states or bonds of civilization, are exploding to the top.

There is nothing that you can't do to someone in the Arab East today, and there is no leader or movement — no Nelson Mandela and no million-mom march — coming out of this region, or into this region, to stop a top.

And I mean madness. We've seen Sunni Muslims in Iraq suicide-bomb a Shiite mosque

on Ramadan; we've seen Shiite militiamen torture Sunnis in Iraq by drilling holes in their heads with power tools; we've seen Jordanian Islamist parliamentarians "inspiring the terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, even though he once blew up a Jordanian wedding; we've seen hundreds of Palestinian suicide bombings of Israeli cafes and buses; and we've seen Iraq retaliating by, at times, leveling whole buildings, with the guilty and the innocent inside.

Now we've seen the Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah, take all of Lebanon into a devastating, unprovoked war with Israel, just to improve his political standing and take pressure off Iran. America should be galvanizing the forces of order — Europe, Russia, China and India — into a coalition against these trends. But we can't. Why? In part, it's because our president and secretary of state, although they speak with great moral clarity, have no moral authority. That's been shattered by their performance in Iraq.

The world hates George Bush more than any U.S. president in my lifetime. He is radioactive — and so caught

up in his own ideological bubble that he is incapable of imagining or forging alternative strategies.

In part, it is also because China, Europe and Russia have become friends off U.S. power. They reap enormous profits from the post-Cold-War order that America has shaped, but rather than become real stakeholders in that order, helping to draw and defend redlines, they duck, mumble, waffle or cut their own deals.

This does not bode well for global stability. A religious militia that calls itself "the party of God" takes over a state and drags it into war, using high-tech rockets — missiles with drones — and the world is paralyzed. Those who ignore this madness will one day see it come to the near their near.

In part, though, this madness is home-grown. I sat at a swank rooftop restaurant the other night with some young Syrian writers and listened to a discussion between a young woman dressed in trendy clothes, talking about how she would prefer to see Israel disappear, and another writer who argued that Nasrallah was an Arab disaster, and an Arab journalist who described the

"pride" and "dignity" every Arab felt at seeing Hezbollah fight Israel to a standstill.

When will the Arab-Muslim world stop getting its "pride" from fighting Israel and start getting it from constructing a society that others would envy, an economy others would respect, and inventions and medical breakthroughs from which others would benefit?

There will be no new Middle East — not as long as the New Middle Easterners, like Rafik Hariri, the former Lebanese prime minister, get gunned down; not as long as Old Middle Easterners, like Nasrallah, use all their wit and resources to start a new Arab-Israeli war rather than build a new Arab university; and not as long as Arab media and intellectuals refuse to speak out clearly against those who encourage their youth to embrace martyrdom with religious zeal rather than meld modernity with Arab culture.

Without that, we are wasting our time, and the Arab world is wasting its future. It will forever be "on the eve of modernity."

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

EDITORIAL

Popular use on Salmon pulls rank on wilderness

The wilderness purists who want wild areas to stay that way may have a point in criticizing the Forest Service for blasting a logjam along the Salmon River last week. The agency cleared the blocked river with dynamite after a blowout of logs and runoff clogged the Middle Fork of the Salmon and started nearly 300 rafters.

Wilderness advocates say that got undermined the very essence of wilderness — to protect regions where man is a visitor but doesn't remain. Their criticism is not probably a little unrealistic in the same breath.

Fact is wilderness in the 21st century is more than an escapist destination where nature and critters roam free. Wilderness recreation generates big bucks in Idaho. If the virtues of pure wilderness and preservation were really in place, you wouldn't see rafters, jet-boaters or airplanes around the landscape of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness — much less dynamite blowing out logjams.

Of course, the business side wasn't the Forest Service's given reason for clearing the congested Middle Fork. Regional Forester Jack Troyer, based in Ogden, Utah, ordered the dynamite blast to protect those who were stranded. Some of the rafters included elderly, disabled, and children, according to Kent Fellenbach, a Salmon-Challis National Forest spokesman. In the case hadn't included those circumstances, Fellenbach said the

agency may have chosen not to clear the logjam.

That's possible, but probably unlikely. The Middle Fork squeeze was much like the situation on the South Fork of the Boise River that unfolded this summer.

Our view: The Forest Service made the right call blowing up a logjam on the Middle Fork of the Salmon. What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

There, another logjam has prevented rafters from floating a popular whitewater destination. Unlike the South Fork of the Boise, the Middle Fork lies in wilderness domain. But the same effort to clear Mother Nature's remnants for the sake of popular use would still probably persist.

Thousands of whitewater enthusiasts make the trek to the Middle Fork every year to experience the scenery of the Frank and to frolic in the world-famous, Class IV rapids. Those boaters bring in a boatload of cash too. The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association sets total revenue from Middle Fork trips at \$10 million annually. One IOGA official told the Idaho Statesman the figure is closer to \$20 million annually when kimped with other recreational industries.

Those figures shouldn't insinuate that profit derails Forest Service policy. But contrary to what traditional wilderness advocates believe, the spirit of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the letter of it are entirely different in the minds of many outdoor recreationists.

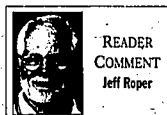
Forest Service officials made the right decision clearing out the logs from a safety standpoint. Those who consider themselves wilderness junkies are probably thinking their lucky stars — and wailers — that it did as well.

Teachers have a source to renew ideas

There is no question about it. Teaching is both the hardest and the best job I have ever had. After 12 years working for a nonprofit community development agency in inner city Detroit, Cleveland, Dallas and Los Angeles, and for 18 years managing a small chain of clothing stores (Roper's), I'm now preparing for my fifth year teaching English to sophomores and seniors at DeClo High School.

During the school year, my life is consumed with teaching — working 12-hour days plus hours of grading on the weekends, grading 70 research papers, overthinking and reconstructing almost every lesson plan and every unit, meeting with students before and after class. Exhaustion sets in frequently. This is a job that will take its toll on every thinking teacher like you.

Yet each morning as I arrive at the school early before any other except the janitor, I am thrilled to be in a high school



READER COMMENT Jeff Roper

that takes care of students, excited to be in a classroom of inquiry and questioning, and delighted to have students who want to learn. Teaching is almost always a joy, but the joy does not make up for the exhaustion; the percentage of teachers who quit before they reach the end of their fifth year in the classroom is very high. We teachers will burn ourselves out unless real relief is found.

This summer, I found real relief. Along with four other Magic Valley teachers (Lisa Carroll, Shoshone Elementary; Frank Dehoney, Valley Middle School; Denise Mumm, Kimberly Middle School; Renata Ware, Kimberly Elementary), I was invited to participate in the Summer

Institute of the Boise State Writing Project. The Boise State Writing Project is part of the National Writing Project, a nationwide network of educators working together to strengthen writing instruction in America's schools. This was the second year of the BSWP.

Over the summer 20 Magic Valley teachers, Sue Griffith and Jennifer Jones of Kimberly Elementary, participated. For three weeks, 25 Idaho teachers met in Boise to deconstruct and learn from each other and from nationally recognized teaching leaders like Jeffrey Wilhelm, BSWP director and author of *101 Ways to Engage Students in Writing*. This experience revived my faith in my own teaching and gave me exposure to exemplary teaching and dedicated teachers.

We often think that teaching relief has to do with salary increase and a reduction in class size. Both of these are important, in fact, essential in the long run. Many good

teachers will not be recruited or retained if salaries stay low and teaching loads remain so heavy. But I would argue that an even more important source of relief is collegiality.

We teachers are not "independent contractors" operating in our classrooms. We are part of a large community of educators that is driven by a constant desire to improve student learning. We need opportunities to listen at length to each other, to share our ideas and failures, to explore new teaching ideas, to share our passion for our job. The BSWP recently provided 25 Idaho teachers with this opportunity. Next year another opportunity will occur, the third Boise State Writing Project Summer Institute, and I would urge any teacher who is eager for relief to apply. Ask me or any other teacher who has participated — this experience is transformative.

Jeff Roper of Burley is an English teacher at DeClo High School.

TimesNews

Brad Hurd... Publisher Chris Steinbach... Editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Clump, Traci Bills, Bill Blitzenburg and David Cooper.

LETTERS

Traffic laws fail to protect pedestrians

On July 13, 2006, Megan Buschman was crossing the campus of the College of Southern Idaho when she was struck by a truck driven by Kevin Gram. Gram stated he couldn't see her because of the shrubbery or sun. He also stated that he was going 20 mph. Megan is now 50-plus feet away from the logjams that David Neal was quoted saying: "Buschman was at fault because she stepped in front of the truck and was not in a normal crossing area." How does Neal know this when the investigation was closed before Megan gave her statement? What's a normal crossing area?

CSU is pedestrian-friendly. Vehicles yield to the pedestrians. That's common sense. If the vehicles don't yield, as in Megan's case, then there is a problem.

According to the ISU if pedestrians aren't in a crosswalk they don't have the right-of-way. So next time I drive on campus, are pedestrians not in a crosswalk play game? It's really hit every person that is not in a crosswalk and then, blame it on

the landscaping and/or sun? Drivers on school campus need to yield and protect the pedestrians. Maybe this is where the problem lies. In the state of Idaho, I feel pedestrians should always have the right-of-way. Something needs to be done before someone gets killed. The investigation should have never been closed. Is it fair fault that a truck hit her? Not Megan's fault. She was working at Montana Steak House for almost six years so that she can afford to go to college. Now Megan can't work because she can't even walk for several months.

There will be a benefit at Montana Steak House on August 10, from 4-10. Please support Megan.

ARAH GRIFFITH
Buhl

Writer delivered the message about 'god'

This letter to me is in reference to John Anderson's letter to the editor on July 24. The article is well written and it's food for thought for those who have chosen to take the word "god" out of our school and government. LOUISE BECKER Gooding

Back off when drivers hit the school zones

I am a responsible, defensive driver in Twin Falls. Now, I realize that most yellow and red lights are merely "suggestions" to most drivers in this town. But I have a beef with folks who tailgate me through school zones. School zone speed limits apply Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year — yes, even during the summer.

When you see me in my '75 bug or my Thurus or my husband's white pickup, yep, that's us slowing down for the school zones that exist on Locust, Elizabeth, Flax, etc. If you rider our bumpers in fury, we might slow down,

Write to us

The TimesNews welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 300 words, include your signature, mailing address and telephone number. Writers who sign letters with false names will be permanently barred from publication. Letters may be mailed to our Twin Falls office: brought to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403; faxed to (208) 734-5538; or e-mailed to letters@magvalley.com.

even more. The speed zones are posted — 20 mph.

LETTERS

Pay attention. Hang up the cell phone. People's lives depend on you. LISA LINDSAY Twin Falls

Kraft's call to help

Rupert goes unanswerd I do not work for Kraft, but I do provide a service for them, so I am at the plant daily it is running. Everyone agrees it is a wastewater issue that the city of Rupert, mayor and councilmen insisted on an exorbitant amount for "big bucks." Agreed that Kraft does have a lot of wastewater, why then would your mayor and councilmen turn down an offer from Kraft to bring in their

engineers and help them work out the problem? Kraft, having plants over 100 in the United States and overseas, would probably have encountered about any problems that exist here and probably could have helped work it out.

Your city officials have also contacted Kraft and asked that its employees stop putting articles in the paper. I wonder why? Possibly because the truth may come out. Also, will the parties said to have interest in the facility pay as well as Kraft and have the benefits Kraft has and hire as many people? ROBERT WATTS Heburn

OBITUARY



Connie Axtell

RUPERT — Connie Axtell, 83, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Warren House in Burley. Connie was born May 7, 1923, in Tetonia, Idaho, to Willard R. and Mary Norma Rawlings. She graduated from Burley High School. On Dec. 26, 1940, she married Bob Ruddle. He passed away Dec. 29, 1967. She then married Clyde Axtell on Jan. 9, 1991. She did bookkeeping and worked at the Credit Bureau and in public relations. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, roses, cooking and sewing. She is survived by her husband Clyde Axtell; children, Caron (Ramon) Maxey, Carma Maxey and Rod (Sharon) Ruddle; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" Ruddle; her parents, sister, Willis Oudekirk; and brother, Wendell Rawlings. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the mortuary.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free wellness fair coming to downtown Twin Falls next week

TWIN FALLS — A wellness fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 at 132 Main Ave. S. The event is free.

There will be guest speakers and demonstrations on natural and nutritious meal supplements, naturopathy, kinesiology, aromatherapy, stress reduction and skin care and healing. For more information, call Mickey at 734-6758 or LuAnn at 308-7178.

Garden club to discuss plans for Gooding fair

BLISS — The Bliss Flower and Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Jan Lemons.

Co-host is Marilyn Wilson. Plans for the Gooding County Fair will be discussed and Lucy Smith with Kimberly Nursery will give a presentation on landscaping.

For more information, call Ruby Jenkins at 352-4260.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club lists July 25 results

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its July 25 results.

North/south, first, Warren and Warren McEntire; second, George and Nancy Gibson; third, Vera Mai and Luanne Merrigan; and fourth, Jim and Suzie Evans. East/west, first, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; second, Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris; third, Peggie Payne and Donna Kinnar; and fourth, Steve Sans and Kent Gillespie.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks Lodge. The club invites all area bridge players

to attend. For more information, call 878-3997.

Western States offers video editing class

TWIN FALLS — An "Avid Video Editing" class will be held at Western States College, from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1 to 5 at 124 Main Ave., suite 202.

The cost is \$299. To register, call 731-2923 or 733-9280.

T.F. senior center plans pancake breakfast

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday at 530 Shoshone St.

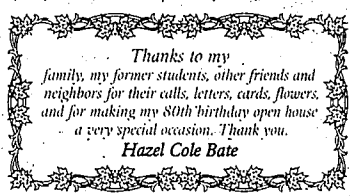
The menu will include French toast, pancakes, eggs, hash browns, and bacon. The cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$5 for

adults, and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Moms Club of Magic Valley meets this week

TWIN FALLS — The Moms Club of Magic Valley will meet at 11 a.m. Friday at the Episcopal Church, 371

Eastlaid Drive N. This is a support group for at-home mothers with young children. The topic of the meeting will be preschool options. Visitors are welcome and there is babysitting available in the church nursery for \$2 per child. For more information, call Kristy Buffington at 736-3362.



Thanks to my family, my former students, other friends and neighbors for their calls, letters, cards, flowers and for making my 80th birthday open house a very special occasion. Thank you.
Hazel Cole Bate

Oakley offers summer reading series

The Times-News

OAKLEY — The Oakley Library is serving up summer fun through reading and activities.

The summer reading program continues through Aug. 12, with new prizes each week.

For more information, call the library at 862-3434. Recently, the summer Reading Steering Committee planned and directed an activity that was attended by more than 70 children and their mothers. Activities included frosting cookies, making animal masks, a petting zoo and animal bingo with prizes. In addition to the steering committee, 14 volunteers guided the children through the various activities.

Steering committee members include Stephanie McClure, Terisa Robinson, Ginger Justesen and KayDee Robinson. The committee also organized and oversaw, along with helpers, four story hours held at the Oakley Elementary Library in June, which was decorated to



Children gather for a story circle as part of the Oakley Library summer reading program. The activities will continue throughout the summer.

reflect the theme, "Trains, Claws, Scales, and Tales." Thanks to donations, children have received books, book bags, note pads, pencil toppers and stickers.

IS IT TIME TO ROLL OVER YOUR NEST EGG?

1435 Fillmore Street
Twin Falls, Idaho
208.733.6019

John A.G. EDWARDS
Retired
Nest Egg

Jerome County FAIR & RODEO
"Where Farm Meets Fun"

TODAY'S EVENTS
Tues., August 1

LIVESTOCK SHOWS BEGIN

8:30am 4-HFFA Horse Show - both arenas
10am-10pm 4-H Exhibits Open - Messesmith
10am-10:30pm Commercial & Food Booths Open
12:30pm Free Entertainment-Free Stage
4pm-8pm Idaho Empire Carnival Open
5:00 pm Main Street Parade
6:30-8:30pm Free Entertainment-Free Stage
7:00pm First Federal Pig Wrestling - Main Arena

AUGUST 1-5, 2006

Why Buy New?
You can save thousands\$ at **Hertz** of Twin Falls

Hundreds of late model vehicles with remaining factory warranty

<p>2000 BUICK REGAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Week • Tax/Title • Gas <p>\$8995</p> <p>STW 010G</p>	<p>2002 CADILLAC SEVILLE STS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD Charge • Leather • Sun Roof • On Star <p>\$19995</p> <p>STW 010G</p>	<p>2003 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 EB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD Charge/DVD • Leather • Sun Roof • Toy Pkg <p>\$19995</p> <p>STW 8377</p>	<p>2003 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Week • Tax/Title • Gas • Wheels • Spoker <p>\$17995</p> <p>STW 020G</p>
<p>2006 BUICK LUCERNE CX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD <p>\$22995</p> <p>STW 011G</p>	<p>2005 CADILLAC DEVILLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD • Leather • Wheels • On Star <p>\$27995</p> <p>STW 891F</p>	<p>2004 CHEVY MALIBU MAXX LT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD • Sun Roof • 15" Wheels <p>\$12995</p> <p>STW 591F</p>	<p>2002 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD <p>\$9995</p> <p>STW 019G</p>
<p>2006 DODGE MAGNUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD <p>\$21995</p> <p>STW 846F</p>	<p>2006 CHRYSLER PACIFICA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD • Leather • Wheels • Rear Air <p>\$23995</p> <p>STW 896F</p>	<p>2006 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD • 15" Wheels • Roof Rack • Iron Pkg <p>\$21995</p> <p>STW 8282</p>	<p>2006 CHEVY IMPALA LS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Seat • Per Week • Tax/Title • CD • 15" Wheels • Iron Pkg <p>\$19995</p> <p>STW 846F</p>

636 POLELINE ROAD TWIN FALLS
208.733.4000
OPEN MONDAY thru SATURDAY TIL 8 PM

*UNITS SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE. PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TAX, TITLE (\$8.00) OR DEALER DOC FEE (\$171.00) DAC. PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006. PICTURES FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.

**July
24th - 29th**

How can we give you 2 for 1 on Hearing Aids? And a guarantee up to 500% better than the industry standard?

At ActivEAR we give you the best prices and the industry's strongest guarantee by manufacturing and selling some of the finest hearing devices in the world direct to you (eliminating middlemen, manufacturing fees and franchise fees).

At ActivEar Hearing Centers

- You can save up to 50%. In other words you can get 2 hearing aids for the price of one.* You can literally save thousands on Top Of The Line hearing devices.
- You get top quality hearing aids within days not weeks. Our manufacturing facility is local.
- *You'll get the "Harris 6-month peace of mind guarantee" that's 5 times better than most competitors. If you have any problems with the fit, comfort, technology or sound quality of the instruments anytime within 6-months of your purchase, we will refit you, change the brand or instrument in short to do what ever is necessary make you thrilled with your hearing.
- You will get free parts on your repairs for 5 years. The standard warantee is only one year.
- You'll have nearly 50 years of experience backing you up.

Do You Answer "Yes" to any of the following?

- You're not sure if you need hearing aids or you believe your loss is too small to be helped by a hearing instrument
- You turn up the volume on your television set
- You frequently ask people to repeat what they said
- You have trouble understanding in noisy environments
- You have trouble understanding women or young children
- You've heard horror stories about comfort or fit or don't like the aids you've tried



Robert Harris
BC-HIS
Founder & President
National Hearing
Centers



Weston Harris
BC-HIS
Innovator & CEO of
National ActivEar &
SportEAR brands

If you're willing to give us a chance, we promise that we can make a tremendous impact on your quality of life. We have solutions for every budget and unique hearing situation. Call to schedule an appointment during our July Sales Event at ny of our ActivEar Centers and get a free hearing test (worth \$249). You won't be disappointed.

Save an Additional \$500
Tuesday Aug. 1st thru Friday Aug. 4th
when you choose either of our most popular styles.

Engineered for
Invisibility and Reliability™



Micro Comfort Canal



Micro Open Ear



This Week 50% OFF All Programmable and Analog Technology

Full Shell

\$395ea**

MSRP \$1,255

Comfort Canal

\$695ea**

MSRP \$1,495



IDAHO FALLS
1920 CHANNING WAY
208 522-0475

BOISE
11513 FAIRVIEW AVE.
208 323-1395

TWIN FALLS
1485 POLELINE ROAD EAST
208 735-1263

NAMPA
324 A CALDWELL BLVD
208 463-0133



TUESDAY
August 1, 2006

SPORTS

Section
BSports Editor: Mika
Christensen, 735-3239

INSIDE: Practice schedules, B2 | MLB, B2 | Scoreboard, B3 | NHL, B3

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TRADE DEADLINE

Maddux dealt to Dodgers

By Ronald Blinn
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Greg Maddux was dealt to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the biggest deal before baseball's non-waiver trade deadline Monday.

A 327-game winner and four-time Cy Young Award winner, Maddux waived his no-trade clause and accepted the trade to Los Angeles, who sent Gold Glove infielder Cesar Izturis to the Cubs. Chicago is giving \$2 million to the Dodgers as part of the trade.

Maddux, who spent his first seven seasons with the Cubs, returned to Chicago before the 2004 season after 11 years with the Atlanta Braves. He got his 300th win and 3,000th strikeout with the Cubs.

"I am very surprised to be honest with you," Maddux said. "It came down to the last minute. I'm excited to be going to L.A., but at the same time sad about leaving Chicago. I need to try to get right with my new team and try to pitch well for them."

Maddux started the season 5-0, but the 40-year-old right-hander has won only four games since and is 9-11 overall with a 4.69 ERA in 22 starts.

Los Angeles, last in the tightly grouped NL West, also acquired shortstop Julio Lugo from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for minor league third baseman Joel Guzman and outfielder Sergio Pedraza.

Earlier, the Cubs traded infielder Todd Walker and \$350,000 to San Diego for minor league right-hander Jose Cedeo.

There were 12 trades in all Monday, including four by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

After stellar setup man Duaner Sanchez dislocated his pitching shoulder in a taxi accident, the NL Eastern-leading New York Mets quickly replenished their staff by acquiring Roberto Hernandez and Oliver Perez from Pittsburgh for outfielder Xavier Nady.

Pittsburgh also sent right-hander Kip Wells to Texas for minor league pitcher Jesse Chavez; outfielder Craig Wilson to the New York Yankees for right-hander Shair Clinton; and first baseman Sean Casey to Detroit for right-hander Brian Rogers.

Texas acquired infielder-outfielder Matt Stairs from Kansas City for right-hander Jesse Diaz.

Cincinnati, continuing to remake its pitching staff, obtained left-hander Rheal Cormier from Philadelphia and right-hander Kyle Lohse from Minnesota. The Reds sent 23-year-old right-hander Justin Germano to the Phillies and 22-year-old right-hander Zach Ward to the Twins.



Chicago Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux throws against the Cincinnati Reds in the first inning of Friday's game in Cincinnati. The four-time Cy Young Award winner was traded from the Cubs to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday for infielder Cesar Izturis.

Soriano staying put in Washington

By Howard Feinrich
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Alfonso Soriano's up-and-down tenure with the Washington Nationals will last at least until the end of this season, with the team holding on to the slugger left fielder instead of dealing him at baseball's trade deadline Monday.

The five-time All-Star was thought to be the most prized player available on the market, but the Nationals decided to keep him rather than swapping him for prospects.

Last in the NL East, the Nationals were expected to be big sellers as Monday's 2 p.m. MDT deadline for making non-waiver deals approached. But they didn't make any trades Monday, and the only player they sent away in recent days was veteran reliever Mike Stanton, who was shipped to the Giants last week.

The Nationals acquired Soriano in December from Texas in a trade that sent outfielders Brad Wilkerson and Terrence Sledge plus a minor league pitcher to the Rangers. The Nationals already had an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, and the team made clear right away it wanted Soriano to move to the outfield.

He balked at switching from second, and the Nationals put off the position issue when Soriano first arrived at

spring training, leaving it open until he returned from playing for the Dominican Republic at the World Baseball Classic.

When he rejoined Washington in March, he was written down in left field on the lineup card for his first game — but when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first, Soriano wasn't there.

Bowden immediately threatened to put Soriano on the disqualified list and withhold his salary. But Soriano eventually complied, and he's played a solid left field while providing as much — or more — offense than the Nationals hoped, at the same time becoming a clubhouse leader.

Entering Monday, Soriano was batting .286 with 32 homers, 64 RBIs and 26 steals.

Area Fall Sports
Practice Schedules
On Page B2

Is sports' doping vial half-full or half-empty?

Tour de France winner Floyd Landis and Olympic and world 100-meter champion Justin Gatlin got pulled over recently for doping under the influence of performance-enhancers.

The news may be even worse than it sounds.



JIM LITKE

Because instead of boasting about how well the system works, the authorities are too busy casting a wary eye on the horizon. They have no idea how many more "speeders" are about to crest the hill, only that the number is likely to be more than they are prepared to handle.

The head of the international cycling federation acknowledged Sunday that he was considering calling in real cops to help police the doping in his sport.

"Of course it is sad it has come to this," UCI president Pat McQuaid said, "but it is the way it has to be."

The head of the U.S. Olympic committee wondered aloud whether the army would be manpower enough.

"The cold reality is this: We are not yet winning the battle, and if we are ultimately to succeed, we must become smarter, more efficient and more effective in our efforts," USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said. "The status quo will not work."

If those gloomy assessments reflect the current state of doping in cycling and track and field, just imagine what's going on in the games that pay top dollar.

Not only do bike racers and runners take home a fraction of what big league sluggers or big-time running backs make, but both sports test athletes more often for more substances than just about any other — in and out of competition. And, the samples are analyzed in state-of-the-art labs by the best scientists money can buy.

Yet nobody in charge can say with certainty whether the vial is half empty or half full.

The fact that two of the highest-profile performers in their respective rackets got busted proves that nobody is above the law. There is no arguing with that. But since Landis and Gatlin also happened to be among the most respected and least suspected members of their professions, it begs the question: How many others are in the juice?

The case of Landis and Gatlin turn up on the blinder. Because the thinking goes that if athletes with that much ability and drive, not to mention an unassailable work ethic, can be lured into risking everything to put themselves over the top, there must be a few of the guys just trying to cash checks from week to week are doing the same.

In baseball, for example, we've seen pitchers, hard-throwers and soft-tossers, infielders, outfielders, Latinos, blacks, Caucasians — and nobodies test positive for steroids already. And expected to be first-bull Hall of Fame sluggers.

Please see LITKE, Page B2

Browns' Winslow: 'Now is my time'

By Tom Waters
Associated Press writer

BEREA, Ohio — Kellen Winslow's serious leg injuries and nearly two years of watching from the sideline robbed him of speed and perhaps a touch of talent.

There isn't an ounce of bravado missing, though.

Cleveland's gifted receiver still believes there is no one quite like him. "I hate to be brash," Winslow said with a smile. "But I think my 90 percent is still better than every tight end out there."

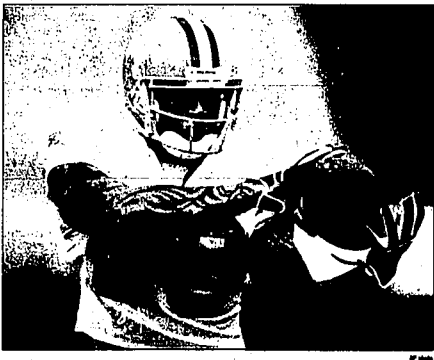
Relaxed, mature and eager to get back on the field for the Browns, Winslow spoke openly and candidly on Monday about his comeback from a 2005 motorcycle accident that nearly ended his promising NFL career.

During a 15-minute interview, the 23-year-old revealed that his medical setbacks were much more severe than he ever disclosed. He'll never be completely recovered from his knee injury; that he recently married his longtime girlfriend, Janelle; and that the public's perception of him — mostly based on his infamous "I'm a sandler" comment following a loss in college at Miami — is inaccurate.

His two-year ordeal has strengthened Winslow physically and spiritually. He better appreciates the blessings around him. He has grown as a man. There has never been any doubt about his wondrous athletic ability, now the versatile 6-foot-4, 248-pounder appears to truly be a complete package.

"I had to climb a lot of mountains to get over this injury," he said. "It wasn't just one wall. I've been through a lot these past two years."

Despite the "missed" time, Winslow



Cleveland Browns tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. grabs a pass during football training camp practice Thursday, July 27 in Berea, Ohio. After missing most of his first two seasons in the NFL with serious leg injuries, Winslow is back and ready to be a star.

remains confident he'll approach the star status projected for him when Cleveland selected the son of a Hall of Fame tight end with the No. 6 overall pick in 2004.

"There is no mystery in my mind. I know what I can do out there," he said. "I've watched film of myself. I haven't lost a step. I'm just tired of hearing what potential I have. I know what I can do, and I'm ready to get on the field and do it."

Winslow, however, said he's never going to be 100 percent because of the magnitude of his right knee injury, which required several surgeries and

But if he's not 100 percent as he says, how can Winslow say he hasn't lost a step?

"Well, about two practices ago, I had a long run," he said. "I didn't get caught. I thought I was going to get caught. That's how I gauge myself. I haven't lost a step. Some days, I feel great, some days I don't feel so good. The two years off and all the surgeries I had to go through takes its toll."

At first, Winslow was reluctant to divulge many details about his injuries from the crash, which took place while he was attempting stunts on his high-powered bike in a secluded parking lot.

Later, he said that in addition to the infection, which caused him to lose 30 pounds, he fractured his femur, two ligaments securing his knee cap and sustained other injuries when he smashed into the ground. "My knee was all bunched up," he said, "the size of a basketball when I was in the hospital. It was huge. I was crying and all that, but never was there any doubt in my mind that I would be back."

The crash came just as Winslow was fully recovered after breaking his leg in the second game of his rookie season. While trying to recover an onside kick at Dallas, Winslow broke his right fibula and missed 14 games.

Then came the crash, an accident that didn't help a player already fighting an off-the-field image as a hothead and troublemaker.

Winslow knows as long as he's healthy and productive, he'll be able to put some distance between himself and the past.

"Some things happen for a reason," he said. "Now is my time. I'm ready to go."

"He's definitely special," Baxter said.

SPORTS

Papi powers Red Sox over Indians

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz hit a game-ending, three-run homer in the third inning Monday night to give the Boston Red Sox a 9-3 win over the Cleveland Indians that kept them in sole possession of first place in the AL East.

Devil Rays 7, Tigers 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Casey Fossum allowed one run over seven innings, and Damon Hollins and Travis Lee hit two-run homers to lead Tampa Bay.

Mannings 10, Orioles 5

BALTIMORE — Richie Sexson and Kenji Johjima homered, Yuniesky Betancourt and Jose Lopez each had three hits, and Seattle used a late scoring surge to beat Baltimore.

Eddy Rodriguez in a four-run eighth that made it 9-4 and all but assured Seattle its seventh win in nine games.

Twins 15, Rangers 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Torii Hunter had a homer and four RBIs in his return from the disabled list and Carlos Silva pitched seven strong innings to lead Minnesota.

Josh Ibanez had a homer and three RBIs and Mike Punto had four hits, four runs and three RBIs to back Silva (7-9), who gave up one run and six hits and struck out four.

White Sox 8, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jermaine Dye, Joe Crede and Alex Cintron honored to lead Chicago.

Dye hit a solo shot, his 29th, with one out in the third inning off Runcley Hernandez (2-6). Dye has hit nine home runs in his last 28 games and is four shy of his career-best 33 in 2006, when he played for the Royals.

Two batters later, Crede hit his 22nd homer following a single by Ross Gload. Crede, who is from Westphalia, Mo., about 140 miles from Kansas City, has 13 home runs and 33 RBIs in his last 37 games.

National League

Marlins 15, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Miguel Cabrera

drove in three runs with a homer and two doubles, and Josh Johnson pitched seven strong innings to lead Florida to a 15-2 victory over Philadelphia on Monday.

Chase Utley extended his hitting streak to 32 games for Philadelphia.

Jeremy Hermida hit a three-run homer, and Miguel Olivo and Dan Uggla each added a two-run shot for the Marlins, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Diamondbacks 15, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Orlando Hudson hit home runs from both sides of the plate, including his first career grand slam, as Arizona hit a team-record six homers.

Rookie Stephen Drew hit his first career home run, and Shawn Green, Chad Tracy and Eric Byrnes also went deep for the Diamondbacks, who had a season-high scoring total.

Rockies 4, Brewers 2

DENVER — Aaron Cook won for the first time in a month and Colorado found some of its missing power at the plate. Garrett Atkins and Matt Holiday hit back-to-back homers in the third inning as the Rockies won consecutive games for the first time since a four-game sweep at Washington June 12-15. It was also their 1,000th win in franchise history and allowed them to avoid a single-digit win total in July for just the fifth time in team history.

Landis busted?

Synthetic testosterone found in Landis urine sample

NEW YORK (AP) — Tests show that some of the testosterone in Floyd Landis's system at the Tour de France was synthetic and not naturally produced by his body as he claimed, according to a news-paper report.

The French antidoping lab testing the American cyclist's samples "determined that some of the hormone came from an external source, The New York Times reported on its Web site Monday night, citing a person at the International Cycling Union with knowledge of the result.

The finding undermines the defense that Landis has stood behind since he tested positive for an elevated ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone following the 17th stage of the Tour de France, where he staged a striking comeback in the Alps to make up for a poor performance the day before.

Looking and sounding dejected, Landis said Friday that his body's natural metabolism — not doping of any kind — caused the result, and that he would undergo tests to prove it.

"We will explain to the world why this is not a doping case but a natural occurrence," Landis said at a news conference in Madrid, Spain.

But after determining that Landis's ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone was more than twice the limit of 4:1, the lab performed a carbon isotope ratio test on the first of Landis's two urine samples, the person told the Times.

That test determines whether the testosterone is natural or synthetic. Landis officially requested the testing of his backup urine sample Monday for an elevated testosterone ratio. If the "B" test is negative, Landis would be cleared. If it's positive, which Landis's lawyers say they expect, he could be stripped of his Tour victory and banned for two years.

Fall sports practices near for area teams

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Area high school and junior high athletic programs are gearing up for the fall sports season. Here is a list of tryout and practice dates and times that has been submitted to the Times-News.

High school

Volleyball: Tryouts for girls in grades 9-12 will be held Friday, Aug. 11, at 8 a.m. in the 7th Street gym. There is a mandatory parents' meeting Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. Make sure that physicals have been completed. Call coach Chrissy Waitley at 543-8262 or 737-1474.

Burley

Football: Practices will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 7. Freshmen and juniors need to submit a physical before they can practice. Call head coach Scott Pahl at 878-6844 with any questions.

Declo

Soccer: The Declo High School Hornet boys soccer program will open practices from 6:30-8:30 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).

Pifer

Soccer: Boys team, first practice Mon., Aug. 7, 6 p.m. at

Litke

Someone wrote poignantly that the moment of truth for many marginal ballplayers comes with the onset of age or the realization that they've maximized their talent; then it's cheat or go home. That doesn't make their lives easier to forgive, but because they're able players, they are easier to forget.

When stars like Landis and Gaitanidis get caught, it diminishes the games, too, but in a much more insidious way. Increasingly, the performance, once regarded as magical — the way Landis rebounded from crushing defeat only a day earlier, or the way Gaitanidis roared past a half-dozen other sprinters and hit the tape in world-record time — are proving to be byproducts of science, based on testing to date, Runt

FIIS soccer field, physicals, questions 734-8332 or 420-1585.

Gooding

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

Soccer: Girls and boys soccer both begin at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Coach Chris Thompson (934-5401) will help girls practice on the middle school field, while coach Roger Johnson (934-5683) will host boys practice on the ISDB field.

Football: Football two-a-days begin on Friday, Aug. 11 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the GIS football field. Contact coach Chris Comstock at 934-9485.

Cross country: Cross country begins at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 at the ISDB track. Contact coach Jack Nelson at 934-4783. Volleyball: Volleyball starts at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14 at the high school gym. Contact coach Joleen Toone at 539-1313 or Jenny Koski at 534-8516. Middle school volleyball starts at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21 at the middle school gym.

Hansen

Football: All new and returning players interested in playing football team in Hansen High School football team this fall should contact new head coach Cameron Andersen at 280-3009.

Jerome

Football: All Jerome football players and parents are asked to attend a mandatory meeting Friday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Jerome High School cafeteria.

terial. Players should have physical and other paperwork completed and ready to turn into athletic director Ty Jones. For questions contact Jones at 308-7317.

New head football coach Gary Krumm and his staff will be providing information regarding the upcoming season. Helmets and lockers will be checked out and spirit packs can be purchased.

Football practice begins Monday, Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. For further information contact Coach Krumm at 731-3709 or Coach Waitley at 539-1682. Cross country: Girls' team coach Tara Davis will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the high school. Practices begin at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11. Runners must turn in a physical before they can practice. Call coach Davis at 731-8894 for any questions.

Kimberly

Volleyball: The Kimberly volleyball program will hold tryouts for the middle school team beginning Monday, Aug. 14 at 3:30 p.m. Tryouts for the JV and varsity teams will also begin Aug. 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the high school gym. All incoming athletes in grades 7 and 11 need to have new physical on file prior to tryouts. All athletes must have a physical on file with the athletic director. Contact Jan Hall (734-5724) for more information.

Minico

Soccer: The Minico High School Spartans girls' soccer program will hold tryouts on Aug. 7-8 at West Minico Junior High School in Paul. There will be two sessions — one at 7 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. on Aug. 7, while there will only be a 5 p.m. session on Aug. 8. Players should bring plenty

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

Minico boys soccer tryouts will be held at 6-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 7-8, at East Minico Middle School in Rupert. Participants should bring cleats, shin guards, physical and insurance paperwork and water. For more information, call coach Dennis Haynes at 436-1747.

Murtaugh

Football: Murtaugh football will begin practice Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Contact new head coach Adam Johnson at 431-0257 with any questions.

Twin Falls

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

Football: Equipment check-out and parents' night for Bruins football will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4 at the high school. Practice starts on Aug. 7. All parents are encouraged to attend. Players must have their physicals prior to Aug. 4 to participate. Call coach Brock Berryhill at 733-6551 with any questions.

Soccer: New girls' head soccer coach Katie Kniffman will hold tryouts on Aug. 7 from 8:9 a.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. at the Sunway Soccer Complex. Players must have a physical before they will be allowed to try out. Call coach Kniffman at 410-2801 for more information.

Wendell

Football: The Wendell Trojan football team will start two-a-day practices on Monday, Aug. 7. The morning practice will be from 7-10 a.m., and the afternoon practice will be from 2-4 p.m.

Equipment check-out and parents' meeting will be on Aug. 3. Seniors and juniors will check out their gear at 5 p.m., and sophomores and freshmen will check out their gear at 6.

Wendell will also have a parents' meeting on Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. Players must have their paperwork in before starting practice. Juniors and freshmen must also have a physical exam before starting practice.

Junior high

Football: There will be a meeting for all Grade 6 football participants and their parents at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the DHS library.

O'Leary

Call athletic director Susan Jones with any questions or concerns at 734-7894. Physicals must be arranged with players' personal doctors prior to any tryouts.

Volleyball: There is a mandatory parents' meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Physicals and necessary paperwork must be turned in before players can attend tryouts. Girls in grade 9 will try out from 9-11 a.m., while girls in grade 8 will try out from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Girls in grade 7 will try out from 1-3 p.m. These will be held at the gym.

Football: There is a mandatory meeting for players in grades 6 and 9 and their parents on Monday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. at the gym. Players will check out their packages and equipment at that time. All physicals and necessary paperwork must be turned in before players can practice. Players in grade 9 will start two-a-days on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Players in grade 8 will only practice once per day, also starting Aug. 15.

Cross country: Runners must submit physicals and paperwork before practicing. The first practice will be following the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 28. Runners that want to practice with the Twin Falls High School team should meet with the team at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11.

Robert Stuart

Volleyball: Tryouts for the seventh-grade volleyball team at Hubert Stuart Junior High will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 and 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 12 at the junior high gym. For more information, call Coach Brewer at 280-2188.

We can help you! You have questions, We have answers. Joseph Shaw Waddell & Reed Financial Planning. Jill Trowell Stevens Pierce & Associates QuickBooks Professional. William E. Baxter Stevens Pierce & Associates Estate Planning & Elder Care Expert.

Soccer Meeting for Referees High School Soccer Referee State Rules Clinic Monday, August 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. Twin Falls High School 1615 Filer Ave. E. — Twin Falls Go to the Main Doors For more information call (208) 734-4555

Continued from page B1

the biggest moments in the biggest games that way and there's no longer any way to separate surprise from suspicion. It makes spectating an effort. We keep talking about a return to some unspecified "good old days" as though there actually were days when big-time athletes weren't juiced. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Competitors looking for an edge, fair or otherwise, have been around since the beginning of sport. More are being caught than ever before, but it has never felt less satisfying. All it seems to prove is that a little knowledge is too often a dangerous thing.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ep.org

Log on to www.magicvalley.com Click on Ask the Expert Submit your question online and a local expert will answer it for you with ease and speed! GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED NOW!

magicvalley.com Times-News Online For more information about online advertising opportunities on magicvalley.com, call Greg Taylor, online Sales/Marketing Manager for the Times-News, at 208-735-3205 or email gtaylor@magicvalley.com

SCOREBOARD

TV SCHEDULE

WNBA
ESPN - Indiana at Detroit
ESPN2 - Houston at Sacramento

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

AL BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL
DETROIT RED WINGS...
DETROIT RED WINGS...
DETROIT RED WINGS...

RODDEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through Aug. 1
By Pro Rodeo World Statistics
(Number of points earned in standings)

GOLF

PGA Tour Money Leaders
Through Aug. 1
By PGA Tour World Statistics

BOXING

Fight Schedule
Next 15 in headlines

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Brewer	63	41	.607	-
Blue Jays	58	47	.554	5.0
Toronto	58	48	.543	6.0
Red Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Yankees	57	49	.538	7.0
White Sox	57	49	.538	7.0
Mariners	57	49	.538	7.0
Angels	57	49	.538	7.0
Rays	57	49	.538	7.0
Padres	57	49	.538	7.0

MLB BOXING

DETROIT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT
LAMPARD vs. BATT

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders

Rank	Driver	Team	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	Joe Gibbs Racing	4100
2	Ryan Newman	Joe Gibbs Racing	3800
3	Jeff Burton	Joe Gibbs Racing	3700
4	Kevin Harvick	Richard Childress Racing	3600
5	Mark Martin	Richard Childress Racing	3500
6	Greg Biffel	Joe Gibbs Racing	3400
7	David Reardon	Joe Gibbs Racing	3300
8	Scott Wimmer	Joe Gibbs Racing	3200
9	David Green	Joe Gibbs Racing	3100
10	David Ragan	Joe Gibbs Racing	3000

Red Wings think Hasek is the right fit in goal — again

DETROIT (AP) — Dominik Hasek was the final piece of Detroit's championship puzzle in 2001. The Red Wings are now looking for a repeat performance.

The Red Wings took a page out of their history book while looking toward

Pharmacists now armed with a powerful new weapon that delivers real joint comfort

Luck of the draw gives local readers 56 hour window to be the first to get the new pills

BY G. W. NAPIER
 Universal Media Syndicate

Scientists and doctors have developed an amazing new oral tablet called Trigosamine. It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight, with the potential to increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Chief of Health Sciences.

And thanks to the luck of the draw, readers of this publication will be among the first to get it. That's because this area has already been assigned a "fall free" Regional Health Hotline, but the catch is the hotline is set to close in just 56 hours.

"We recommend that those living in this area call now to get their share first," said Matthew J. Woods, Director of The Regional Health Hotline.

"Right now we're shipping out everything we have on a first come first served basis. We may not be able to meet everyone's demands as word continues to spread across the country," he said.

Trigosamine contains one of the most promising joint nutrients known to man. Researchers refer to it as HA13.

This important nutrient is a building block of naturally occurring joint oil which is medically known as synovial fluid. This fluid reduces friction in the joints, allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As the body ages the production of synovial fluid declines which forces the joints to grind together resulting in nagging discomfort," Dr. Dietz said.

"HA13 has been shown to be absorbed into the body and made available to the joints. That means it has the potential to replenish the ultra slippery synovial fluid which allows joints to slide freely and smoothly," said Dr. Dietz.

Now for the first time ever, the Trigosamine brand combines HA13 with the essential blend of Glucosamine and Chondroitin.

It has been clinically shown that this essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin helps to build healthy cartilage in the joints and allows for increased flexibility and range of motion. This impressive combination works to alleviate uncomfortable joint dysfunction which results in amazing comfort.

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that 'glucosamine' and chondroitin, similar to those present in Trigosamine, had a remarkable 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.

It was also announced at The American College of Rheumatology meeting that the combination of glucosamine and chondroitin showed promise among persons with moderate to severe discomfort.

"The clinical trials have been consistent. The essential blend like the one present in new Trigosamine has been proven safe and is extremely effective," Dr. Dietz said.

One of the reasons Trigosamine is receiving so much attention is because it is derived from natural sources. The ingredients are combined to make a revolutionary new formulation that is taken orally just once a day without a prescription.

"The tough part now is how to get it. "Everybody wants it," Woods said.

"The first drugstores to get this new formula couldn't keep it on the shelves."

That's why a Rite Aid has already stockpiled the first available shipments. The down side is the other drugstores may not get their shipments until later this year.

That makes the next 56 hours so critical for everyone living in the local area. Those who get through to the Regional Health Hotline before the deadline will get Trigosamine sent

directly to their homes.

Otherwise, those who miss the deadline and everybody else living in other parts of the country will be hard pressed to get it.

So, even with the clock ticking local readers still have the advantage of being among the first to get their hands on this new medical breakthrough. ■

Here's how to get it

Until all pharmacies are fully stocked the national distribution of new Trigosamine is being conducted on a state by state basis. Those living in the states listed below with a * next to it are authorized to have it sent directly to their home by calling The Regional Health Hotline now.

Regional Hotline Approval Code: TG1683

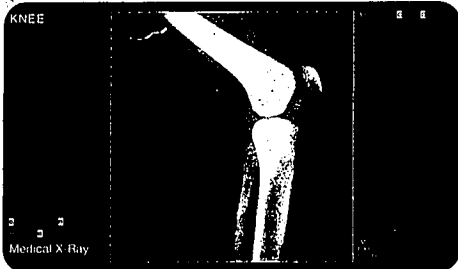
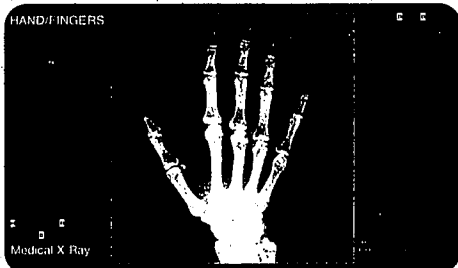
* Call 1-800-782-8750

LINES OPEN at 9:00 am today

- ALABAMA: must wait
- * ALASKA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- ARIZONA: must wait
- ARKANSAS: must wait
- * CALIFORNIA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- COLORADO: must wait
- CONNECTICUT: must wait
- DELAWARE: must wait
- FLORIDA: must wait
- GEORGIA: must wait
- HAWAII: must wait
- * IDAHO: call now - 56 hour deadline
- ILLINOIS: must wait
- INDIANA: must wait
- * IOWA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- KANSAS: must wait
- KENTUCKY: must wait
- * LOUISIANA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- MAINE: must wait
- MARYLAND: must wait
- MASSACHUSETTS: must wait
- MICHIGAN: must wait
- MINNESOTA: must wait
- MISSISSIPPI: must wait
- MISSOURI: must wait
- * MONTANA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- NEBRASKA: must wait
- * NEVADA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- NEW HAMPSHIRE: must wait
- NEW JERSEY: must wait
- NEW MEXICO: must wait
- NEW YORK: must wait
- NORTH CAROLINA: must wait
- NORTH DAKOTA: must wait
- OHIO: must wait
- OKLAHOMA: must wait
- * OREGON: call now - 56 hour deadline
- PENNSYLVANIA: must wait
- RHODE ISLAND: must wait
- * SOUTH CAROLINA: call now - 56 hour deadline
- SOUTH DAKOTA: must wait
- TENNESSEE: must wait
- TEXAS: must wait
- UTAH: must wait
- VERMONT: must wait
- VIRGINIA: must wait
- * WASHINGTON: call now - 56 hour deadline
- WASHINGTON D.C.: must wait
- WEST VIRGINIA: must wait
- WISCONSIN: must wait
- * WYOMING: call now - 56 hour deadline

IMPORTANT: You may be able to find Trigosamine at a Rite Aid since they are getting the first shipments. Otherwise, if you do not live in a state with a * next to it you must wait to call. A public announcement confirming your states eligibility will be published within 90 days.

www.irigosamine.com



■ **HEALTHY JOINTS:** Diagnostic x-rays reveal human joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints and act as a comfortable shock absorber. The plentiful fluid allows for comfortable and effortless motion.

HOW Trigosamine WORKS

Trigosamine oral tablets are taken once daily with a mechanism of action with three powerful joint nutrients put into place to provide comfort.

1. **Hyaluronate-HA13:**
 This remarkable compound is present in the body's synovial fluid which acts as a shock absorber and makes the joints extremely slippery allowing them to slide smoothly over one another.
2. **Glucosamine Hydrochloride-GH15:**
 This clinically proven compound helps build and maintain cartilage to reduce joint dysfunction.
3. **Chondroitin Sulfate-CS12:**
 Clinically proven compound helps improve flexibility and promotes increased range of motion.

Dr. Joseph G. Dietz, PhD, currently conducts full time joint care and nutraceutical research on Trigosamine for Patent Health, LLC. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the American College of Rheumatology. THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE. 1000020100001

Unclaimed Cash: \$1Mill handover of rare money sheets now underway

BY MARY BETH ANDREWS
 Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) One Million Dollars in unclaimed rare currency sheets is now up for grabs.

And those who are getting it say it feels like winning the Lottery.

Here's how it's being tendered to the public.

"Thousands of crisp new full uncult sheets of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 dollar bills were recently left unclaimed, not with the government, but at the central vaults of the private World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"Just before Christmas hundreds of thousands of people beat the National 48 hour deadline to get the money. But some were left out in the cold because of incomplete billing and shipping information. As a result, those rare currency sheets could not be shipped and were left sitting in our vault. Amazingly, it adds up to over a million dollars," confirmed Stephen S. Speakman, National Director of Currency Operations.

The unclaimed full uncult sheets of real money are now being given up, not

to banks, not to dealers and not just to the rich and famous, but directly to the general public.

But the only way to claim these left-

over currency sheets now is through a special worldwide web connection set up to distribute the unclaimed money.

"The phone deadline for calling has

already passed. Now the unclaimed money is only being offered through the special website, on a first come first served basis. But when it is gone, they will have to be turned away," Speakman confirmed.

"Just think what these currency sheets could be worth years from now. Values always fluctuate. It's difficult when you are comparing apples to oranges, but according to the *Official Standard Guide to U.S. Paper Money* which provides valuations, some uncirculated 1928 one dollar bills have increased in value by over 6,400%. In fact, a full uncult dozen of 1928 dollar bills sold for \$18,400.00," Speakman said.

"You would expect to see these uncult money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said. "Until now, only those lucky enough to be 'in the know' could get their hands on uncult sheets of real money. In fact, banks don't even have them. But now you can get them direct by logging on to the special website. "You can actually spend it. It's real

money. But anyone would be an absolute fool to cash them in because they're worth so much more," Speakman confirmed.

There's going to be a lot of excited people when they get their hands on these valuable unclaimed sheets of money. It's a ton of money when you see all four sheets of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 dollar bills in the full Banker's Stack.

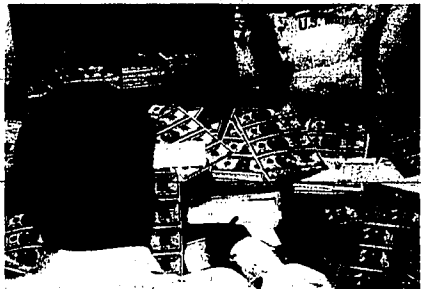
But readers better be sure to get plenty now because if they try to get more later, they may be out of luck. When they're gone, they're gone.

That's why it is important that the general public now log on to the special website that is listed below to beat the rush.

So, on your mark, get set, go. Hopefully, you'll be the first to get your share of the unclaimed money. ■

Here's how to get the Unclaimed Money

Log onto the web at:
www.money sheets.com



■ **A SEA OF UNCLAIMED CASH:** One Million Dollars in Unclaimed rare currency sheets are now available to the public. A Security Officer lips in thousands of crisp new uncult sheets of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 that are now being offered to the public. The uncult sheets of real money are so hard to find, banks don't even have them.

TUESDAY
August 1, 2006

MONEY

Huntsman family develops land in Teton valley

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Huntsman family is looking north to Idaho, investing in a development near a mountain town that will include custom homes, cabins, a golf course and more.

Petrochemical industrialist Jon Huntsman, the founder of Huntsman Corp. and father of Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., is described as a silent investor in the project, but Huntsman

Springs carries the family name and is being led by two of his sons. Local approval could come by fall or winter.

"We're still in the preliminary concept stage and have a lot of work to do yet," said David Huntsman, the project's managing partner. The development is in Teton County in southeast Idaho, near Driggs, where hundreds of new homes already have been built.

"When I first came here in 1991 you could pick up land for \$300 an acre. Now it is going for about \$35,000 an acre," said Kathy Runyan, owner of Ali Realty in Driggs.

The Huntsman project involves approximately 1,000 acres, although 70 percent will be set aside as open space. The area has wetlands and other environmentally sensitive pockets.

David Huntsman said land will be reserved for timber. One thousand cutthroat trout have been released in local waters, and there's a plan to introduce 600 pheasants.

"So far they have been going about it in the right way," said Kathy Hingst of Valley Advocates for Responsible Development, a watchdog group. "They're talking about putting a lot of the density

toward town and have offered to work closely with the community to address any concerns that might arise.

"We've only seen concept plans, and in Driggs those can be written on the back of a napkin if someone wants," she said. David Huntsman said it is too early to estimate the cost of Huntsman Springs.

"A year from now we'll probably have a number," he said.

Market Watch

July 31, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-34.02
Con Agra	11,165.68
Nasdaq composite	-2.67
Poor's 500	2,091.47
Standard & Poor's 500	-1.89
Russell 2000	1,276.66
	+0.53
	700.56

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	24.99	▼ 0.01
Con Agra	21.50	▼ 0.24
Dell Inc.	21.68	▼ 0.34
Isacorp	37.28	▲ 0.23
Idaho Motors	23.48	▲ 0.32
Micro	15.59	▼ 0.23
Supervalu	27.11	▲ 0.21

Page C2

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	74.40	▲ 1.16
(Sept., light sweet crude)		
Aug. live cattle	83.72	▲ 3.70
Aug. gold	634.20	▼ 6.00

Quick Books class offered in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer an introductory class in the Quick Books Pro/Premier 2006 accounting program in August. Level 1 is designed for beginners with little or no knowledge of the program. It teaches setting up a company, paying bills, invoicing customers, reconciling bank accounts, credit cards and payroll.

Quick Books students need to be computer literate and be familiar with basic accounting principles. Classes will be held from 9 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 10, 17 and 24. Instructors will be Dennis Tilley and Doug Lincoln, certified public accountants in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$75 per student. Early registration is encouraged. Classes are limited to 15 students. Pre-registration must be done before the first class. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Leadership series begins Aug. 17

TWIN FALLS — "Lead From Within," the first section of the Applied Leadership series offered by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, will begin Aug. 17.

The section includes developing communication skills, identifying roles and abilities, interpersonal styles and self-management. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 17 through Sept. 7, in Room 276 of the Taylor building. The \$45 fee for each program includes all instruction and program materials.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Operator disputes size of Russian oil spill

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Natural Resources Ministry said Monday that an oil pipeline leak in western Russia threatened environmental damage, but the pipeline's operator said the spill was far smaller than the ministry claims and had already been cleaned up.

The Natural Resources Ministry backed off an earlier warning that the spill was a potential environmental catastrophe. The ministry initially said the spill, which occurred Saturday in the western Bryansk region on the border with Ukraine and Belarus, affected a 4-square-mile area and contaminated water sources.

However several hours later, the ministry issued a second statement saying experts were "not disposed to call the accident an ecological catastrophe."

—Compiled from news and staff reports

Retailers increase fight against organized retail theft

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Stores are working less about teens stealing CDs than about sophisticated criminals like South Florida hauler of Mesa, Ariz., the ring leader of a major organized theft operation that stole and resold millions of dollars of baby formula throughout the country.

Such highly sophisticated groups have been targeting retailers for several years, but merchants are just starting to come together to fight organized retail theft, developing crime databases and establishing crime squads.

Organized theft costs the industry an estimated \$30 billion annually and rising. Customers also pay a hefty price too. The National Retail Federation, the industry's largest trade group, estimates that shoppers pay almost 2 cents on every dollar they spend to cover the cost of retail theft.

The increased focus on this issue was underscored earlier in July when news broke that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, will no longer prosecute one-time thieves: unless they are between ages 18 to 65 and steal at least \$25 worth of merchandise.

Wal-Mart, which had a zero-tolerance policy, joins a number of retailers who are putting more of their energy into bigger shoplifting crimes.

But that doesn't mean that the nation's retailers are giving a free pass to petty shoplifters. They emphasize they are still going to catch and stop such thieves.

"This is not an invitation to petty theft," said Sharon Weber, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman. "We are hard targets for crime and we intend to stay that way." In fact, Weber warned that the new policy is only a guideline for stores, and such thieves will still be detained and will be prosecuted.



A woman in a Little Rock, Ark., Wal-Mart store walks past a display of Gillette razors in a file photo from Jan. 28, 2005. Organized theft costs the industry an estimated \$30 billion annually and rising. Customers also pay a hefty price too. The National Retail Federation, the industry's largest trade group, estimates that shoppers pay almost 2 cents on every dollar they spend to cover the cost of retail theft.

Beyond shoplifting

More than 80 percent of retailers participating in a recent survey reported having been victimized by organized theft in the past year.

Has your company been the victim of organized retail theft in the past 12 months? No: 11% Yes: 89%

No answer: 8%

Have you identified or recovered stolen merchandise and/or gift cards from a physical location? Yes: 50% No: 49% No answer: 1%

... from a site on the Internet? Yes: 67% No: 33% No answer: 0%

SOURCE: National Retail Federation, AP

... if they refuse to show identification or are violent.

Unlike average shoplifters who steal for themselves, those who are involved in organized crime steal the goods and resell them to flea markets, pawn

shops or on the Internet. They typically focus on specific brands and products that carry a high resale value, are in constant demand and have a high profit margin. Among some of the coveted items are Eufamil baby formula, diabetic strips, over-the-counter brand name drugs like Tylenol and Advil, Gillette razors and jeans, including brands like Polo Ralph Lauren.

Both the NRF and the Retail Industry Leaders Association launched a password-protected national crime data bases online, which let retailers share information about thefts to detect whether they've been a target of organized crime. In the past, merchants had never shared information, so they could hit various stores in one area without being detected.

Meanwhile, retailers like Gap Inc., Sears Holdings Corp. and Wal-Mart — all of which are

participating in these data bases — also have their own crime squads. They're also using more sophisticated cameras in their stores to detect suspicious activity. Retailers would not give details on their efforts for security reasons.

Earlier this year, Congress authorized funding for an organized retail crime task force run by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. According to Eric Ives, FBI unit chief for the major theft division, the agency will develop its own crime data base that may combine those of both retail associations.

Ives noted that there isn't a specific profile of shoplifters, who could be from all ethnic backgrounds and regions. Investigators say they move from region to region, and could target one specific item, or even one retailer throughout the country.

It's rough out there for traditional camps

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Summer camp is a family tradition for 20-year-old Web Ely. He grew up attending Camp Tu-Erdie-Wei, a woody Chicago escape northwest of Chicago where his parents met, and eventually got married.

"It's definitely the place I go to get away from the outside world," says the college student who now a camp counselor. "I can play dodgeball, run through the sprinklers, loud and holler. It's a great place."

His family's tradition is, however, in danger of ending. With the camp running at a \$65,000 annual deficit, former campers and counselors are scrambling to raise money to save it. If they can't, TWCA officials say they'll be forced to close it — yet another example of how difficult it can be for traditional sleepaway camps to survive in a modern world.

Already, financial woes have forced many closures, among them Camp Morehead by The Sea on the North Carolina coast and Camp McOlam, a former summer home in Rochester, N.Y., for the children of alcoholics.

Pressures come from several

directions. Academic and specialty camps — which focus on everything from travel to weight loss — are drawing campers away from the traditional hike-and-swim places. Some camp owners have sold to developers who offer attractive deals for large tracts of scenic land.

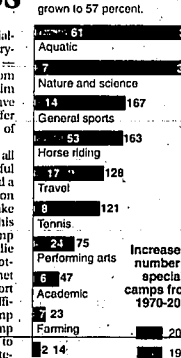
"Anyone, any hard work — all that is done," says a gleeful Waldemar Kasriel, who opened a youth camp with his wife Molly on the New York shores of Lake Champlain in the 1950s. This summer, the former Camp Normandale is the Normandale Beach Club, with updated cottages and a new cafe and gourmet chef. While he expects the resort to be much more profitable, officials at the American Camp Association insist that the camp industry is thriving, largely due to growth in the specialty camp category.

"It may be seen as the demise of the resident camp. But others may see it as the growth and diversification of the camp community and its attempt to respond and meet the needs of today's world," says Peg Smith, the ACA's chief executive officer.

Officials at many sleepaway camps also are following the

Off to camp

Seven percent of all American Camp Association accredited camps were specialized in 1970. Since then the number has grown to 57 percent.



SOURCE: American Camp Association AP

Industry trend by specializing in such areas as aquatics, performing arts or horseback riding. The ACA notes that, largely thanks to specialty offerings, the number of camps nationally has increased from 8,000 in the 1970s to about 12,000 now.



Lisa Ely, right, her husband Jim, and their son, Web, center, pose inside "Handy Holler," the crafts cabin at Camp Tu-Erdie-Wei July 25 in Elgin, Ill. The Ely family history is closely tied to the woody TWCA escape northwest of Chicago where the Ely's met and eventually got married and where their son is now a camp counselor.

Natural gas futures at highest level since February

By Brad Foss
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Natural gas futures surged 14 percent to a near six-month high on Monday, rallying on strong demand from power producers, amid scorching temperatures across the Midwest and Northeast.

Oil prices also rose as fighting between Israel and Hezbollah raged on, keeping traders tense about a possible Midwest supply disruption.

The U.S. heat wave drove up demand for natural-gas-fired electricity as commuters cranked up their air conditioners and many utilities asked homeowners to conserve electricity.

September natural gas futures jumped \$1.027 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, settling at \$8.211 per 1,000 cubic feet — the highest close for "front-month" natural gas futures since Feb. 3.

The upper Midwest and Plains were steamy, with heat warnings issued from Michigan to Oklahoma. Forecasts for above-normal highs were posted along the East Coast, where triple-digit readings were in the offing by midweek from the Carolinas through southern New England.

Tom O'Brien, a spokesman for the Edison Electric Institute, a Washington-based trade group, said there was a "fairly significant strain" on the nation's power grid. Particularly vulnerable are the distribution lines, which heat up and sag as more juice flows through them, raising the risk of outages.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Sell Chg, and various fund details.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of Closing Futures prices for various commodities like Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, etc.

CHEESE

Table of Cheese prices for various types like Cheddar, Swiss, etc.

LIVESTOCK

Table of Livestock prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS/MONEY

Table of Metals and Money prices for gold, silver, and currencies.

BEANS

Table of Beans prices for various varieties.

GRAINS

Table of Grains prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange listings and prices.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table of Market Summary including NYSE, ANEX, and NASDAQ indices.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market listings and prices.

Table of NYSE Gainers and Losers.

INDEXES

Table of various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of Stocks of Local Interest with company names and prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Text explaining how to read the market report, including symbols and abbreviations.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange listings and prices.

Table of NYSE WIX and other market data.

Table of American Stock Exchange WIX and other market data.

TUESDAY
August 1, 2006

COUNTRY ROADS

YOUR LANDSCAPE • YOUR LIVESTOCK • YOUR LIFESTYLE

INSIDE: Formal hedges, D2 | Magical farms for dogs, D3 | Flattering fences, D4

Tales
by the
fireIn Jarbidge,
they're gritty

JARBIDGE, Nev. — The destination is a camp trailer and a circle of lawn chairs. And at least half of the jeans-clad participants arrive on four-wheeleders.

But look closely: This is all about the arts.

The auditorium is the narrow Jarbidge River canyon. The admission, one can of vegetables for the hobo stew. The subject, all the gritty stuff of life.

The makings of poetry, indeed. The Jarbidge Arts Council launched its third season with storytelling and stew at Sawmill Campground on a July evening. The campfire gathering introduced "Poetic Justice," the next day's poetry readings and writing workshop led by Western poet and playwright Red Shuttlesworth.

Grant money from Tumblewords — a program of the Nevada Arts Council, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Western States Arts Federation — helped bring Shuttlesworth to Jarbidge. And the town's fledgling arts council gave him a proper welcome.

For the evening of storytelling around a campfire, arts council board member Jane Smith stirred up a stew of donated organic ground beef, various vegetables from Jarbidge residents and some seasoning of her own. "Food is a great unifier," Jane told me as she checked the pot, reflecting that she should have worn a red shirt to hide the splatters.

The stew, I can report, was splendid — as was Sue Hill's rhubarb cake, made from the rhubarb that grows all over town. And I noticed a supply of insect-repellent wipes in the serving line. True hospitality, indeed.

With one match, Phil Blagg ignited the campfire.

Gordon "Butch" Smith deadpanned: "Can we move the fire closer to the wine?" The rest of the tiny town's residents — as it quickly became apparent — are accustomed to hearing from Butch.

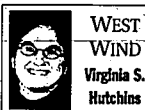
With about 30 people around the fire, arts council president Beverly deCero explained the order of the evening (anyone's welcome to jump in with a story) and thanked a few folks. Butch interrupted to point out that he'd brought in the camp trailer.

"And I'd like to acknowledge Butch Smith," Beverly added in a certain deliberate tone.

"You have to acknowledge Butch Smith," Phil said. Beverly finished the sentence: "Because he can't be avoided."

At least not in a town this size, between the walls of a canyon that's miles from anywhere.

So Jarbidge makes the best of what it's got. The first story told that night was a joint effort of fiction, with each new twist added by the next person in line around the fire. The main character, naturally, was Butch — a drunk



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

Historians wrap up summer's work on Jarbidge history project.

See page D2

and belligerent Butch who finds himself in a pickle and enlists his wife's help. Shuttlesworth, when his turn came, introduced a wary woman in a skin-tight catsuit to the tale.

Mary Greenfield's proclamation of "The End" brought cheering from those of us thus excused from adding to the unwieldy story.

"It's important to know how to wind it up," Mary said.

Then, the storytelling turned to notification equally appropriate to the setting: A rare local bear sighting. The previous week's rattlesnake encounter by a boy whacking weeds. Mountain lion tracks. More snakes. A hunting mistake that left two elk dead for one elk tag. The practical jokes of a late Jarbidge judge. Nude swimming in the wilderness. Beer. Dogs. Bad shooting. Underage driving.

Phil, who had a nonhunting childhood, told about the time he made a game effort to embrace the Jarbidge culture.

As Phil's mentor, Butch helped set him up with a rifle and a deer tag. On hunting day, Phil took aim — across the hood of Butch's truck — at a nearby group of deer. An easy shot, but somehow he missed. They found the bullet hole — in the hood.

"Instead of bagging a buck, I ruined a Ram," Phil told the group around the fire.

One listener asked: And you haven't been hunting with Butch since?

"I haven't been huntin'," Phil replied.

Leslie Paul, a part-time Jarbidge resident, contributed a tale about a wilderness trip in which the portable toilet was an ammunition box, used in the open air.

After a week of that, Leslie said, she feels the urge to go out in her Jarbidge backyard at toilet time and take in the sights.

Butch, naturally, chimed in. He'll have to remember not to look there in the mornings, he said.

"If I see her out there with a smile on her face, I'm going right by."

West Wind columnist Virginia S. Hutchins — 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@lee.net — writes her column about Westerners off the beaten path.



Photos by VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS/TIMES-NEWS

Beverly deCero, center, president of the Jarbidge Arts Council, spins a tale by the fire during a July storytelling session that introduced a day of poetry reading and writing at the bottom of the Jarbidge River canyon. At left is deCero's husband, Phil Blagg, also a Jarbidge, Nev., resident. At right is Gayle Gilbert of Buhl, a former Three Creek resident who frequently visits Jarbidge in a motor home to see friends, go four-wheeling and attend cowboy church.



Jarbidge Arts Council board members Jane Smith, second from left, and Beverly deCero, third from left, talk with other participants at the July storytelling campfire. The donation can't be no surprise when a plucky little arts council is trying to entice on a town where access is difficult much of the year and most of the population is seasonal.



Jane Smith stirs the stew — only her hand is shown here — to feed Jarbidge residents and visitors at Sawmill Campground just outside the remote Nevada town.

Arts in an unlikely place

Arts supporters in Jarbidge aim to enrich the lives of folks who live in the little town or on surrounding ranches, and those who visit them. But they're also hoping to draw more visitors — and their dollars — to town while building appreciation for cultures of the West.

Here's the remainder of the Jarbidge Arts Council's third season:

• Aug. 14 — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park. Ribbon-cutting and park-dedication, refreshments and a concert featuring the Park's Junior Jaybirds, an energetic group playing traditional fiddle music.

For information: Contact Jane Smith at 775-488-2352 or jane.smith@artc.com.

• Aug. 15 — Arts and crafts for kids, 1-4 p.m. across from the Community Hall.

A variety of arts and crafts experiences for children, as part of the town's

Jarbidge Days festivities (stretching from Aug. 11 to 13, those festivities also include a yard sale, cowboy church, live music and a barbecue).

For information: Contact Penny Eggen at 775-488-2357 or 775-647-7640.

• Aug. 19 — Harvest Dinner, 7:30-11 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Annual dinner featuring live music by Constock Lodge, dance lessons, refreshments, a raffle and door prizes.

For information: Contact Penny Eggen at 775-488-2357 or Mary Stadsted at 208-345-7735.

Yummy Classified Line Ad Specials

5 LINES
10 DAYS \$19

For items \$1500 or less.

5 LINES
10 DAYS \$15

For items \$1000 or less.

5 LINES
10 DAYS \$10

For items \$500 or less.

32 each additional line. Private Party only. Merchandise only. Prices must be included in ad. Maximum of 4 items.

Times-News Call 733-0931 Ext.2 or 800-658-3883 ext. 2
magicvalley.com

Sudoku Answers:

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

1008 SUVs

JEOP '02 Liberty Sport Got mud? 68K miles, black, 6 CD changer, \$10,600, 308-2455.

JEOP '01 Grand Cherokee Laredo, 3 inch lift kit and new tires, \$4,695 or best offer, 208-420-2523

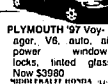


NISSAN '05 Xterra, 4x4, auto, air, PW, PL, Alloy wheels, low miles, Nov 1,750, \$11,995, 208-733-0778

1009 SUVs And Buses

HONDA '02 Odyssey, leather, navigation system, CD, power side doors, \$17,500, 324-2657

PLYMOUTH '97 Voyager, V6, auto, air, mirrors, tinted glass, \$10,500, 324-2657



PONTIAC '01 Montana, extended, minivan, 200K miles, champagne exterior, brown leather power for 6, Under body, \$8,500, Call 208-788-9893.

1010 Autos

BUICK '99 Century, V6, AC, power on drivers' seat, PW, PDL, very good cond, 99,450 miles, \$4900, 7Call 208-736-8588

CADILLAC '99 DeVille Elegance sedan, 4 door, V8, AT, FWD, AC, CD, \$10,861, 208-736-2480

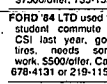


CHEVY '75 Camaro V-8 automatic, 4 door, gray, runs great, \$1,750, 208-409-0124

1010 Autos

FORD '78 T-BIRD Classic sports model, One owner, Family car, Exc cond, 42,800 original miles, Must see to appreciate, \$7500/offer, 733-1527

FORD '84 LTD used for student commute to CSI last year, good tires, needs some work, \$500/offer, Call 678-4131 or 219-1158

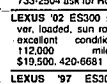


FORD '97 Taurus GL, white clean with nice interior, newer tires, runs good, \$1950/offer, Call 431-5277

1010 Autos

HONDA '98 Accord Coupe, silver, many extras, runs great, \$8100, Call 404-4454, leave message.

INFINITY '98 Q45 runs great - looks great, 117K miles, \$6,995, Call 733-1133 or 208-733-2504 ask for Rob



FORD '97 Taurus GL, white clean with nice interior, newer tires, runs good, \$1950/offer, Call 431-5277

1010 Autos

PONTIAC '98 Grand Prix 455 rebuilt motor, new tires, \$2350/offer, Base has a few minor blemishes, 90 hp, stand up seats, \$3490/offer, 326-6547 or 731-0547

PONTIAC '98 Classic Fire, new paint, custom interior, AC, stereo, CD, AM/FM, great gas mileage, A must see! \$5000, Call 208-727-9243 or 208-316-0188



PONTIAC '98 Grand Prix GTX, loaded, leather, sun roof, moon roof, Stock #2116 87985

1010 Autos

TOYOTA '90 Corolla DX, blue, AT, AC, new tires, \$1900/offer, Call 208-324-7232.

VW '90 Jetta 1.8T, blue, auto, moon roof, AC, 111,000, \$14,950, 208-733-3333



VW '74 BUG, great cond, runs great, or ange, sunroof, \$4,500, Assist Auto Brokerage, 275 S. Idaho St, Wendell 208-536-1900

1008 SUVs

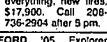
CHEVY '98 Suburban condition, \$6,500 or best offer, Call 208-731-2430

FORD '00 Expedition, sunroof, 6 CD changer, \$10,500, Call 208-596-6119

FORD '02 Explorer, Sport Track, GREAT cond, low miles, 4x4, \$18,000/offer, Call 208-316-1450.

FORD '03 Explorer XLT, 56,000 miles, white, V-8, automatic, leather, sunroof, third seat, rear air, power everything, new tires, \$17,900, Call 208-726-2054 after 5pm.

FORD '05 Explorer XLT, third seat, low miles, \$17995



WHITE AUTO, Call 208-732-3778

FORD '98 F250 long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XL, AC, \$2518, 208-736-2480

MIDDLEBURY '02 208-736-2480

FORD '99 Blendo, Eddie Bauer, very sharp, \$3950, 324-0069

SMALLY MOTORS, 208-736-2480

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

1008 SUVs

CHEVY '98 Suburban condition, \$6,500 or best offer, Call 208-731-2430

FORD '00 Expedition, sunroof, 6 CD changer, \$10,500, Call 208-596-6119

FORD '02 Explorer, Sport Track, GREAT cond, low miles, 4x4, \$18,000/offer, Call 208-316-1450.

FORD '03 Explorer XLT, 56,000 miles, white, V-8, automatic, leather, sunroof, third seat, rear air, power everything, new tires, \$17,900, Call 208-726-2054 after 5pm.

FORD '05 Explorer XLT, third seat, low miles, \$17995



WHITE AUTO, Call 208-732-3778

FORD '98 F250 long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XL, AC, \$2518, 208-736-2480

MIDDLEBURY '02 208-736-2480

FORD '99 Blendo, Eddie Bauer, very sharp, \$3950, 324-0069

SMALLY MOTORS, 208-736-2480

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

1008 SUVs

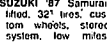
CHEVY '98 Suburban condition, \$6,500 or best offer, Call 208-731-2430

FORD '00 Expedition, sunroof, 6 CD changer, \$10,500, Call 208-596-6119

FORD '02 Explorer, Sport Track, GREAT cond, low miles, 4x4, \$18,000/offer, Call 208-316-1450.

FORD '03 Explorer XLT, 56,000 miles, white, V-8, automatic, leather, sunroof, third seat, rear air, power everything, new tires, \$17,900, Call 208-726-2054 after 5pm.

FORD '05 Explorer XLT, third seat, low miles, \$17995



WHITE AUTO, Call 208-732-3778

FORD '98 F250 long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XL, AC, \$2518, 208-736-2480

MIDDLEBURY '02 208-736-2480

FORD '99 Blendo, Eddie Bauer, very sharp, \$3950, 324-0069

SMALLY MOTORS, 208-736-2480

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

FORD '95 F250 Super cab, long bed, V8, auto, 2 VD, XLT, AC, PW, PL, 111,521, 208-736-2480

GMC '02 Yukon Denali, 88,000 miles, leather, 3 seats, 6 disc changer, 2 DVDs, sunroof, Extra cargo, \$20,000, Call 208-645-55

GMC '03 Envoy XL, 4x4, 6 cylinder, 4 door, utility, 4.2 L SE, Was \$1998, now \$18,488, 208-735-3900

GMC '03 Yukon Denali, XL, power windows, leather, loaded, DVD, bucket seats, 80,000 miles, \$25,000/offer, Call 208-339-1551

1009 SUVs And Buses

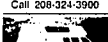
CHEVY '98 Suburban condition, \$6,500 or best offer, Call 208-731-2430

FORD '00 Expedition, sunroof, 6 CD changer, \$10,500, Call 208-596-6119

FORD '02 Explorer, Sport Track, GREAT cond, low miles, 4x4, \$18,000/offer, Call 208-316-1450.

FORD '03 Explorer XLT, 56,000 miles, white, V-8, automatic, leather, sunroof, third seat, rear air, power everything, new tires, \$17,900, Call 208-726-2054 after 5pm.

FORD '05 Explorer XLT, third seat, low miles, \$17995



WHITE AUTO, Call 208-732-3778

TUESDAY

August 1, 2006

COUNTRY ROADS

YOUR LANDSCAPE • YOUR LIVESTOCK • YOUR LIFESTYLE

INSIDE: Formal hedges, D2 | Magical farms for dogs, D3 | Flattering fences, D4

Tales by the fire

In Jarbidge, they're gritty

JARBIDGE, Nev. — The destination is a camp trailer and a circle of lawn chairs. And at least half of the jeans-clad participants arrive on four-wheelers.

But look closely: This is all about the arts.

The auditorium is the narrow Jarbidge River canyon. The admission, one can of vegetables for the hobo stew. The subject, all the gritty stuff of life.

The makings of poetry, indeed. The Jarbidge Arts Council launched its third season with storytelling and stew at Sawmill Campground on a July evening. The campfire gathering introduced "Poetic Justice," the next day's poetry readings and writing workshop led by Western poet and playwright Red Shuttlesworth.

Grant money from Tumblewords — a program of the Nevada Arts Council, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Western States Arts Federation — helped bring Shuttlesworth to Jarbidge. And the town's fledgling arts council gave him a proper welcome.

For the evening of storytelling around a campfire, arts council board member Jane Smith stirred up a stew of donated organic ground beef, various vegetables from Jarbidge residents and some seasoning of her own.

"Food is a great unifier," Jane told me as she checked the pot, reflecting that she should have worn a red shirt to hide the splatters.

The stew, I can report, was splendid — as was Sue Hell's rhubarb cake, made from the rhubarb that grows all over town. And I noticed a supply of insect-repellent wipes in the serving line. True hospitality, indeed.

With one match, Phil Blagg ignited the campfire.

Gordon "Butch" Smith deadpanned: "Can we move the fire closer to the wind?" The rest of the tiny town's residents — as it quickly became apparent — are accustomed to hearing from Butch.

With about 30 people around the fire, arts council president Beverly deGero explained the order of the evening (anyone's welcome to jump in with a story and thank a few folks. Butch interrupted to point out that he'd brought in the camp trailer. "And I'd like to acknowledge Butch Smith," Beverly added in a certain deliberate tone.

"You have to acknowledge Butch Smith," Phil said. Beverly finished the sentence: "Because he can't be avoided."

At least not in a town this size, between the walls of a canyon that's miles from anywhere.

So Jarbidge makes the best of what it's got. The first story told that night was a joint effort of fiction, with each new twist added by the next person in line around the fire. The main character, naturally, was Butch — a drunk



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

Historians wrap up summer's work on Jarbidge history project.

See page D2

and belligerent Butch who finds himself in a pickle and enlists his wife's help. Shuttlesworth, when his turn came, introduced a wary woman in a skin-tight corset to the tale.

Mary Greenfield's proclamation of "The End" brought cheering from those of us thus excused from adding to the unwieldy story.

"It's important to know how to wind it up," Mary said.

Then, the storytelling turned to nonfiction equally appropriate to the setting: A rare local bear sighting. The previous week's rattlesnake encounter by a boy wacking weeds. Mountain lion tracks. More snakes. A hunting mistake that left two elk dead for one elk tag. The practical jokes of a late Jarbidge judge. Nude swimming in the wilderness. Beer. Dogs. Bad shooting. Underage driving.

Phil, who had a nonhunting childhood, told about the time he made a game effort to embrace the Jarbidge culture.

As Phil's mentor, Butch helped set him up with a rifle and a deer tag. On hunting day, Phil took aim — across the hood of Butch's truck — at a nearby group of deer. An easy shot, but somehow he missed. They found the bullet hole — in the hood.

"Instead of bagging a buck, I ruined a hum," Phil told the group around the fire.

One listener asked: And you haven't been hunting with Butch since?

"I haven't been huntin'," Phil replied.

Leslie Paul, a part-time Jarbidge resident, contributed a tale about a wilderness toilet in which the portable toilet was an ammunition box, used in the open air.

After a week of that, Leslie said, she feels the urge to go out in her Jarbidge backyard at toilet time and take in the sights.

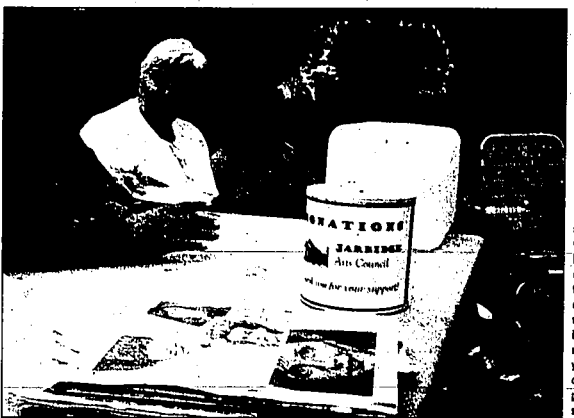
Butch, naturally, chimed in. He'll have to remember not to look there in the mornings, he said.

"I'll see her out there with a smile on her face. I'm going right by."

West Wind columnist Virginia S. Hutchins — 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@lee.net — writes her column about Westerners off the beaten path.



Beverly deGero, center, president of the Jarbidge Arts Council, spins a tale by the fire during a July storytelling session that introduced a day of poetry reading and writing at the bottom of the Jarbidge River canyon. At left is deGero's husband, Phil Blagg, also a Jarbidge, Nev., resident. At right is Gayle Gilbert de Buhl, a former Three Creek resident who frequently visits Jarbidge in a motor home to see friends, go four-wheeling and attend cowboy church.



Jarbidge Arts Council board members Jane Smith, second from left, and Beverly deGero, third from left, talk with other participants at the July storytelling campfire. The donation can is no surprise when a plucky little town's arts council is trying to entice a town where access is difficult much of the year and most of the population is seasonal.



Jane Smith stirs the stew — only her hand is shown here — to feed Jarbidge residents and visitors at Sawmill Campground just outside the remote Nevada town.

Arts in an unlikely place

Arts supporters in Jarbidge aim to enrich the lives of folks who live in the little town or on surrounding ranches, and those who visit there. But they're also hoping to draw more visitors — and their dollars — to town while building appreciation for cultures of the West.

Here's the remainder of the Jarbidge Arts Council's third season:

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

• **Aug. 13** — Pioneer Park grand opening and concert, 7:30 p.m. at the park.

COUNTRY ROADS

Historians wrap up work on Jarbidge history project

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JARBIDGE, Nev. — Neglected old documents covered in rat droppings proved irresistible to one historian visiting this remote gold rush town.

Mary Greenfield came to Jarbidge in 1996 while pursuing a master's degree in Western U.S. history at University of Montana, then again last summer, at the northeastern Nevada town's old jail, she spotted the records of Elko Mines Co., dating back to 1916.

"And they looked like they definitely needed some attention," said Greenfield, now working toward a doctorate in Western U.S. history at Yale.

That's historian-speak for gotta-get-my-hands-on-them. So this summer, Greenfield and four other historians dubbed themselves "The Jarbidge Archive Brigade" and embarked on a project to preserve those mining documents and the rest of Jarbidge's history. Grants from the E.L. Cord Foundation, Nevada Humanities Inc. and the Jon Ben Snow Memorial Trust fully funded the project as just shy of \$10,000, not including in-kind donations, Greenfield said.

Other historians working on the project: Kathryn Hampton of Helena, Mont.; Carrie Toubert Porter of Reno; the Jack Alexander of the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko; and Jim Jenks of Helena.

Jarbidge, they figure, is a

What the archive brigade was up to

Mary Greenfield and other visiting historians, with the help of Jarbidge locals, made progress this summer on gathering the town's historical resources. They:

- Stabilized and organized the papers of the defunct Elko Mines Co. (1916-1932).
- Surveyed and dated century-old miners' cabins and plotted them on topographic software. Jarbidge wasn't a one-company town; independent prospectors worked gold claims.
- Scanned residents' family photographs dating back to the 1910s and added them to a digital archive, which has grown to almost 500 photos. People also brought in mining documents and family papers.
- Recorded 10 oral histories from Jarbidge old-timers and former residents. Many of those memories spill over the state line into Idaho ranching territory.
- Collected all that stuff of Jarbidge history for a new exhibit in the town's historic Community Hall.
- Trained the locals to use the digital photo database and other finding aids in the research center. For instance, the exhibit indicates where to find topics on the oral-history cassettes (eventually the historians hope to have the recordings transcribed).



Mary Greenfield, a Yale graduate student who led an archiving project in Jarbidge, Nev., in late June and throughout July, talks with other participants during a campfire storytelling session in mid-July. Today, her work in Jarbidge ends for the summer.

Western historical resource with few peers.

"Jarbidge is a place that has preserved not just documents and buildings but also traditional Western life ways," Alexander said.

The tiny town is nestled at the bottom of the Jarbidge River canyon, and its seasonal population shrinks to a dozen folks in winter. It's the real thing, Greenfield says — neither a ghost town nor a tourist trap.

"The continued existence of

the town, despite mine closings and its isolated location, is a testament to the tenacious spirit that helped to build it," Toubert Porter said.

How isolated?

"You gotta want to get here," said Leslie Paul, a part-time Jarbidge resident and the town's historical committee chairman. She is Jarbidge's liaison for the visiting archive brigade.

"We've had all this history of Jarbidge that's been in people's attics over the years," Paul said.

Greenfield and the others did "an unbelievable job of bringing the history of Jarbidge to life."

Photos from the early 1900s and on depict a self-reliant lifestyle that makes even a resident of Jarbidge feel spoiled by modern conveniences.

"They lived with a lot less up here, and yet they were very happy," Paul said. For example: basketball in the Community Hall.

Naturally, not all memories that came to light in old-

What's next?

The newly organized archives in the Community Hall — where residents and academics are welcome to research the manuscripts and digital photos — will eventually move to a planned addition at the back of the hall.

Copies of the photo database will be given to regional museums and research institutions.

The archive brigade's work ends today for the year.

"And we're going to have to come back next summer," Mary Greenfield said. "It's going to need some love for many years to come."

A few folks in the community were trained to work on the archives during the rest of the year, and they'll be able to maintain and add to the archives in coming years.

Sources: Mary Greenfield, Leslie Paul

timers' oral histories were quite so wholesome. A footbridge separated the town from the brooklets, and some people recalled sneaking across as kids, Greenfield said. If pressed, some remember prostitutes' names.

Overall, she said, Jarbidge's history is a story of survival, and explaining something about current residents' tenacious love for the town.

Times-News Features Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-3242 or virginia.hutchins@tcn.net.

Formal hedges need special techniques to keep them in shape

By Beth Bots

Chicago Tribune

Sometimes a shrub needs a sharp edge.

Plant culturists agree that for most shrubs, selective pruning that retains their natural form is healthier, more attractive and much easier on the gardener than shearing them into sharp, severe shapes.

But sometimes, in some situations, shearing — clipping all the branches in a shrub to create an even surface — works. In Chicago's Grant Park, for example, where Bruno Maciusek, 60, has been pruning the formal hedges in European-style gardens around Buckingham Fountain since 1959. He's the Chicago Park District's senior shrub man, and he figures he's got around 20,000 plants on his beat.

Those sharp hedge shears are traditional and healthiest for the plants, power trimmers have made shearing faster and easier. Still, maintaining sheared shrubs is labor-intensive and requires repeated attention through the season. Those are among the reasons they are less popular than they used to be, as Maciusek can testify. Since he started, the majority of the sheared hedges in Grant Park have been replaced by less formal plantings.

But if you're going to do it, expert pruners have some advice about shearing.

Where to shear: On hedge made of plants that are tough and resilient enough to take the abuse, such as privet, yew or boxwood, usually in a rather formal garden or to cre-

Shrubs for hedges

Here are some shrubs that tolerate shearing into formal hedges relatively well. For best results, and to minimize labor, choose a variety that naturally stays narrow (the jargon is "columnar") and grows not much taller than you want your hedge to be.

Arboretals: Some of these flat-topped evergreens can work in sheared hedges if trained from the second year. They must be pruned carefully, never taking off too much foliage, because they will not regrow needles from bare wood. They need full sun.

Boxwood: A traditional European hedge plant. It does well in sun to partial shade. Even the best varieties need some shelter; they may show damage from severe winter

drought, or if exposed to severe winds or road salt.

Privet: Long used for hedges, privet now is considered invasive because its berries are distributed to natural areas by birds. Shearing before it flowers in late May will reduce berries. It needs full sun and loses its dark green oval leaves in winter. Ligustrum amurense is hardy in Zones 3 to 6.

Yew: This genus of long-lived needled evergreens will sprout foliage from bare branches to some extent. A good hedge variety is the columnar "Hickii." It will grow to 12 feet or more but can be kept lower if it is carefully trained from the second year. Yews can handle sun or partial to full shade but will not tolerate wet soil.

ate boundaries or privacy. Shearing is stressful, and only some shrubs can handle it and stay relatively healthy.

How to shear: Shear two or three times a season or whenever the hedge seems shaggy. You will need to do this repeatedly because each shearing will stimulate new growth, according to Cass Turnbull of Seattle, who has a yard-maintenance business and is author of "Cass Turnbull's Guide to Pruning." Maciusek first shears in late April after new growth has begun. He returns once or twice during the season on the boxwoods and yews and more often on the privets.

What it does: Shearing makes cuts in the middle of

branches, called heading cuts (although with power trimmers it often amounts to shredding the wood). This type of cut makes the plant think it's been attacked, so it rushes out new leaves to perform enough photosynthesis to survive, according to Turnbull. The frantic new growth will be dense but

How to shape: Choose a style that is pointed, rounded or flat on top. In any case, it must widen toward the base — what John Sosnowski, horticulturist in charge of the hedge and maze gardens at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill., calls an "inverted keystone." Sunlight will be able to reach the spreading

Tools for shearing

Here are tools for shearing hedges. Keep hand tools clean and sharpen them once or twice a season.

Long-handled shears: These make clean and, therefore, healthier cuts than power trimmers. Also, for tall hedges, you'll need a ladder and it's safer to trim with hand tools rather than power tools when you're up on a ladder.

Hand pruners: Look for bypass blades, which pass each other, rather than amid blades, which crush a branch between them. Use for thinning and removing deadwood, selective

pruning of most shrubs and clipping topiary and low-boy hedges.

Power trimmers: Available with gas engines (most powerful but loud and polluting), corded electric (quieter, cleaner, less powerful) and cordless electric (even less powerful). Trimmers are a blunt instrument that tear branches, thereby opening wounds to disease. They are available with poles and with articulating heads for pruning the tops of tall hedges. Always wear ear and eye protection. Keep your eye on extension cords, and don't use power trimmers with children nearby.

lower branches so the hedge doesn't die out at the bottom.

What to leave: Always leave some foliage so the shrub has enough leaves to live. On most plants (yew and privet are exceptions), if you cut back into bare wood, new leaves won't sprout.

How experts keep it straight: The traditional way is to pound sticks into the ground; run strings between them, checking them with a carpenter's level; and use the strings as cutting guides. To cut the top of Chicago's Grant Park hedges, Maciusek balances his gas-powered trimmer where it's comfortable, about hip-high, and since he's 5 feet 11 inches tall and not growing, the hedges stay practically straight (and mid-Bruno-sized). Sosnowski uses a laser level on a tripod to shoot a line down each of the 36 different sheared hedges he oversees. "It's like a pool table,

Perfectly straight and level," he says.

How to thin: Since light can't penetrate the dense surface growth, inner branches will tend to die out. Turnbull suggests you take hand pruners, reach into the middle of the shrub and remove those dead branches at the top. Light will help air and light get into that zone. If the hedge is tall enough to be seen only from the side, let the sun shine in by reaching up

with hand pruners to cut out much of the dense top growth. More light means more food for the plants. And over time, in shrubs such as yew, the added light will help the hedge fill in.

How to rejuvenate: In winter, when the plants are dormant, take loppers and cut all stems close to the ground. Because the root system remains, new stems will sprout. After a year or two, start clipping their branches into the form you eventually want. With several years of careful attention, the hedge will grow back to size.

How to start a formal hedge: Choose plants that can stand shearing. Plant them in spring, spacing them so that when they are mature, their branches will slightly interlace. Plan the hedge's eventual shape (remember, widest at the bottom). Leave plants alone for the first season. In the late winter, when they are dormant, cut main branches back by about half and the rest within a few inches of the ground.

This will promote dense branching. Once a network of branches is formed, begin shearing the shrub into its eventual shape.

PARKS AND PEACHES

Great adventures for your family on the valley's West End.

SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

Foot Clinic
April Heald Palm • Tom J. Jahn
Ingrown Toenails • Toe nail Problems
• Corns • Calluses • Other Foot Problems
Therapy G. Tomlinson, DPM
1120 Montoya • Goodie • 938-8219

if you wear Wranglers are at the top of your list - we have them FOR \$18.88 LONGER SIZES SLIGHTLY MORE

VICKERS WESTERN STORE
2305 Addison Ave. East (Corner from Grand)
Open 7 Days A Week
733-7096
If you didn't buy your boots from Vickers, you paid too much!

Magic Valley Livestock Feed
Calf, Chloken, Pig, Equine and 4-H Feed
Horse Vaccines • Pet & Equine Supplies
Tags • Syringes
Animal Pharmaceuticals
1720 South Lincoln
Jerome • Idaho
324-8494 1-800-229-7082

KELLEY'S FRESH PRODUCE STANDS
AT KELLEY GARDEN CENTER & BLUE LAKES AT DAIRY QUEEN

CORN AND PEACHES
Plus • APRICOTS • CHERRIES
• CANTALOUPE • WATERMELONS
• APPLES • TOMATOES • CUCUMBERS
• SQUASH • PEPPERS • AND MUCH MORE!!!

ALL LANDSCAPE BOULDERS 35% OFF
ENTIRE STOCK ROSES BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!

10% OFF ON THE SPEND
Kelley GARDEN CENTER & LANDSCAPING
Where Addison meets Eastwind • Twin Falls
734-8318

Where Addison Meets Eastwind • Twin Falls, ID 83401 • (208) 734-8518
Monday - Saturday 8 am - 6 pm • Sunday 11 am - 5 pm

COUNTRY ROADS

A magical farm where dogs run free

By Susan Campbell
The Hartford Courant

On a magical farm that floated just beyond my childhood, the fields rolled out like carpets, and the fences were spaced far, far apart. A pond glistened in the distance, and there were rabbits to chase.

I never visited it, but I thought about it a lot. That land was the repository for all my family's unwanted dogs. When a dog would misbehave or we would lose interest, we children would come back from playing one day to find the rope nailed to the doghouse hanging limp and the dog gone — taken, we were told, to a lovely farm just outside of town, where the owners treasured dogs that could run free. My family could barely hold things together for the children, so why we thought there'd be attention left over for pets is beyond me. There was a black spaniel mix I named Okie, as in "Proud To Be A." Okie spent sad days tied to a doghouse under a bush. His reaction to his meager existence was to keep everyone awake at night with his yipping. No amount of rolled bologna nervously fed to him by me helped, so one day while I was at school my stepfather — who worked nights and needed quiet during the days — took Okie to live on a farm.

It was, I was told, a better place — not heaven, but somewhere close. There would be animals to chase and — the best part of all — no rope. I asked to visit Okie, but was told no. The owners didn't want any visitors. I don't think my mother liked dogs, raised as she was by a fastidious woman who would have some raised chickens in the parlor than have a dog step across her spotless floor. But then my stepfather brought home a German shepherd mix, whom we named Tinker. He was tied to a doghouse, different and bigger than Okie's. He wore bare semi-circle chasing chains who teased him.

Every other day or so, Tinker would wind his rope into a big knot, and one of us brave ones would be commissioned to go out back and undo it. I don't remember anyone ever suggesting that we walk the dog. That would have been considered pampering, and that wasn't done in my neighborhood. Dogs were there for amusement, and to guard our measly possessions. It's mean to keep a dog tied up, but we never said that for fear of losing Tinker, who, like Okie, began to show his displeasure at his limited world by breaking free and jumping up on neighborhood children. That was his reward, just jump, but it was scary.

So once again we came home to find the rope hanging empty. My stepfather was evasive when I asked if Tinker had gone to Okie's farm. I didn't push it. My brother later told me that my stepfather simply took our animals out to the country and left them to fend for themselves. My brother, the budding artist, painted a picture of how the dogs probably chased the car after our stepfather pulled away, unsure of what to do after so many years on the rope.

You forget little things like childhood. Childhood disappointments are overrun by adult ones. Okie begat Tinker begat Aloysius, a white mouse whose bids for freedom were frequent and, in the end, successful. There was a series of gerbils, a wild squirrel who never should have been in the house, and a host of limp baby birds rescued from the pavement: dead, all dead. Then came Guido, who died of cancer, and Mac, who had to be put down because he was a biter. You forget all that, but on a recent morning bike ride I crested a hill and off in the mist was a stretch of green that made me stop.

There in the grass, I saw them before I heard them, a group of mixed-breed dogs rousing near a pond. Off to the side were horses and trees and fences were far, far apart.

There, a time zone and a century removed, the dogs looked happy, the farm magical, and it hit me: What if it was true, that somewhere in the long ago there were farmers who adored sullen dogs who needed only to get free of the rope?

KEEPING HIS COOL



Verailles enjoys the spray from Pablo Montero Gutierrez at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field, July 11 in Moreland Hills, Ohio. Versailles participated in the Merrill Lynch Jumper Classic which ran through July 16.

COMING TO A FAIR NEAR YOU

Share small-town history with local antiques. NEXT WEEK IN COUNTRY ROADS.

NEW SAVINGS Every Week!!!

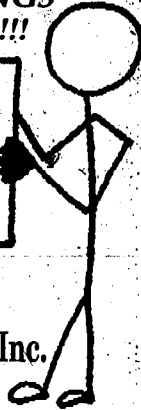
August Store Hours

Mon-Fri. 9 to 5:30
Sat. 9 to 2:00

Evergreen Nursery & Landscaping, Inc.

1287 West Main
Burley, ID • 678-4104

Hours: Open six days a week
Mon-Fri 9 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 9 am to 2:00 pm



HOME TOWN BUSINESS GUIDE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

Boyer Jewelry

John Boyer opened Boyer Jewelry in 1991, and has 33 years of gold smithing experience.

- Custom one of a kind jewelry
 - Idaho Garnet & Opal
 - Elk Ivory
 - We can melt your old jewelry & make new pieces.
 - Loose Gemstones available too!
- 1838 Addison Ave. E. • 733-4552

Boyer Jewelry was started in Twin Falls in 1991 by John Boyer. John was born and raised in Hagerman, and trained as a goldsmith and diamond setter in Las Vegas with a European-trained jeweler. He now has nearly 35 years experience as custom jeweler, specializing in one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces.

Boyer Jewelry also carries a full line of colored stone jewelry and unmounted diamonds and fine colored stones of all types, including Idaho opal, garnet, star garnet, and Montana sapphire.

Call for an appointment to sit down with John and design that piece of jewelry that you've always dreamed of — create a piece that will be an heirloom!

Triple Play Service

FILER MUTUAL
TELEPHONE COMPANY
WWW.FILER.COM

Telephone, DSL, Video
one package - one provider - one price
(208) 326-4331 • Fax: (208) 326-3190

\$1.00 OFF A Cappuccino Blast Through 8/31/06

Get Blown Away!

baskinBRobbins
677 Blue Lakes Blvd.
734-5507



JORGENSEN FABRIC PRODUCTS

Custom Made

- Wall Tents • Boat Covers • Canvas Bags
- Deck Covers • Tarps • Hot Tub Covers • Awnings
- Shade Screens • Repairs And So Much More!

Call Kimberly R.D. Suite J • 734-8335
(call to Advertise Please Open)

PERMANENT COSMETICS

by TERI REID, RN
Specializing in Natural & Beautiful
Eyebrows & Eyeliner

539-3646

Today's Image-1904 Addison Ave.-Twin Falls, ID

Effleurage Massage

Starting July 25th

Book 1 massage, get the 2nd 1/2 off!
Offer Expires August 25, 2006

Contact Naomi for details,
Flexible hours • 320-0928



come see **FRONT PORCH PRIMITIVES** *What's new*
All About Brides With a wide selection of
custom accessories for the bride
and anniversary celebrations.
1132 Locust St. (208) 736-8423

Vogue Cleaners has New Owners

Bruce & Lois
Netjes invite you
to stop by
for the same
great service.
Open M-F
7am-6pm
Sat. 9am-noon
872 Fairway Avenue
(west of the Courant office)
Twin Falls • 733-3974

COUNTRY ROADS

Finding and installing a fence that flatters your home

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A fence is a versatile landscape design element. It can be a screen, frame, barrier, boundary or support. It can protect children, keep animals in or out, and be inviting or forbidding. Design one to be nearly invisible or to draw the eye and be a thing of beauty.

Most people install fences to define property lines and provide privacy, which usually means enclosing a defined area, such as a backyard. You might also use small sections of fence to define boundaries while providing a focal point. One or two fence panels set at the outside angle of a property can stop corner-cutting pedestrians and provide a backdrop for a shrub and decorative plantings.

Another example of avoiding a continuous run of fence can be found in Japanese garden design.

It often includes fencing panels that provide a sense of mystery or a feeling of enclosure and still remain open and inviting. One garden I saw incorporated decorative bamboo panels, about 4 feet tall and arched on top.

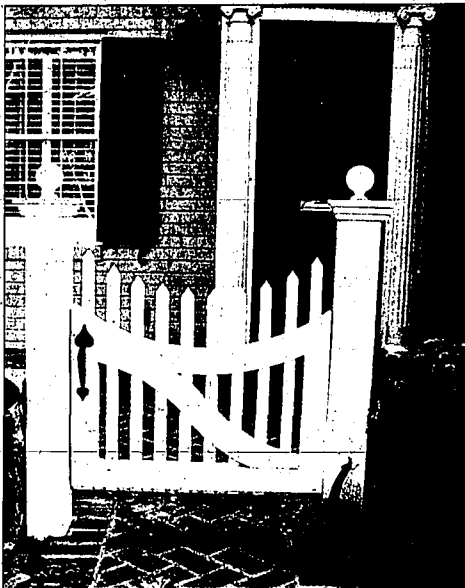
They were placed at intervals to the sides of the yard and provided a series of alcoves for seating and plant displays. Another garden used a long panel made of horizontally arranged bamboo poles framed in wood to separate two garden rooms.

Twenty years ago, few fencing choices were available to most homeowners in this country — inexpensive locust-post split rail, precast cedar or chain-link. Other choices were labor-intensive and costly. Today, many types of fencing are available, often at your local home improvement or garden center. You can still get cedar stockade-type fencing, but you can also get willow; bamboo; iron; acrylic; aluminum designed to look like wrought iron; composite designed to look like wood; and precast concrete panels that look like stucco, stone or brick.

Rolled fencing in reed or bamboo can be used to cover chain-link or wooden fences. These ornamental fences can be installed independently on their own posts and stringers. Rolled fencing can be used creatively because it can more easily follow a curve. You can even get live willow wands that you can plant and weave into shape for a green, living fence.

In short, fencing has entered the 21st century, with a huge proliferation of products to give you whatever look you desire. That is, if it's OK with your neighbors and the local authorities. The first priority before building a fence is to find out about any restrictions — besides the obvious one that anything you build has to be on your own property. Design covenants in some neighborhoods prohibit fences or require certain styles and heights. Governments or homeowner associations might also require setbacks from sidewalks, streets and other structures.

When designing your fence, consider the style and age of your house and the neighborhood. Style and construction materials for fencing can make it stick out like a sore thumb or make it look as if it belongs. You would expect to see a white, wooden picket



You would expect to see a white, wooden picket fence around a Colonial-style house. The right fence is a versatile landscape element — that can accentuate a yard or home.

fence around a Colonial or a bamboo fence defining the boundaries of a Japanese garden. Ornamental iron would be a well-matched touch for a Spanish- or New Orleans-style home, and brick would blend well with a country estate. A stone wall wouldn't seem incongruous if it surrounded a mountain cabin or complemented rock outcroppings. Try combining materials and style for a look that fits your property.

The style you use will determine whether your fence says, "Private; keep out" or "Hey, take a look." Psychologically, a low barrier, three to four feet, implies privacy but is still inviting. A tall fence or wall, six to 10 feet, is forbidding and

directly says private. If you would like a variation from a level fence line, an arched or dipping pattern is eye-catching. An arched pattern says private. A dipping pattern, lower in the center than at the posts, is more inviting.

Generally, fences should flow with the landscape. However, a formal board fence around a small-scale yard should be set well with the horizon. So, in cases of steep grade changes, the fence might need to step down a slope to keep the top level.

Fences should flatter, but never dominate, the property. Overly obtrusive fences look industrial or institutional, no matter how attractive they are. Well-designed plantings make

fences appear less conspicuous. And if you don't need total spatial enclosure, try using short sections of fencing. A section or two around a patio or other private space may be enough to add contrast and create an element of interest or create a courtyard effect.

Joel Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capital View Park, Md.

Cut container plants

The Washington Post

Give container plantings a fighting chance during your vacation: Cut back free-branching annuals such as petunias to just a few inches, move pots into deep shade and water thoroughly.

Don't place bowls beneath containers: this will cause waterlogging and root rot. Water-holding soil gets, available at garden centers, will help retain moisture. An absence of more than a week will require a human helper.

Concrete Sinking?

DON'T REPLACE IT — REPAIR IT
For a fraction of the cost

We can raise sidewalks, curbs, driveways, floors, and patios back to original height.
Call Ted for a free estimate 404-6716

Concrete Settling Solutions™



Great Rates Are Easy to Find

6.00% ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
(new money required)

Annual Percentage Yield as of 7/27/06 and subject to change. Minimum deposit is \$2500 for 1 year. Rate good for one month only. Funds not eligible for FDIC insurance and do not receive the protection of FDIC insurance. See actual terms and conditions.

Idaho Central
CREDIT UNION
Your money. Your trusted choice.

Call 733-4777 Click www.iccu.com Come In Today!
1000 S. 10th St. Twin Falls, ID 83402

JEROME COUNTY FAIR

JEROME, ID

is Coming AUGUST 1-5

RIDE UNLIMITED RIDES ONE DAY

FOR ONLY \$17

with coupon only, at

FunNbiz.com

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Non or Boat ride free with selected chair

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ONLY

(all chair rules apply)

2006 MCCALL FAMILY FLY-IN

This Summer's Top Aviation Event

August 11-13, 2006

McCall Airport

Have Some

Fly-In Fun!

Family Entertainment for All Ages

- Aviator Activities
- Educational & Training Events
- Wings & PAPE programs
- Fly Bys
- Police/Non-Police Runs
- Family Fun
- Contests & Giveaways
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic
- KIDS' BOUNCE PIT
- Astro-Jumps

Plus!

- Aerial Demonstrations
- Live Music
- Casino Night Party
- Kid's Air Breakfast
- Food Vendors
- Exhibits & Displays
- Evening Cocktail & Social

For more information and aviator registration, call 208.321.2389 or visit us on the Web at www.mccallfamilyflyin.org

McCall Family Fly-In

Presented by the ITO Division of Aeronautics sponsored by KSDI "Kiser's 91"

FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!



3 DAYS ONLY

You are invited for a FREE ear inspection using the latest video technology.

Tuesday Aug. 1

Wednesday Aug. 2

Thursday Aug. 3

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT NOW! CALL 208.733.3340

IT'S ALL FREE

- ★ FREE Complete Electronic Hearing Test
This Audiometric evaluation will precisely show what you've been missing.
- ★ FREE Video Otoscope Ear Inspection
This shows all pictures of your ear canal is displayed on a color TV monitor, so you'll see exactly what we see.
- ★ FREE In Office Repairs
All in-office hearing aid repairs shall be free...and factory repairs, regardless of make or model shall be 50% off!

3 Days Only

INTRODUCING...
ME 900 OPEN

- 100% DIGITAL 18 CHANNEL SPEECH PROCESSING
- Improved understanding of difficult-to-hear speech sounds
- Reduction of irritating background noise
- Automatic adjustment to the sound around you
- Increased flexibility to change listening programs

2006 MIRELITE™ VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED MODEL AVAILABLE!
Twin Falls • 733-3340

The Digital Programmable Hearing Aid of the future... IS HERE TODAY!!



BEST SAVINGS OF THE YEAR!

3 DAYS ONLY SEARS HEARING AID CENTER
Magic Valley Mall
208.733.3340

"Oscar" is a terrier mix who will make a great companion! He is quiet, responsive, walks well on a leash, has a nice, easy-to-care-for coat, and will be about the weight of a cocker. Come see him to appreciate him!

TWIN FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER
420 Victory Avenue
736-2299

Presented by the ITO Division of Aeronautics sponsored by KSDI "Kiser's 91"