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Emmys stir nominations fuss, maybe not ratings

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The e-mail to ABC executive Jeffrey Bader from an old college friend leveled a complaint that had nothing to do with the network.

"I sure won't be watching the Emmys, because the nominations are so ridiculously stupid," wrote the irritated viewer, an archivist in Boston.

She's in the ranks of those riled up about TV academy rules changes that seemed to lead to nonsensical omissions. Where was ABC's "Lost," where was Hugh Laurie for Fox's "House," where were powerhouse mob couple James Gandolfini and Edie Falco for HBO's "The Sopranos"?

And how the heck did Ellen Burstyn earn a nod for a microwave-fast performance totaling 14 seconds, and could she win at Sunday's ceremony (6 p.m. on NBC)?

Under the revised approach, blue-ribbon panels played an instrumental role in determining nominees in the categories of drama and comedy series — previously decided by a general membership vote — and lead actors and actresses in series.

The panelists screened episodes that were submitted by prospective nominees themselves as the best example of their work.

"Lost," last year's best drama winner, lost out, while Fox's "24" with 12 bids and ABC's "Grey's Anatomy" with 11 made out like bandits. Another beneficiary was Christopher Meloni, getting his first acting nod for NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" after seven seasons.

The TNT miniseries "Into the West" with 16 nominations and HBO's "Elizabeth I" with 13 are the leading contenders.

"All the nominees are in there because the arguments they made (in their episode

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Out of Control?



The CSI volleyball team has won the most national titles in junior college history. But with its coach fired and the athletic director on administrative leave, the team's future is uncertain.

Audit showing athletic department overspending surprised CSI leadership

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took everything the College of Southern Idaho athletic department could muster to build one of the most competitive sports programs in the country.

But Friday morning, less than a week after the athletic director, Jeff Duggan, was put on administrative leave and one day after the volleyball coach, Ben Stroud, was fired, it became evident that despite 11 national championships and 15 titles, the department was spiraling out of control.

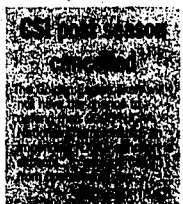
Outside the CSI Gymnasium, members of the Golden Eagles, who once dominated the volleyball court with the most national titles in junior college history, tried to hide their tears after forfeiting their first four matches of the season.

The program now faces the possibility of National Junior College Athletic Association sanctions.

And like most people, the team

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— Jerry Beck,
president of CSI



is bewildered by how fast things fell apart.

However, a review of the athletic department's financial records and policies shows that the events of the last two weeks were set in motion years ago by a program built without regard to financial limits or administrative policies.

School officials won't say if the department's budget led to Duggan being put on leave, but they will say that the department's finances were out of control.

The audit

The athletic program frequently spent more than it budgeted, but three weeks ago CSI officials were surprised to see that the program had spent the entire athletic budget of \$715,000, the department's reserve fund that included more than \$165,000 and also \$13,000 from the school's contingency fund — money set

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Valley mayors call water meeting

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JEROME — The mayors of four Magic Valley towns are worried.

They're worried about water.

And the mayors of Wendell, Jerome, Gooding and Shoshone worry that their residents don't understand how a recent court ruling could affect them. That's why the four have called a community-wide meeting Monday night in Jerome.

"This water problem affects every citizen within our cities," said Rex Strickland, mayor of Wendell.

The dwindling supply of water in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer has pitted canal company and spring users

against groundwater pumpers, including municipalities. The ensuing debate spilled over into the courts last August. In June, 5th District Court Judge Barry

Wood voided the rules of conjunctive management, which tell Karl Dreher, the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, how to manage surface and groundwater jointly.

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Community meeting

The cities of Jerome, Gooding, Wendell and Shoshone have called a community-wide meeting to discuss the potential effects of a recent court ruling on Idaho water law.

City officials say looming water calls could cut water supplies: Jerome, 11 percent; Gooding, 41 percent; Wendell, 84 percent; and Shoshone, 50 percent.

The meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday at the Jerome High School Auditorium. For more information, log on to Jerome's Web site at www.ci.jerome.id.us

Report: Man takes brother's place in jail to hide from police

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — A man accused of taking his brother's place in jail last month has been charged with nine felonies in his own.

Prosecutors claim Evan Wesley Williams, 20, said he was his brother, 22-year-old Jeddiah James Williams of Spokane, when police came to arrest the elder Williams for failing to appear at a probation violation hearing.

According to court documents in the case, Williams allegedly bragged to another inmate that he was hiding out in the Kootenai County jail under his brother's name "in order to avoid being arrested for warrants out of California," the Coeur d'Alene Press reported. It was not clear from the court documents if the California warrants were still outstanding.

Kootenai County jailers discovered the switch on Wednesday. They then discovered that Jeddiah Williams was serving a year sentence in jail in San Luis Obispo County, Calif. — apparently under his own name.

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WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME: Meet the children of the Twin Falls Farmers' Market.



SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE: A tour of Owyhee County's attractions.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
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MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Sunny skies and warm. Highs in the middle 80s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear skies and cool. Lows in the lower 50s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny with temperatures heating up. Highs in the lower 90s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"A Comedy of Errors," presented by the Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, 6 p.m., in Forest Service Park at the corner of First and Washington streets, Sun Valley, \$20 for adults and \$10 for youngsters under age 14, 726-4TKS (726-4857).

FESTIVALS

The 4th annual Sun Valley Renaissance Faire, with jousting, dance, food booths, minstrels, artisans, games for children and more, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun Valley Festival Meadows on Sun Valley Road; \$8 for adults and no cost for children, 208-725-2103.

OUTDOORS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities with Sawtooth Salmon Festival, *Giant Salmon Tent, Stories and Games* at 10 a.m., *Campfire* at 8 p.m. and *"A Night at the Movies"* (including videos: Salmon, Mountain Goats and Predator/Prey) at 8:30 p.m., Redfish Lake Visitor Center, Redfish Lake five miles south of Stanley, no cost, 208-774-3376.

Wood River Naturalist Activities, Campfire Program "Surviving Salmon" at 9 p.m., Wood River Amphitheater, Wood River Campgrounds eight miles north of Ketchum, no cost, 208-727-5000.

SPORTS

Sporting Clays Shoot for Wheelin' Sportsmen, sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation "South Hills Strutters" Chapter of Twin Falls, registration at 9 a.m. and shooting at 10 a.m., Jerome Rod and Gun Club, east of Highway 93 at mile marker 64, \$60 (includes lunch), 731-6393.

TO HAVE AN EVENT LISTED

FOR THE SEPTEMBER PLANNING CALENDAR TO BE PUBLISHED SEPT. 3, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon August 28 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail to sbrowne@magivalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548; Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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TODAY'S FEATURES

Get out on the North Side: Part five of our summer adventure series

Don't be deceived by those long stretches of highway through lava and sagebrush between Jerome and the Blaine County line. There's fun lurking on the North Side. And to help you find the summer adventure that suits your tastes, *Times-News* features writers are scouring many corners of the valley to find prime get-out-and-go spots. This week, Virginia S. Hutchins shows you a few North Side gems you might not know about.



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More pet owners are buying insurance

TWIN FALLS — For Tara Martens, having pet insurance isn't so much about saving money as it is about having peace of mind.

Sure, saving money on her pet's health care bills is a good thing. But never having to worry that she'll be forced to choose "economic euthanasia" for dogs Abby and Tiga and cats Humphrey and Spencer is even better.

"Economic euthanasia" is a term coined by veterinarian Jack Stephens and it's the reason he decided to first look into the idea of pet health insurance some 25 years ago. A small animal veterinarian at the time, it broke Stephens' heart to see a client make the difficult decision to put their pet to sleep because they simply couldn't afford the expensive treatment for a serious injury or chronic health problem.

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Idaho leads nation in wildfires

TWIN FALLS — Idaho led the nation Saturday in number of acres on fire, a dubious honor it will likely relinquish today when two of the largest fires are expected to be contained.

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4-H'ers expand beyond barnyard

FILEN — 4-H projects aren't limited to barnyard animals. Instead of taking a Suffolk, Holstein or Hampshire to the fair, many youth opt to learn about archery, veterinary science, woodworking, small engines, quilting and cake decorating.

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Barn dance host leaves legacy

JEROME — It started with a simple barn dance to help kindle the local folk music scene. The Pocatello Frontier Hotel and grew into a weekly old-fashioned get-together where people could visit, dance and maybe even fall in love.



Spanbauer

John Spanbauer Sr. and Marie, his wife of 62 years, started the popular dances at the equally popular Spanbauer barn in the 1970s. He died Aug. 20 at 88.

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Writers meet at Sun Valley conference

SUNVALLEY — The titans of the written word, the keepers of American history and the sages of the Constitution called for two things Monday at the end of the four-day Sun Valley Writers Conference.

• The need to teach children the fundamentals of history so they understand how our country is supposed to work.

• The need to elect great people with great minds who have the ability to overcome partisanship.

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Fundraiser helps athlete on road to recovery

HEYBURN — There may be other adjectives to describe Saturday's fundraiser for Kim Walton, but overwhelming would be most appropriate. Walton was partially paralyzed April 27 when her bicycle collided with a van. To help offset costs associated with the accident, a fundraiser was held Saturday at Heyburn Riverside Park.

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Utah nixes pay bingo at monastery fundraiser

SALT LAKE CITY — State alcoholic beverage control officials have nixed plans for pay bingo at an annual fundraiser for a cloistered order of nuns who live in a Salt Lake City-area monastery.

The mid-September Carmelite Fair annually generates enough revenue to provide a year's worth of living expenses for nuns at the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in Holladay.

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Fire destroys replica movie set in Kanab

SALT LAKE CITY — Replica buildings of a Kanab-area movie set made famous in westerns of the 1960s were destroyed by fire Friday night, the Bureau of Land Management said.

A wooden-frame saloon, mercantile, post office and another building caught fire about 3 p.m. and burned to the ground. BLM spokesman Larry Crutchfield said.

The cause of the fire remained unknown and investigators were trying to determine if it had been intentionally set, he said.

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Contract crews face new government standards

GRANT'S PASS, Ore. — One hot summer day in 2002, as the Biscuit fire was roaring through the Siskiyou National Forest, Steve Karkanen and the Lolo Hotshots were working with two contract crews, the grunts of the wildfire fighting business — one of which didn't speak much English and showed they were also short on experience.

"One of my guys who was running a dozer went down the hill to corral part of a spot fire," Karkanen, supervisor of the crew, recalled from his office in Missoula, Mont. "A crew of Hispanics was tasked with making sure the line was secure."

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'Green burials' part of ranch preservation plan

GALISTE BASIN PRESERVE, N.M. — Trampling through a small grassy meadow ringed by piñon and juniper trees and dotted with cactus and clumps of bright yellow flowers, Joe Sehee suddenly comes to a stop.

Some day soon, he says, visitors to this patch of rangeland will be able to admire the view — uninterrupted for miles — then scout out a spot to be buried, in graves marked by rocks or trees or newly sown wildflowers or nothing at all.

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Bold tutoring promise proving hard to keep

WASHINGTON — Sandra Senda wanted a free private tutor for her kids, just like the No Child Left Behind law promised. She had no idea the deal came with a big headache.

She could not get an answer about when the program would start.

Exasperated, Senda went to her school board with a message: "It's not fair. Our tax dollars are going to this stuff. I want help for my daughter. I expect to get it."

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Overseas airports can be weak security link

WASHINGTON — A passenger's stick of dynamite on a flight from Argentina to Houston exposed a weak link in aviation security: International airports are not always as secure as those in the United States.

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How an amphibious bus never made it to Katrina

BLUFFTON, S.C. — At 12:33 in the morning on Aug. 31, 2005, John Gilliam, inventor and fabricator of the world's first unsinkable bus, tapped out an urgent e-mail to his customers across the United States.

Hurricane Katrina had erased much of Mississippi's coastline, a towering storm surge had overwhelmed the levees of New Orleans, and desperate city dwellers had scurried to their roofs to keep above the floodwaters.

A day earlier, Gilliam had placed a call to FEMA to see if his Hydra Terras can be used in time to save lives," he wrote. "I am awaiting a reply ... I ask you all to consider offering your vehicles and operators to save those in New Orleans if the call comes in that our machines could make a difference."

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Levees might not hold in another big storm

NEW ORLEANS — Despite aggressive efforts to repair the New Orleans levee system following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, it isn't clear yet whether it could withstand a sizable hurricane this year, the head of the Army Corps of Engineers conceded Saturday.

Lt. Gen. Carl Strock said the agency was carefully tracking Tropical Storm Ernesto, which was in the Caribbean and projected to reach hurricane strength Tuesday. It was on track to enter the Gulf of Mexico, but it too early to tell whether it would strike the southern United States.

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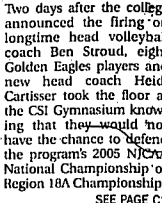
SPORTS

CSI moves on without post-season hopes

TWIN FALLS — Saturday, Nov. 4 will be the end of the College of Southern Idaho's volleyball season.

The Golden Eagles will host the North Idaho College Cardinals for a 3 p.m. match, walk off the court and that will be that. Two days after the college announced the firing on longtime head volleyball coach Ben Stroud, eight Golden Eagles players and new head coach Heidi Carrister took the floor at the CSI Gymnasium knowing that they would not have the chance to defend the program's 2005 Northwest National Championship or Region 18A Championship.

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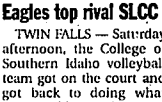


Eagles top rival SLCC

TWIN FALLS — Saturday afternoon, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team got on the court and got back to doing what every Golden Eagles team loves most — beating the Salt Lake Community College Bruins.

Behind eight kills and four aces from freshman outside hitter Ivana Bramborova, the Golden Eagles capped off their whirlwind weekend with a 30-17, 30-21 victory over the Bruins during the final match of the 2006 CSI Outback Invitational at the CSI Gymnasium.

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Erickson rebuilding Vandals once again

MOSCOW, Idaho — As Dennis Erickson walked to the football practice fields at the University of Idaho, a woman stopped him to say good luck.

"I just bought tickets to a couple of games," she said. "Thank you very much," Erickson replied.

Such is the life of the big man on the Idaho campus these days, charged for the second time in his career with rebuilding the Vandals' football program.

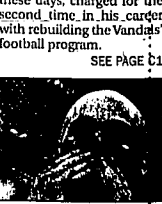
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Water

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It is Wood's decision that motivated the mayor's action — that and lingering calls for water by senior right holders.

The potential effect of Wood's ruling on city water supplies is pretty clear, said Travis Rothweiler, administrator for Jerome. Wood emphasized that domestic and municipal water use can't be ignored when Dreher decides who to shut off to provide water to a senior right holder. The judge's opinion strengthened Idaho's prior appropriation doctrine, which gives senior water users the right to water over junior pumpers in times of scarcity.

On Aug. 17, Water Resources attorney Phillip Rasser asked the Idaho Supreme Court to stop Wood's ruling from going into effect until the court can reconsider the case.

"Without a stay from this court, the director may have no choice but to order the immediate curtailment of groundwater by commercial and municipal users and groundwater irrigation of about 55,000 acres of land," Rasser wrote.

Each of the four cities could have its water supply cut under Wood's ruling. Wendell's supply could drop by as much as 84 percent, Gooding's by 41 percent and Shoshone's by 50 percent. Although Jerome would see a less dramatic drop, 11 percent, its industries — Jerome Cheese Co. and Animal Pharmaceuticals — would also suffer.

Surface water members say they would be willing to visit with city officials about ways to lessen the effect of water calls.

"We could mitigate the

cities' needs relatively easily," said Vince Alberdi with the Twin Falls Canal Co.

However, neither Rothweiler nor Strickland says they have heard from the canal companies or spring users. And the hopes for coming to a solution out of court seem to be diminishing.

Instead, Strickland said, cities need to be proactive in searching for new ways to resolve the water wars — ways that include appealing to Idaho's congressional delegation for help or launching additional litigation.

"We need to do something to answer this," Strickland said.

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aside to improve education for all students, not just athletes.

In one year, the athletic department spent more than \$890,000, more than all but two CSI departments.

When Jerry Beck, president of CSI, was handed a copy of the budget, he knew something had to be done.

"I knew I was uninformed when I saw (the audit)," Beck said. "I was completely taken aback by what I had."

But how could a single department go so far over budget without being noticed by administrators? The academic departments rarely exceed their budgets, said Mike Mason, vice president of administration, and most departments carry over remaining funds to the following year.

The difference is that the athletic department's overexpenditures went unchecked.

The decade of Duggan

When Jeff Duggan was hired as the athletic director in 1995, he also was granted the authority to create the budget for his own department.

Expenses and revenues, which had been monitored by CSI officials, were now almost completely under the jurisdiction of the athletic department.

"That basically is the athletic director's job is to do the budget for the department," said Jerry Meyerhoeffer, president of CSI from 1983 to 2005. "But there were people overseeing the process — myself included."

But even Meyerhoeffer said he questioned the system, and he said during his tenure the board of trustees frequently added more "stringent requirements" to control athletic department spending.

"We redid the budget control system two or three times while I was president," he said. "So, yes, we really did have concerns about budget control."

But the changes didn't stem spending, according to department budgets from fiscal years 2002 to 2005.

"It wasn't a good situation that we were in," Mason said. "And it wasn't the way that we wanted it to be."

So why didn't Meyerhoeffer and other CSI administrators simply assume authority over the department's budget?

Maybe Duggan put it best in his introduction posted on the CSI Web site.

"The College of Southern Idaho is committed to winning national championships."

Performance

Coach Ben Stroud transformed the volleyball program into a dynasty.

And that was only the tip of the iceberg.

The men's basketball program is arguably one of the best junior college programs in the nation. Under Duggan, these programs, as well as other CSI athletic programs, grew to be some of the most competitive in the nation.

In his 10-year reign alone, the department racked up 16 Region 18 championships and nine national championships.

But success came at a steep price.

The total cost of CSI's athletic program will never be known because of the department's maze of accounts and financial transactions.

Each sports program operates at least one camp that generates a considerable amount of money. However, only the rodeo camp falls under the college accounting system, so the other financial transactions are a mystery to the college.

Subsequently, almost every sports program is operating on a budget that includes additional money that CSI does not track.

A different era

CSI officials said they can't explain some changes Duggan made to his budget.

One such change was a 43 percent cut in the budget for visiting teams and officials. While at least two of the programs were spending beyond their budget, Duggan had decided to slash spending on hospitality.

It might have gone unnoticed if it wasn't for a critical report of the athletic department conducted that same year, which lists two pages of recommendations on improving relationships between the department and visiting teams or officials.

The report also states that the athletic director needed to be more accountable for the use of resources.

It was this accountability that prompted Beck to send an e-mail to Duggan requesting a

meeting on Aug. 16.

The day after Duggan met with Beck, he announced his resignation to the coaches but did not formally resign. Beck subsequently put Duggan on administrative leave.

Beck wouldn't say what was discussed in the meeting, but he did say that an audit he reviewed one week earlier raised many questions.

"If a budget is going to be overspent, then the director needs to bring that to us, and they need to ask for authorization," Beck said. "Where I'm concerned is that in certain situations, I was not informed about expenses and shortfalls."

Money isn't everything

Mason is now working with coaches to create a budget that will be submitted after it is reviewed by Beck.

Neither Beck nor Mason would say what changes, if any, will be made.

"The athletic department will be reviewed by each member of the department, as well as the president and vice president," Beck said. "As president of the college, I'm entrusted with the public's trust that we will use our money responsibly, and I feel that we were not as vigilant as we should have been about keeping informed."

Emmys

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sélections won the day," said John Leventone, awards director for the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Tom O'Neill, author of "The Emmys" and host of the awards-for-used Web site TheEnvelope, is in agreement. Sometimes, he argues, good artists just make bad choices.

"For the most part, stars and shows know what their best episodes are to submit. But every now and then you have stars pick big, campy performances instead of performances with range and nuance," O'Neill said.

In the case of "Lost," about stranded plane-crash survivors, the season-premiere episode submitted for it was "a head-scratcher with dangling plot lines and unexplained turns," he said. It didn't stand a chance with judges.

Burstyn's nomination is an example of what can happen in categories in which nominees are picked by mass balloting without panels screening their work, O'Neill said.

The academy declined comment on Burstyn's case, as has the actress herself. As with all categories, the winner will be determined by academy voters who sign affidavits that they have viewed the performances.

Over the years, the academy has tinkered with the nominations and award process and even categories themselves (for one, there was a best new series award for a short time). Academy Chairman Dick Askin acknowledged the latest criticism at a news conference in July and said it was "always our plan that this would be a one-year test."

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Bold tutoring promise proving hard to keep

By Ben Heller
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sandra Senda wanted a free private tutor for her kids, just like the No Child Left Behind law promised. She had no idea the deal came with a big headache.

She could not get an answer about when the program would start.

By the time it did, half the school year was gone. Her son was accepted but her daughter was not, without explanation.

Exasperated, Senda went to her school board with a message: "It's not fair. Our tax dollars are going to this stuff. I want help for my daughter. I expect to get it."

She finally did. And as the new school year begins in Hialeah, Fla., Senda is determined to get her daughter, Genesis, into tutoring right away this time — without the hassle.

As ideas go, the federal promise of free tutoring was bold. It also is proving hard to keep.

Sluggish enrollment, local resistance, questionable oversight, and poor outreach to parents have hampered a program that Congress adopted nearly five years ago.

Of more than 2.2 million children eligible for tutoring, only 19 percent of them got it in 2004-05, according to auditors at the congressional Government Accountability Office.

Enrollment is rising, but still fewer than two of 10 eligible kids take part.

"It's appalling," said Michael Pettilli, who helped oversee the first years of the program for the Education Department.

"There are places in this country where poor parents have no idea that free tutoring is even available for them," said Pettilli, now a policy leader for the Fordham Foundation, a



Carlos Orlando, 14, left, and his sister Genesis, 12, do their homework in their Hialeah, Fla., home on Aug. 15.

conservative education think tank.

Participation is the best gauge of the program because there is no firm data yet about what matters most — whether tutoring is helping students do better in math and reading.

progress has been slow. In one-fifth of districts where tutoring was required, not a single student received services, the GAO found.

"At the very least, we should be reaching half the kids," said Jeanne Allen, president of The Center for Education Reform, which lobbies to expand choices for parents.

"We should be able to do that with very little effort," she said.

President Bush's education law promises choices. If a school receives federal poverty aid and does not make its goals for two straight years, students can transfer to a better school.

But many parents skip that offer and chose tutoring instead.

The option of a free tutor for poor children kicks in when a school falls short for three straight years.

Parents can pick any tutor from a list approved by their state. That often includes pri-

ivate tutors who would be too expensive for parents if they had to pay out of pocket.

Yet there have been snags everywhere. Among the familiar ones:

- Schools that cannot recruit tutors for students in highly rural areas, or for students with disabilities, no matter where they live.

- School districts that do not tell parents that tutoring is available. Some letters sent home to parents come too late or are written in jargon that is hard to understand.

- Tutors who are not allowed into schools, limiting their access to students. Some tutors and teachers never coordinate their lessons, so students get disjointed instruction.

- States that do not evaluate the quality of tutors, as the law requires. No state yet has conclusive data linking tutoring to better student performance, the GAO found.

Overseas airports can be weak link in security chain

By Leslie Miller
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A passenger's stick of dynamite on a flight from Argentina to Houston exposed a weak link in aviation security: International airports are not always as secure as those in the United States.

U.S. and Argentine authorities were investigating how the explosive made it onto the airplane in a college student's checked bag. The dynamite was discovered during a baggage search in an inspection station at Bush Intercontinental Airport shortly after a Continental Airlines flight landed Friday.

Officials said terrorism was not involved and that the stu-

dent said he works in mining and often handles explosives.

The head of the Transportation Security Administration said the government is aware of the potential problem posed by international airports and is taking steps to fix it. Airline passengers traveling from U.S. and British airports are now barred from bringing onboard any liquids and gels after an alleged terrorist plot was broken up in Britain. Authorities said the terrorists planned to blow up as many as 10 U.S.-bound airplanes simultaneously.

There have been several attempts to destroy airplanes with bombs in checked baggage. In 1988, 270 people died in the air and on the ground

when a bomb in a checked bag exploded on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.


Many countries use bomb-detection equipment for checked baggage that does not meet U.S. standards, according to a report last year by the Homeland Security Department.

"Checkpoint and checked baggage security measures have been radically improved in the U.S. since 9/11 and similar levels of improvements are essential in the rest of the world," the report said. "From the U.S. perspective, we are particularly concerned about security on flights inbound to our nation, but the worldwide fight against terrorism argues for making improvements universal."


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How an amphibious bus never made it to Katrina

By Todd Lewan
Associated Press writer

BLUFFTON, S.C. — At 12:33 in the morning on Aug. 31, 2005, John Giljam, inventor and fabricator of the world's first unsinkable bus, tapped out an urgent e-mail to his customers across the United States.

Hurricane Katrina had crased much of Mississippi's coastline, a towering storm surge had overwhelmed the levees of New Orleans, and desperate city dwellers had scurried to their roofs to keep above the floodwaters.

A day earlier, Giljam had placed a call to FEMA to see if our Hydra Terras can be used in time to save lives," he wrote. "I am awaiting a reply... I ask you all to consider offering your vehicles and operators to save those in New Orleans if the call comes in that our machines could make a difference."

Surely, Giljam reasoned, the Federal Emergency Management Agency would recognize that his greatest invention, the amphibious Hydra Terra, was the answer to everyone's prayers.

His floating bus, 40 feet long by 8.5 feet wide, could not only do 75 mph on a highway, it did 7 knots on the water. As a tour bus, it accommodated 49 passengers and two crewmembers; as a rescue vehicle, it could haul as much as five tons of emergency supplies.

Also, with a 300-horsepower engine and a propeller capable of generating as much thrust as a tugboat, the Hydra Terra could shove aside anything in its path: floating cars, trees, even trucks.

And it wouldn't cost taxpay-



A Hydra-Terra amphibious bus undergoes testing in a river near Bluffton, S.C., prior to being shipped in January 2005 to Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

ers anything. The first reply came that same morning, at 7:48 a.m. — an electronic missive from Hubert Baxley, a customer and water-tour operator in Myrtle Beach, S.C., who wrote, "We will be on standby and ready to help out."

Pledges of assistance soon arrived from other Hydra Terra owners as far flung as Providence, R.I., Boston, San Diego, Miami, Albany, N.Y., Santa Barbara, Calif., and Ponderay, Idaho.

There was but one vexing circumstance: Neither Giljam, nor his wife, Julie, who'd been feverishly working the phones, had made contact with anyone in the rescue business, let alone convince them that the Hydra Terra was the way to go.

Their misfortune began with an unattended call to the sheriff's office in New Orleans. (Understandably, the sheriffs had already bailed.) Undeterred, they rang FEMA's general number in Washington, D.C. — and were promptly referred to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of

Emergency Preparedness.

That turned out to be a dead end, too. "I'm sorry, we can't authorize that," the attendant told them. "Try our field office in Louisiana."

The field office in Baton Rouge, a bit hurried, suggested they contact logistics at the Emergency Management Services office. Why? "We're not in a position to authorize this." If nothing else, John Giljam is a born problem solver.

As a child growing up on his family's farm in upstate New York, he and his father, a welder, would design, then build sulfuric acid tankers for Halliburton and custom-made fire trucks for the local rescue squad.

He'd never been an engineer, never went to college. And yet, in 1999, at the age of 39, he had designed, patented and crafted, as far as anyone knew, the nation's only unsinkable motorcoach.

But this time, he was stumped.

In the end, the Giljams' failure to get any agency interested in the Hydra Terra during Katrina may be best explained by the fact that rescuers were drowning in a flood of phone calls, and simply did not have time to pay close attention to each one.

Emergency Preparedness.

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Engineers: Levees might not withstand another big storm

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Despite aggressive efforts to repair the New Orleans levee system following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, it isn't clear yet whether it could withstand a sizable hurricane this year, the head of the Army Corps of Engineers conceded Saturday.

Lt. Gen. Carl Strock said the agency was carefully tracking Tropical Storm Ernesto, which was in the Caribbean and projected to reach hurricane strength Tuesday. It was on track to enter the Gulf of Mexico, but it too early to tell whether it would strike the southern United States.

Strock was confident the

Corps had done all it could to repair and reinforce 220 miles of levee walls, but he said many variables would determine whether the levees could withstand a major hurricane striking near New Orleans, as Katrina did Aug. 29, 2005.

"To pinpoint it to one thing and say 'yes' or 'no' is very difficult," said Strock.

Much would depend on where the hurricane made landfall, wind speed, rainfall and other factors, he said.

Ernesto attracted the public's attention during a weekend of events marking the anniversary of Katrina. Driving rain soaked people gathered under the Superdome for one observance, but the storms were not related to Ernesto.

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Iraqi tribal chiefs sign 'pact of honor'

Prime minister seeks unity to end violence

By **Qasim Abdul-Zahra**
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Hundreds of Iraqi tribal chiefs gave important support Saturday to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's national reconciliation plan, while the government leader called the release of a leading Sunni Arab lawmaker by kidnappers a gift to his unity campaign.

But after a relative lull in violence Friday, 26 people were reported killed in nearly a dozen attacks around Iraq that showed there will be no quick end to the sectarian and political strife tearing at the country.

Al-Maliki won endorsement of his program for bridging religious, ethnic and political divisions at a national conference of tribal chiefs. A representative of the chiefs read their agreement on live television, calling it a "pact of honor."

"Realizing the gravity of the situation our country is undergoing, we pledge in front of God and the Iraqi people to be sincere and serious in preserving the unity of our country," said the agreement signed by tribal leaders and sheiks.

The chiefs also pledged to "work hard to stop the blood-letting and ... sectarian killings that have nothing to do with our values."

The endorsement was a boost to al-Maliki because tribal ties wield considerable influence in Iraqi society, especially among rural people for whom clan bonds are vital.

But like all other institutions in Iraq, tribal affiliations also are sometimes tenuous, so al-Maliki still faces a tough road in pursuing the reconciliation program unveiled in June.

His Shiite-dominated unity government is struggling to control sectarian violence that has become widespread in recent months and the Sunni Arab insurgency that has raged since Saddam Hussein's ouster.

About 10,000 people have been slain since the government took office in May.

Among other things, the plan offers amnesty to members of the Sunni-led insurgency not involved in terrorist activities, calls for disarming primarily Shiite sectarian militias and promises compensation for families of Iraqis killed by U.S. and government forces.

But no major Sunni Arab

insurgent groups has publicly agreed to join the plan, and many of the Shiite militias are controlled by legislators themselves.

Al-Maliki hopes the tribal chiefs can help draw Iraqis away from violence. "These tribes have to play a significant role in fighting terrorists, saboteurs and infiltrators," he said in a speech opening the chiefs' conference.



Iraq's prime minister Nouri al-Maliki, center, raises arms along with different Iraqi tribal leaders during a unity conference in Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. (AP photo)

Tropical Storm Ernesto strengthens

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical Storm Ernesto strengthened over the Caribbean Saturday as it headed toward Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, threatening to become the first hurricane of the 2006 Atlantic season, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Ernesto, which formed Friday, was projected to reach hurricane strength early next week and enter the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday or Wednesday, but it was too soon to predict whether it would hit the United States, forecasters said. "At this early stage, the message we want to send to people is not to panic, but to watch it," said Jamie Rhome, another specialist at the hurricane center.

Ernesto was on a course that would bring it over Jamaica by Sunday afternoon, dumping heavy showers. Fishermen were warned to return to shore and Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller met with disaster agencies to prepare.

Ernesto has the "potential to turn into a hurricane, so we must be on the alert for storm surges and damage to property," said Nadine Newsome, of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management. The office provided hurricane survival tips to locals living in four parishes prone to extensive damage from rains.

The Cayman Islands' National Hurricane Committee issued a tropical storm alert for the islands, meaning the storm should hit the British territory within two days. The local weather service projected that tropical storm force winds would hit some areas starting late Sunday.

At 8 a.m. EDT Saturday, Ernesto had maximum sustained winds near 50 mph with higher gusts. The fifth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season was centered 245 miles south of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and 455 miles southeast of Kingston, Jamaica. The storm was moving northwest at nearly 15 mph.

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GROUND WATER CURTAILMENT

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For nearly 150 years Agriculture has been the engine that has driven southern Idaho's growth and prosperity. And water, particularly ground water, has fueled that engine for the past half century. Development of the half-billion acre-foot East Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA") since 1948 brought an additional one million acres of desert lands into valuable agricultural production across southern Idaho. These lands generate over \$200 million in economic output annually. The ESPA also continues to provide the water source for virtually all of the Magic Valley's domestic, municipal, commercial and industrial uses. That is all likely to change if certain aquaculture companies, canal companies and Idaho Power Company succeed in their concerted efforts to change Idaho's prior appropriation doctrine.

In addition to pursuing legal actions challenging longstanding principles of water law requiring beneficial use of our State's waters, these interests are pursuing new laws and policies to remove Idaho's constitutional limits on the ability of non-consumptive hydropower rights to preempt existing and future beneficial uses of water within the State. This will direct more of Idaho's scarce water through their power plants at Milner Dam, Swan Falls, Hells Canyon, and beyond at the expense of Idaho's farmers, cities, businesses and individual homeowners.

Last year Idaho Power Company, allied with seven canal companies and irrigation districts that divert water between Blackfoot and Milner Dam, succeeded in gaining a key provision of the 1984 Swan Falls Agreement that had subordinated the Company's hydropower rights below Milner Dam to existing and future ESPA ground water rights. This simultaneously precluded any meaningful opportunity to develop large-scale aquifer recharge as an option in long-term ESPA management. They prevailed despite the objection of former Governor John Evans and current and former legislators who had negotiated on behalf of the people of Idaho to obtain the Swan Falls subordination and establish a state trust in the subordinated hydropower rights. They prevailed through an unprecedented lobbying effort in the 2005 legislative session that elevated the interests of Idaho Power Company, its shareholders, its non-regulated subsidiaries, and its power generation partners such as Twin Falls Canal Company over the interests of Magic Valley communities and businesses.

In June of this year, these same interests succeeded in persuading Gooding County District Court Judge Barry Wood that rules adopted by the Idaho Department of Water Resources in 1994 to guide the administration of interconnected ground and surface water supplies are unconstitutional. Judge Wood held these rules to be unconstitutional in large part because they do not require ground water users to be curtailed to maintain natural flow rights of senior surface water users at their full decreed rates throughout the entire irrigation season, and because they do not require juniors to be curtailed to ensure the seniors' Snake River reservoir storage will fill each year. The court ruled on these critical legal issues without considering evidence that shows that the senior natural flow rights never have been available at their full decreed rates throughout the irrigation season (hence the need for reservoir storage), and that winter snowfall, spring runoff and the seniors' own renting of their storage space for downstream power generation and flow augmentation, not ground water pumping, determine the storage supply in upper Snake River reservoirs like Jackson and Pallsades.

Judge Wood's recent ruling raises two particular concerns for Magic Valley domestic and municipal ground water users. First it appears to shift the burden of proof as it relates to injury from the senior to the junior water user while, at the same time, it broadens the responsibility for addressing injury to include domestic, municipal and industrial water users. Each scenario has the potential to create further conflicts among water users, but they also put the Idaho Department of Water Resources in the difficult position of perhaps being forced to curtail ground water diversions without proof of actual injury to a senior. Each scenario carries serious economic ramifications for individuals and communities across the Eastern Snake Plain, and the state of Idaho. As currently written, the Department's conjunctive management rules place the burden of proof on the party making a water call to demonstrate that they can beneficially use the water that they are calling for. Based on Wood's opinion, it now appears that a junior water user could be curtailed simply because a senior water user claims a shortage or that the junior can avoid curtailment by proving his water use does not affect the supply available a senior—regardless of whether the senior can actually place the water to beneficial use. This is a critical issue in the Magic Valley, where increasingly, formerly irrigated farmlands are rapidly being converted to residential subdivisions, shopping malls and parking lots. Judge Wood also appears to ignore the reality of how water is distributed. His decision was issued without the benefit of any evidentiary record. Based on his ruling a junior who is fully using his supply of water every year could be curtailed in a vain attempt to supply a more senior right that physically or historically can never be filled. Judge Wood's ruling also broadens the responsibility for addressing injury to domestic, municipal and industrial water rights by holding that the exclusion of those entities is unconstitutional and constitutes a taking without just compensation. This further jeopardizes the water supply necessary to sustain vital communities and industries on the Eastern Snake Plain, will be financially burdensome, and has serious implications to the present and future economic viability for the entire state of Idaho.

According to an economic analysis completed by the University of Idaho, College of Agriculture Economic and Rural Sociology, the water curtailment could impact up to 3,947 jobs (302 direct and 3,645 indirect). In just the milk and cheese processing sector, our local incomes could be affected in excess of \$106,273,000.

The aquaculture facilities making delivery calls against Magic Valley communities (Blue Lakes, Clear Springs and Rangen) were developed relatively recently, so the priority dates of their water rights date to the 1960s and 1970s. The priorities of the canal companies above Milner who are also making delivery calls are as early as 1901. The following discussion assumes that a delivery call from one or more of aquaculture facilities would result in curtailment of junior ground water rights. If delivery calls of the surface water users above Milner were honored by curtailment of juniors, essentially all ground water use in the Magic Valley would be affected.

CITY OF JEROME

The City of Jerome could lose up to 2.71 cubic feet per second (cfs) or eleven percent (11%) of its total water supply. This could limit future opportunities to diversify the city's local economy and create quality employment opportunities.

Judge Wood's decision could have far-reaching and long-term impacts on Jerome. This could be more significant than the hardships faced in the late 1980s when Jerome's Tupperware Plant closed.

The Jerome Cheese Company, West Farm Foods, Automated Dairy, Animal Pharmaceuticals and other similar businesses could be directly and indirectly impacted by this decision.

The City of Jerome's economy also depends on "value-added agricultural" businesses. Without agriculture, Jerome's economic base would be significantly, and perhaps permanently harmed. This could translate into lost jobs, declining property values and a deteriorated economic foundation.

CITY OF GOODING

The City of Gooding could lose 5.9 cfs, which is forty-one percent (41%) of its total water supply.

The City of Gooding's economy has benefited from several, recent developments. The result of Judge Wood's decision would deprive this community of the ability to expand its local economy in the future.

CITY OF WENDELL

The City of Wendell's water supply could be reduced by as much as eighty-four percent (84%) to 1.33 cfs. A reduction of this magnitude would create significant public health and public safety issues. With these reductions, the City of Wendell may not be able to provide water to residents and businesses. This would result in significant pay-offs, which could permanently impair the "Hub City."

CITY OF SHOSHONE

The City of Shoshone's water right could be reduced from 8.13 cfs to 4.01 cfs, or almost a fifty percent (50%) reduction. A reduction of this magnitude would reduce the City's ability to expand its local economic base, create new subdivisions and protect the citizen's health, safety and livelihood.

OUTLINING RURAL AREAS

If the curtailment date is after 1974, several domestic water users, dairies, and domestic water users will also be significantly affected. To see if you are affected, please visit the City of Jerome's website at www.ci.jerome.id.us. There you will find a detailed listing of the cities, dairies, farms, agricultural businesses and a partial list of domestic users that could be impacted. One of the largest domestic water users that could be affected is the North Rim Fairways Owners Association, which has approximately 100 dwellings.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

On **AUGUST 28, 2006 AT 7:00 PM**, the Cities of Jerome, Gooding, Wendell and Shoshone will host an **INFORMATIONAL MEETING** about the potential effects of Judge Barry Wood's recent decision.

The meeting will be held at the **JEROME HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**.

Changing world adds urgency to learning Chinese

By Lori Aronson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pearl Terrell was so determined that her great-granddaughter Shayla begin learning Chinese that she spent two weeks this summer driving 100 miles a day from her home in West Virginia to a middle school in Frederick County, Md., so the soon-to-be fifth-grader could learn the language.

The U.S. government flew 10 teachers to Washington from China this month and gave them a five-day crash course in Dupont Circle on how to teach — American-style — before dispatching them to schools across the country. Although the number may seem small, the scramble to recruit and train these teachers for the start of this school year underscores the urgency the Bush administration is placing on establishing Chinese programs in U.S. classrooms.

After years of insisting that the world speak English, of grants and initiatives that established foreign language programs in fits and starts, Americans have awakened to a far more global playing field and the need for specialized languages, economists say. And nowhere is that more evident than with China.

"China is being mentioned everywhere in relation to everything, from business, international affairs — even the war on terror," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a professor of political science at the University of Michigan. "You buy things in the store — they're made in China. ... No one is hearing about France as the way of the future."

More than 1.3 billion people worldwide speak Chinese, and about 885 million of those people speak Mandarin, China's official language and dominant dialect. In the United States, only about 24,000 students in grades seven through 12 study the language, according to a report from the Asia Society, a non-profit, nonpartisan group that seeks to build ties between the United States and Asia. But educators say those students reflect a steady growth in the number of Americans wanting to learn Chinese.

"People are finally beginning to pay attention to Mandarin as a major cultural and economic prospect for students," said Michael Levine, executive director of education for the Asia Society. "The push is coming from the defense (community) and government and grass-roots interest from parents."

In January, President Bush unveiled a \$114 million initiative aimed at increasing the number of so-called critical languages, such as Chinese and Arabic, taught in U.S. schools. The 10 Chinese teachers are the first recruits in a program the Bush administration hopes to expand to include teachers of Russian, Korean, Farsi and other critical languages.

"This is the largest initiative of its kind focused on language in half a century," said Thomas Farrell, deputy assistant secretary for academic programs at the State Department.

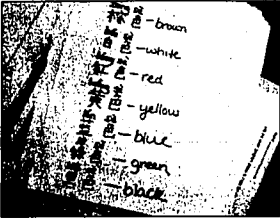
There is no official tracking of Chinese programs, but about 96 public and private U.S. schools offer Arabic, according to the National Capital Language Resource Center, a joint project of Georgetown and George Washington universities and the nonprofit Center for Applied Linguistics.

Chinese language courses are not new. But what is new is that interest in such courses no longer comes exclusively from Asian parents, who viewed the programs as a way for their children to maintain ties to their culture. Increasingly, it's non-Asian parents who want the children to learn Chinese, citing the desire to remain competitive for the best jobs. For example, in the Chinese language program offered in Frederick County this summer, only two of the 16 children were Asian.

"They want their children to have an edge, and they see Chinese as helping them get that," said Paula Patrick, the area language coordinator for Fairfax County, Va., public schools, where about 1,200 students take Chinese.



Xinchun Song helps Christiansa Kutz, 10, left, and Julia Knapp, 9, both of Frederick, Md., as they practice using chopsticks in a Chinese class at West Frederick Middle School. A Mandarin Chinese language program will be added to the Frederick schools this fall.



Learning colors in Chinese was part of the summer program in Chinese for young students in Frederick, Md.

This fall, more than a third of Maryland's public school systems will offer Mandarin — more than twice the number that offered it last year. In Virginia, where five school systems offer Chinese, educators in Fairfax launched a program last year to offer lessons to 1,000 students at two elementary campuses.

School systems in Philadelphia, Houston, New York City and Portland, Ore., are poised to launch Chinese programs. Chicago public schools teach more than 3,500 students in the largest program in the nation.

Kathryn Groth, vice president of the Frederick school board, whose system will start a Mandarin program this fall, said she welcomes the global focus.

"I think Americans who used to feel other people needed to learn (English) now realize that the time has come when that doesn't work anymore," Groth said. "I've heard from people who say: 'Forget the engineering. Learn the foreign language. If you want a job, the foreign language is going to sell you engineering.'"

For her part, Terrell, the West Virginia great-grandmother, easily could have enrolled her great-granddaughter in Spanish or French courses and saved a lot of gas money. Terrell never considered foreign language a must-have when she was growing up, but she has changed her worldview.

"China is an up-and-coming country," Terrell said. "And if (Shayla) learns Chinese, it will

be good for her — and maybe she can teach me some as well."

In the sun-dappled classroom in Frederick County, Shayla and her classmates were more than eager to show off their language skills. Ariana Sadoughi, 9, of Frederick ticked off a list of Chinese phrases she had mastered:

ni hao@ (how are you?), xie xie@ (thank you).

In another corner of the room, Xinchun Song was showing another group of students how to write the Chinese characters for big sister, little sister and mother. At one point, she separated the two characters that combine to form the word "mother," explaining to the children that when separated, one character translates to "horse" and the other represents "female."

"Does that mean my mother is a female horse?" one boy asked with alarm.

"No, no, no," Song said as she tried to explain the complexities of Chinese writing.

Yet even as U.S. educators are being pushed to expand Chinese programs, they are running into obstacles. It is difficult to find people qualified to teach.

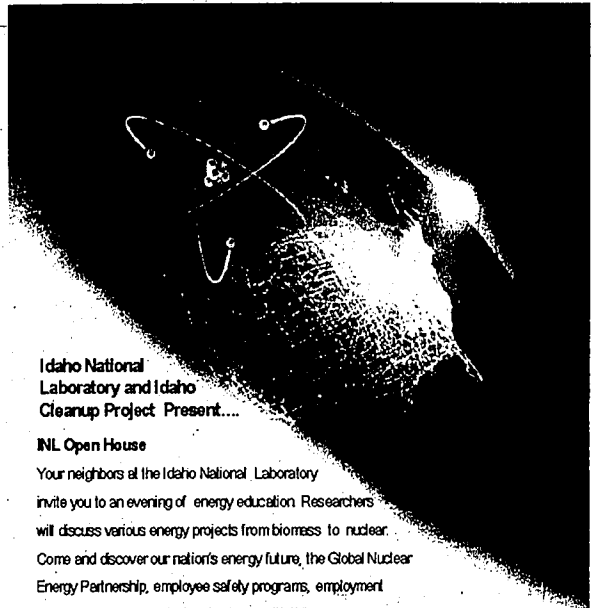
Only a few universities in the United States offer teacher certification programs in Mandarin, according to Levine, of the Asia Society. Last year, George Mason University added a program to certify Mandarin teachers, but only two people have enrolled.

That's why exchanges such as the one that brought the 10 Chinese teachers, as well as

two Arabic instructors from Jordan, to the United States are so critical, said the State Department's Farrell.

"This will help us get a jump-start," he said. The initiative to bring foreign teachers here will be complemented by a similar effort to send Americans overseas for language training, he said.

The Chinese government, however, is trying to do what it can to promote Chinese language. Hanban, or the National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, a nongovernmental organization funded by the Chinese government, has been instrumental in providing materials and in some cases helping school systems recruit teachers from China.



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Fundraiser helps athlete on the road to recovery

Twin Falls native was injured while training for triathlon

By Will Sites
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — There may be other adjectives to describe Saturday's fundraiser for Kim Walton, but overwhelming would be most appropriate. Walton was partially paralyzed April 27 when her bicycle collided with a van. To help offset costs associated with the accident, a fundraiser was held Saturday at Heyburn Riverside Park.

"We had a great turnout today," said Walton, a Twin Falls native who has called Heyburn home for 18 years. "There are family and friends and people I don't even know that are here today — it's just overwhelming."

Traci Temple, a friend and triathlon teammate of Walton's, couldn't agree more.

"The whole community has

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Taffetta, a singing quartet from Burley, performs Saturday during the Kim Walton fundraiser at Heyburn Riverside Park. They were one of five local bands that provided musical entertainment throughout the day.

come out, including churches (Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church raised \$2,600), the Twin Falls Cycling Club, entertainers and total strangers," Temple said. "The city of Heyburn was the first to come forward by donating the use of the park today, this is just great."

Temple said her friend is well-known as an excellent swimmer and athlete.

"She (Walton) was training for the annual Spudman Triathlon when the accident occurred and was only three miles from her home when it happened," said Temple, who helped organize the benefit.

"We planned on 175 people coming to the Dutch oven meal, but we served about

300." Temple, with husband Rock, owns Rock's Cycling and Fitness in Burley.

"It doesn't surprise me that so many people are here because Kim has given a lot to the community," she said.

And on this last Saturday in August, many of those athletes were giving something back.

"She really helped me to

improve as a swimmer," said Mark Hobson, one of the "Lunch Bunch" noontime swimmers at Impact Athletics in Burley. "She's an incredible swimmer and athlete and a great person."

Walton's husband, Andy, said that his wife was very dedicated to athletic endeavors. But on Saturday, his thoughts were

focused on the family, friends and strangers that came by to lend support.

"It's great to see all the friends and people I don't even

know" Andy said while taking a break from one of several volleyball games taking place in the park. "That's the best part of it. It really is overwhelming."

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Kim Walton, left, watches family, friends and strangers play volleyball Saturday afternoon while her husband, Andy, and niece Kate Tracy take a break during a fundraiser at Heyburn Riverside Park. Kim was seriously injured April 27 when her bicycle collided with a van.



Teri Stabley paints the face of Charlie Michalek on Saturday afternoon during the Kim Walton fundraiser at Heyburn Riverside Park. Also pictured is Taylor Stauffer, David Hart and Bradie Hart.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Lance D. Barnes, 24, Twin Falls; fireworks violation; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs. Martin A. Buckley, 43, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; second offense; pleaded guilty; costs waived; 90 days in jail, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 730 days; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Michelle L. Ybarra, 19, Buhl; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; dismissed by prosecutor; in the interest of justice.

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Robert I. Sullivan, 21, Twin Falls; Issuing a check without funds; pleaded guilty; two years penitentiary; one year determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; 30 months probation; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$200 public defender fee shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; 182 days in jail, credit for two days served, 135 days to be held in abeyance; \$508.60 restitution. Kevin Bowman, 28, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; seven years penitentiary; two years determinate; five years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Richard A. Heelan, 50, Buhl; domestic battery; dismissed. David Nunez, 32, Twin Falls; domestic battery; dismissed.

CIVIL FILINGS

Ernest Fife vs. D. & A Inc., doing business as Rainbow Auto Paint and Supply and Zhongda Group Inc. Seeking judgment against the defendants for \$34,686.75; expenses and costs in an approximate amount of \$10,000; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges he bought a paint sprayer from the defendants and that said paint sprayer was defective. Robert J. Hanchey vs. Mueller Auto Inc. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$4,664 for wages, court costs and fees.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following: Joshua W. Stout. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$167 monthly support plus 73 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$334 for public assistance and child support costs. Paul V. Fitzwater. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$592 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance. Chad J. Fundarek. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$155 monthly

support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,686 for uncovered medical costs.

Michelle D. Nuzio. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$103 monthly support plus 31 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Kenneth D. Anderson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$298 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,970 for uncovered medical costs.

Joshua D. Bateman. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$134 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,139 for uncovered medical costs. Marissa D. Goff. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$153 monthly support plus 48 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Charles O. Shoup. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$127 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance. Freddie Medina Sr. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$219 monthly support plus 34 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,847 for public assistance and child support.

Freddie Medina Sr. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$167 monthly support plus 28 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,336 for public assistance and child support.

Cindy L. Watson vs. Clinton S. Watson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$155 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance. Braxton J. Martinez. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$219 monthly support plus 34 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Sherly A. League. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$98 monthly support plus 35 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$348.33 for foster care and child support costs. Terry E. Shipley. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; that a lien be placed on defendant's property if he is delinquent in child support payments for at least 90 days.

Peter J. Wangler. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; that a lien be placed on defendant's property if he is delinquent in child support payments for at least 90 days. Angelique Compton. Seeking establishment of paternity; 32 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Timothy B. Dennis. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$261 monthly support plus 64 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,086.10 for foster care and child support costs.

Michelle L. Dilworth. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$149 monthly support plus 36 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$620 for foster care and child support costs. Alan J. Alves. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$142 monthly support plus 48 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,421 for public assistance and child support.

Ryan E. Cunningham. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$155 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,365 for child support and foster care costs. Robert R. Baker. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$305 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,579.36 for foster care and child support costs.

Tammy L. Baker. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$223 monthly support plus 42 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,150.96 for foster care and child support costs. Daniel W. Thomas vs. Samantha Thomas.

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Public Meetings Scheduled on Proposed Plan for Remediation of Contaminated Soil and Groundwater at INTEC

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Kenneth J. Maxwell, 23, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count no insurance; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 10 days in jail, suspended; 12 months probation; one count inattentive/careless driving; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation.

Miller L. McMillen, 24, Twin Falls; reckless driving; amended to inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Raymond L. Alger, 42, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance and one count possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; sentence has been suspended.

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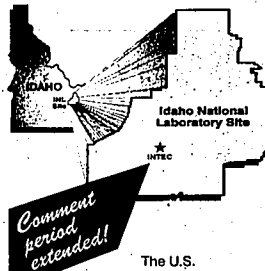
Sirrena Ford, 25, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; found innocent.

lic defender fee; 180 days in jail with 174 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail with 174 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; concurrent.

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29 in Idaho Falls (Shilo Inn) and Aug. 30 in Twin Falls (College of Southern Idaho Taylor Student Union Building). Agency and student representatives will be available during an open house at both locations from 6 to 8 p.m. for informal discussion. A court reporter will be present to record public comments.

Citizens may request copies of the proposed plan or a briefing with the project managers by calling the INL's toll free number at (800) 708-2680. The plan is also available on the Internet at <http://www.idahocleanuproject.com> or <http://lar.inel.gov/home.html>. The comment period has been extended by 30 days and will now end on Oct. 21.

Additional information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Unit 3-14. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. A copy can be found at the Albertsons Library at the Boise State University Campus. The Administrative Record can be accessed on the Internet at <http://lar.inel.gov/home.html>.



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eBay Sellers are Making \$120,000+

By D. Angela Cris
Independent Staff Writer.

In the last few years the job market and the average worker have suffered significant economic blows, which is why more people than ever are becoming self-employed.

Nationwide 1.64 million jobs were lost after Sept. 11, leaving a record number of people signing up to sell on eBay. One of these people was Michael Syme. As a single parent, Syme found he had to make money fast and turned to online auctions. It was not long before he replaced his income and made as much as \$10,000 a month.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they find out they are not financially secure, they should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately," said Syme, now an online auction expert and author of the book Keys to Making Money with Online Auctions.

Online auctions are becoming one of the easiest and most profitable ways to earn financial freedom and security. There were more than \$50 billion in sales in 2005 alone, and this number is expected to be much greater in years to follow, demonstrating the high demand for products on eBay and other online auction sites as well

as the significant opportunity for sellers to make money. This can also be seen in the more than 580,000 people making a full-time or part-time living selling on eBay. Many "power-sellers" are making \$150,000 a month.

In addition to income, eBay has more to offer. By selling just \$1,000 a month, people can qualify for health, dental, vision and pharmacy benefits. There are already 145,000 who already qualify according to the Associated Press.

Syme and others have found they not only make money, but the only work commute they worry about, is driving to the bank. It is not unusual for them to deposit hundreds or thousands of dollars daily.

Many people are finding the growing demand consumers have for online auction products has allowed them to make an income equivalent to a traditional job, in half the time. Often, auctioned items are not expensive or hard for online sellers to buy and sell at a profit. Items from a garage, closets or attics are money-makers waiting to be discovered. "One man's trash is another man's treasure," may be a cliché, but only because it has been proven true time and again. Everything from clothes and tools, to toys, electronics and collectibles are in demand.

One seller found out first-hand how easy it

was to bring in extra cash. Larry Rueschhoff was surprised after "finding an old camera for \$8 and watching it sell for \$1,120." That meant Rueschhoff made \$1,112 with a single sale on eBay.

Other sellers found specializing in specific items successful. An example of this is Jim Wilson, who decided watches and software were areas he wanted to focus on.

"I happened upon a nice little (software) program," Wilson said. "I bought 200 for only \$8 each including shipping from a buyer's club. They sold in less than 2 months for an average of \$70 plus shipping." This meant his \$1,600 investment turned into \$14,000, nearly a 1,000 percent return. In 60 days. This was a feat no stock investment could earn in today's market. This is why many are turning to online auctions.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right techniques," Syme said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income." People quickly learn how to market items to attract a higher bid: from photo quality to product listing. Sellers eventually become the experts in online auctions.

Although online auctions are simple to use, experts such as Syme warn first-time sellers to be careful of pitfalls. Simple yet costly mistakes occur when people don't



Photo by Jeff Deaton

take time to learn about selling online first.

"It's like driving a car," Syme said. "It's easy to do but, if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

"This doesn't mean people should avoid online auctions, it actually means the opposite. It's easy to get started. With a computer, Internet access and some basic computer know-how, you too, can be on

your way to doing business over the Internet.

"Why wait to win the lottery when selling on eBay is like winning the lotto every day," Syme said.

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Can Bill Miller continue streak of beating the S&P 500?

If Bill Miller were an athlete, he'd be an Olympian with a rock in his shoe. Miller manages Legg Mason Value Trust, the only mutual fund to outperform the Standard & Poor's 500 for the past 15 calendar years. But Value Trust had, in his own words, "a dreadful second calendar quarter."

Value Trust, which has about \$19 billion under management, lost 5.67 percent in the first half of the year, a far greater decline than the 1.44 percent dip experienced by the S&P 500. That performance places it among the bottom 1 percent of the 1,600 funds Morningstar ranks in its class. (Miller also manages the \$6 billion Legg Mason Opportunity Trust, which was also below the S&P for the first half of the year.)

Value Trust shareholders aren't the only ones doing a double-take at their quarterly statements. Another \$25 billion in funds and separately managed accounts is run using Value Trust as a model portfolio. So when Value Trust stumbles, the ripples can be felt everywhere from annuities sold by AXA Equitable to the \$329.38 million Masters Select Value Fund, where Miller manages approximately 20



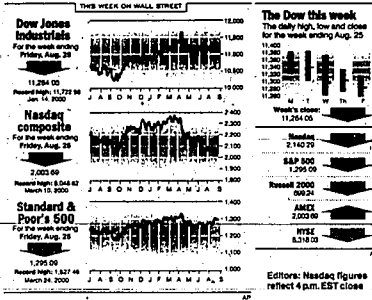
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Ellen Simon

percent of assets. The amount of money that is either managed by Miller directly or uses Value Trust as a model portfolio has raised some questions.

"Miller's record is awesome," said Louis Lowenstein, an emeritus professor of finance and law at Columbia University who is working on a book about the mutual fund industry. "I think the fund has gotten very big and size gets to be a drag on performance."

Morningstar Inc. analyst Dan McNeela wrote in May that Value Trust's prospects were somewhat constrained by its size.

"In his last annual report, Miller highlighted his penchant for buying additional shares of holdings as they go down as a key success factor," McNeela wrote. "But that option closes down as Legg Mason's stake in its favorites rises. Miller would have trouble making a bigger bet on Expedia, for example, because



Legg Mason already owns more than 20 percent of the company." (Liberty Media Holding Corp. owns another 20 percent of Expedia Inc., according to Expedia's annual report. That makes the stock even less liquid.)

Miller is a classic value manager. He looks for undervalued companies to buy and hold. This strategy translates into big bets. Twenty percent of Value Trust's assets were invested in Amazon.com Inc., eBay Inc., Yahoo Inc., Expedia, InterActiveCorp. and Google

Inc. at the beginning of the year and those companies accounted for 4 percent of the fund's underperformance, Miller wrote in a letter to shareholders in July.

"In our view, these companies represent superior economic franchises with the ability to earn above the cost of capital as far as the eye can see, and the markets myopic, obsessive focus on what is going on for the next three or six months doesn't alter the business value," Miller wrote. Ten percent of the fund's portfolio was invested in

UnitedHealth Group Inc., Aetna Inc. and HealthNet Inc.

"Momentum money has exited these names as the quarterly results have gone from spectacular to merely very good," he said.

Another 5 percent of the portfolio was in homebuilding. "Here we clearly made a mistake by initiating positions too early," he wrote. And none of the portfolio was in energy stocks. "This is another area we were clearly wrong about (isn't hindsight useful)," Miller wrote.

While Miller's record may make him seem like a superhero, (he "has a good claim to being the best U.S. mutual fund manager," The Wall Street Journal wrote earlier this month), it's worth remembering that beating the market every year isn't the same as making money every year.

In 1998, Value Trust's total return was a stratospheric 48.04 percent and in 1999 its total return was 26.71 percent. But in 2000, the fund was down 7.14 percent, in 2001 it was down 9.28 percent and in 2002, it declined 18.92 percent.

Patient investors who rode out the bad years did come out winners, with double digit after-tax returns for the 10 years ending Dec. 31, 2005,

handily beating the returns for the S&P 500.

The fund managers likely did nicely, too.

It has operating expenses of 1.02 percent, according to the prospectus. In the past, the fund's management fees were higher than they are now, which helped fees add up. Assuming a 5 percent return, an investor who put \$10,000 in Value Trust for 10 years would have paid \$1,987 in fees, according to the prospectus. (Of course, actual fees would have been more, since the returns were greater than 5 percent.)

Miller also is an investor in Value Trust; he currently has more than \$1 million in the fund, according to the fund's prospectus.

"We are long term investors and not traders," he wrote. "Our contrarian approach often puts us at odds with the prevailing views in the market.

When our approach leads to underperformance, such as in the current market, there is increasing pressure to change or do something different."

He added, "It is our willingness to persist in owning names we believe the market is mispricing on a long-term basis that has led to our long-term outperformance."

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| 4 Labor Day | Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center | Farmers Market 4:30 in the Senior Center parking lot |
| Castleford Men's Club at 12 noon | 15 Chamber Lunch at 12 noon at Grandstands | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m. |
| 5 Chamber Lunch at 12 noon at Grandstands | Speaker: Chef LuAnn Sittes from Eighth St. Center | 28 Chamber Golf Scramble |
| Speaker: Senator Tom Gannon and The Idaho Historical Museum "Identifying the Family Kitchen Heirlooms" | Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| 6 Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands | 20 Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands | Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands |
| Farmers Market 4:30 in the Senior Center parking lot | Farmers Market 4:30 in the Senior Center parking lot | Regular Meeting at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m. |
| Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m. | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m. | 29 West End Men's Association at Grandstands |
| 7 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands | 21 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands | 30 Trout Festival in downtown Buhl 9 a.m. to Midnight |
| Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | |
| 8 West End Men's Association 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands | 22 Fall Begins | |
| 11 City Council at City Hall 7 p.m. | West End Men's Association at 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands | |
| Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center | 25 Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m. | |
| 12 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | 26 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | |
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AROUND THE WORLD

GAZA STRIP

Palestinian officials sure journalists will be freed

GAZA CITY — A 72-hour deadline set by a militant group holding two Fox news journalists passed Saturday night with no new information on their fate, but Palestinian officials expressed confidence the men would be released soon.

The journalists, correspondent Steve Centanni, 60, of Washington, D.C., and cameraman ClavWig, 36, of New Zealand, were seized in Gaza City on Aug. 14. Their captors demanded the release of all Muslims imprisoned by the U.S. by midnight Saturday in exchange for the journalists.

The kidnapers, a previously unknown group calling itself the Holy Jihad Brigades, did not say what it would do to the men if the deadline passed, their demands unanswered. Palestinian officials said they had no evidence that the kidnapers had harmed the men after the deadline passed.

Witnesses: Israeli strike hurts TV cameraman

GAZA CITY — Two missiles fired by Israeli tanks early Sunday morning hit an armored car belonging to the Reuters news agency and wounded a television cameraman inside, Palestinian witnesses said. The Israeli army said it was checking the report.

According to witnesses, the cameraman was filming an Israeli raid in Gaza near the Karni crossing when the vehicle was hit.

ISRAEL

Simmons sends get well video to Israeli soldier

JERUSALEM — The flamboyant, Israeli-born rocker Gene Simmons has sent a televised message of support to an Israeli soldier seriously wounded in fighting in Lebanon, calling him his "hero."

Simmons, 57, founded the heavy metal band Kiss in the 1970s and became famous for wearing white and black face makeup, spitting fire and sticking his tongue out at sold-out elaborate performances.

Simmons, the band's bass player, was born Chalm Witz in the northern Israeli city of Haifa before emigrating to New York as a child.

Simmons sent a video message this week to Ron Weinreich, an Israeli soldier and die-hard Kiss fan, who was seriously wounded in Israel's 34-day fight with Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon. Weinreich remains hospitalized and is paralyzed from the chest down. Above his hospital bed, a Kiss poster is spread across the wall.

VENEZUELA

U.S. aid for democracy stirs up suspicion

CARACAS — The U.S. government is spending millions of dollars in the name of democracy in Venezuela — bankrolling, training emerging leaders, advising political parties and giving to charities. But the money is raising deep suspicions among supporters of President Hugo Chavez, in part because the U.S. has refused to name many of the groups it's supporting.

Details of the spending emerge in 1,600 pages of grant contracts obtained by the AP through a Freedom of Information Act request. The U.S. Agency for International Development released copies of 132 contracts in all, but whited out the names and other identifying details of nearly half the grantees.

U.S. officials insist the aid is aboveboard and politically neutral. — The Associated Press

Chad boots oil companies from country

By Madrasa Hoko Associated Press writer

N'DJAMENA, Chad — Chad's president on Saturday ordered oil companies Chevron Corp. and Petronas to leave the country, saying neither has paid taxes, and his country will take responsibility for the oil fields they have overseen.

In remarks on state-run radio, President Idriss Deby gave the companies — part of the African country's oil production consortium that is led by Exxon Mobil — a deadline of just 24 hours to start making plans to leave.

"Chad has decided that as of tomorrow (Sunday) Chevron and Petronas must leave Chad because they have refused to pay their taxes," Deby said in a message broadcast on state-run radio.

Deby said Chad, which is one of Africa's newest oil producers and is setting up a national oil company, would take over the oil fields overseen by the American and Malaysian companies and account for some 60 percent of its oil production.

Sabri Syed, a spokesman for Kuala Lumpur-based Petroleum Nasional Berhad, said he could not comment.

A message seeking comment with San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron was not immediately returned.

If the two companies are evicted, Chad could seek help from China, which has taken

an active interest in Africa in its search for raw materials like oil and metals.

Earlier this year, Chad broke off diplomatic relations with Taiwan and turned instead to China, a move that could help it sell its oil to the energy-hungry power.

China is already the largest exporter of oil from Angola and it also exports oil from Sudan.

The production and export of petroleum in Chad are overseen by the Exxon Mobil-led consortium. Under the mechanism, Texas-based Exxon Mobil Corp. is responsible for 40 percent of the country's production, while Chevron and Petronas each have 30 percent.

The three companies agreed to finance a risky \$4.2 billion, 659-mile pipeline to deliver oil from landlocked Chad to the Atlantic port of Kribi in Cameroon.

The companies agreed to invest the money after the World Bank gave the project its blessing and after Chad passed a World Bank-backed oil revenues law that required most of the money to be allocated to health, education and infrastructure projects.

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"Chad has decided that as of tomorrow (Sunday) Chevron and Petronas must leave Chad because they have refused to pay their taxes."

— Chad President Idriss Deby

December 2005, the consortium exported some 133 million barrels of oil from Chad, according to the World Bank. Chad itself earned \$307 million, or about 12.5 percent, on each barrel exported.

But the venture has proved troubling for Chad, at times. In January, the World Bank froze \$125 million in oil revenue and cut \$124 million in financial aid, accusing Chad of reneging on a promise to set aside part of its oil revenues to help the poor.

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Last month, the government reached a deal with the bank and signed an accord to commit 70 percent of its budget to poverty and development programs.

But the World Bank also agreed to allow 30 percent of oil revenues to go toward Chad's general treasury, instead of just 15 percent. Chad can use that money on whatever it wants — including weapons.

Deby's declaration came a day after he urged his citizens to take a more active role in the production of oil.

Chad government spokesman Houiradj Moussa Doumgor told reporters on Friday that Deby wanted greater profits from oil production.

Deby has stressed that the country "should fully enjoy its

oil, mining and other resources," Doumgor said.

Chad, which is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has struggled with discontent over its poor economy, and unhappiness has intensified over the failure of an immediate "boost" from its oil field, which went online for development in 2003.

Unrest also has spilled over from Darfur, where Sudan's Arab-dominated government is accused of encouraging a campaign of destruction aimed at civilians in African farming villages that are the base for a three-year-old rebellion. Sudan charges that Chad supports the Darfur rebels. Chad, in turn, accuses Sudan of backing eastern Chad rebels.

LEBANON

12 civilians killed, 39 injured by cluster bombs since cease-fire

The Washington Post

TYRE, Lebanon — Hassan Tehini does not want to go home anymore.

"I was so homesick for Aita al-Shaab. Now I don't miss it at all," the 10-year-old said weakly, trying to cough gently as he slumped against the wall of a hospital in this coastal city.

Lucky to be alive, Hassan was recovering from massive abdominal wounds inflicted by what he and two cousins thought was a small ball, unearthed from the rubble of their home town and perfectly suited for a game of catch. It was really one of the small explosive devices spewed by so-called cluster munitions — bombs, shells or rockets used by the Israeli military that burst in midair and spread smaller bombs over a wide area.

Hassan and his two cousins, like dozens of other Lebanese civilians, became casualties of war after the 33-day conflict between Israel and Hezbollah had subsided. Since the guns fell silent on Aug. 14, unexploded cluster bombs dropped by Israeli warplanes or duds fired by artillery have killed 12 people and wounded 39, according to Chris Clarke, head of the U.N. Mine Action Coordination Center attached to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. Of those, two of the dead and 11 of the wounded were children.

Todd Hart, another U.N. demining specialist, told journalists Thursday that U.N. and Lebanese government mine-disposal teams have discovered and destroyed a dozen normal bombs, plus 1,800 smaller bomblets sprayed out from cluster bombs.

Clarke said that "as of today, we have confirmed 289 cluster-bomb locations. This figure, which was 140 on Tuesday, is rising daily. And many of them are indeed inside residential areas."

"We are finding many cluster bombs in the rubble — they just blend in," he noted. One type commonly being found, he said, is shaped like a small green ball, larger than a golf ball and smaller than a tennis ball.

Clarke said the State Department was investigating whether Israel had violated U.S. guidelines for American-made cluster munitions that ban their use in civilian areas.

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EDITORIAL

Dairy nutrient plans miss the mark on phosphorus

Idaho State Department of Agriculture officials know the numbers don't lie about higher phosphorus levels throughout agricultural fields. The numbers in certain dairies nutrient management plans, however, are a different matter.

Dairy nutrient management plans, which detail dairy waste application on land in accordance with environmental laws, are either not being followed or not designed adequately.

Therein lies the mandate for ISDA regulators who are wondering how to contain excessive levels of phosphorus in the state's dairy capital of Gooding County. Regulators must ramp up their enforcement of dairies' nutrient management plans by making the plans more accurate on waste applications, and using more enforcement for high-level waste applicators.

Idaho is one of the few states that regulate phosphorus levels. State rules have a threshold of 40 parts per million in the first 12 inches of soil. New ISDA data show approximately 97 of 110 fields, approximately 12 dairies exceed that 40 ppm standard. More than half of the fields had readings of 100 ppm and almost 40 percent had readings of 150 ppm or higher.

Phosphorus does not pose a health risk, nor does it damage the soil. It does, however, speed up the growth of algae and moss clogging Idaho's rivers. While the ISDA regulates phosphorus levels on soil, the runoff of phosphorus into rivers is monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, EPA laws identify ag operations as a "non-point source" for phosphorus deposits into rivers or streams.

That leaves the actual land waste applications as the state's main concern in regulating phosphorus levels.

The 12 dairy owners have been advised that unless their phosphorus levels are reduced, the state could revoke their milk permits. We would hope so, especially for those violators that exceed 150 ppm on one field. Dale Westerman with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service says a dairy with 200 ppm is the result of over-applied waste. More than 18 percent of the fields tested in Gooding County recorded that high level.

In those instances, the ISDA has an obligation to get tougher and enforce the standard. "There's no question they haven't paid any attention to their plan," Westerman said of those dairy operations.

The same approach could be applied to those operations closer to 100 ppm readings. Westerman told the Times-News that operators are using cow feed that contains higher levels of phosphorus than what is indicated in their NMPs. As a result, they may not know what they're applying.

But that's doubtful when phosphorus feed is given to livestock to generate more milk. To see more phosphorus in the waste isn't a real mystery.

What's more likely is that the expense of transporting dairy waste to fields far away has grown more expensive. Dairies that are saddled with those costs may be taking advantage of a loose regulatory environment to keep waste closer to the farm.

With 131,826 mature animals and an additional 30,000 heifers, Gooding County's dairy cow population is saturating a number of fields with phosphorus, and the nutrient management plans aren't accounting for it. That has to change if the ISDA is to be taken seriously by the largest dairies in Magic Valley.

Our view:
State officials need to revise the phosphorus standards in large dairies' nutrient management plans, and more aggressively enforce them.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Second fiddle: From K-Fed to B-Clint

It would be easy to make fun of Mr. Spears. Too easy — shooting tuna fish in a can, as they say.

In his "A Star Is Not Born" moment, making his big-time singing debut on Fox's "Teen Choice Awards," introduced by his wife, Britney, in Maxim magazine's matter-of-factly Kevin Federline managed to be even more deliciously atrocious than anticipated.

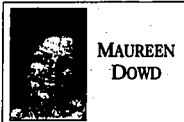
He looked like someone doing a really bad Eminem or Vanilla Ice imitation on YouTube. Even YouTube chatters were stunned at this rap version of Norman Maine and Vicki Lester, one of the most recycled plots in Hollywood history, the story of a portly, uneven marriage, a star married to another entertainer whose career is in a downward spiral.

"OK," wrote one YouTube viewer, "this is definitely a sign of the end of the world." The hip-hop community reacted with amused disdain, partly since K-Fed rapped about poping Britney, ignoring the hip-hop Cristal boycott, and about his wife. "Don't hate because I'm a superstar!" he rhymed. "And I'm married to a superstar! Nothin' come between us no matter who you are!"

Jermaine Hall, editor of King magazine, told The Associated Press: "The thing that really hurts him is the fact that he's perceived as Britney's second — I don't even want to say second in command, but — he's like the Britney Boy. He's like Mrs. Spears."

Willie Geist, a producer and droll commentator on Tucker Carlson's MSNBC show, agreed with me that K-Fed's rapping and pop-locking was too shocking for mocking.

"It's a hero to men everywhere," Geist said. "Go back five years. He was sitting in his basement in his wifebeater, probably playing video games. And now he's married to Britney Spears, a multimillion-



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aire. He came from nothing to something by doing nothing. I think that's his sole purpose for existing, to mooch off of her."

And that is the beauty of K-Fed. In a world where many women now outearn their husbands, it's rare to find men who can be such bluffs and self-conscious marital moochers. "My album's gonna hit the pop market because of my wife," he bragged to GQ. Men can be prone to the insecurities displayed by David Duchovny's character in the new movie "Trust the Man." Duchovny plays an advertising executive who becomes a house husband when his actress wife (Julianne Moore) takes a starring role on Broadway. Swaddled in maternal duties, resentful of his wife's lack of attention, he reasserts his

manliness with a meaningless affair. Government statistics show that nearly a third of married women now earn more money than their husbands, and nearly a fourth of women in unmarried-partner households make at least \$5,000 more than their guys.

Kate White, the editor of Cosmopolitan, went on CBS' "The Early Show" last week to give potent women tips about avoiding the Hillary Swank syndrome. "He's got to feel like he carries the weight in the relationship somehow," she said. "So if he's not the main financial provider, he's got to be the protector, or maybe he's the really social one. When you have dinner parties, or get-togethers, he's the one who's really the dominant social force. You've got to let him know he has a big role and you can't talk about 'my money.' It's got to be 'our money.'" (Which brings to mind the "Club Your Enthusiasm" episode in which Larry David told a friend's non-working wife she could not refer to their money as "ours," since the husband was

making it all.) A woman with more renown and money, White continued, really has "to work hard to make sure he has his own notoriety and success in the relationship. And in that scenario, also the husband may become, like, a stay-at-home dad. But you can't let his fame be traditionally feminine things, like, 'Oh, you help so well,' or, 'You're such a great dad.' You've got to give him something with masculine overtones he's really good at."

Besides K-Fed, there is one other guy who seems perfectly content to play backup dancer in his superstar wife's national tour: B-Clint. "Now the choreography is reversed, and it is Hillary's time to take the lead," Karen Tumulty writes in this week's Time.

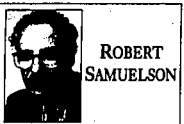
Other men in that spot might struggle with emasculation issues, as Geena Davis' husband did in "Commander in Chief." But somehow you know that, as First Lady, Bill would have the time of his life in the time of his wife.

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The democratization of debt may reach limit

We are at the end of the credit boom — certainly the six-year boom and maybe the 60-year boom. Has any society ever created so many ways for people to go into hock? In 2003, Americans had 1.46 billion credit cards, or five per person. Home mortgages total \$9 trillion, and some initially don't require borrowers to repay all their annual interest. In 1946, households had 22 cents of debt for each dollar of disposable income. Now they have \$1.26. Behind these numbers lies a profound social upheaval: the "democratization" of debt. Everyone gets to borrow. But this process may now have reached its limits.

Although Americans are routinely stigmatized as credit addicts, that's unfair. Of course, some people over-borrow, and some financial institutions lend abusively. Still, the democratization of debt has generally been a good thing. Millions of families can now borrow for college, cars and clothes. The biggest boon has been the expansion of homeownership, up from 44 percent of households in 1940 to 69 percent today. Three-quarters of household debt consists of mortgages. At heart, Americans' appetite for credit reflects national optimism. We presume that today's debts can be repaid because tomorrow's incomes will be higher.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

The origins of today's credit culture date to the 1920s with the advent of installment lending for cars and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, radios), says economist Martha Olney, author of "Buy Now, Pay Later." Attitudes changed. In the 19th century, "it was thought that only irresponsible families bought on credit," she says. "By the 1920s, it was only foolish families that didn't buy on credit and use it while they were paying for it." In the mid-1950s, 60 percent to 70 percent of cars were sold on one-to-two-year loans.

After World War II, credit became part of the mass market. In 1958, Bank of America introduced a credit card that (in 1976) was renamed Visa. The combination of aggressive merchandising and government laws prohibiting racial and ethnic discrimination in lending led to a huge expansion of borrowers. One reaction to the anti-discrimination laws was the use of impersonalized computer-driven credit scores to determine loan eligibility. Now, U.S. businesses buy 10 billion FICO scores annually.

Credit is about more than softness and leniency. "Once consumers step onto the treadmill of regular monthly payments, it becomes clear that consumer credit is about much more than instant gratification," writes historian Lendol Calder in his book "Financing the American Dream." "It is also about discipline, hard work — the attributes necessary to repay the debt and borrow money. Ironically, our optimism feeds our stress."

The trouble is that no society can forever raise its borrowing faster than its income — which is what we've been doing. Sooner or later, debt burdens become oppressive. One reason for thinking we've passed that point is that the last spasm of credit expansion was partially artificial. To soften the 2001 recession, the Federal Reserve embarked on an audacious policy of easy credit. From December 2001 to November 2004, it held its key short-term interest rate at 2 percent.

A real-estate bonanza ensued. From 2000 to 2005, sales of new and existing homes increased by almost 40 percent. In hot metropolitan markets, prices more than doubled over five years. Nationally, the increase was 57 percent. The frenzy depended heavily on low-interest-rate mortgages. In 2005, about half of new home loans had variable interest rates (often with

low, introductory teaser rates) or required only interest payments.

What the Fed giveth, the Fed taketh away. Since June 2004, it raised short-term interest rates from 1 percent to 5.25 percent. Whether the Fed achieves the vaunted "soft landing" — an economic slowdown that reduces inflation without causing a recession — hinges heavily on how the credit boom of the last few years unfolds. If it ends violently, with a crash in home prices and housing construction, a recession could follow. What the Fed wants is a gradual and graceful unwinding.

This turn of the credit cycle could signal the end of the decades-long rise of personal debt to income. It is not just that debt service — interest and principal — is at an historic high, almost 19 percent of disposable income. Credit standards may have been stretched too far. Since 1989, the share of households with debt has risen from two-thirds to three-quarters. There are other reasons, too: much recent debt was contracted at artificially low interest rates, which have risen (or will rise); aging baby boomers will be spending more on retirement mortgages; and many Americans will replenish their savings. For years, the democratization of debt stimulated the economy. What happens without that prop? For better or worse, we may soon learn.

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LETTER

Valley deserves better energy representation

Recently, I sent Rep. Maxine Baile my thoughts about her being co-chairman of the sub-committee on conservation for the Interim Energy Committee. I told her I was amazed that only one person was chosen from the Magic Valley for just one sub-committee, not hers. There were others who had volunteered for any sub-committee (i.e., Carl Nellis and Bill Chisholm). As of Aug. 22, Carl Nellis was called and asked to join Maxine's sub-committee, which he is doing. Maxine said that her co-chairman did not call Bill Chisholm.

I have attended several of the meetings around the valley on conservation and

renewable energy. He's well informed and has studied those subjects for years. He would have been a very good choice on the conservation committee. It's not too late for the conservation committee to listen to his expertise and help them understand the complexities of conservation and renewable energy, etc.

I must add that Rep. Sharon Block of Twin Falls County was most helpful in supporting Citizens Protecting Resources (in Jerome) and other Magic Valley groups at the Legislature to get the moratorium approved and the Interim Energy Committee working. Thank you, Sharon. You did right by your constituents!

XENIA WILLIAMS
Jerome

Prisoners need better treatment in corrections

I am very concerned with how our inmates are treated. Yes, they need to be punished, but must we treat them like wild animals locked in a cage. We should be trying to get them the help they need. Has anyone ever looked into our prison system? They are still human beings, no matter what, we need to

rehabilitate them, not just lock them up and forget about them.

LORIE HAMPTON
Twin Falls

Article a poor discourse for more bigotry

I am a 17-year-old white female getting prepared for my senior year at Twin Falls High School. Yesterday morning when I sat down to read the

paper, I was absolutely appalled by the front page article ("Surface of civility," Aug. 21). Why would the Times-News and its news staff allow articles of this nature be printed?

Have we had enough racism in the American past? It is the 21st century, grow up and stop judging people by their race and religion. How much longer are we going to let this go on?

In response to the comment made in the article about putting "them" on reservations; why don't we put all of the bigots on the reservations, since they are the ones continuing the racist remarks?

My point is, regardless of someone's ethnic background every individual deserves to be judged by their character, not by their skin color.

KARA MALONEY
Twin Falls

LETTERS

What part of terrorism do the Democrats support?

This year's Democratic plan for the future is another insane suite of bills designed to trick American voters into trusting them with national security.



ANN COULTER

To wit, they're claiming there is no connection between the war on terror and the war in Iraq, and while they're all for the war against terror, absolutely in favor of that war — they are adamantly opposed to the Iraq war. You know, the war where the U.S. military is killing thousands upon thousands of terrorists (described in the media as "Iraqi civilians," even if they are from Jordan, like the now-dead leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi). That war.

As Howard Dean put it this week, "The occupation in Iraq is costing American lives and hampering our ability to fight the real global war on terror."

This would be like complaining that Roosevelt's war in Germany was hampering our ability to fight the real global war on fascism. Or anti-discrimination laws were hampering our ability to fight the real war on racism. Or dusting is hampering our ability to fight the real war on dust. Maybe Dean is referring to a different globe, like Mars or Saturn, or one of those new planets they haven't named yet.

Assuming against all logic and reason that the Democrats have some serious objection to the war in Iraq, perhaps they could tell us which part of the war on terrorism they do support. That would be easier than rattling off the long list of counterterrorism measures they vehemently oppose.

Intelligence Committee, have called for Guantanamo to be shut down.

The Guantanamo detainees are not innocent insurance salesmen imprisoned in some horrible mix-up like something out of a Perry Mason movie. The detainees were captured on the battlefield in Afghanistan.

You remember — the war liberals pretended to support right up until approximately one nanosecond after John Kerry conceded the 2004 election to President Bush.

But apparently, imprisoning al-Qaida warriors we catch on the battlefield is hampering our ability to fight the global war on terror.

Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin has compared Guantanamo to Nazi concentration camps and Soviet gulags, based on a report that some detainees were held in temperatures so cold that they shivered and others were forced to listen to loud rap music — more or less approximating the conditions in the green room at "The Tyra Banks Show." Also, one of the detainees was given a badminton racket that was warped.

New York Times columnist Bob Herbert complained this week that detainees in Guantanamo have "no hope of being allowed to prove their innocence." It guesstimates that excluding the hundreds who have been given administrative hearings or released already.

Of course all the usual "human rights" groups are carping about how brutally our servicemen in Guantanamo are treating the little darlings

who are throwing feces at them. Democrats oppose the Patriot Act, the most important piece of legislation passed since 9/11, designed to make the United States less of a theme park for would-be terrorists.

The vast majority of Senate Democrats (43-2) voted against renewing the Patriot Act last December, whereupon their minority leader, Sen. Harry Reid, boasted: "We killed the Patriot Act!" — a rather unusual sentiment for a party so testy about killing terrorists.

In 2004, Sen. John Kerry — the man they wanted to be president — called the Patriot Act "an assault on our basic rights." At least all "basic rights" other than the one about not dying a horrible death at the hand of Islamic fascists. Yes, it was as if Congress had deliberately flown two commercial airliners into the twin towers of our Constitution.

They oppose profiling Muslims at airports. They oppose every bust of a terrorist cell, sneering that the cells in Lackawanna, New York City, Miami, Chicago and London weren't a real threat

like, say, a nondiscriminational football game. Now that's a prayer before a high school threat.

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LETTERS

Low wages push workers out of Idaho

Cee-whiz here we go again. Idaho workers are making \$7.25 to \$10 per hour. At this salary, can they pay the price of food, housing and the necessities of living? From what I learned in a real estate class, you can figure \$1,000 a month for a \$100,000 home. At these prices, please tell me how the workers in Idaho make a living without working two or more jobs.

When I read that Idaho has lots of millionaires per capita, it makes me mad to see them making more and more off the backs of the working people. When I finally got fed up with our employers here, I packed up and left for California. I basically worked at what I was doing here and went from \$6.25 in Idaho to \$14.85 plus benefits, and you all wonder why the young people won't stay in Idaho. I would love to have my children and grandkids move back to Idaho, but it will never happen. They all have good-paying jobs that might pay them \$6 or \$7 here. And the moral of this story is until the working people start

voting for worker friendly politicians and that isn't the Republican Party. If you have read the news for the past years, you'll see all the tax breaks have been for the rich. But then I know I'm beating a dead horse, and it will be another Republican voted into office here in Idaho.

JOHN O'DELL
Rupert

Idaho quarter design files against tradition

Ugly, ugly, ugly describes the design for our Idaho State quarter.

I agree with Margaret Koyle, Erma Lee Gooch, Fernola Tappan and many others. Can't something be done to

change it?

I was born and raised in Twin Falls and lived most of my life in Idaho. I have ridden horses and hiked in our mountains and to our lakes, fished in our streams, mountain lakes and rivers; even hunted deer and elk in our mountains. I should also mention I picked our famous Idaho potatoes when it was done with wire baskets.

In my 85 years, I've seen beautiful sunrises and sunsets in Idaho also.

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Iran inaugurates heavy-water plant

Move comes days before deadline on nuke program

By Al Akbar Davaki
Associated Press Writer

KHONDAB, Iran — Iran inaugurated a heavy-water plant Saturday, expanding its nuclear program only days before a U.N. deadline that threatens sanctions unless Tehran curbs activities the West fears are meant to make atomic weapons.

The move was the latest defiance by Iran to concerns expressed by the U.N. Security Council. Hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shrugged off the possibility of sanctions, insisting his country would not slow its nuclear ambitions.

"We tell the Western countries not to cause trouble for themselves because Iranian people are determined to make progress and acquire technology," Ahmadinejad said after opening the plant. He stressed his government's contention that the nuclear program is peaceful — intended only to produce fuel for nuclear reactors that would generate electricity. The U.S. and its allies accuse Tehran of seeking to develop atomic arms.

"There is no discussion of nuclear weapons. We are not a threat to anybody, even the Zionist regime (Israel), which is a definite enemy to the people of the region," Ahmadinejad said after opening the plant.

The Security Council has given Iran until Thursday to suspend another part of its nuclear program — the enrichment of uranium, which can produce both reactor fuel and material usable in nuclear warheads.

Iran said earlier in the week it is open to negotiations but it refused any immediate suspension, calling the deadline illegal. The U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, is to report to the council on Iran's program by mid-September. If IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei's report finds enrichment is continuing, the United States and some in Europe are likely to push for sanctions.

Tehran appears to be counting on sanctions being blocked by its allies in Russia and China, major trade partners that as permanent members of the council hold veto power over its actions.

Russian Vice Premier Sergei Ivanov said Friday that it was too early to consider imposing sanctions and that his country would press for a diplomatic solution to the standoff.

The ceremony at the Khondab heavy-water plant, which has been operating since 2004, was largely a symbolic gesture underlining Iran's determination to ignore international pressure. The plant's top official, Manouchehr Madadi, said the facility can produce up to 16 tons of heavy water a year — double the amount it previously made.

The U.N. deadline does not demand a halt to operations at the plant or a nearby reactor that Iran is building to use the heavy water, focusing on what is seen as the more urgent concern of uranium enrichment.

Still, the West repeatedly has called on Iran to stop work at the heavy-water facility, fearing it could be used as a second track toward building warheads.

Heavy water contains a heavier hydrogen particle that allows a nuclear reactor to run on the natural uranium mined by Iran, without undergoing the enrichment process. But the spent fuel from a heavy-water reactor can be reprocessed to extract plutonium for use in a bomb.

The 40-megawatt reactor, due to be finished in 2009, could produce enough plutonium for a nuclear weapon each year, experts have said.

Reactors fueled by low-enriched uranium use regular

— or light — water in the chain reaction that produces energy. But the process that produces such fuel can also enrich uranium to a higher level of purity that can be used to build a weapon.

The inauguration of the heavy-water plant drew a quick response in Israel. Legislator Ephraim Sneh of the Labor Party, a partner in Israel's governing coalition, warned that the plant marks "another leap in Iran's advance toward a nuclear bomb." He said that Iran can't be trusted and Israel must "prepare itself militarily."

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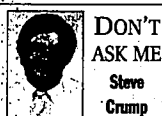


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... and don't dribble fry sauce on your shirt

I've been over to the Western Idaho Fair in Boise, just in time to bring you some important pointers about carnival and midway etiquette at the upcoming Twin Falls County Fair:

Never carry an Iced soft drink larger than a bucket on to the Ferris wheel with you. It annoys the guy in front of you when you dump it over his head.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

If you ever wish to hear anything again, do not sit near a pack of teenage girls on the Spiral of Death.

If the midway seems to be swimming around you when you step off a ride, this is a good sign that you are about to throw up. Have the goodness not to get on another ride in this condition — with me, anyway.

If you tip the scales at anything over 250 pounds, you're gonna look like the Stuy Puft Marshmallow Man at a dude ranch if you climb aboard that horse on the merry-go-round.

If you're 36 years old, stay off the damn pony rides. Bumper cars are a game, not a training exercise for manslaughter.

A child with sticky fingers will leave most of that goo on anything he or she touches.

Milk bottles will not fall over, no matter how hard you hit them.

The dime will bounce out of the glass ashtray, no matter how you toss it.

If you have a small child in tow, have the goodness to buy him that cotton candy **your way OUT** the gate.

If you ever wish to hear anything again, do not sit near a pack of teenage girls on the Spiral of Death.

If you plan to ride the Zipper with me, please eliminate the following items from your fair dining plans: A. Orange soda pop. B. Nachos. C. Navajo tacos. D. Trout burgers. E. Chili dogs. F. Chinese cuisine. G. Any solid food whatsoever for the previous 72 hours.

Do the rides BEFORE you visit the livestock barns.

If any part of your anatomy below the neck is pierced, we do not care to see it.

A cautionary word about your Wranglers: Be sure the end justifies the jeans.

We've seen the tattoo on the small of your back. Allow us to just guess where your other tattoos are.

Wearing high-heels to the fair is like running a marathon in a gopher colony.

If you go to the Trace Adkins concert, the rest of us already know what a "bdonkadonk" is. You need not show us yours.

It is this seat taken, or should I ask you 8-foot stuffed purple dinosaurs to move?

Overstuffed in mini-van is no excuse for taking seven toddlers to the fair.

A muscle shirt does not flatter the fatter.

The files will not go away, whether or not you dip your Elephant Ears in honey.

A Tater Pig is NEVER eaten with your fingers; use the plastic spork.

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Fire battle continues in south-central Idaho

By Matthew Brady
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho led the nation Saturday in number of acres on fire, a dubious honor it will likely relinquish today when two of the largest fires are expected to be contained.

The state had 360,007 acres on fire, 65,661 of those in south-central Idaho, according to the National Fire Information Center.

South-central Idaho Wildfires
Trailhead, Sawtooth National Forest, 3,963 acres, 20 percent contained
Sucker Gap, Twin Falls District, BLM, 61,698, 80 percent contained
For more fire news, go to <http://www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html>
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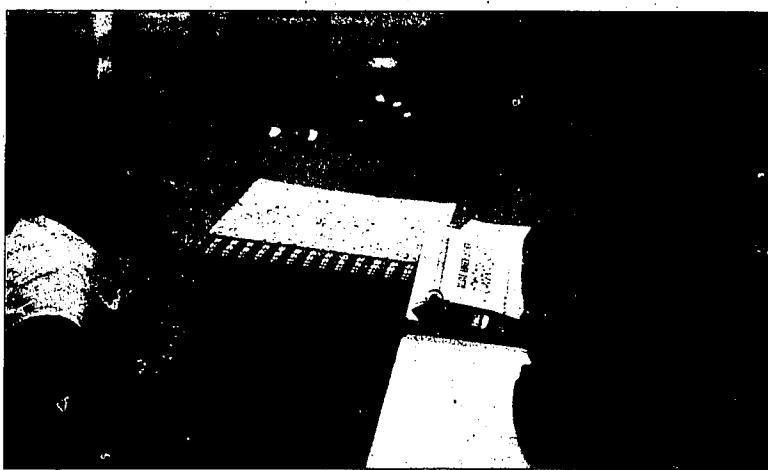
ing to the National Fire Information Center. Washington, third, with 213,052 acres and Oregon was second with 211,440.

Moderate weather helps fire crews a acre Crystal Fire northwest o f American Falls and 18,236-acre Potato Fire northeast of Stanley should be contained today, said Randy Eardley, spokesman for the National Interagency Coordination Center in Boise.

"The fire season tends to move around," he said. It typically ends in September in Idaho, then moves to Southern California. "Then it starts all over again in the Southeast," he said.

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4-H interviews



Megan Satterwhite, a 4-H judge, puts a blue ribbon on 9-year-old Hannah Owsen's scrapbook after completing an interview.

Judging interviews bring excitement to local 4-H'ers

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — 4-H projects aren't limited to barnyard animals. Instead of taking a Suffolk, Holstein or Hampshire to the fair, many youth opt to learn about archery, veterinary science, woodworking, small engines, quilting and cake decorating.

Their time in front of a judge took place Saturday at the Tom Parks Pavilion and was no less an exciting competition than the Grand Champion round of a sheep show.

"I'm not extremely nervous but a little excited," said Rebekah Papac, waiting for her turn to shine. She spent three days reaching her goal of crafting a beautiful wedding cake.

The 16-year-old is a member of the Handy Workers 4-H Club and a third-year level cake decorator. She was showing a two-tiered peachy-pink cake, highlighted with bouquets of delicately rolled fondant roses.

"I'm really excited with it. It took a lot of hard work, but I have always wanted to learn how to decorate wedding

cakes," Papac said. The judging process is a one-on-one interview. The goal is to present yourself in a confident light and talk about your project.

"We want to know what the kids learn," said Entomology/Gardening Judge Alan Porter of Minidoka. "If you had some problems in your experience, what did you take from that? These projects are supposed to help them grow into an area they are interested in."

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4-H displays

Twin Falls County 4-H projects will be on display at the Tom Parks Pavilion during the Twin Falls County Fair.

When: Wednesday through Sept. 4
Where: Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer

For more information: Call the fair office, 328-4396, or visit <http://www.tcfair.com>.

Conference focuses on restoring civility to leadership

By Karen Bossick
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — The titans of the written word, the keepers of American history and the sages of the Constitution called for two things Monday at the end of the four-day Sun Valley Writers Conference:

• The need to teach children the fundamentals of history so they understand how our country is supposed to work.

• The need to elect great people with great minds who have the ability to overcome partisanship.

These two themes echoed throughout the conference — from Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer's opening remarks to Dennis Kearns Goodwin's offering of Abraham Lincoln as a prism through which to illuminate our nation's challenges.

Abraham Lincoln had a profound self-confidence that allowed him to surround himself with strong men, even men who had been his rivals and disagreed with him. Goodwin told the audience. Case in point: Ohio Gov. Salmon P. Chase, who ran against Lincoln for president. Chase continued to badmouth Lincoln even after Lincoln appointed him to his Cabinet, but Lincoln overlooked that when he appointed him to the Supreme Court.

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"There are just some people that always make you feel at home and welcome. And I think that was the magic they shared."

— John Spanbauer Jr., son of John and Marie Spanbauer

Spanbauer barn dances brought people together

By Jami Whitford
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — It started with a simple barn dance to help kick off the Pocatello Frontier Rodeo and grew into a weekly old-fashioned get-together where people could visit, dance and maybe even fall in love.

John Spanbauer Sr. and Marie, his wife of 62 years, started the popular dances at their equally popular Spanbauer barn in the 1970s. On Aug. 20, he died at 88.

The dances became a Saturday night tradition after the couple held a few for special occasions and people encouraged them to do it more often. "For them it was their social life," said their son John Spanbauer Jr. After moving from Pocatello to the former

Windy Glenn Ranch in 1980 in Jerome, the family was amazed at the continued success of their dances.

They didn't do much advertising, but word of mouth traveled fast throughout southern Idaho and people from miles around would come to the barn for a little entertainment. There was a band, but many came to hear Marie play the piano, too.

"She couldn't read a note ... but if she could hear a tune or you could hum it, she could play it," John Jr. said.

After many years of farming and dancing the ranch was sold in 1995 and the family bought the Valleyview Ranch. Marie and John Jr. announced their Saturday night tradition.

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aLife remembered
John Spanbauer Sr.
Born: June 8, 1918
Died: Aug. 20, 2006
Survivors: Children, Barbara Hart and Jim Hammeke of Nampa, Tom Spanbauer of Portland, Ore., John Jr. and Karen Spanbauer of Jerome, and Jerry Spanbauer of Jerome; three grandchildren, Jamie Hart and great-granddaughter Lily of Monte Rio, Calif., Cody Spanbauer of Boise and Nick Spanbauer of Jerome.

Navy hospital bed among new additions to museum

By Kelly Jackson
For the Times-News

HAILEY — Wandering through the Blaine County Museum, you might notice a small twin bed in one of the exhibits.

The bed's sole purpose is for rest and relaxation, but not for a museum visitor tempted by the opportunity for a catnap while perusing Blaine County artifacts and relics.

This particular mattress and frame is an early hospital bed, used by the Naval Convalescent Hospital on the third floor of the Sun Valley Lodge from 1942 to '46, according to Chris Millsbaugh, regional history librarian for the Community Library.

The hospital's primary purpose was for sailors to recuperate from wounds suffered during World War II. Soldiers or sailors suffering from battle fatigue or in need of psychiatric help were sent from the San Francisco Bay area to Sun Valley to rest.

If you haven't been to the Blaine County Museum in a while, the hospital bed might be an excuse to meander through the halls again or for the first time, exploring the early valley and the little pieces

New exhibits
What: Blaine County Museum
When: Open every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. during the summer.

of history that pepper the museum's halls. There is a mining exhibit, an old post office display, a pseudo living room and kitchen from the early days, 100-year-old quilts, the contents of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Cornerstone that was sealed in July 1885 and opened in July 1985, Joe Fuld's famous political items collection, a player piano (perfect for old school karaoke) and more.

Everything in the museum has been donated or is a hand-crafted contribution. Museum Director Teddie Daley said the museum has a storage shed full of artifacts that aren't on display yet because there simply is not enough room.

We're really growing and people are still donating," she said. "We're doing it for the community. If this wasn't here, how would the children know what it was like to live in those years?"

OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Melvin Alonzo Fullmer

JEROME — Melvin Alonzo Fullmer, 97, of Jerome, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Martha N. Martens

BUHL — Martha N. Martens, 95, of Buhl, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Moulndridge, Kan. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Mary L. Mullen

AURORA, Colo. — Mary L. Benion Mullen, 72, formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at the Fort Logan National Cemetery, 3638 S. Sheridan Blvd., in Denver, Colo. No formal service is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Horan & McConaty in Denver.

Helen Christine Tuller

BURLEY — Helen Christine Tuller, 39, of Burley, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Jerome from injuries in an automobile accident.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

A viewing for family and friends will be held one hour before the service at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Orville Hamilton

TWIN FALLS — Orville Hamilton, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

John E. Jack Merrill

TWIN FALLS — John E. Jack Merrill, 69, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

James R. Chevalier

DES MOINES, Iowa — James R. Chevalier, 72, passed into eternal life on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, in Forest Grove (Portland), Ore.



A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, in the St. Ann's Chapel of St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa, with interment of ashes following at 5 p.m. at the Palo Alto Cemetery in Newton, Iowa.

Jim was born Jan. 27, 1934, in Newton to Monica Craig Chevalier and Herschel Chevalier. Jim played football for the Newton Cardinals and later attended Iowa Wesleyan College on a football scholarship after graduating from Newton High School in 1952. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., from 1956 to 1958. Various career endeavors included working as a journeyman in the newspaper business, later working in the restaurant and hotel business, and finally in airlines operations at both Los Angeles International and Orange

County airports in California before a job injury forced an early retirement.

After retirement, Jim lived in both southern and northern California.

The last six years he lived in the Portland, Ore., area as his health declined. Jim was an avid skier, skydiver, hunter and enjoyed fishing.

Jim is survived by his son, Craig (Marty Anne) Chevalier of Beaverton, Ore.; daughter, Debra Chevalier of Aloha, Ore.; granddaughter, Tiffany Chevalier of Clarksville, Tenn.; great-grandson, Anthony Roman of Clarksville, Tenn.; mother, Monica Chevalier of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters and nephews. Sister Dorothy Chevalier, CHM, of Bartlesville, Okla.; Jane (John) Sehnman of Des Moines, Iowa; John (Betty) Chevalier of Omaha, Neb.; Steven Chevalier and Father Martin Chevalier, both of Des Moines, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel Chevalier, in 1992.

Jim will be laid to rest alongside his paternal grandparents, Letta Williams Chevalier and Milburn Chevalier, and his paternal great-grandmother, Mary Jane Williams Burgess.

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@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m., every day.

Herbert C. Gentry

TWIN FALLS — Herbert C. Gentry, 81, formerly of Twin Falls, died Aug. 11, 2006.

He was born in Twin Falls. He served with the Marines in World War II and with the Air Force as a pilot in the Korean Conflict.



Survivors include his wife, Suzie Gentry; sons, Kevin Gentry of Connecticut, and Cell Gentry of Geneva, LaSalle; William of St. Cloud and Scott Wilhelm of Sitka, Colo.; sisters, Lucille Yuarte and Maxine Wanzentried, both of Twin Falls; and eight grandchildren.

Herbert was a dentist in Kissimmee, Fla., for many years and was volunteering at the homeless shelter in Orlando.

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Nona Marie Hine of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Rosalie M. Heller of Hoyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert First Baptist Church, 807 Fifth St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Joan Roach Sigler

TWIN FALLS — Joan Roach Sigler, 68, passed away peacefully Aug. 3, 2006, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho, with her loving family and caregivers by her side.



Born in Montana on Oct. 26, 1938, she was a devoted daughter to John and Dorothy Roach. Joan graduated from Carroll College School of Nursing and obtained her bachelor of science in nursing from Montana State. She became an excellent nurse and worked throughout the United States.

In 1969, she married her soul mate, Roger Sigler of Livingston, Mont. In Honolulu, Hawaii, Joan often said they were more like twins joined at the hip. Together they raised three sons, Michael, Eric and Jim. They were the true loves of her life, as were her four grandchildren, Kari, Megan, Aidan and Anya.

Joan and Roger were surrounded by many wonderful friends and enjoyed the many

sites and wonders of the area. Their life together was fun and every day, we would hear her favorite saying, "life is good" and so it is. She lost her husband in 2003 and missed him immensely. Joan loved traveling, reading, football, family, friends and always carried a large amount of humor for all to enjoy.

Joan is survived by Michael Sigler, Eric, Calif.; Eric and Tam, Sigler of Modesto, Calif.; Jim and Erica of San Jose, Calif.; four grandchildren; sister, Judy and Paul Blair of Seattle, Wash.; brother, John and Joanne Roach of Twin Falls, Idaho; 10 nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews.

All of them were the true loves of her life and the smile on her face. Her passing is a tremendous loss, but they will carry her spirit in their hearts.

The family would like to give thanks to Hospice Vision of Twin Falls, Idaho, for providing excellent loving care throughout Joan's illness. Contributions can be made to Hospice Vision in Twin Falls, Idaho.

A private service will be held in Montana for Joan's family.

John M. Self

HOLLISTER — John M. Self, 94, of Hollister, passed away Aug. 25, 2006, at Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly.



He was born Oct. 25, 1911, in Mounds, Oklahoma, the son of Jeff and Mary Mae Self. On June 25, 1930, he married Mozell Winchester in Jay, Oklahoma. They enjoyed 69 years of marriage. Mozell passed away in 1999.

John worked as a welder in the construction industry, retiring in 1972. He enjoyed fishing and watching the Atlanta Braves.

He is survived by his sons, Jack E. (Jean) Self of Kimberly, ID, and Richard D. (Jayne) Self of Monticello, NV; daughter, Colleen K. (Gene) Wood of Hollister, ID; son-in-law, Orrin Covert; half brother, Ralph

Alleganza of California; half sisters, Lucille Thomas and Rose Pennington, both of California; along with 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and a few great-great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mozell; son, Bobby Leon Self; daughter, Betty Carroyle Covert; and a brother, Frank Self. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID. Graveside services will be held Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

The family would like to thank the staff of Twin Falls Care Center for their loving care and compassion.

Rhea Anderson

BURLEY — Rhea Blanche Anderson, an 81-year-old longtime resident of Burley, passed away Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Cassin Regional Medical Center following a lingering illness.



She was born Nov. 6, 1924, in Burley, the daughter of Clinton and Blanche Martin Judd. She received and completed her education in Burley. She married Melvin Anderson on Jan. 26, 1943, in Burley.

They made their home in Burley, where Mr. Anderson worked for Challenge Dairy and later worked for the Burley School District until his retirement in 1983. Rhea was a very good homemaker and spent her time taking care of her family and seeing to all their needs. She was a very kind and loving person and will be missed by

many friends and family members.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Rhea is survived by her husband, Melvin of Burley; one son, Marty (Pam) Anderson of Burley; her granddaughter, Meggan Anderson of Burley; a sister, Viola Keas of Spokane, Washington; and one brother, Robert Judd of Norwalk, California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters, Wanda Fewkes, Donna Schroeder, Geneva Jackson and Margie Peters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop Michael James officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

SUGAR BEET WINNERS



Photo courtesy of Mindokla County 4-H

Mindokla County 4-H Sugar beet tour winners were chosen based on their beet tour knowledge/presentation, beet display at last year's fair and completed record book, among other skills. **First**, Haylee Muecke; **second**, Emily Poteit; **third**, Brooke Poteit; and **junior division winner**, Bryce Muecke. **Beta Seed representative presented cash awards to:** first, Haylee Muecke; **second**, Emily Poteit; **third**, Brooke Poteit; **fourth**, Joelle Poteit; **fifth**, Lydia Muecke; and **sixth**, Bryce Muecke. **From left are, back**, Jeff Woodman, Crystal Beet Seed district market manager; **Jeff Schow**, Mindokla County Beet Grower's Association; and **Jim McCall**, BetaSeed; **front:** Bryce Muecke, Lydia Muecke, Joelle Poteit and Haylee Muecke.

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Twin Falls woman accepted into University of Edinburgh

TWIN FALLS — Kirsten Wright, daughter of Gary and Margaret Wright of Twin Falls, has been accepted into the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the 2006-2007 academic year. She will continue her Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in pre-medicine biology and will begin her studies in Scotland in September.

Wright is a junior at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., where she is a member of the women's varsity crew team; the university's new science magazine "Elements"; Phi Eta Sigma national honor society; and Amnesty International.

She was a member of the Puget Sound varsity women's eight, finishing as the top division III women's eight at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship regatta in Sacramento, Calif., and at the NCAA National Regatta in West Windsor, N.J., where she was recognized as a NCAA National Scholar and nominated as a NCAA All-American.

Student receives Engineer of the Year scholarship

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Leah Meeks, a junior in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo received the 2006 Student Engineer of the Year scholarship of \$1,000 from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, the society for engineering in agricultural, food and biological systems.

Meeks is pursuing a career interest in soil and water engineering and plans to graduate in 2008.

After graduation, she hopes to serve in the Peace Corps for two years. She has worked with the Cal Poly Student Community Services office, served as the department major chairman to the Society of Women Engineers for the last two years, has been listed on the national dean's list and co-edited a design list for three quarters, received the United States Congressional Award in high school and was nominated for the Cal Poly Land Family Quest for the Best Award.

Meeks is vice-president of the Cal Poly Agricultural Engineering Society.

Writers

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"When asked about it, Lincoln replied, 'I'd rather swallow a chair than appoint Chase to Supreme Court, but he's the best man for the job.'"

Pearl Harbor, similarly, gave Franklin Roosevelt a chance to become a bipartisan leader, putting two Republicans in his inner circle, Goodwin noted.

"I had hoped that 9/11 would be that time of bipartisanship, a time of young Americans making a public commitment to our country," she said. But it didn't happen.

"My real worry is that in previous times, the best people

wanted to be politicians. That's not true today," she said.

Political commentator Colie Roberts echoed some of her sentiments.

Her father Hale Boggs, a majority leader in the House of Representatives, would often travel to debates with the same men he was to debate. They would have a rousing debate, then go back to their office together, she said.

"Now, even the people who agree are disagreeable," she said, noting that an effort by several congressional wives to

have their husbands form a civility caucus fell apart because the husbands didn't want to be civil.

"And the media has contributed to the idea that it's only good TV if people are screaming at one another," she said.

Part of the reason congressmen were able to work together so well a half-century ago was because they were men who went versus men who sent, speakers noted.

Gerald Ford, for instance, was great friends with John F. Kennedy even though they were from different parties

because they had both served in World War II.

They had a common bond, a feeling that "we're all in it together" and they wanted to make a difference, noted Haynes Johnson, who won a Pulitzer Prize for covering civil rights in Selma, Ala.

"I, too, had hoped we'd have a more unified America following 9/11. And we did at that moment," he said. "But that unity has disintegrated in the succeeding five years. We're now more divided at home and disrespected abroad than at any time in my lifetime."

Dances

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Their welcoming spirit helped make the dances unique. The old-fashioned country-western barn dance was open to anyone, alcohol wasn't served, but people could bring their own refreshments. People brought their kids. Latter-day Saints kids found a welcoming night for entertainment and grandparents found a comfortable place to spend an evening.

His parents were very non-judgmental people, John Jr. said. It didn't matter who walked in. They were welcome. On New Year's Eve in 2002,

the Spanbauers held their last dance.

"It was a hard decision to make," John Sr. told the Times-News at the time. Health decisions and other factors contributed to the couple's decision and they were ready for a break. That spring, Marie died of cancer.

"There are just some people that always make you feel at home and welcome," John Jr. said. "And I think that was the magic they shared."

To suggest a Life Remembers story or to contact Jami, e-mail her at jwhit-ed@cablone.net.

Fair

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He explained that after the interview, a ribbon color was selected for the quality of the overall project. At the end of the day, championship trophies were assigned and 4-H'ers could return in the evening to see their prize.

Brannon Cummings, 12, is hooked on shooting sports. After rifle shooting this year, he hopes to take a shotgun project next year, even if his interview didn't go quite as well as he wanted.

"We talked about my record book a little bit," Cummings said. "I think that

if I do this again next year I will make it look better. I will probably use a pen and have more pictures."

Still, he was optimistic about getting a blue ribbon but said he understood if he only got a red one.

"I think I'll just wait until the fair to see how I did," Cummings said.

Leaving the building wearing a wide grin, Papac looked like things between her and the judge inside went well.

"I will definitely be coming back to see what I got," she said.

VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER



Members of the Robert Stuart Junior High School eighth-grade volleyball team kept busy Saturday during a yard sale in front of the school on Caswell Avenue. The donated items were sold as part of a fundraising effort for the team. The Bears open their season Wednesday against O'Leary.

STYLISH YOUTH



Participants in the clothing construction and consumer clothing divisions at the Minidoka 4-H Style Revue were, from left, back: Senior Consumer, Ashley Hulet, blue; Junior II Construction, Kirsten Sanderson, blue; Jessica Woodward, blue; Amanda Bishop, blue; and Cheyenne Hawkes, District Blue and Best of Class; front: Junior I Construction, Sarah Sanderson, blue; Maverick Woodward, blue; Koby Tibbets, District Blue; and Jordyn Hulet, District Blue, Best of Class and Judge's Choice. Julie Hulet, the Bae Hops 4-H leader, organized the event.



At the Minidoka County 4-H Style Revue, 4-H members showed quilts they made during the Jump into Spring event and received a certificate of participation and green ribbon. Their quilts were also displayed during the fair. Participants include Ashley Hulet, Kirsten Sanderson, Jessica Woodward, Sarah Sanderson, Amanda Studer, Garrett Ryan, Sarah Woodward and Loren Bywater.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students (age 16 and older). Volunteers will assist with reading, English, math, citizenship and English as a second language. Call 732-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

Beds/Appliances/Supplies Valley House Homeless Shelter is in need of single beds, school supplies, pillows, towels, small working refrigerators and microwaves, and electric cooking appliances. Sponsors and donations are also needed for the annual dinner and auction on Sept. 30. To donate items, contact Valley House at 507 Addison Ave. W., 734-7736.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is looking for volunteers who are compassionate and caring. The volunteers will work in the homes of clients and will help by visiting, relieving the caregiver or running errands. Office assistance is also welcomed. For more information about the volunteer program and training, call Susan or Grace at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 828 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Hospice Visiting Inc. is in need of volunteers willing to help with cleaning, running errands, maintenance, patient care and other miscellaneous chores for the Hospice House in Jerome. Call Flo at 735-0121.

Lawnmower/Clothing — The College of Southern Idaho Student Center is in need of a self-propelled lawnmower in

good condition, and clothing of all sizes for all ages. Donations to the Refugee Center are tax deductible. To donate items, drop them off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1526 Highland Ave. E.; the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call 736-2166.

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children who are currently under the protective jurisdiction of the courts due to neglect and/or abuse in the home. CASA currently advocates for more than 500 children

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Moderate weather helps fire crews make progress

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Cooler temperatures and higher humidity levels Saturday helped firefighters battling blazes around the state, fire officials said.

Still, campgrounds, roads and recreation sites in parts of central Idaho remained closed as fire crews tried to make ground against the Trailhead Fire in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area near Stanley, Idaho.

By Saturday the fire was charred about 3,963 acres, or more than six square miles. Though the blaze was threatening about 70 homes, no evacuations had been ordered, fire officials said.

"Some of the moisture we've had — light, misty rain — has minimized the fire activity and allowed crews to get in and work directly on the fire line," said Lynn Barclay, spokeswoman with the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team.

"So we're trying to get a toe hold, get some line built and take care of some hot spots along the perimeter before the weather change comes in."

Tuesday's forecast calls for higher winds and temperatures and lower humidity, Barclay said, and that means

the fire could grow in coming days.

"There hasn't been any perimeter growth so far, and we're still figuring we have it at 20 percent contained. The fire is kind of creeping, smoldering, with isolated torching which means single trees are on fire," Barclay said. "But once you get the wind on it, you're going to push whatever fire you have from tree to tree."

The remote location of the fire — on the west side of the Sawtooth Wilderness — and the large number of dead lodgepole pine trees in the region were complicating fire suppression efforts, Barclay said.

"It's really inaccessible except by air. We've got some crews hiking in a couple of hours and then setting up a remote camp for a couple of nights," she said. "We'll ferry in supplies to them by air."

The weather also helped crews battling the Summit Lake fire about 65 miles north of Boise in the Boise National Forest. A wind shift turned the fire back on itself, allowing workers to make progress on fire lines along the fire's eastern side.

About 200 firefighters spent Saturday trying to keep the blaze from crossing Johnson Creek Road in Valley County,

forest spokesman Dave Olson said in a news release. The fire was estimated at just over 4 square miles, or just under 2,700 acres.

The Red Mountain Fire, also in the Boise National Forest, had burned more than 21 square miles about 12 miles northeast of Lowman. Crews hoped to keep the fire from moving north and east by burning potential fuels ahead of some parts of the blaze, Olson said. Though some roads in the region have been closed, Highway 21 remained

open Saturday.

Four fires in the Nez Perce National Forest made up a conflagration called the Hells Gate Complex, with the largest blaze — the Black Butte Fire — covering about 5,000 acres or just under eight square miles in the Gospel-Hump Wilderness. The Green Acres Fire in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area was estimated at about 2,000 acres. The remaining two fires were relatively small, with the Horse Heaven Fire in Hells Canyon at about 100 acres

and the McCrae Creek Fire at just 10 acres.

Those fires forced closure of the entire Gospel-Hump

Wilderness area, as well as parts of the Hells Canyon Wilderness Area within Idaho County.

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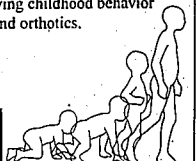
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NYPD Blue star takes celebrity turn at Coeur d'Alene golf fundraiser

HAYDEN LAKE — He's not a police officer, but he played one on TV.

"NYPD Blue" star Dennis Franz, a multiple Emmy-winner who recently moved to Coeur d'Alene, was celebrity guest at a golf fundraiser for the Kootenai County Police and Fire Memorial Foundation.

Idaho in brief

"I am a tremendous supporter of law enforcement, wherever I go," Franz said. "I just feel a great debt of gratitude."

The newly formed organization hopes to help injured police and firefighters, and the families of those killed in the line of duty. The Friday tournament raised more than \$20,000.

Formed by retired officers after a shooting left Coeur d'Alene police officer Michael Kravick with severe injuries and hefty medical bills, the foundation is based on a similar organization in Los Angeles.

Franz has also helped with the LAPD fundraisers, said Mike Murphy, foundation president said.

"His character on 'NYPD Blue' is pretty rough. He's clearly a gentleman," Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Lee Brainard said.

"It's great to be a part of that great fraternity, even as a pre-ten cop," Franz said. "I've never been made to feel like less because I'm an actor playing the real deal."

Commissioner ordered to serve community service

LEWISTON — Lewis County Commissioner LeAnn Trautman has been ordered to serve 48 hours of community service for her second drunken driving conviction in two years.

Trautman, who was arrested here in January for drunken driving, was also ordered to serve six months probation during her sentencing hearing last week.

Trautman is finishing her second term as Lewis County Commissioner. She lost her bid for a third term to Don Davis in the Republican primary.

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Utah nixes pay bingo at monastery fundraiser

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State alcoholic beverage control officials have nixed plans for pay bingo at an annual fundraiser for a cloistered order of nuns who live in a Salt Lake City-area monastery.

The mid-September Carmelite Fair annually generates enough revenue to provide a year's worth of living expenses for nuns at the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in Holladay.

In the past, some of that money has come from bingo games where players paid a small fee to use the bingo cards. Winners were paid with donated prizes.

But on Friday, the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control

"We won't be charging anything for bingo."

— Lou Bertram, representing nuns to the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Commission said the nuns may sell beer at the fundraiser, but must cancel plans for pay bingo. State gaming laws prohibit paid games of chance that pay winners with cash or prizes, officials said. And there is no exemption in the law for nonprofit agencies or entities like the monastery.

An agency staffer raised the issue after spotting a bingo

booth on site plan submitted by the nuns as part of their beer sales application.

Lou Bertram, a retired FBI agent who represented the nuns to the commission, said the nuns have canceled plans to charge for bingo cards. He said the sisters want to obey Utah's laws and will try to make up the revenue in other ways.

"There might be a few donation jars around that anyone can contribute to," said Bertram, who has volunteered to run the fair's beer wagon.

"But we won't be charging anything for bingo." The fair annually attracts about 5,000 people and covers about 80 percent of the monastery's expenses.

Fire destroys replica movie set in Kanab

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Replica buildings of a Kanab-area movie set made famous in westerns of the 1960s were destroyed by fire Friday night, the Bureau of Land Management said.

A wooden-framed saloon, mercantile, post office and another building caught fire about 3 p.m. and burned to the ground, BLM spokesman Larry Crutchfield said.

The cause of the fire remained unknown and investigators were trying to determine if it had been intentionally set, he said.

The buildings were erected in 2000 by Kane County residents and constructed as look-alikes of sets built for the production of the Dean Martin/Frank Sinatra "Rat Pack" western "Sergeants 3."

The sets were located near the original Paria movie set, 40 miles east of Kanab.

"The rebuilding of the set was a community effort, and (the fire) hurts the whole community," Crutchfield said.

A traveler paying a visit to

the sets Friday told authorities he saw a tan, late model pickup truck driving away from the area just as he arrived and spotted the fire, Crutchfield said.

More than 200 movie west-

erns have been filmed in the Kanab area, including the 1924 silent film "Dundwood Canyon" starring Tom Mix. The saloon and mercantile were also featured in Clint Eastwood's "The Outlaw Josey Wales."

James D. Rupert



celebrated his 90th birthday at the Jerome home of Julie and Larry Kimball on August 17, 2006.

He was born August 17, 1916, in Jerome, to Harry H. and Margaret McGinnis Rupert.

In 1937, he married Edith Peterson. They lived with their five children, Barbara, Jimmie, Gary (deceased), Richard and Launa, and farmed in Jerome until 1963 when they moved to California where he worked as a machinist. In 1981 they returned to Jerome.

Guests included Launa Rupert of Burtram, TX; Richard, Sandra and Brent Rupert of Gates, OR; Brian and Rhonda Rupert of Mill City, OR; Lisa, Scott, Jeff and Jason Levesque, and Jennifer Rupert of Twin Falls; Hadley, Jarrett and Jacie Kimball; Jamie Clark, Jim, Kathy and Jeff Rupert of Jerome.

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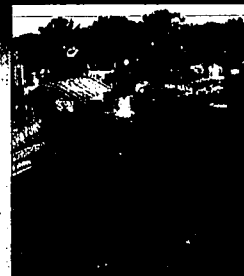
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Contract crews face new government standards

Some contractors say rules are racially motivated

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — One hot summer day in 2002, as the Biscuit fire was roaring through the Siskiyou National Forest, Steve Karkanen and the Lolo Hotshots were trying to keep it from jumping the line at Bear Camp Ridge.

Part of the U.S. Forest Service's elite corps of expert full-time wildland firefighters, the Lolo Hotshots were working with two contract crews, the grunts of the wildfire fighting business — one of which did not speak much English — and showed they were also short on experience.

"One of my guys who was running a dozer went down the hill to corral part of a spot fire," Karkanen, supervisor of the crew, recalled from his office in Missoula, Mont. "A crew of Hispanics was tasked with making sure the line was secure."

"They had no idea what they needed to do with it. And more importantly, they weren't communicating the fact that there was a spot fire across the line," which threatened to overtake the bulldozer crew, he said. "It was just a matter of luck I was walking down the line and saw what was developing. ... It was not a good situation at all."

As the nation publicly debates immigration reform, the state of Oregon is enforcing tough new standards on the 150 contract firefighting crews that it oversees.

Contract crews are composed of firefighters employed by private companies that contract with the government to fight fires.

Crews from Oregon account for 78 percent of the contract firefighters in the country and are made up mostly of Hispanics. Each crew consists of 20 people.

Federal costs for fighting wildfires have been running about \$1 billion a year since 2000, the year that 8.4 million acres of rangeland and forests burned around the country. The wildfires show no signs of declining, because of drought, a warming climate and forests thick with fuel from a century of putting out fires.

Federal funding budgets, federal agencies such as the Forest Service can no longer fill the need for full-time firefighters. Contract crews have filled the gap, even though they are generally more expensive.

But that has led to some problems, like the close call on the Biscuit fire.

Acting on complaints from fire bosses and fire crew contractors, the Oregon Department of Forestry is phasing in standardized tests to ensure crew bosses speak English and the language of



Firefighter Victor Acosta sets a burnout while fighting the Black Crater fire Aug. 1 near Sisters, Ore. As the nation publicly debates immigration reform, the state of Oregon is enforcing tough new standards on the 150 20-person contract firefighting crews it oversees, which account for 78 percent of the contract firefighters in the country and are made up mostly of Hispanics.

their firefighters well enough to be safe on the fire line.

Inspectors check to be sure contractors maintain proper dispatcher facilities, records, training and equipment. It is up to contractors to assure that none of their firefighters are illegal immigrants. Failure can mean suspension or termination of the contract.

Low bidders no longer have first crack at jobs just by keeping estimates down. Starting this year, dispatchers have been able to call in the crew with the best performance record, not the one offering to do the work for less.

Four Hispanic contractors are suing the department in U.S. District Court in Portland, claiming that enforcement of the new regulations is racially motivated and reflects a belief that Hispanic crews are more likely to "cut corners and engage in misconduct to make money."

"It's not our theory they are discriminating against Hispanic firefighters. But they are discriminating against Hispanic contractors," said Kevin Jacoby, a paralegal in the Salem law firm handling the lawsuit.

"If they did it on a wider scale they wouldn't have anybody to fight fires."

The lead plaintiff, Mountain Forestry of Independence, lost its contract for 16 fire crews in 2004 over a record-keeping dispute.

"When they identify a problem in one of these files currently under a Hispanic firefighter, they come down very hard on them," said Jacoby. Oregon officials insist they do not intentionally target Hispanics, who account for 27 of the 61 contractors in Oregon. But they say they are improving performance and safety in an industry that was spinning out of control a few years ago when a string of big wildfire seasons created demand that outstripped the supply of experienced crews.

"Everybody is feeling good about this process, with the exception of some folks who are suing us," said Bill Lafferty, fire program director for the

department. "Performance is up. Contract compliance issues are down. Everybody is trying to show good because they know it affects their future."

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"I believe it's actually good," said Andres Coria, a squad boss for the company started last year by his father, Gerardo. "This kind of eliminates a lot of these underbidding guys who just come in and bid a low price."

Coria said leadership positions are filled by bilingual family members, and the firefighters break down about half Hispanic and half white. Coria doesn't feel he can spot forged work papers, so he recruits among high school and college friends.

Despite an evaluation ranking them below the middle, they have had plenty of work this year and have even done nonfire work such as forest thinning and herbicide spraying, to keep the crew working all year. Next year they hope to

add another crew or two. "The money is great," he said.

Mike Wheelock, owner of Greyback Forestry Inc., in Merlin, increased his wages to compete for workers and arranged with Grants Community College in Oregon Pass to help any who are not fluent in English.

"It's not an immigration issue or anything like that," said Wheelock. "It's a safety issue. You can't have people there that can't communicate."

An inspector general's report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture this year took particular note of complaints about English fluency, and raised the possibility that some crews likely include illegal aliens.

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Court OKs visitation rights for grandparents

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's law that grants visitation rights to grandparents is constitutional and doesn't infringe on a parent's right to manage the "care, control and custody" of a child, the state Supreme Court said in ruling issued Friday.

Darryl Thurgood had challenged the Utah law after battling his former in-laws over their requests to see their now 10-year-old granddaughter, Samantha.

Thurgood, was divorced from Samantha's mother, who died in 2000. Samantha had lived with her grandparents, Darlene and Robert Uzelac, before and after her mother's death, when Thurgood obtained custody.

The ruling will allow the Uzelacs to resume visits with their granddaughter for the first time in six years, the couple's attorney J. Bruce Reading said.

"We are absolutely thrilled," Reading said.

Thurgood's lawyer, Terrad Conder, said he could not comment because he had not read the opinion yet.

Utah's law allows grandparents to see their grandchildren, even if a parent objects — if the grandparents can prove to a court that the visits are in the best interests of the child.

"The high court said parents still have a constitutional right over the custody of their children. But justices said families are not immune from regulation and cited as examples laws that mandate school attendance and protect minors from neglect.

Those powers extend to divorce proceedings and custody decisions, the court said, noting that circumstances like death, divorce, loss of custody or a missing parent may mean the interests of the child differ from those of a parent."

'Green burials' part of ranch preservation plan

By Deborah Baker
Associated Press writer

GALISTEO BASIN PRESERVE, N.M. — Tromping across a small grassy meadow ringed by piñon and juniper trees and dotted with cactus and clumps of bright yellow flowers, Joe Sehee suddenly comes to a stop.

"That's definitely a burial area," he says, peering at the gently sloped, south-facing hillside. "It's somewhat protected, so you have a feeling of being comforted here."

Some day soon, he says, visitors to this patch of rangeland will be able to admire the view — uninterrupted for miles — then scout out a spot to be buried. In graves marked by rocks or trees or newly sown wildflowers or nothing at all.

A proposed 10-acre "green burial" site is a small but singular component of an ambitious conservation and community development project under way about 15 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

Commonwealth Conservancy



Joe Sehee, with the Galisteo Basin Preserve, talks while standing in the basin south of Santa Fe, N.M., Aug. 10, near a proposed 'green burial' site.

is buying a 13,000-acre ranch, of which nearly 12,000 acres is slated for preservation as open space available for use by the public.

"The landscape is gorgeous, just spectacular classic West — buttes and grasslands and mountains," said Ted Harrison, founder and president of the conservancy.

Development on a small slice of the ranch — principally 300 acres devoted to a

mixed-use, mixed-income village of as many as 965 homes — is providing the money for the project, named the Galisteo Basin Preserve.

A "memorial landscape" that Sehee is planning about a mile from the village would be open to residents and nonresidents, for the earth-friendly burial of ashes or of unembalmed bodies in biodegradable boxes or in shrouds.

It, too, would fund conserva-

tion: Roughly half of what someone paid for the right to be buried here would be used to buy and preserve nearby acreage.

Harrison says combining conservation and "environmentally conscious" development makes sense, particularly as public money for land acquisition dwindles and ranchers in the West face increasing economic pressures to sell.

"I think it's one of the ways that we can preserve the open space and habitat values of these historic ranches," said Harrison, who spent 18 years with the Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization.

And while he acknowledges

that in the world of romanticized real estate pitches "you don't do death in a master planned community," Harrison says having a burial site near the proposed village — with its homes, shops, schools and workplaces — will make for a more complete community.

"If that cemetery is there as a reminder of life's fragility and preciousness, what a difference in the consciousness of this community," Harrison said.

He expects the idea of natural-burial-plus-conservation to appeal to baby boomers who are "longing for meaning" and want to be buried in a way that reflects their values.

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DNA evidence becomes focus in JonBenet case

Public defender says samples from Karr would have been obtained illegally

By Chase Squitieri
Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — DNA evidence, considered a potential key to solving the 1996 slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey, has emerged as an early battleground in the case against John Mark Karr.

Karr's public defender, Seth Temin, said Friday that any DNA samples taken from his client could not have been legally obtained. He asked a judge to prohibit prosecutors and police from conducting any DNA testing without first notifying the court and the defense.

"Biological evidence reveals highly private and sensitive information about a person," Temin wrote. "Mr. Karr's right to privacy can only be protected by giving him the opportunity to be heard on this issue prior to collection of a sample."

District attorney's spokeswoman Carolyn French said prosecutors would respond after reviewing Temin's court filings. There won't be much public comment, Boulder County District Judge Roxanne Ballin issued a gag order forbidding attorneys and authorities from publicly discussing most aspects of the case.

There is no doubt the defendant eventually will be required to provide a DNA sample, even if the one being contested is thrown out, said Scott Robinson, a Denver attorney familiar with the case. "If there is probability for an arrest warrant there is clearly a cause for a DNA swab," he said Saturday. "His defense lawyer wants an expert present for testing to make sure they get an equal amount of tested material."

Karr's first appearance in Boulder County Court is scheduled for Monday. He has not been formally charged in JonBenet's death.

After JonBenet's father, John Ramsey, found her body in the family's basement on Dec. 26, 1996, police collected DNA from blood spots in her underwear and from under her fingernails.

Investigators have said that some of the DNA was too degraded to use as evidence, but that some was of sufficient quality to submit to the FBI in 2003. The sample did not match any of the 1.5 million samples in the agency's database at the time, according to the Ramsey family attorney.

Karr, 41, was given a mouth-swab DNA test while he was in Thailand, a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation has told The Associated Press. The results of that test were not known.

Temin suggested Karr will not provide DNA samples

without a court order. After meeting with Karr, he said he did not know whether authorities had actually obtained any DNA samples.

Temin, who spent at least four hours at the jail Friday, refused to disclose what they discussed.

When asked how his client was doing, Temin responded:

"How's anyone in jail doing? It's a very difficult place to be. It's very challenging."

The public defender also asked the judge to seal a sample of Karr's handwriting from public scrutiny. Some commentators have suggested that Karr's handwriting in a high school yearbook resembles the writing on a

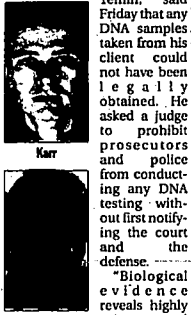
ransom note found in the Ramsey home a few hours before JonBenet's body was discovered.

JonBenet was found strangled with a skull fracture. Authorities once said her parents were under "an umbrella of suspicion," but prosecutors never charged anyone in the case.

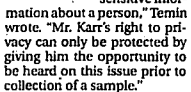
Boulder District Attorney Mury Lacy has refused to say what led to Karr's arrest, and

persuaded a judge to seal the reasons she had Karr detained last week on charges of first-degree murder after deliberation, felony murder, first-degree kidnapping and sexual assault on a child.

Karr told authorities and reporters in Thailand he was present when JonBenet died, but no one has publicly placed him in Colorado at the time of the crime.



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Young falcons survive early flight lessons

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two young peregrine falcons have made it through some early flight lessons and appear to be on their way to adulthood.

"Peewee" and "Wendy," the falcon chicks whose parents nest on the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, have been flying for nearly two months now and have branched out to other downtown buildings.

Having two of the once-endangered peregrines survive was good news for wildlife officials, who said only one of last year's chicks survived.

"We feel like we got two (babies) in the air this year," said Bob Walters, the Division of Wildlife Resources Watchable Wildlife Program coordinator.

The species was removed from the Endangered Species Act in 1999, although it remains protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

"At least four peregrines live in Salt Lake City. Peewee led the nesting box and began flying on July 2 and Wendy followed three days later.

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Looking toward the future

CSI moves on without postseason hopes; two sophomores to sit out

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Saturday, Nov. 4 will be the end of the College of Southern Idaho's volleyball season. The Golden Eagles will host the North Idaho College Cardinals for a 3 p.m. match, walk of the court, and that will be that. Two days after the college announced the firing of longtime head volleyball coach Ben Stroud, eight Golden Eagles players and new head coach Heidi Carisser took the floor at the CSI Gymnasium knowing that they would not have the chance to defend the program's 2005 NJCAA National Championship or Region 18A Championship. The program decided to forfeit Friday's quartet of CSI Outback Invitational matches after college officials learned that an impending NJCAA sanction would include a clause that would exclude the Golden Eagles from postseason play for the 2006 season. The Golden Eagles held a 2.5-hour team meeting Friday night to discuss each player's options. On Saturday, 2005 NJCAA First Team All-American Aneli Cubi-Otneru and injured sophomore setter Kaylene 'Pudgie' Finau announced they would sit out the 2006 season.

"We weren't going to be able to play in nationals or regionals," Cubi-Otneru said of her decision to take a redshirt year. "We're still going to have a season and everything, but it will help me focus on my schoolwork and have a chance to go to a Division I and have three years to play."

Further details about the extent of, and the reason for any impending NJCAA action pertaining to the college were not available on Saturday, but the announcement of the postseason ban weighed heavily on Cubi-Otneru and Finau's decision. Finau, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee last year, learned she had an ACL tear in her left knee three weeks ago and was weighing her options as the season neared. She announced that she will elect to undergo ACL reconstructive surgery and take a medical redshirt this season. Both Finau and Cubi-Otneru said they plan to finish out the academic year at CSI.

"I never got to play nationals and Please see FUTURE, Page C2



CSI volleyball players celebrate a point during their match Saturday against Salt Lake Community College. CSI won the match 30-17, 30-21 at the CSI gymnasium.



Andre Agassi blows a kiss to fans at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, in this Sept. 3, 2005 file photo. This year's Open will be Agassi's last before retirement.

Long goodbye is Agassi's hope at U.S. Open

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Beneath the stands of Arthur Ashe Stadium, 5-foot-tall posters of U.S. Open champions decorate the otherwise spartan hallways leading to the door Andre Agassi will step through to reach center court for the final time.

There, on a wall between photos of Pete Sampras and Andy Roddick, is a shot of Agassi from his 1994 triumph. His blond hair is long, his face is unshaven, his shirt is a loud purple, and his accessories include a pinkie ring, a dangling earring and a chain necklace, all gold. The setup says "rebel," and that was certainly his reputation for the first decade or so of his pro career.

The Agassi who will play in his last U.S. Open — indeed, his last tournament — looks quite different, from the bald pate on down. And his reputation has changed as much as his appearance.

"This has been the stage to sort of prove myself over the years. It started with lack of acceptance and has grown to a wonderful embracement, and on both parts. I think I started off a little unsure about playing here, and I grew into loving this more than any place in the world," Agassi said Saturday.

"This stadium has its electricity and its feel because of every fan that's sitting out there. So I look forward to sharing one more go-round."

He leaves the game as an elder statesman, not merely because he's 36, but also because of his success on the court and his demeanor and extensive charity work off it. Through all the in-the-public-eye parts of his personal life (Barbra Streisand, Brooke Shields, Steffi Graf) and ups and downs of his professional life (career Grand Slam, No. 1 in 1995, No. 141 in 1997, back to No. 1 in 1998), he's been one of tennis' most dynamic and popular players.

Which is why, even though there are a myriad of intriguing plot lines to follow when play begins Monday at Flushing Meadows — Can Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal meet in a third consecutive Grand Slam final? Will Roddick thrive with new coach Jimmy Connors? Can Maria Sharapova win a second major title? Will Please see OPEN, Page C4

Eagles cap emotional weekend with victory over rival Salt Lake CC

2006 CSI Outback Invitational

Saturday's games

9 a.m.
Snow College def. Eastern Utah 30-15, 30-15; North Idaho def. Casper College 30-22, 30-18; Salt Lake CC def. Western Wyoming CC 30-27, 26-30, 15-12.
10:30 a.m.
Snow College def. CSI 28-30, 30-28, 15-8; Eastern Utah def. Eastern Arizona 30-25, 30-22; Western Wyoming def. Casper College 30-18, 30-27.

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CSI def. Eastern Arizona 30-19, 30-20; North Idaho def. Snow College 30-27, 30-25; Salt Lake CC def. Eastern Utah 30-26, 30-27.

1:30 p.m.
Snow College def. Casper College 30-15, 30-26; Western Wyoming CC def. Eastern Utah 30-21, 30-20.

3 p.m.
CSI def. Salt Lake CC 30-17, 30-21

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Saturday afternoon, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team got on the court and got back to doing what every Golden Eagles team loves most — beating the Salt Lake Community College Bruins.

Behind eight kills and four aces from freshman outside hitter Ivana Bramborova, the Golden

Eagles capped off their whirlwind weekend with a 30-17, 30-21 victory over the Bruins during the final match of the 2006 CSI Outback Invitational at the CSI Gymnasium. The win improved CSI's season record to 2-5 on the season after the program forfeited Friday's four matches to sort through its options after Thursday's announcement of the firing of longtime head coach Please see CSI, Page C2

Dennis Erickson returns to roots of football glory at Idaho

The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Idaho — As Dennis Erickson walked to the football practice fields at the University of Idaho, a woman stopped him to say good luck.

"I just bought tickets to a couple of games," she said.

"Thank you very much," Erickson replied.

Such is the life of the big man on the Idaho campus these days, charged for the second time in his career with rebuilding the Vandals' football program.

Erickson, one of the most successful coaches in college history, has taken on mythic proportions in Moscow. A poster being distributed with Idaho's football schedule shows Erickson against a field of black. "He's back" the poster says.

Erickson, 59, has won 71 percent of his games as a college coach, and two national titles with Miami. But a disastrous 2-14 season with the San Francisco 49ers led to his firing in 2004, and he spent the past 16-or-so seasons watching games on television.

That's why a coach whose home



University of Idaho football head coach Dennis Erickson is shown during practice on the Sprinter practice field outside the U of Idaho Dome in Moscow, Idaho Tuesday.

stadiums have included the Orange Bowl, the Kingdome and Candlestick Park is now working out of the Kibbie Dome, a giant wooden Quonset hut

with a nice view of farm fields. It's the same office he occupied in 1982 when he took over the Vandals for the first time.

And Erickson is happy as a clam about that.

"It's great to get out and have camaraderie with players and coaches," he said after a recent practice. "It's a people game. Not being around the people was what I missed most."

Erickson's head coaching career began at Idaho in 1982, and he led the Vandals to the heights of Division I-AA football in four seasons. In 1986 he jumped to Wyoming, then Washington State and Miami, where he won national titles in 1989 and 1991.

After a middling four years as coach of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, Erickson worked his college magic again at Oregon State, taking the Beavers to three bowl games. Then came a two-year stint with the 49ers.

Now he's leading one of the worst teams in Division I-A. The Vandals haven't had a winning season in six years, and are 11-47 since 2000.

No problem. Vandals fans are

COACH: Dennis Erickson (first year). Record of 145-56-1 in 17 college seasons, 40-56 in six NFL seasons. **LAST YEAR:** 2-9, 2-6 WAC under Nick Holt, now at Southern Cal. **ENROLLMENT:** 12,476. **LOCATION:** In Moscow, pop. 22,000, largest of 27 Moscovs in the U.S. **RECENT HONOR:** Former Idaho and NFL quarterback John Flieck just elected to the college football Hall of Fame. **SPAWN OF DIVES:** After Erickson left Idaho in 1986, he was replaced by assistant Keith Gilbertson, whose .757 win-

ning percentage is highest in Idaho history. Gilbertson was replaced by another Erickson protege, John L. Smith, second in Idaho history with a .716 winning percentage.

BRONCO SLAYER: Erickson was 4-0 against archrival Boise State during his four years in Moscow.

VANDALS: Reference to the ancient Germanic tribe of warriors. Vandal fight song begins "Come a tribe from the North brave and bold, bearing banners of silver and gold."

OUTLOOK: Picked to finish seventh in WAC.

Erickson Returns to Vandals

thrilled, buying up 500 season tickets on the February day the hiring was announced.

The first four pages of the media guide are printed on gold paper and feature Erickson's top achievements, plus testimonials from former players, including Ray Lewis, Dwayne Johnson (a.k.a. The Rock), Chad Johnson, Jeff Garcia and Jon Kina.

But that list is also a reminder that Erickson will be a long way from that sort of talent when he leads the Vandals onto the field Sept. 2 at Michigan State.

Erickson knows he has a rebuilding job, but figures the Vandals have a good offensive line, a good quarterback in Steve Wichman and a decent running back in Jayson Bird.

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SPORTS

Cink takes the lead as Tiger stumbles

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods kept his ball on the golf course Saturday, but he had trouble getting it in the hole. With his longest streak of bogys in nearly 10 years, that allowed Stewart Cink to find himself in a familiar spot at the Bridgestone Invitational.

Cink made two great par saves early in his round that kept his momentum on his way to a 6-under 64 to shoot past Woods, who bogeyed four straight holes, and Davis Love III and into a one-shot lead at this World Golf Championship.

Cink won in 2004 at Firestone South, a week after he was named a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup team. He was picked again for the U.S. team by Tom Lehman on Monday and can only hope he gets the same result.

But it wasn't quite the same. Cink, who was at 9-under 201, had a five-shot lead going into the final round two years ago. The lead is only one shot this time over Woods, Love and Paul Casey of England, who matched Cink with a 64.

"I've got a lot more of a dog fight on my hands," Cink said. "I don't control my own destiny nearly as much as I did at that time. So it feels quite differently. The one thing that is a common thread is I've played well and putted well this week."

Love took advantage of Woods' collapse by running off three straight birdies around the turn to build a three-shot lead, but he gave them back over the final seven holes, including a 3-foot par putt he missed on the 16th. He wound up with a 70.

Woods settled down on the back nine and picked up two birdies for a 1-over 71, ending his streak of 11 consecutive rounds in the 60s and 17 consecutive subpar rounds. All that mattered was being only one shot behind, especially after trailing Love by five shots with eight holes to play in the third round.

"I was lucky to keep myself in the ballgame," said Woods, trying to win his fourth consecutive tournament. "Davis had a chance to run away. But the lead is 10 under, and I'm only one shot back."

Jim Furyk was among five players who had at least a share of the lead Saturday until he dropped shots on two of the last three holes, shooting a 69 to finish at 7-under 203.



Stewart Cink smiles after making a birdie putt on the 17th hole during the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational World Golf Championships, Saturday in Akron, Ohio. Cink finished at nine-under par after the third round.

Lucas Glover (69) was another shot back, followed by Ernie Els (70), Adam Scott (71) and Kevin Stadler (70) at 205. All of them are very much in contention, especially if thunderstorms soften Firestone overnight.

Given his history at Firestone — four victories in eight years, never outside the top 10 — Woods appeared to seize control of the tournament when he chipped in from 25 feet on the third hole for birdie to build a two-shot lead. But he said he struggled with his game on the practice range and was patching it together.

"It fell apart quickly. First came a three-putt from the back of the green on the par-5 fifth, followed by a 7-foot par putt that he missed after hitting into the bunker. On the seventh, he jabbed at a simple chip and came up 5 feet short, missing that par putt. And he kept his bogey train running on No. 8 by pulling a 5-wood so

badly off the tee that it hit a spectator in the back.

Estes tied in Reno

RENO, Nev. — PGA Tour veteran Bob Estes thinks his experience might give him an edge over co-leader Will MacKenzie heading into the final round.

Estes, who shot a 68, said he's hopeful his four career wins and 18 years on tour "gives me a little bit of an advantage." MacKenzie, who shot his second straight 67 to get to 19-under 197, is still looking for his first Tour victory.

John Cook shot a 69 to get to 15 under, four strokes off the lead in third place.

Ochoa in command at Wendy's

DUBLIN, Ohio — Lorena Ochoa shot an 8-under 64 to take a two-shot lead heading into the final round.

Bruins jump to early lead, top Cutthroats

Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Twin Falls jumped ahead early and answered each time The Community School tried to rally Saturday in a 4-2 win in non-league boys soccer action.

Ricardo Nunez booted a goal in the 27th minute off an assist from Martin Arizmendi to put the Bruins up 1-0 at halftime.

Arizmendi scored in the 49th minute behind an assist from Ted Wunderlich to put Twin Falls ahead 2-0. The Cutthroats responded with goals in the 50th and 72nd minutes, but each of those goals was answered by unassisted scores from Andy Legg in the 55th and 76th minutes.

The Bruins outshot the Cutthroats 12 to six in the contest. Twin Falls visits Minico Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Jerome 6, Buhl 1

BUHL — A flurry of late goals turned a tight game into a blowout Saturday as Jerome score four times in the final 13 minutes to take a 6-1 victory at Buhl. The Tigers trailed 1-0 in the 10th minute after the Indians' Juan Castro scored.

Jerome's Gabriel Pulido knotted the score in the 16th minute and Jerome forged a 2-1 lead with a goal four minutes before intermission.

With Buhl playing its younger players, the Tigers had goals in the 67th, 71th, 77th and 79th minutes to close it out. Goal scorers for Jerome included Tim Bowler and Glynn Leon.

"They outshot like 30 to 20," said Buhl coach Bill Fields.

Buhl visits Bliss on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., while Jerome hosts Burley Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Girls soccer Twin Falls 3, Community School 0

TWIN FALLS — Marissa Sanchez recorded a hat trick, drilling three goals and goalkeeper Britney Triner was solid in front of the net in the shutout.

The Bruins host Minico Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Late Friday Football

Glenns Ferry 21, Nampa Christian 8

NAMPA — The first-semester defense pitched a shutout. James Self blocked a pair of punts and Cody Darrington rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns on just nine carries as Glenns Ferry opened the season with a 21-8 win at Nampa Christian Friday.

Self blocked a punt midway through the first quarter, which Cody Crawshaw recovered in the end zone to make it 6-0. Darrington had several scampers of 50 and 44 yards in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

But coach Bob Spriggs said his team needs to improve its passing game and red-zone efficiency in the weeks to come. The Pilots didn't score a point on five trips inside Nampa's 20-yard zone.

Darrington completed just 3 of 14 passes for 44 yards and an interception.

Still, Spriggs said he was "very happy" with the opening win. "We played great defensively," he said.

Tanner Shurm led the way with 10 tackles and a sack, while Ben Ferry had six take-downs and an interception.

Crawshaw added six take-downs and a sack. Glenns Ferry visits Gooding Friday at 7 p.m.

In other prep action Friday, Oakley led 38-18 to Mackay, and Burley came up short against Preston.

Local golf

Local golf Hoffman bests T.F. ladies

TWIN FALLS — Pro Travis Hoffman fired a 63 as the Twin Falls Ladies Golf Association and played Best of the Pro Aug. 24. Patty Lee took first net with a 65, Irma Jean Mingo took second net with a 68 and Barbara Short and JoAnne Musto-Anderson finished third with a net 70.

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TWIN FALLS — Pro Travis Hoffman fired a 63 as the Twin Falls Ladies Golf Association and played Best of the Pro Aug. 24. Patty Lee took first net with a 65, Irma Jean Mingo took second net with a 68 and Barbara Short and JoAnne Musto-Anderson finished third with a net 70.

Kenseth clinches Chase spot

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Matt Kenseth continued his momentum-building run toward the Chase for the championship Saturday night, pulling off a weekend sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway by winning the Sharpie 500.

His fourth win of the season clinched him a spot in NASCAR's 10-race playoff format, which begins Sept. 17 in New Hampshire, and showed he's peaking at the perfect time.

"The last two weeks have been just unbelievable," he said. "If we go into the Chase like this, we'll have a shot at the championship."

Kenseth has won three straight NASCAR races — last week's Nextel Cup event in Michigan, then Friday night's Busch Series race at Bristol. He needed a gutsy pass over Kevin Harvick to get the Busch win, but this one came much easier.

He passed leader Dale Earnhardt Jr. with just over 50 miles to go, running him down and then sliding past when Earnhardt appeared to slow coming out of the fourth

turn. There was no looking back from there for Kenseth, the 2003 series champion.

NASCAR changed the title-crowning format after his run, and Kenseth has not contended under the new 10-race playoff format. He won this race last August during a late rally to make the Chase, but never came close to winning the championship.

"That's about to change, with Kenseth racking up consistent finishes every week. He's second in the points, and only trails leader Jimmie Johnson by seven points.

Kyle Busch finished second and was followed by Earnhardt, who had a terrible car when he arrived in Bristol and worked all weekend to salvage his title hopes.

"I am so proud of my team, they worked their butts off to turn a pile of crap into a gold car," Earnhardt said.

Scott Riggs scored a season-high fourth-place finish and was followed by Jeff Gordon. The two exchanged heated words after the race, apparently disagreeing over the way they raced each other in the closing laps.

Volleyball

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firing of longtime head coach Ben Stroud. For the eight Golden Eagles that played and new head coach Heidi Carrisier, Saturday's trio of matches offered a welcome reprieve from nearly 72 hours of off-court chaos.

"I think actually being out on the court and allowing them to sweat a little bit and have each other out on the floor — and not having to think about anything but volleyball — I can tell you that in the locker room tonight, everybody was very happy and excited and proud of each other," Carrisier said. "This weekend has been a complete whirlwind. And emotions from high to low and back up to high. It just been up and down. But when it's all said and done and I'm walking out of the gym tonight, I'm just completely

proud of the girls that were out on the floor and how they represented CSI."

That final high game when Salt Lake outside hitter Cynthia Silva's attack failed to clear the net in Game 2 to give CSI the match. CSI never trailed in Game 1, but found itself in a 6-1 deficit before rallying off an 8-3 run to tie the second game before running away for the win. Jordana Price and Jackie Fotu both had six kills in the match, while fellow freshman Kawena Cubi-Otineru contributed four kills and six digs.

"It felt good. We just wanted to go out and play like we're not scared of anybody," Cubi-Otineru said. "We don't need all stars to prove what we are and who we are. It felt great to just go in and start hitting the ball clean and feeling the fans feeling our parents here and being able to represent our school."

Future

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that was one dream that kind of went down the drain," Finau said. "But it's really hard because you'll play, you play, you play — something like this comes up, I mean, injury to me is nothing new — mind over body — but when something like this comes up, you just have to go with your brain and go with what's best to do."

Fellow sophomore Christine Manuel also sat out of CSI's three Saturday matches, but said she is undecided about what direction she will take.

"I'm not quite sure right now," Manuel said. "I have a lot to talk about with my parents and talk to my other coaches that I'm thinking

about going to next year. But it's a big decision. I'd like to talk to our former coach Stroud and see what he thinks. He still does have my best interests in his heart, so I'd like to talk to him at some point.

Freshman outside hitter Hannah Richards also elected not to play on Saturday.

Cubi-Otineru hopes to transfer to the University of Hawaii after graduating from CSI. The Rainbow Wahine recruited her out of high school. While the decision to sit out will give her an extra year of eligibility at the NCAA Division I level, it will curtail a year of playing with younger sister, and with man Kawena Cubi-Otineru at CSI.

While they're like, 'Well play for you' and I'm getting chills right now. That was touching. It's really a volleyball family, it's not just a volleyball team, and I like it. I love my team so much."

The Golden Eagles got the day started on the right foot with a 30-28 victory in Game 1 against SWAC foe Snow College (Ogah), but wound up taking a 28-30, 30-28, 15-9 loss to the Badgers. A number of communication problems and small miscues that came along with playing without the team's three preseason practice leaders made it evident that this year's team is very much a work in progress.

Bramborova led CSI with 14 kills, seven digs, and three aces in the loss, while Price added nine kills. Freshmen Gabriela Bolowicz and Kawena Cubi-Otineru both tallied five kills,

while libero Chanelle Esteban scored up nine digs.

Bugged by a middle blocker Elise Rees led her team with 12 kills, while Britnee Clifford added 10 of her own.

The Golden Eagles made short work of Eastern Arizona College in Saturday's second match, taking a 30-19, 30-20 win. Kawena Cubi-Otineru led the way with 11 kills and four digs, while Price added eight kills and four aces. Bond, a Twin Falls native, finished with a kill and three aces in the win.

Freshman Leslie Aki took over the setting duties for the Eagles and contributed 84 assists over the three matches.

The Golden Eagles will rest today before gathering again on Monday to prepare for the Salt Lake Community College Tournament in Salt Lake City, held next Friday-Saturday. CSI has four scheduled matches on

Friday against Yavapai College (Arizona), Snow College, Western Nebraska Community College and Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College. Saturday's win is an important boost heading into what should be the highly-competitive tournament.

"That just boosts it up," Kawena Cubi-Otineru said of the effect of the win on Salt Lake on the team's confidence. "Now we can't wait to go to Salt Lake and their tournament and start playing even harder."

"We had to forfeit against them. In the future we're going to be a good team. We're going to have a great record. We're going to be all-stars."

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

AL DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	53	29	.646
Boston	49	33	.598
Detroit	47	35	.573
Minnesota	46	36	.561
New York	45	37	.552
Tampa Bay	44	38	.540
Toronto	43	39	.525
Washington	42	40	.514
White Sox	41	41	.502
Yankees	40	42	.490

NL DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	52	30	.633
Los Angeles	49	33	.598
St. Louis	47	35	.573
San Diego	46	36	.561
Philadelphia	45	37	.552
Arizona	44	38	.540
Colorado	43	39	.525
Florida	42	40	.514
San Francisco	41	41	.502
Washington	40	42	.490

WORLD SERIES

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	4	0	1.000
Detroit	0	4	.000

GAME PLAN

2 p.m.
NBC — USGA U.S. Amateur, final match, at Chicago, Minn.

4 p.m.
TBC — Champions Tour, The Tradition, final round

6 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Reno-Tahoe Open, final round

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN — IRL, IndyCar Series, United States of America, at Sonoma, Calif.

BASEBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN — World Series, third place game, teams TB A

8 p.m.
ABC — World Series, championship game, Australia (delayed tape)

MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

11 a.m.
TBS — Washington at Atlanta

12 p.m.
ESPN — Chicago Cubs at St. Louis

MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE

11:30 a.m.
TGC — Nationwide Tour, Pete Dye Classic, final round

GOLF

11:30 a.m.
CBS — PGA Tour/WGC, Bridgestone Invitational, final round, at Akron, Ohio

WRESTLING

8 p.m.
ESPN2 — LPGA, Wendy's Championship for Children, final round, at Dublin, Ohio

WORLD'S BEST BASEBALL TEAMS

2005

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	102	54	.652
Los Angeles	98	64	.604
San Diego	97	65	.599
Philadelphia	96	66	.591
Arizona	95	67	.585
Colorado	94	68	.578
Florida	93	69	.571
San Francisco	92	70	.565
Washington	91	71	.559
Atlanta	90	72	.553

2006

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	101	55	.648
Los Angeles	97	65	.599
San Diego	96	66	.591
Philadelphia	95	67	.585
Arizona	94	68	.578
Colorado	93	69	.571
Florida	92	70	.565
San Francisco	91	71	.559
Washington	90	72	.553
Atlanta	89	73	.547

2007

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	100	56	.643
Los Angeles	96	66	.591
San Diego	95	67	.585
Philadelphia	94	68	.578
Arizona	93	69	.571
Colorado	92	70	.565
Florida	91	71	.559
San Francisco	90	72	.553
Washington	89	73	.547
Atlanta	88	74	.541

2008

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	99	57	.634
Los Angeles	95	67	.585
San Diego	94	68	.578
Philadelphia	93	69	.571
Arizona	92	70	.565
Colorado	91	71	.559
Florida	90	72	.553
San Francisco	89	73	.547
Washington	88	74	.541
Atlanta	87	75	.535

2009

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	98	58	.625
Los Angeles	94	68	.578
San Diego	93	69	.571
Philadelphia	92	70	.565
Arizona	91	71	.559
Colorado	90	72	.553
Florida	89	73	.547
San Francisco	88	74	.541
Washington	87	75	.535
Atlanta	86	76	.529

2010

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	97	59	.618
Los Angeles	93	69	.571
San Diego	92	70	.565
Philadelphia	91	71	.559
Arizona	90	72	.553
Colorado	89	73	.547
Florida	88	74	.541
San Francisco	87	75	.535
Washington	86	76	.529
Atlanta	85	77	.523

MAJOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL

AFC

Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	10	6	.625
Indianapolis	9	7	.563
San Diego	8	8	.500
Denver	7	9	.438
Atlanta	6	10	.375
Buffalo	5	11	.313
Arizona	4	12	.250
San Francisco	3	13	.188
Washington	2	14	.125
Philadelphia	1	15	.063

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Card

Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000
Indianapolis	0	1	.000
San Diego	0	1	.000
Denver	0	1	.000
Atlanta	0	1	.000
Buffalo	0	1	.000
Arizona	0	1	.000
San Francisco	0	1	.000
Washington	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000

MAJOR LEAGUE HOCKEY

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	10	6	.625
Philadelphia	9	7	.563
Washington	8	8	.500
Florida	7	9	.438
Atlanta	6	10	.375
Buffalo	5	11	.313
Arizona	4	12	.250
San Francisco	3	13	.188
Washington	2	14	.125
Philadelphia	1	15	.063

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Major League Soccer

Team	W	L	Pct.
LA Galaxy	10	6	.625
San Jose	9	7	.563
Seattle Sounders	8	8	.500
Portland Timbers	7	9	.438
San Diego	6	10	.375
Chicago Fire	5	11	.313
Colorado Rapids	4	12	.250
San Francisco	3	13	.188
Washington	2	14	.125
Philadelphia	1	15	.063

MAJOR LEAGUE TENNIS

ATP World Tour

Player	W	L	Pct.
Rafael Nadal	10	0	1.000
Novak Djokovic	9	1	.900
Andy Murray	8	2	.800
Roger Federer	7	3	.700
Marin Cilic	6	4	.600
Tommy Haas	5	5	.500
David Nalbandian	4	6	.400
Flavia Pennetta	3	7	.300
Francesca Schiavone	2	8	.200
Marion Bartoli	1	9	.100

FOOTBALL

San Diego

Player	W	L	Pct.
Tommy Lutz	10	0	1.000
Tommy Lutz	9	1	.900
Tommy Lutz	8	2	.800
Tommy Lutz	7	3	.700
Tommy Lutz	6	4	.600
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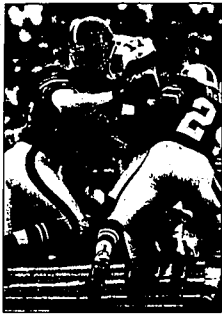
Edwards sharp for Browns

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Brayton Edwards showed he isn't afraid to make catches in traffic. Better still, the Cleveland Browns receiver proved his surgically repaired knee is sturdy enough to take a few big hits.

There was good news for the Bills, too. Receiver Peerless Price can still go deep, catching a 56-yard touchdown. It wasn't enough, though, as the Browns won 20-17 Saturday night when Jeff Chandler hit a 35-yard field goal as time ran out.

Edwards entered as a backup and played in his first game since undergoing reconstructive surgery on his right knee eight months ago. His lone reception, a 9-yarder, came when Charlie Frye found him open over the middle. The Browns (2-1) scored on the play when Frye threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Steve Heiden.

Frye finished 12-of-16 for 76 yards and a touchdown before being replaced by Ken Dorsey early in the third quarter.



Cleveland Browns' Brayton Edwards (17) makes the catch but is stopped short of the end zone by Buffalo Bills' Troy Vincent (23) and Terrence McGee (24) at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y., Saturday.

17-0. The Cowboys would have scored on all four of his drives had Shaun Sulsham made a 35-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the second quarter.

Glenn caught four passes for 98 yards, showing he's more than ready to be the No. 1 receiver — with or without Owens.

The 49ers had only 78 yards against Dallas' starting defense. Alex Smith threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to rookie tight end Vernon Davis against the second-string defense in the third quarter.

Jaguars 29, Buccaneers 18

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tampa Bay and Jacksonville hardly looked ready for the regular season. At least not on offense.

Byron Leftwich threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score — both against backups in the third quarter — and the Jaguars rallied to beat the Buccaneers.

The Jaguars weren't nearly as efficient against Tampa Bay's starters, though. Leftwich completed 13 of 20 passes for 167 yards, but was sacked four times in the first half.

Colts 27, Saints 14

JACKSON, Miss. — Peyton Manning grew up hearing about his father Archie's exploits in the old horseshoe-shaped stadium in Mississippi's state capital. Now he has his own story to tell.

The younger Manning delighted a crowd of 58,228 in a state where his family holds royalty status, picking apart the New Orleans defense during three early scoring drives to lead Indianapolis to a victory over the Saints.

Manning threw for 125 yards and a touchdown to fellow New Orleans native Reggie Wayne in the first quarter alone. He later led a methodical 13-play, 74-yard drive that ended with rookie Joseph Addy's 1-yard touchdown run. That gave the Colts a 17-0 lead they carried into halftime.

Manning didn't play beyond the first half, and finished 14-of-25 for 165 yards with no interceptions.

Cowboys 17, 49ers 7

IRVING, Texas — Every snap Terrell Owens misses is another chance for Drew Bledsoe to throw to Terry Glenn. Not that they seem to need the work.

Glenn made a spectacular touchdown catch for the second straight game and hauled in a 52-yard pass in double coverage to set up another score, and the defense took care of the rest for the Cowboys.

Bledsoe continues removing any doubt he'll start the opener, going 12-of-17 for 200 yards and a touchdown. He completed his last nine throws and left at halftime with Dallas leading

Falcons 20, Titans 6

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jerious Norwood needed only one play to show why the Atlanta Falcons no longer needed T.J. Duckett.

The rookie out of Mississippi State replaced Warrick Dunn on the third series, then scored a 62-yard touchdown on his second carry. The Falcons traded away Duckett, a burly short-yardage specialist, to Washington in a three-team trade earlier this week that brought them receiver Ashley Lelie.

Lelie didn't play, but Atlanta (2-1) didn't need to throw much in keeping Tennessee (0-3) winless this preseason.

Patriots 41, Redskins 0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — A sharp Tom Brady played the same way he has all preseason. Unfortunately for winless Washington, so did Mark Brunell.

The Patriots quarterback started in the first half while his Redskins counterpart struggled. Brady completed 17 of 30 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown to Benjamin Watson and led the Patriots to five scores on seven possessions before leaving after the first series of the second half with a 27-0 lead.

Brunell, who also played seven series, hasn't led a scoring drive in any of his 11 series this preseason and went 7-for-16 for 51 yards. Backups Todd Collins and Jason Campbell also struggled.

Erickson

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He predicted immediate improvement, even with a nonconference schedule full of echoes from his past.

The Vandals open at Michigan State, which is coached by Erickson protege John L. Smith. Then they play at Washington State, which Erickson took to a bowl game in 1988. After the home opener against Idaho State, they travel to Oregon State, the school Erickson spurned for the 49ers.

The Vandals then play eight games against Western Athletic Conference rivals.

"We'll be very competitive," Erickson said. "I think in a year or two we'll be able to compete for a championship."

That's not all that improbable.

Idaho moved up to Division I-A in 1996, and its 1998 team went 9-3 and beat Southern Mississippi in the Humanitarian Bowl. It's been all downhill since then.

But season ticket sales are

up nearly 40 percent over last year and fans are donating large sums to the program.

Ticket manager Brian Bartels said the goal is to sell 50,000 season tickets in the 17,000-seat Kibbie Dome. Students pay an activity fee that includes admission to all games. The Vandals averaged 15,000 at the Kibbie Dome last year.

But Erickson Fever can only go so far, Bartels said.

"Hopefully that translates to wins on the field," Bartels said. "That's what really sells tickets."

Fans are hoping so.

"This ushers in a new era," said U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, a former Idaho governor and University of Idaho student body president. "Good football creates an atmosphere of excitement."

A group called the Monday Morning Quarterback Club quickly raised \$25,000 for the program after Erickson's hire.

Students Heidi Hallman of Coeur d'Alene, stopped near practice on a recent Friday, she

said interest in the program had waned because of losses.

"I love to go to games, but I don't want to leave feeling bad," Hallman said.

The players are also caught up in the excitement.

Offensive guard Jade Tadvick of Stevensville, Mont., is playing for his third head coach, after Tom Cable and Nick Holt. The hiring of Erickson sent an immediate ripple through the team, Tadvick said.

"The first day, right before his press conference, he said we are going to win and win now," Tadvick said. "It's nice to have that confidence."

Erickson said the pressure for immediate improvement may be unrealistic for a team that won two games last season.

"It's not fair to the players right now," Erickson said. "The non-league schedule is hard."

"I'm looking at it as 'where are we at the end of the four non-league games,'" Erickson said. "Until you play somebody you don't know where you are at."

Open

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Serena Williams, whose sister Venus withdrew with a wrist injury, shake off the rust of a six-month layoff? How will instant-replays' Grand Slam debut go? — all eyes will be on Agassi.

It's why U.S. Tennis Association TV ads promoting the tournament feature him with the tag line "The Legend." It's why the plan is to showcase him against Andrei Pavel of Romania in the only center court match Monday night, a person at the USTA told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, because the schedule hasn't been officially announced.

That, even though hardly anyone expects the unassisted Agassi and his troublesome

back to leave New York with a Grand Slam title to add to the eight he already owns. Agassi included.

"I don't know what to expect," he said. "That's the part of it that's pretty hard to get my arms around."

He needs cortisone injections to deal with the pain and allow freedom of movement, and whatever soothing effects the shots provide last only weeks now instead of months. There's also the matter of match practice, of getting into a groove by facing top competition in a string of outings before a big event. He doesn't have the benefit of that, either, having pulled out of two tournaments this month.

As of right now, I feel good," he said. "I have my good days and my not-so-

good days. So real similar to all of us."

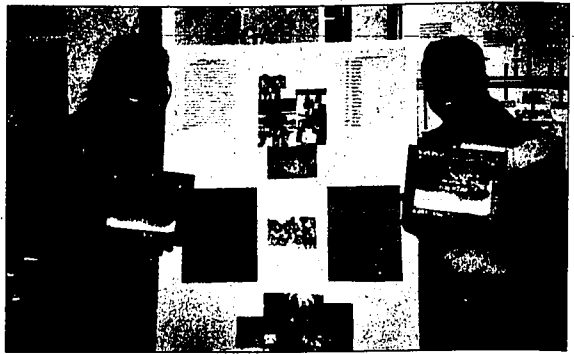
Still, it's quite clear that it's not about wins and losses at this point. It's about saying, "So long," for Agassi and for everyone else.

"There's a lot of great feelings associated with what I'm going through. There's real excitement. There's sadness in knowing that a big chapter of your life that you've poured yourself into is coming to a close, and there's excitement for the future, for the next stage, the next adventure," Agassi said.

"You're saying goodbye to a job, you're saying goodbye to people you've done it with, but you also are in position to take the next plunge in life. And, you know, I've just never done this before."

YOUR SPORTS

AWARD WINNERS



Fischer, McNeley honored

Twin Falls High School seniors Randi Fischer and Abby McNeley were recently received the 18th Annual Cole Klassen Memorial Award, which recognizes outstanding leadership, sportsmanship and commitment to junior golf. Fischer and McNeley will be student body officers this year, serving as senior class president and vice president, respectively. Both have won numerous honors on the golf course and were members of two state championship teams for the Bruins. Fischer and McNeley qualified for the Idaho Golf Association junior state championship held earlier this summer in Post Falls. McNeley represented Idaho at the Junior World Championship held in Torrey Pines, Calif., and earned a spot on Idaho's Junior Americas Cup Team, which competed in Oro Valley, Ariz. Fischer finished eighth at the John Dropping Invitational and won the overall title at the IGA Juniors statewide tournament held in July at Rupert Country Club. In addition to their golf and leadership skills, the pair also excels academically.

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Bowling

BOWLADROME HALF & HALF

MEN'S SERIES: Don Parsons 463, Dennis Seckel 461, Rich Rigdon 460, Stephen Inman 410.

MEN'S GAMES: Dennis Seckel 170, Stephen Inman 169, Don Parsons 163, Rich Rigdon 160.

LADIES SERIES: Michele Seckel 479, Sylvia Inman 467, Jody Galan 428, Sena McKnight 375.

LADIES GAMES: Michele Seckel 179, Sylvia Inman 174, Jody Galan 169, Sena McKnight 131.

BOYS' SERIES: Zach Black 608, Nick Parsons 549, Dominic Curtis 473, Condy McKnight 338.

BOYS' GAMES: Zach Black 265, Nick Parsons 211, Dominic Curtis 180, Luke Sillons 112.

GIRLS' SERIES: Miranda Curtis 364, Rachel Sillons 183.

GIRLS' GAMES: Miranda Curtis 143, Rachel Curtis 80.

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MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Liles 818, Dick DeRoche 763, Bob Chalfant

758, Jerry Seabolt 737.

MEN'S GAMES: Dick DeRoche 300, Victor Hagood 300, Maury Miller 300, Gerald Liles 298.

LADIES SERIES: Gail Cederlund 623, Jeane Miller 611, Linda Cline 591, Bonnie Daper 586.

LADIES GAMES: Linda Cline 275, Jeane Miller 241, Gail Cederlund 231, Bonnie Daper 221.

SPECIAL FORCES I

MEN'S SERIES: Richard Hansen 288, Steven Davis 294, Eddie Collins 260, Jared Dirksen 237.

MEN'S GAMES: Richard Hansen 173, Steven Davis 162, Jason Miller 142, Eddie Collins 134.

LADIES SERIES: Deb Stringham 245, Ricly Rodgers 240, Jenni Norman 237, Amber LaCroix 225, Pam Taylor 225.

LADIES GAMES: Ricly Rodgers 139, Deb Stringham 135, Pam Taylor 131, Jenni Norman 128.

SPECIAL FORCES II

MEN'S SERIES: Chris Fay 353, Jason Frisby 345, Ben Ray 288, Kelly Clark 265.

MEN'S GAMES: Jason Frisby 191,

Chris Fay 190, Ben Ray 182, Kelly Clark 146.

LADIES SERIES: Katie Arnold 225, Natasha Yerton 200, Jennifer Hill 192, Dawn Krefl 187.

LADIES GAMES: Dawn Krefl 122, Katie Arnold 117, Jennifer Hill 113, Natasha Yerton 111.

BOWLINGALLOZA

MEN'S SERIES: Ray LaPointe 617, Dennis Seckel 553, Troy Jones 485, Chris Rucker 471.

MEN'S GAMES: Ray LaPointe 236, Dennis Seckel 194, Troy Jones 183, Dan Shepherd 163.

LADIES SERIES: Ann Shepherd 537, Michele Seckel 463, Natalie Campbell 339.

LADIES GAMES: Ann Shepherd 188, Michele Seckel 164, Natalie Campbell 133.

MAGIC BOWL TWIN FALLS

NITRO

SERIES: Joe McClure 627, Bryan Price 612.

GAMES: Joe McClure 228, Bryan Price 214, Ron Cleer 214, Brad Newlan 103.

1. GSS 12 2

3. Superior Door 9.5 4.5

4. Wells Fargo 9 5

5. Bullseye 7 6

6. First Federal 8 9

7. Longview 6.5 7.5

8. Advantage 4 10

9. Bulh Merchants 2 12

10. Garabaldi's 0 14

E-F League

1. Braves 13 0

2. Hemingways 10 3

3. Oasis 8 6

4. Beas 7 6

5. Lamb Weston I 6 7

6. Able Plumbing 6 8

6. Lone Arrangers 6 8

8. FHS 5 9

8. Gentec 5 9

9. Lamb Weston I 1 13

Final standings

B League

Team	W	L
1. TK Construction	11	1
2. Giltner	8	4
3. Crist & Sons	7	5
4. Budlight	6	6
5. 12 Pack	4	8
5. Fred Meyer	4	8
7. SUWS	2	10

C League

Team	W	L
1. Collectors	14	0
2. Farmers	11	3
3. TZR	6	5
4. Jensens'	6	8
4. Automated Dairy	6	8
6. Culligan	5	9
7. Jayco	3	11
8. M Merchants	2	12

D-E League

Team	W	L
1. GSS	14	0
2. NWM	11	3
3. Wells Fargo	6	8

E-F League

Team	W	L
1. Braves	13	0
2. Hemingways	10	3
3. Oasis	8	6
4. Beas	7	6
5. Lamb Weston I	6	7
6. Able Plumbing	6	8
6. Lone Arrangers	6	8
8. FHS	5	9
8. Gentec	5	9
9. Lamb Weston I	1	13

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Angels blast Bronx Bombers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Rookie Howie Kendrick went 4-for-4 with a tiebreaking homer, Garret Anderson homered and drove in four runs and the Los Angeles Angels beat slumping Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees 12-7 in a testy matchup Saturday.

The Angels and Yankees drew warnings from plate umpire Tim McClelland after a flurry of brushback pitches and hit batsmen in the middle innings. Both teams were perched on the top step of their dugouts after that, and there was no more trouble.



Los Angeles Angels batter Mike Napoli hits a two-RBI double against New York Yankees during the fourth inning of Saturday's game in Anaheim, Calif.

Royals 2, Blue Jays 0

TORONTO — Rinelvis Hernandez outpitched Roy Halladay for his first career shutout, leading the Royals to the win.

Mark Teahen and Ryan Shealy homered for Kansas City, which ended a three-game losing skid.

Hernandez (4-8) allowed seven hits in his eighth start since being recalled from the minors.

Orioles 3, Devil Rays 2

BALTIMORE — Ramon Hernandez singled in the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the Orioles to the win.

It was the ninth straight road loss for the Devil Rays, who went hitless over the last three innings and fell to 1-17 on the road since the All-Star break.

Nick Markakis and Jeff Conine homered for the Orioles, who have won seven of 10.

Corey Patterson singled with one out in the ninth off Shawn Camp (6-2), then stole second. After Kevin Millar popped out, Hernandez lined a 3-2 pitch up the middle. Patterson scored standing up, well ahead of the late throw.

Twins 8 White Sox 7, 11 innings

CHICAGO — Nick Punto hit an RBI single with two outs in the 11th and the Twins increased their AL wild-card lead to 1½ games by beating the White Sox.

Jermaine Dye's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth off Minnesota closer Joe

Nathan tied it at 7, but the Twins used a small-ball approach to push across the game winner against Matt Thornton (4-2).

Pinch-hitter Lew Ford led off the 11th with a single, moved to second on Jason Bartlett's sacrifice and to third on Luis Castillo's grounder.

Punto then hit the ball the other way past diving Chicago first baseman Ross Gload to score Ford.

Athletics 5, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Joe Blanton pitched 6 2-3 innings and Nick Swisher homered in the Athletics' win.

Blanton (14-10) allowed three runs and seven hits. Frank Thomas scored a run and drove in another for Oakland.

Indians 8, Tigers 5

CLEVELAND — Rookie Joe Inglett's two-run triple off Justin Verlander highlighted Cleveland's six-run fifth inning that sent the Indians to the win.

The Tigers have lost four straight. For the first time since July 19, the Tigers, who led the AL Central by 10 games on Aug. 7, are less than five games up on the field. The Twins are within four games of the division lead.

Bennett single lifts Cardinals past Cubs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chris Carpenter pitched eight sharp innings before leaving because of cramping, and seldom-used Gary Bennett hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth that sent the St. Louis Cardinals over the Chicago Cubs 2-1 Saturday.



St. Louis Cardinals batter Gary Bennett (28) is congratulated by Yadier Molina (4) and other teammates after hitting the game-winning RBI-single with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Cardinals a 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs during Saturday's game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Carpenter held the Cubs to two hits, struck out five and walked one. He threw 100 pitches, and took the mound to start the ninth. But after throwing a few warmups, the Cardinals are consulted with trainer Barry Weinberg and manager Tony La Russa and left.

Bennett also homered in his second straight three-hit game for the NL Central-leading Cardinals.

Giants 4, Reds 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Shea Hillenbrand homered for the second straight game for No. 100 in his career and Noah Lowry won back-to-back starts for the first time all season for the Giants.

Hillenbrand hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning to help San Francisco win for the 10th time in 13 games. The Giants pulled within three games of the Reds in the NL wild-card race.

David Ross hit his 18th home run in the sixth, snapping a stretch of 16 1-3 scoreless innings by San Francisco starters.

Braves 10, Nationals 1

ATLANTA — John Smoltz allowed one run and three hits in eight innings for the Braves.

Smoltz (12-6) won his sixth straight home start. Of the Braves' 11 home wins since July 3, six belong to Smoltz.

The Braves are only 27-34 at Turner Field for the second-worst home record.

Chipper Jones hit his 20th home run and Marcus Giles had three hits, stole a base and drove in two runs for Atlanta.

Marlins 7, Brewers 2

MIAMI — Dontrelle Willis pitched seven innings to help

Florida win its sixth straight game.

Miguel Cabrera and Hanley Ramirez drove in two runs apiece to help Florida pull within four games of NL wild-card leader Cincinnati.

Cabrera doubled, home two runs in the first tie to the team record for RBIs in a month with 30. Mike Jacobs hit his 17th home run for the Marlins.

Mets 11, Phillies 5

NEW YORK — Shawn Green delivered his first big hit for the Mets, a go-ahead double during a seven-run rally in the seventh inning.

Ryan Howard hit his NL-leading 46th home run, a grand slam for Philadelphia. The Phillies stayed 1½ games behind Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

Carlos Beltran hit his 20th career homer. Carlos Delgado also connected and Andy Chavez went 4-for-4 for the Mets.

Astros 7, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Andy Pettitte made another effective start against Pittsburgh and Houston won consecutive games for the first time in more than two weeks.

Willy Taveras extended his Astros-record hitting streak to 29 games when he doubled on Zach Duke's third pitch of the game.

Padres 5, Rockies 2

DENVER — Clay Hensley scattered seven hits over seven innings and Josh Bard drove in two runs to help the Padres beat the Rockies 5-2.

Hensley (8-10), who missed his last turn in the rotation with a buttocks injury, worked his way out of potential jams by getting Colorado to hit into three double plays.

Hensley's streak of 14 scoreless innings was halted in the first inning. The Rockies began the game with three straight singles, but only managed to get one run.

Frank Thomas, once written off, enjoying renaissance in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Frank Thomas can run from first to third with relative ease and is crushing home runs into the upper deck again. That spat with his former general manager earlier this year is a thing of the past.

The Big Hurt has buried those hurt feelings to focus on a pennant race with his new team.

At 38, Thomas is healthy, loving life in the laid-back Bay Area and starring for the Oakland Athletics in an improbable comeback year across the country following two injury-shortened seasons in Chicago.

"I'm hitting some long home runs. I'm back. I'm hitting balls as hard as I ever have," Thomas said before a recent game.

"I've been encouraged with the season I've had. I started off a little slow getting used to this place. Once I got used to this, all the things have taken off and I've been much of the same player I've been my whole

career. It's been a good situation because we're winning."

Thomas is a key ingredient in the first-place A's push for the playoffs, something he missed out on last year with the World Series champion White Sox because of a recurring ankle injury.

He hit his 475th career home run Wednesday at Toronto, tying Willie Stargell and Stan Musial for 23rd on the career list. And he is well on track to reach 500, something Thomas initially said was one of his primary goals before he retires.

"Now I'm looking past that," he said. "Five hundred is not what I'm here for. I hope to achieve 600. I do want to play until I'm 42 years old. This year's a hurdle for me, getting back to a health level where I can play a whole season."

Heading into Saturday's game at Texas, Thomas was batting .265 with 27 homers and 75 RBIs as Oakland's designated hitter and had played in

50 straight games since coming off the disabled list June 30 following a strained right quadriceps. A five-time All-Star who won back-to-back AL MVP awards in 1993 and '94, he is determined to help the A's win the AL West.

Thomas never doubted he could return to the dominating hitter he was before all the injuries. Neither did A's general manager Billy Beane, who in January gave Thomas an incentive-laden \$500,000, one-year contract to provide the big right-handed bat in the middle of the order the team lacked when it failed to make the playoffs the past two years.

The low-budget A's had spent recent offseasons watching big-name players such as Jason Giambi, Miguel Tejada, Johnny Damon, Tim Lincecum and Mark Mulder leave town — so signing Thomas and Milton Bradley without losing anyone of significance was a big deal for the organization.

"He's been that force in the lineup and has given this team something it's needed the last couple of years," Oakland outfielder Jay Payton said. "He has that kind of being able to go deep at any time. The way he's been swinging the bat the last month and a half, he looks like the old Frank Thomas."

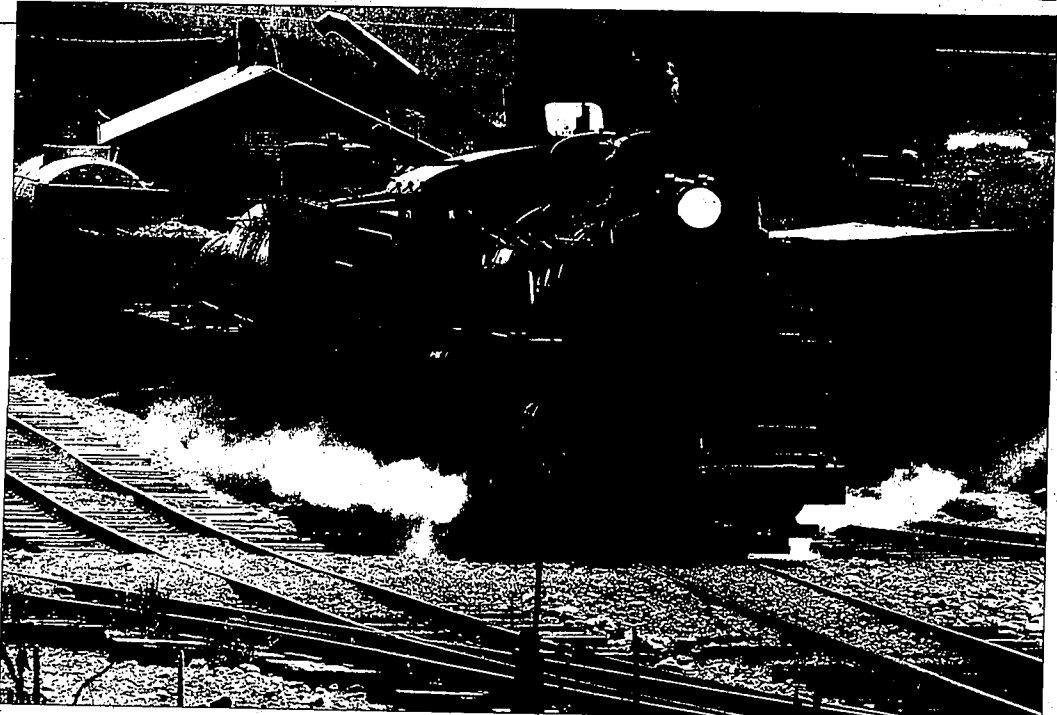
Manager Ken Macha repeatedly has called Thomas the MVP of the offense. When the A's acquired the 6-foot-5, 275-pound Thomas, the biggest question was whether he could play healthy — not whether he would still possess the powerful swing that has defined his career.

Thomas began the 2005 season on the disabled list following ankle surgery, played for the first time on May 31, then went back on the DL on July 21 with a fractured left ankle. He did not play again and could only watch as the White Sox swept Houston to win the World Series for the first time since

Major League Baseball

American League												
East Division						West Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	57	.504	—	2-3	L4	40-24	41-25	15-3	L4	30-24	32-26
Boston	71	57	.555	5	+3	L1	30-24	32-33	16-2	L1	30-24	32-33
Toronto	68	61	.527	8½	+6	L1	40-27	28-34	9-9	L1	40-27	28-34
Baltimore	58	71	.450	18½	+7-3	W2	35-34	23-37	8-9	W2	35-34	23-37
Tampa Bay	52	78	.400	25	+6	L3	34-31	18-47	11-7	L3	34-31	18-47
National League												
East Division						West Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	81	49	.617	—	2-3	W3	42-23	37-26	6-9	W3	42-23	37-26
Minnesota	76	52	.594	4	+3	W4	44-20	32-32	16-2	W4	44-20	32-32
Chicago	75	54	.581	5½	+4	L2	41-25	34-29	14-4	L2	41-25	34-29
Cleveland	60	68	.469	20	+7-3	W4	34-30	26-38	8-10	W4	34-30	26-38
Kansas City	47	84	.359	34½	+6	W1	29-37	18-47	10-8	W1	29-37	18-47
American League Friday's Games												
Cleveland 4, Detroit 2												
Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 0												
Toronto 6, Kansas City 3												
Oakland 9, Texas 3												
Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 4												
Seattle 6, Boston 0												
L.A. Angels 6, N.Y. Yankees 5												
Saturday's Games												
Kansas City 2, Toronto 0												
L.A. Angels 12, N.Y. Yankees 7												
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2												
Cleveland 8, Detroit 5												
Minnesota 9, Chicago White Sox 7, 11 innings												
Oakland 5, Texas 3												
Boston at Seattle, late												
Sunday's Games												
Detroit (Rogers 13-6) at Cleveland (Lee 10-9), 11:05 a.m.												
Kansas City (O.Perez 1-1) at Toronto (Lilly 10-11), 11:07 a.m.												
Tampa Bay (Howell 0-1) at Baltimore (Loewen 4-1), 11:35 a.m.												
Minnesota (Siva 7-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehler 10-11), 12:05 p.m.												
N.Y. Yankees (Kerans 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Saunders 4-1), 1:35 p.m.												
Boston (Snyder 3-2) at Seattle (Bach 0-0), 2:05 p.m.												
Oakland (Haren 12-9) at Texas (Padilla 12-8), 6:05 p.m.												
National League Friday's Games												
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 1												
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 3												
Washington 7, Atlanta 6												
Florida 6, Milwaukee 5												
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 0												
Colorado 13, San Diego 5												
Arizona 9, L.A. Dodgers 7, 15 innings												
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 1												
Saturday's Games												
Atlanta 10, Washington 1												
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1												
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 1												
Florida 7, Milwaukee 2												
Houston 7, Pittsburgh 4												
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 5												
San Diego 5, San Francisco 1												
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late												
Sunday's Games												
Washington (Faber 3-2) at Atlanta (Willaree 9-1), 11:05 a.m.												
Milwaukee (Capuano 11-8) at Florida (Sanchez 5-2), 11:05 a.m.												
Philadelphia (Moyer 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Maine 3-3), 11:10 a.m.												
Houston (Hran 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Chacon 1-1), 11:35 a.m.												
San Diego (Perry 2-1) at Colorado (Cook 8-2), 1:05 p.m.												
Cincinnati (Lowe 3-5) at San Francisco (Cain 9-9), 2:05 p.m.												
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 4-3) at Arizona (Hernandez 10-10), 2:40 p.m.												
Chicago Cubs (Walton 0-0) at St. Louis (Weaver 2-3), 6:05 p.m.												

Engineer for a day



The Sumpter Valley Railway historic train prepares to leave McEwen, Ore., station to Sumpter, Ore., July 21. By photo

Railroad lovers can drive a steam locomotive

By Lisa Britton
The Herald

BAKER CITY, Ore. — Bob Butler doesn't appear a bit baffled by the knobs and levers and gauges before him, and isn't even breaking a sweat despite the heat radiating from the boiler a foot or two away.

He grins as he takes hold of a lever that will start the train down the track. Model railroads are his hobby; steam engines are his passion.

"I'm old enough, I was around at the end of the steam engine era," he says.

Butler, 60, of Olympia, Wash., is the first person to take advantage of the new Engineer for a Day program at the Sumpter Valley Railway.

He's done this sort of thing before in Ely, Nev., and China.

"But this program is different because you get the whole train," he says.

The Sumpter Valley Railway is the only steam locomotive railroad in Oregon offering the opportunity to be an engineer for a day, and one of only a few in the United States.

Every Friday through the end of September, would-be engineers can drive one of two oil-burning Mikado engines, the No. 19 or the No. 20, for \$600. For \$750 they can drive the wood-burning Heister No. 3.

Participants must be 18 years of age and hold a valid driver's license, and a second person can share the engineer seat for an extra \$150.

Though Butler is technically the engineer this day for the Mikado No. 19, he is joined by Scott Hutton and Dan Denham, the senior operating crew for the SVRR.

"We'll be the firemen and the trainees," Hutton said. "You can't teach them everything, but we'll be there to stand by."

Hutton is the chief mechanical officer, and Denham is the president of the nonprofit SVRR that is run by volunteers who live as close as Baker City and as far away as Alaska.

The Sumpter Valley Railway was originally used to haul logs for the Oregon Lumber Co. It operated from 1890 to 1947. The railway's locomotives run on narrow-gauge track, 3 feet 6 inches instead of the standard width of 4 feet 8 inches.

"Three feet was popular with logging and mining," Denham said. "They



The Sumpter Valley Railway historic train prepares to leave McEwen, Ore., station to Sumpter, Ore., July 21 with Bob Butler, as the engineer.

wanted a narrow gauge so they could get out in the woods."

The Sumpter Valley Railway bought the wood-burning No. 19 and No. 20 Mikado engines in 1920, and in 1941 sold both to the White Pass and Yukon Railroad in Alaska.

The locomotives were converted to run on oil, and were used until 1959. The engines then sat unused in Skagway, Alaska, until 1977 when Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration Inc. found the engines and purchased them for \$1 each. The restoration group paid nearly \$25,000 to bring the engines back to Eastern Oregon.

"They're both home and cost about \$300,000 to rebuild," Denham said. The cost-of-rebuilding the engines doesn't include the thousands of hours of work done by volunteers, he said. "They're back home, working on their home turf."

Which makes Butler pretty happy, and he can't keep from smiling as he

watches Hutton and Denham work on No. 19 for a trip down the rails.

"They're lubricating the bearings," he said, slipping on a pair of thick leather gloves in case he's called to action. "They're using the compressor to force the grease in."

Butler knows a lot about steam engines, and his conversations with Hutton and Denham are peppered with the lingo of the railroad.

He learned his stuff from "reading and talking to these guys," he says, nodding toward Denham and Hutton. After graduating from college, he worked for a short time on the Milwaukee Railroad near Portland, where he took advantage of the talkative nature of the engineers.

"There were a lot of engineers who operated steam, so you heard a lot of stories from them," Butler said. "Pilots like to talk about flying; engineers like to talk about trains."

Engineers for a Day at SVRR can

choose how they'd like to participate.

"They can get as involved as they want," Denham said.

The morning prep work is optional. It takes about five hours of work before the train is ready to travel the track. This warm-up period is called "hosting."

"It's the process of bringing the engine up cold, building the fire, greasing, lubricating, making sure everything is tight," Denham said.

Butler arrived at 6 a.m., at the start of hosting, to get in on all the action.

"Hosting is an option," Denham said. "If you'd like to watch, you're welcome. If you'd like to participate, you're welcome."

Butler wasn't adverse to getting greasy — everything around an oil-burning train is only "kinda clean," Denham says — and he followed Hutton and Denham around the engine to lend a hand.

Then it was time to climb aboard,

If you go ...

- The Sumpter Valley Railway operates weekends and major holidays from Memorial Day through the end of September.

- Up to two people per day can participate in the Engineer for a Day program. Prior to your arrival at McEwen, you will be sent a packet of information containing a welcome, summary of the Engineer for a Day program, release form, list of recommended items to bring, a set of Sumpter Valley Railroad Rules and Safety books, a study list, activity schedule, and a list of local lodgings and restaurants.

- Passenger travel from McEwen to Sumpter and return costs \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors, and \$8 for children. A family pass for up to two adults and four children costs \$30 round-trip, and rates are available for groups of 20 or more.

- For more information, go to <http://www.svry.com/> or call 541-894-2288 or 888-884-2288.

take a seat, and take control of his train. Hutton stood behind Butler, while Denham sat in another seat near the boiler to keep an eye on the gauges.

Right on cue comes the deafening blast of pressurized steam — and a few minutes later Butler is ready to give the lever a gentle pull to coax the locomotive into action. Hutton urges Butler to sound the steam whistle first. Denham complements the whistle with an echoing "ding, ding, ding" of a bell. Then the train begins to roll.

Before they take off for Sumpter, Butler maneuvers the engine into reverse to connect with five cars and a caboose.

Once all the connections are made, it's time to take off for Sumpter where the engineer and his crew will have lunch and then return to the station in the late afternoon. It's a 14-mile round trip from the Sumpter Valley train station at McEwen to Sumpter, an old mining town where about 175 people now live.

Butler leans out the window to wave goodbye, and the No. 19 rolls down the track, disappearing into the dredge piles and willow trees, chug-chugging its way to Sumpter.

Star Trek 10: A celebration light-years in the making

By Sue Kovich Shannon
The Washington Post

WHAT: The 40th anniversary of "Star Trek."

WHY: Gene Roddenberry's science-fiction show first aired on NBC on Sept. 8, 1966, while the United States was entrenched in Vietnam. The mandate: "To boldly go where no man has gone before." It's crowded there now: Six television series and 10 movies later, it's estimated that the "Star Trek" fan base is 250 million.

CONVENTIONS: Richard Arnold, who was Roddenberry's longtime personal assistant, has attended more than 650 conventions, and he predicts this year's bunch will be the best in years. Contrary to what you might think, he says, "only about 1 percent of fans show up in costumes." More historical context: Gary Berman, co-owner of Creation Entertainment, which runs sci-fi conventions, says tickets cost \$1.50 and rooms \$19 at his first "Trek" convention in 1971.

The partying starts Thursday at the official "Star Trek" convention at the Las

Vegas Hilton. William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy — a.k.a. Captain James T. Kirk and Mr. Spock — will riff on the about the "Trek" phenomenon. Tickets start at \$40 (general admission).

Don't worry if you can't make it: Both actors will be at "Trek" celebrations in Chicago (Wyndham O'Hare, 6810 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont) and Sacramento (Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way). The two conventions are Sept. 8-10; tickets are \$20 (general admission) to \$199 and up (packages).

NYST40, the New York Area 40th Anniversary Star Trek Convention, runs Nov. 10-12 at the Crowne Plaza Meadowlands Hotel in Secaucus, N.J. Highlights include: a soda test. Some of you joked that pay toilets might be next. We'll see.

Several passengers learned the hard way not to argue with flight attendants. Regardless of whether you think your position is correct and the flight attendant's is wrong, at least wait until you get to your destination to make your point. Otherwise, as actress and comedian Mo'Nique learned last month, you will be catching a different flight out.

Travelers do have a voice and can often get things changed. Remember when Hertz tried to charge a \$2.50 reservation fee on its vehicles rented in the United States? The company backed off in the wake of days of the plan hitting the columns.

Few columns sparked as much outrage from readers as those about whether passengers should be able to recline their seats, especially at a time when airlines are cramming more seats in their coach cabins. Remember the 515 plastic device the Ford Defender, which passengers hooked onto the seat in front of them to prevent that passenger from reclining into their laps?

To this day, I have colleagues who will never use an airline blanket again following the column on US Airways' decision to no longer automatically replace the used blankets left behind on passenger seats between flights. Instead, it ordered employees to do visual inspections for soiled or stained to determine if the blanket should be refolded and stored for the next flight rather than removed and cleaned. As long as the blankets appear

clean, the airline will swap them out between one and seven days, depending on the type of flight.

So while laughing (and honestly flinching through most of "Snakes," the movie got me thinking about what else the airline industry could face in the coming years.

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Seattle's Space Needle — where else? — will be part of the Planet Xpo and the Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame's festivities Sept. 9-10. Film producer Sky Douglas Conway says guests "will honor those influenced by 'Star Trek' who have gone on to change the world," including Martin Cooper, father of the cellphone.

Walter Koenig (Chekov in the original series) will beam in for the gathering. Tickets: \$25 (general admission) to \$175 and up (packages). Info: 239-498-7821, www.planetxpo.com.

KEEP ON TREKKING
• Washington. The Smithsonian owns Tribbles (the furry critters that bedeviled Kirk & Co.) and phasers, but alas, they're not on display. You can see the starship USS Enterprise model used on the show at the National Air and Space Museum, on the lower level of its store.

• New York. Want a used Roman warbird (estimated value \$8,000 to \$12,000) or mustard Starfleet mini-dress worn in the original series (\$4,000 to \$6,000)? From Oct. 5

to 7, Christie's at Rockefeller Center will auction 4,000 "Star Trek" items — ranging from the original series to the recent "Star Trek: Nemesis" movie. The 6 1/2-foot Enterprise-mise-D model (\$25,000 to \$35,000) might bankrupt you, but a Borg head is expected to go for \$600 to \$800. Info: 800-395-6300, www.christies.com.

• Las Vegas. Visit Star Trek: The Experience, an interactive museum (\$38.99) at the Las Vegas Hilton — The Borg Invasion: ride? Mandatory Vulcan wedding vow renewal? Optional. Info: 888-462-6535, www.startrexp.com.

• Seattle. The Science Fiction Museum (\$12.95) holds Captain Kirk's command chair, Dr. McCoy's medical scanner and about 25 phasers. Info: 206-724-3428, www.shomeworld.org.

• Worldwide. Cruise Trek (www.cruisetrekk.com) runs annual fan cruises with former cast members. The next cruise, in fall 2007, will be a two-week trip to Australia and New Zealand and will cost about \$2,500 per person double (airfare extra).

THE ONE THING WE'D DO ... is to get lost inside the USS Enterprise or a giant Spock's

head. Tom Peary has sculled 32 acres of corn on his farm near York, England, into a "Trek" maze (\$10.50). Info: www.yorkmazecorn.uk

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Farewell to a snakebitten industry

By Keith L. Alexander
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Terrorism. Bankruptcies. Labor strikes. And now snakes.

Yep, that's my cue. This week's column will be my last. After spending more than five years covering the airline industry and business travel, I am moving on.

Sitting in the movie theater this weekend watching Samuel L. Jackson fight the latest threat to the airlines in "Snakes on a Plane," I was reminded of what a ride the past few years have been.

When we launched the column in 2001, US Airways and United Airlines were trying to merge and Black Entertainment Television founder Bob Johnson planned to start his own airline, DC Air. But the government nixed the US Airways and United deal and Johnson decided to start his own basketball team in Charlotte, N.C., instead.

Overall, the airline industry has been hit with numerous punches over the years, including the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks, the subsequent security concerns, the SARS outbreak and endless financial woes.

The new Transportation Security Administration became the frequent flyer's best friend and biggest headache. Videoconferencing emerged as a popular alternative to travel. And the Acela train service emerged as the New York shuttle's biggest competitor.

Thousands of airline employees lost their jobs, per se and benefits as the industry retrenched and low-cost carriers gained strength, driving down ticket prices.

Still, fees were a constant topic. We saw airlines increase

or add fees for everything from bags of peanuts and pretzels, pillows, checking bags at the curb and soft drinks (American Eagle's \$1 soda test). Some of you joked that pay toilets might be next. We'll see.

Several passengers learned the hard way not to argue with flight attendants. Regardless of whether you think your position is correct and the flight attendant's is wrong, at least wait until you get to your destination to make your point. Otherwise, as actress and comedian Mo'Nique learned last month, you will be catching a different flight out.

Travelers do have a voice and can often get things changed. Remember when Hertz tried to charge a \$2.50 reservation fee on its vehicles rented in the United States? The company backed off in the wake of days of the plan hitting the columns.

Few columns sparked as much outrage from readers as those about whether passengers should be able to recline their seats, especially at a time when airlines are cramming more seats in their coach cabins. Remember the 515 plastic device the Ford Defender, which passengers hooked onto the seat in front of them to prevent that passenger from reclining into their laps?

To this day, I have colleagues who will never use an airline blanket again following the column on US Airways' decision to no longer automatically replace the used blankets left behind on passenger seats between flights. Instead, it ordered employees to do visual inspections for soiled or stained to determine if the blanket should be refolded and stored for the next flight rather than removed and cleaned. As long as the blankets appear

clean, the airline will swap them out between one and seven days, depending on the type of flight.

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Fri-Sun 12:30-5:15-9:20-9:45

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Fri-Sun 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:25-9:35

How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)
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Fri-Sun 12:00-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:00

Accepted (13) Daily 7:25-9:35
Fri-Sun 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:25-9:35

Zoom (PG) Daily 7:00-9:15
Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30

The Devil Wears Prada (13)
Daily 7:30-9:45
Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:20-9:45

Art Bully (PG) Daily 7:15-9:30
Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30

Baywatch (PG) Daily 7:00-9:15
Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:15

Material Girls (PG) Daily 7:15-9:30
Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30

You, Me and Dupree (13)
Daily 7:30-9:45
Fri-Sun 1:00-3:10-5:20-7:30-9:45

World Trade Center (13)
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and warm. Highs in the upper 80s.
Tonight: A mostly clear and quiet night. Lows in the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Warming up with plenty of sunshine around. Highs in the middle 80s.

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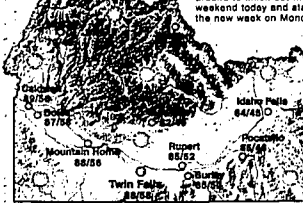
Today: Sunny skies and warm. Highs in the middle 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and cool. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny with temperatures heating up. Highs in the lower 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 High pressure will be in control of the weather pattern. This will result in sunny days with no rain or thunderstorms expected through tomorrow. Temperatures will also be warming up.

BOISE Today and Monday will provide the area with very nice weather. Skies will be mostly sunny and it will be warm. Tuesday expect an increase in clouds and wind.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Mostly sunny, warm, and pleasant weather will be around to finish out the weekend today and start the new week on Monday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 92 at Orono, Low: 33 at Stanley
 weather: heavy rain, scattered showers, fog, heavy snow, ANAS, heavy snow, m. cloudy, m. sunny, m. fog, partly cloudy, heavy rain, showers, snow, heavy snow, thunderstorm, wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly clear skies	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny skies	A mix of sun and clouds, breezy	Partly cloudy, breezy, and cool
High: 88	Low: 53	93/60	91/58	84/52	78/53

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	70	43	Trace
Coeur d'Alene	64	48	0.00"
Jerome	70	43	0.00"
Lowell	60	31	0.00"
Mesa	70	43	0.00"
Reburton	67	34	Trace
Stanley	72	33	0.01"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's Low: 49	Month to Date: 0.01"	Yesterday's Minimum: 30%	Yesterday: 30.07 in	Sunrise: 6:09 AM, Sunset: 6:18 PM	Koehn, R. Thistle, Pigweed
Record High: 84 in 1996	Year to Date: 12.07"	Today's Maximum: 14%	Monday: 30.07 in	Sunrise: 7:01 AM, Sunset: 6:18 PM	Banana, Chlorophytum
Record Low: 27 in 1962	Month to Date: 0.01"	Today's Minimum: 14%	Monday: 30.07 in	Sunrise: 7:01 AM, Sunset: 6:18 PM	Banana, Chlorophytum

MOON PHASES

Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 22
First Chr.	Full Moon	Last Chr.	New Moon

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Monday	Monday	Monday
Moonrise: 11:47 AM	Moonset: 10:10 PM	

U.V. INDEX

Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	81-90	80-89	80-89
Idaho Falls	81-90	80-89	80-89
Lowell	81-90	80-89	80-89
Shoshone	81-90	80-89	80-89
Stanley	81-90	80-89	80-89
Twin Falls	81-90	80-89	80-89
Wendover	81-90	80-89	80-89

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	81-90	80-89	San Diego	71-80	70-79
Boston	61-70	60-69	Seattle	51-60	50-59
Chicago	71-80	70-79	Washington, DC	61-70	60-69
Denver	71-80	70-79	Phoenix	81-90	80-89
Houston	81-90	80-89	Portland	61-70	60-69
Los Angeles	71-80	70-79	San Francisco	61-70	60-69
Memphis	71-80	70-79	St. Louis	71-80	70-79
Minneapolis	61-70	60-69	Tempe	81-90	80-89
New York	61-70	60-69	Wichita	71-80	70-79
Philadelphia	61-70	60-69	Yonkers	61-70	60-69
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Portland	61-70	60-69			
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
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Saving Fido

More pet owners are buying insurance for furry members of the family

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For Tara Martens, having pet insurance isn't so much about saving money as it is about having peace of mind.

Sure, saving money on her pets' health care bills is a good thing. But never having to worry that she'll be forced to choose "economic euthanasia" for dogs Abby and Tiga and cats Humphrey and Spencer is even better.

"Economic euthanasia" is a term coined by veterinarian Jack Stephens and it's the reason he decided to first look into the idea of pet health insurance some 25 years ago. A small animal veterinarian at the time, it broke Stephens' heart to see a client make the difficult decision to put their pet to sleep because they simply couldn't afford the expensive treatment for a serious injury or chronic health problem.

"Many people made decisions they didn't want to because they didn't have the money," said Stephens, founder of Pets Best Insurance. Martens went out and got pet insurance last October, the day after her Labrador-hound mix, Tiga, suffered a puncture wound in her head and a crushed canine tooth after being caught in a badger trap along Billingsley Creek near Hagerman. Martens rushed Tiga to her veterinarian, who stitched up her head and did a root canal on the tooth. The bill was close to \$700.

"The next day, I got pet insurance," Martens said. "It was a peace of mind thing more than anything. No matter how good we take care of our animals, unexpected things do happen."

Today, Martens has the Pets Best First Plan, one of four plans the company offers, on all four of her pets.

Had Martens had the plan when Tiga was injured, she would only have had to pay the \$75 deductible and 20 percent of the veterinary bill. The other 80 percent — up to \$7,000 — would have been covered by Pets Best.

Career change

Jack Stephens had a small animal veterinary practice in Anaheim, Calif., when he first got the idea for pet insurance. He said he just got tired of seeing his clients having to choose euthanasia for their pets because they just couldn't afford to pay to treat their diabetes, liver disease or cancer. There had to be a better way,

he thought. What about pet insurance?

The chairman of the Veterinary Association of Southern California at the time, Stephens floated the idea among his colleagues, who agreed it was an idea whose time had come. But when he took it to the mainstream insurance companies, no one was interested. So with the help of his fellow veterinarians, Stephens raised the money and founded Veterinary Pet Insurance, VPI, in 1982. That's when his career took a new path.

"I never dreamed I would leave my veterinary practice," Stephens said.

Launching the company, and keeping it going, wasn't easy.

"It was very, very hard," Stephens said. "It lost money for 17 years. Then, in 1997, we made \$8 million. By 2003, it was over \$100 million."

A different vision

Stephens parted with the company a couple of years ago when he and his partners had a difference of opinion in the direction they wanted the company to go.

He and his wife, Vicki, packed up and moved to Twin Falls, Vicki's hometown. Not long after, Stephens crossed paths with Greg McDonald, chairman of General Fire and Casualty in Boise, and the former owner of McDonald Insurance in Twin Falls.

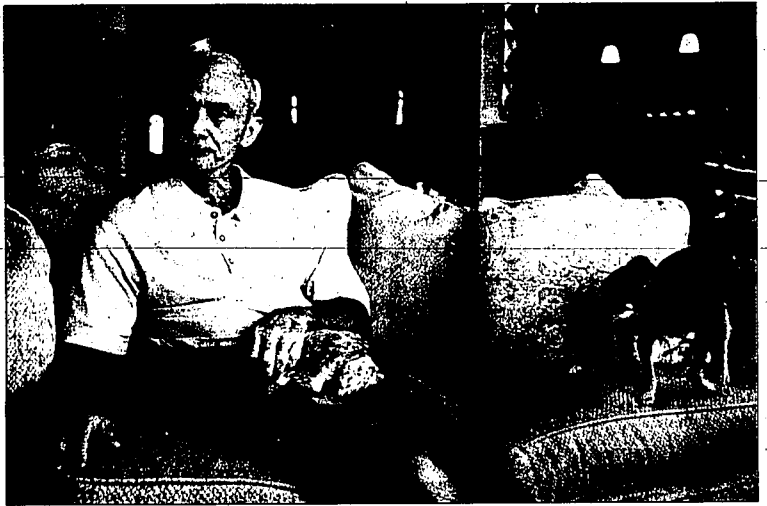
McDonald shared Stephens' vision for a simple, user-friendly pet insurance company. About a year ago, they joined forces to start Pets Best.

Pets Best offers four different plans: the Basic Plan, the First Plan, the Accident Plan and a Wellness Plan. Clients choose between a \$75 or a \$200 deductible, and monthly premiums range anywhere from \$4 to \$50 depending on the plan. Its deductible and the age of the pet. After paying the deductible for the "incident," which could be anything from a chronic illness like diabetes to an accident like Martens' pet had, the plan pays 80 percent of everything else, including office visits, tests, surgeries and medications.

"Our plan is very simple," McDonald said. "It pays 80 percent of the medical bill."

A growing industry
Pet insurance is a relatively young, but growing industry in the United States, McDonald said. He said Pets Best has four major competitors, including VPI, though there are some

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Jack Stephens started his first insurance company for pets 25 years ago when he was a small animal veterinarian in southern California. Stephens said it broke his heart to see people choose 'economic euthanasia' for their pets because they couldn't afford to have them treated for serious injuries or chronic illnesses. Teacup Chihuahua Torey snuggles in his lap as miniature pincher Skeeter snoozes nearby, and miniature pincher Cooper keeps watch.

Couple testifies to pet's healing power

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jack and Vicki Stephens' love for animals is evident by the amount of yapping that visitors hear when they ring the couple's doorbell. There to greet you are teacup chihuahua Torey, miniature pinchers Skeeter, Raisin, J.R. and Betty, chihuahua-dachshund mix Cooper and Scottish deerhound Obie, who dwarfs the rest of the canine crew. Betty, her back legs paralyzed after being hit by a car, gets around amazingly well in something of a custom canine wheelchair. Vicki read about her on a Web site, immediately fell in love, and flew to Texas to adopt her and bring her home, where the spunky pooch joined the rest of the Stephens' happy canine family.

"Betty is a hero and a fantastic pet with a huge heart," said Vicki, executive director of the Skeeter Foundation. Named after the Stephens' 15-year-old miniature pincher, the Foundation's purpose is to foster programs that endorse its "Prescribe Pets, Not Pills" philosophy.

Betty is joining other dogs, cats, rabbits, miniature horses, a llama, some guinea pigs and even a dove that sports a tuxedo on the Pets Not Pills therapy team which brings smiles to the faces of people in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice centers and schools.

Jack figures Betty will especially be an



Vicki Stephens, executive director of the Skeeter Foundation, pets Scottish deerhound Obie while miniature pincher Betty takes five. Betty, whose hind legs were paralyzed when a car hit her on a busy street in Texas, is on the Skeeter Foundation's 'Pets Not Pills' team which brings smiles and comfort to people in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice centers and schools.

inspiration to children with disabilities. "She'll show children they can still have a good life even if they're in a wheelchair," Jack said.

Indeed, studies have shown that simply petting an animal can lower blood pressure. And a scientific study funded by the Skeeter Foundation in July showed that the companionship of a pet actually raises the levels of feel-good hormones in the body.

"Many of us have witnessed the incredible value and health benefits of our pets," Vicki said.

Vicki and Jack experienced the healing power of pets first-hand back in 1990, when Jack was diagnosed with throat cancer and given just six months to a year to live. Jack could have just given up, but a

miniature pincher named Spanky had as much to do with curing his cancer as the radiation implants did. And although some people might indeed spoil their pets, their pets give back to them ten-fold.

"The real story is what our pets do for us," Jack said.

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On the Net

See an interview with Pets Best founder Jack Stephens on the Times-News Web site.

What to look for in a pet insurance carrier

- **Look for plans that give you the option of covering illnesses, including chronic illnesses, and accidents and routine care.**
- **The company should be licensed in your state.** Be sure you have coverage when needed by choosing a pet insurance company that is regulated by your state government.
- **How your reimbursement payment is calculated is one of the most important things to understand when buying pet insurance.** Unfortunately, some of the pet insurance companies in the U.S. sell policies that initially look like they provide good coverage, but contain limits and exclusions in the policy's fine print that allow them to avoid paying a large portion of your claims.
- **The plan should allow you to visit your own veterinarian, as well as after-hours emergency veterinarians and specialists.**
- **It should allow you and your veterinarian to determine the best treatment for your pet.** When your pet needs a treatment your veterinarian recommends, you shouldn't have to worry if it's included on the benefit schedule or not.
- **It should allow you to choose a deductible that suits your needs and budget.** Be sure to choose a company that allows you to change plans and deductibles without penalty — this will allow you to maintain your pet's coverage even in times of financial hardship.
- **It should have high per incident and lifetime limits.** Some pet insurance companies limit the amount they reimburse you for medical care by having low per incident and lifetime limits. Choose a plan that allows you to effectively budget for the true costs of unexpected illness and accidents.
- **Look at what is not covered:** These are commonly called exclusions. You should be cautious if a pet insurance provider doesn't provide you with a list of hereditary exclusions prior to buying a policy.
- **Look for a company your veterinarian recommends.**
- **It should employ pet lovers like you.** Ask if you'll be dealing with representatives who not only understand pets but also care about and understand pets. This can be important when you have a problem or need help with a claim.

Source: Pets Best

About Pets Best

Pets Best offers four pet insurance plans. To find out more, visit the Pets Best Web site at www.petsbest.com, or call 877-738-7237.

DVRs were expected to turn TV upside down, but we've stayed tuned

By Frank Ahrens
The Washington Post

Prime-time television and its mighty 30-second commercial were supposed to be in trouble when a cutting-edge technology arrived on the scene several years ago, giving viewers a tool to zip past the traditional, on-screen ads.

Digital video recorders were like VCRs with super powers: able to pause live television, effortlessly

record a season's worth of shows and even pick programs they think you will like. By shifting television's time schedule and watching recorded programs at their convenience, viewers could skip those annoying ads with the click of the remote.

Today, as the DVR becomes more accessible to the mainstream — notably because cable and satellite companies are starting to incorporate the technology into the set-top boxes already in millions of living rooms —

the technology is having a different impact.

Most viewers have not radically rearranged their television schedules. People are watching more, not less, television. And, most interesting, DVRs may end up preserving mass-audience network television by offering viewers more choices and giving advertisers novel solutions to reach potential customers.

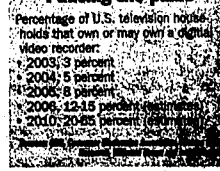
TIVO Inc., which pioneered the DVR, owns about one-third of the market

and has entered the lexicon as a replacement for the phrase "to tape a show." But with the cable and satellite companies on board, industry researchers say 12 million to 15 million homes are likely to have a DVR by the end of the year. By 2010, that number could be as high as 65 million.

Now, TiVo and television advertisers are working hand in hand to revolutionize the decades-old model of

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Pausing the panic



YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Kevin Askew

TWIN FALLS — Century 21 Greater Valley Properties announced the addition of Kevin Askew as sales associate. Askew is a native of the Magic Valley who enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, water and snow sports and brings with him an extensive understanding of the agricultural industry. He is married and has two children.



capacity for professional leadership, and his willingness to serve. He will be honored at a roundtable breakfast during the convention.

Police officers

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department announced the promotion of two officers.

• Don Fustos was promoted to the rank of Police Staff Sergeant. Fustos has worked for the department since 1995 and he has distinguished himself in many fields and responsibilities. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division and will co-manage one of two patrol platoons.



• Ryan Howe was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Howe has worked for the department since 1999 and has excelled at many projects and assignments. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division as a supervisor.



Rob Cronin

HAILEY — Rob Cronin, a realtor with Coldwell Banker, Conklin and Co., has been selected as one of 10 finalists for the 2006 Good Neighbor Awards by the National Association of Realtors.

Realtor Magazine's Good Neighbor Awards, in its seventh year, recognizes Realtors who are examples of the power of one person to improve the quality of life for others. There were more than 300 entries. Five winners selected from the finalists will receive travel expenses to the Realtors Conference and Expo in New Orleans in November, national media exposure and a \$10,000 grant for their community cause. In addition to the winners, five honorable mentions will each receive a \$2,500 grant. The winners will be announced in November in Realtor Magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Realtors.

Cronin was nominated for

his work with the American Cancer Society's Camp Rainbow Gold, an overnight summer camp equipped with a medical team and social worker that gives children who have been diagnosed with cancer a fun-filled camp experience at no cost to their families. Cronin, a cancer survivor himself, has filled every role: board member, fundraiser, counselor, activities director and camp director. He has raised \$1.4 million in two years for a new scholarship program to send former campers to college and to help the camp buy land and facilities.

Claudeen Buettner

TWIN FALLS — Claudeen Buettner, vice president and chief academic officer at the College of Southern Idaho, was appointed to a statewide nursing task force by Gov. Jim Risch. The task force's mission will be to address the nursing shortage in Idaho.



"I have asked the folks who make up this task force to identify all key issues and provide me with recommendations that will resolve the nursing shortage in Idaho," Risch said when making the appointments.

Chad Brown

TWIN FALLS — John V. Evans Sr., president of D. L. Evans Bank and former governor of Idaho, announced the appointment of Chad Brown as commercial loan officer for the new Twin Falls financial center. Brown has over four years of banking experience specializing in commercial lending, including three years with Farmers National Bank. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Economics with a major in Ag Business.



Brown is a lifetime resident of Idaho and is active in the community participating in the Kiwanis and is an active Vandal Booster.

MILESTONES

Ivan Merchants opens for banking business

Ivan Merchants recently held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors at the Chamber office. Merchant banking and credit card banking along with risk management are their specialty. For more information, call Ben Richards at 420-9075.



Ben Richards, cutting the ribbon, his family and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors open Ivan Merchants recently at the Chamber office.

Cancer support group opens doors in T.F.

Whole Being Cancer Relief Group held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors at our Savior Lutheran Church. Whole Being is an all inclusive nonprofit cancer support group. They hold monthly group meetings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every first and third Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the KMTV Community Room. For more information, call LaDonna Magnolia at 733-3774.



Whole Being Cancer Relief Group holds a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors at Our Savior Lutheran Church. From left: Karen Doscher, group co-facilitator; Mayor Lance Olwe; LaDonna Magnolia, group founder/facilitator; and Bob Wayment, church president.

Starbucks celebrates opening at Fred Meyers

Starbucks Coffee held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors to celebrate the opening of their new location in the Fred Meyer Store at 705 Blue Leases Blvd. in Twin Falls. They serve beverages of all kinds, including espresso and fruit specialties. For more information or to place an order for pick-up, call 736-5340.



Shown opening the new Starbucks location are, from left, Karen Mangum, Sandra Hamby, Leo Jaramillo, Lance Kawamura and Michelle Winn.

Carolyn Shoemaker

TWIN FALLS — Carolyn Shoemaker joined the Cooper Norman team in January 2006. Shoemaker graduated from Marshalltown Community College with an Associate of Science degree in business administration. Since her employment, she has developed skills in the areas of monthly accounting, payroll reports, financial statements, and tax preparation.

Tammy Geddes

TWIN FALLS — Tammy Geddes joined the Cooper Norman team in May 2006. Geddes graduated from central Oregon Community College with an Associates of Applied Science degree and is certified as a QuickBooks Pro Advisor. Since her employment, she has developed skills in the areas of monthly accounting, payroll reports, financial statements, and tax preparation. She also serves on the Payroll and QuickBooks committees for Cooper Norman.

J.D. Davis

TWIN FALLS — J.D. Davis was awarded the National Council of Teachers of English Leadership Development Award. He was also awarded \$500 to attend the NCTE Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in November. Davis is a teacher at Twin Falls High School and was nominated for the award by the Idaho Council of Teachers of English. He won because of his teaching experience, his

CONTRIBUTIONS

Rupert student wins \$500 scholarship

The Organization of Rupert Businesses awarded Kendra Joyce its annual \$500 scholarship. Joyce was chosen based on her interest in pursuing a career in business and for her exemplary grades and hard working attitude. She has maintained a grade point average of 3.79 while participating in sports, family activities, a variety of clubs and organizations and holding an after school job. She is the daughter of Stacy and David Joyce of Rupert. Her plans are to attend Utah State University, majoring in accounting.



At right, Beth Cofer of the Organization of Rupert Businesses presents Kendra Joyce a \$500 scholarship during the group's monthly meeting at Doc's Pizza on Aug. 2.

Pets

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smaller companies sprinkled across the country. "Pet owners in the past five years have been purchasing more and more insurance to help pay their veterinary bills," McDonald said. "In European countries, pet insurance has been popular for 15 years. It really didn't catch on here until five years ago and it's been accelerating ever since." McDonald said five years ago, about 65,000 pets in the U.S. were insured. Today, it's over 600,000. Still, that's less than 1 percent of the nation's pets. In the United Kingdom, 14 percent of pets are insured, he said.

So why is the industry growing? Both Stephens and McDonald say "bonded" pet owners want more for their pets.

"For a bonded pet owner, their pet's insurance is just as important as their own health insurance," McDonald said. "They're going to do everything they can to make sure their pet receives the very best veterinary care if it's sick or hurt."

Local veterinarian Dr. Zsigmond Szanto said he's

seeing more and more clients with pet health insurance in his practice. "There are definitely more people interested in it as costs are rising," Szanto said. Szanto said he likes the way Pets Best operates. Pet owners give their bill to Pets Best, which simply reimburses the pet owner. The pet owner can take his pet to any veterinarian he wants to. "Veterinarians are kind of cut out of it," Szanto said. He also likes the simplicity of Pets Best insurance. "It's a nice change in the way they're setting up premiums and what they're covering," Szanto said.

Szanto encourages pet owners to ask many questions when shopping for a pet insurance company. For instance, they should find out if the company covers ailments that are specific to certain breeds of dogs. For instance, dachshunds can have neck and back problems, and older Labrador retrievers can have hip problems.

Pet owners should make sure the insurance they pur-

chase will cover those things, Szanto said.

Pets Best has a call center and 25 representatives in Boise, and eight representatives out in the field, and it's looking to open a call center in Twin Falls somewhere down the road. Pets Best has clients in 24 states and expects to have clients in all 50 states by year's end. It markets its plan through its Web site and material placed in veterinarians' offices, and clients can purchase insurance online with the click of a mouse.

Stephens expects the company to bring in \$6 million or \$7 million its first year, \$31 million in 2007 and \$56 million in 2008. But the best thing, he said, is the comfort of "knowing that more and more people will never have to decide on 'economic euthanasia' for their beloved pets."

"It prevents a pet owner from ever facing that dilemma," Stephens said.

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DVR

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supporting network television. The Silicon Valley company announced in July that it would start selling customer commercial-viewing data to networks and advertisers. And this fall, viewers will be introduced to prime-time commercials made expressly for DVR users — ads that include extra content seen only when viewers go frame by frame through the commercials, creating a deterrent against using the fast-forward button.

"When the DVR came on the scene, there were all these apocalyptic predictions as to how it was going to destroy the mass market and mass-market TV," said David Poltrack, chief research officer at CBS Corp. and president of CBS Vision, the company's research shop. "People became infatuated with the technology and the idea that people were going to take total control of their TV viewing."

Poltrack is one of the industry's experts on researching viewing habits and telling programmers and executives what the data mean. At presentations, he likes to flout a photograph of a 2000 New York Times Magazine cover story that predicted "The End-of-the-Mass-Market" because of DVRs.

What the doomsayers missed, Poltrack said, "was the logical conclusion that the amount of TV that people watched was limited by the fact that these programs ran against each other."

That limit disappears with the DVR, which can record one show while you watch another. True, a videocassette

recorder can do the same thing. But programming a VCR and taping a show can be cumbersome and time-consuming. Seven out of 10 owners use DVRs to play recorded tapes (such as rented movies) rather than to record television programs to watch later, according to the Consumer Electronics Association. The joke of the "blinking 12:00" — a sign that viewers never learned how to program their VCRs — turned out to be true.

But with DVRs, viewers can, at the touch of a few buttons, record all of their favorite shows for an entire season, all of which are stored neatly on a hard drive inside the recorder. Given the opportunity to easily record shows, people wind up watching more of the most popular programs. Overall television viewing in households that own DVRs increases after their purchase, according to several surveys. That means those viewers are exposed to more advertising.

This fall, ABC is moving one of its most popular shows, "Grey's Anatomy," to Thursday nights, opposite CBS's most popular show, "CSI." Poltrack expects viewers with DVRs to watch both instead of having to choose between them.

It also turns out that DVRs are not killing live viewing or shuffling the weekly prime-time schedule, at least not yet. From Sunday to Friday, 84 percent of all prime-time television viewing in DVR households is live, according to Nielsen Media Research. According to the same data, 61 percent of prime-time pro-

gramming recorded by DVRs is watched on the same days it airs.

And even though there are only six major broadcast networks compared with hundreds of cable channels, 77 percent of the shows recorded by DVRs air on a network such as ABC or Fox, rather than a cable channel such as ESPN or TNT, Nielsen reported.

The networks think they can make more advertising money if they can figure out how to get past one other statistic, and it's a troubling one: Ninety percent of DVR owners say they fast-forward past some or all commercials, CBS data show. But new information about how DVR users interact with commercials raises questions about that statistic. A March survey by Millward Brown marketing researchers found that 42 percent of non-DVR owners recalled specific brands in commercials they had seen, such as Ford or Taco Bell. For DVR owners, the number was 43 percent.

More DVR-inspired creativity is at work.

In May, General Electric Co. began showing commercials to viewers with DVRs to highlight benefits of some of its heavy industrial products, such as jet engines and diesel locomotives. One 30-second spot featured an elephant dancing in a jungle to "Singin' in the Rain," as other animals look on. Viewers with DVRs were shown how to pause the commercial at certain moments. When they did, it popped whimsical, fictional biographical information about the animals.

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LOST dog, 3 month old black Pug/Boston Terrier cross, female. Has injured left front leg. Lost 8/22 near White Pine. Call 878-8468 or 431-5281.

LOST Foot control for trolling motor at Jerome. Call wash 8/19/06. REWARD! Call 208-731-2399.

LOST German Shepherd female 2 years old. Turquoise green collar. Robert Stuart School area. Reward! Call 208-460-0592.

LOST Mountain bikes (2) kids. 1 blue Trek Fuel 50, 1 light blue Trek 220. REWARD. No questions asked! Call 208-481-0330.

LOST Pomeranian, small 4-5 lbs white with tan spot. Lost 8/7 around north D St., Rupert. Family is moving kids devastated at loss. 219-5989 or 208-219-9359

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FOUND cat, striped Tabby cat, Gray, tan, cream and brown. Rings around tail. De-clawed and neutered. Light greenishyellow eyes, friendly. Found on S. Blue Lakes. Call 208-734-1897

FOUND Chows (2) Golden
Friendly, & affectionate. Need loving home. Unable to keep home. Call 825-5014.

FOUND cow dog, young in color. Found on 400 North in Rupert (The Mindoka Dam Road). Call Animal Rescue 436-8904.

FOUND puppy, male, black white tummy & paws. Looks, 3-4 mo. old. Found 8/17 near South 2nd St. in Rupert. 438-5226.

FOUND, Australian Shepherd, black and white young female. Found near river on Baseline Road in Rupert. 208-219-9942.

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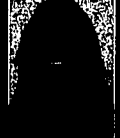
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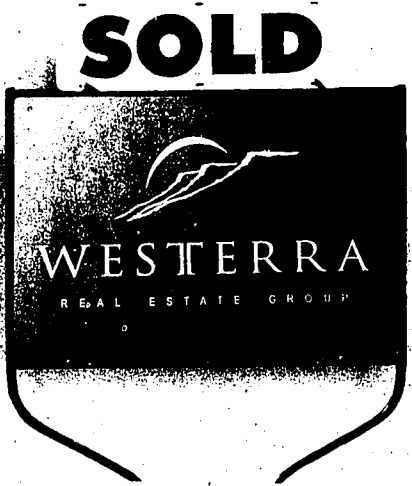
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IS THIS YOU?
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Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Hardly anyone in my bridge group remembers to declare honors, including me. What can we do so that we won't forget?

Honorable Lady, Danville, Ill.

ANSWER: Can I suggest that since dummy may claim honors for declarer, dummy's responsibilities include asking her partner when appropriate if she had honors. Note: honors CAN be claimed during the play of the hand — so if you have them and know you will not give away strategic or tactical information to the opponents, claim them at any point you like. The last moment for claiming is the start of the next rubber — I was surprised to discover.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner opened one no-trump on two recent occasions. On the first I held a good hand with six diamonds, four spades and a club void. On the second occasion I had six diamonds in an unbalanced hand and only five points. I know I can't bid three diamonds with BOTH of these hands — but with which one should I make that call?

Unstable, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

ANSWER: If you do not play transfers, I suggest playing a jump to three diamonds as forcing, and getting to three diamonds via a Stayman two-club bid as weak. But better is to play transfers. A three-club response shows diamonds, weak or strong. Partner must bid three diamonds whereupon you pass with weakness and bid on when strong. Stayman, then three diamonds, now becomes forcing, guaranteeing a four-card major. Otherwise you would have transferred immediately.

Dear Mr. Wolff: The auction started one heart on my right, one spade from me, four hearts on my left. My partner held ♠Q-7-4, ♥5-2, ♠A-Q-10-3-2, ♠7-5-2 and passed. Four hearts made 10 tricks, while four spades over way would have come very close. Was she right not to bid over four hearts?

Are We There Yet? Mason, Ga.

ANSWER: Many people believe that the opponent's four-heart bid acts as a transfer to partner to bid four spades! With the actual hand I think I might bid four spades — a clear overbid by a trick or more — because the opponents will not always know what to do next. It switches the problem over to them, whereas passing here is likely to be the final decision.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I am an intermediate player. Can you advise me how to use a jump to four no-trump after Stayman? Is that Blackwood or quantitative? And what about a four-no-trump call after a transfer?

Making Advances, Calgary

ANSWER: This is a fine question. Experts use both jumps to four no-trump as quantitative, NOT Blackwood. So how do you set your suit (or partner's) as trump? In the first case you use a jump in a new suit after Stayman to agree partner's suit, then bid Blackwood. In the second case start with a Texas Transfer at the four-level, then follow up with Blackwood.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I dealt myself ♠K-4, ♥A-K-Q-3 ♠K-10-9-5-2, ♠4-3. When I opened this hand one diamond and my partner responded one spade, what was I supposed to do next?

Tied-Up Tommy, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: One way to avoid this problem is to open one no-trump. Your honor structure may make this ugly, but at least you get your hand-type across. As it is, I'd guess whether to rebid one no-trump (lying about my club stop and high cards) or to rebid two diamonds and pretend I have a sixth diamond. In the old days we opened one heart and solved the problem — but don't tell anyone!

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Part five of our summer adventure series

Get out on the North Side

Virginia's picks

Don't be deceived by those long stretches of highway through lava and sagebrush between Jerome and the Blaine County line. There's fun lurking on the North Side.

Motor-powered or calorie-filled. Nostalgic or natural. And several options for shaking off the heat of August.

To help you find the summer adventure that suits your tastes, *Times-News* features writers are scouring many corners of the valley to find prime get-out-and-go spots. This week, I show you a few North Side gems you might not know about.

Our weekly "Get Out" series concludes next Sunday, with a surprising final installment: Steve Crump's tour of Owyhee County adventures. He'll take you where, perhaps, you've never been before.

Virginia S. Hutchins

1 West Magic, north of Shoshone

On the western edge of Magic Reservoir, this take-care-of-your-neighbors little town is a prime spot for furiously fun summer getaways.

Almost full now, the reservoir is popular for waterskiing, boating, sailing, fishing, personal watercraft and wakeboarding. Four-wheeler and motorcycle trails offer trips of 20 to 100 miles. (There are no rentals in town; bring your own boats and ATVs.) Two runways bring in light plane traffic and ultralights. And the reservoir is home to rainbow trout, brown trout, yellow perch and smallmouth bass.

"The fishing is really good right now — it's really steady," said Don Hartman, owner of West Magic Resort.

Deer and antelope are plentiful, and hunters swarm in on fall weekends. Dove season opens Friday. But the wildlife can be enjoyed in other ways, too. The area's many bird species include terns, bald eagles and herons, to encourage them, the locals build birdhouses in winter.

Lava Point, which juts into the reservoir, looks like an island but isn't. The point boasts unimproved camping sites, pit toilets, barbecue grills and picnic tables. (No reservations, no fees, no trash pick-up.) On Labor Day, Hartman expects to see trailer-to-trailer campers along Lava Point.

One of the more unusual forms of fun here: wind kiting on a huge flat near the village. Big kites power little buggies with inflated tires, and West Magic draws wind kites from the Wood River Valley and eastern Idaho. "They're here when it's windy," Hartman said, "and it's windy an awful lot."

The West Magic Lake Recreation Club's classy deck and its lakeside Richard T. Gillespie picnic shelter are free for public use. The club's Web site (www.damfools.com) displays a calendar of public events — boat parades, barbecues, cook-offs and the like. "These guys know how to have fun," Hartman said.

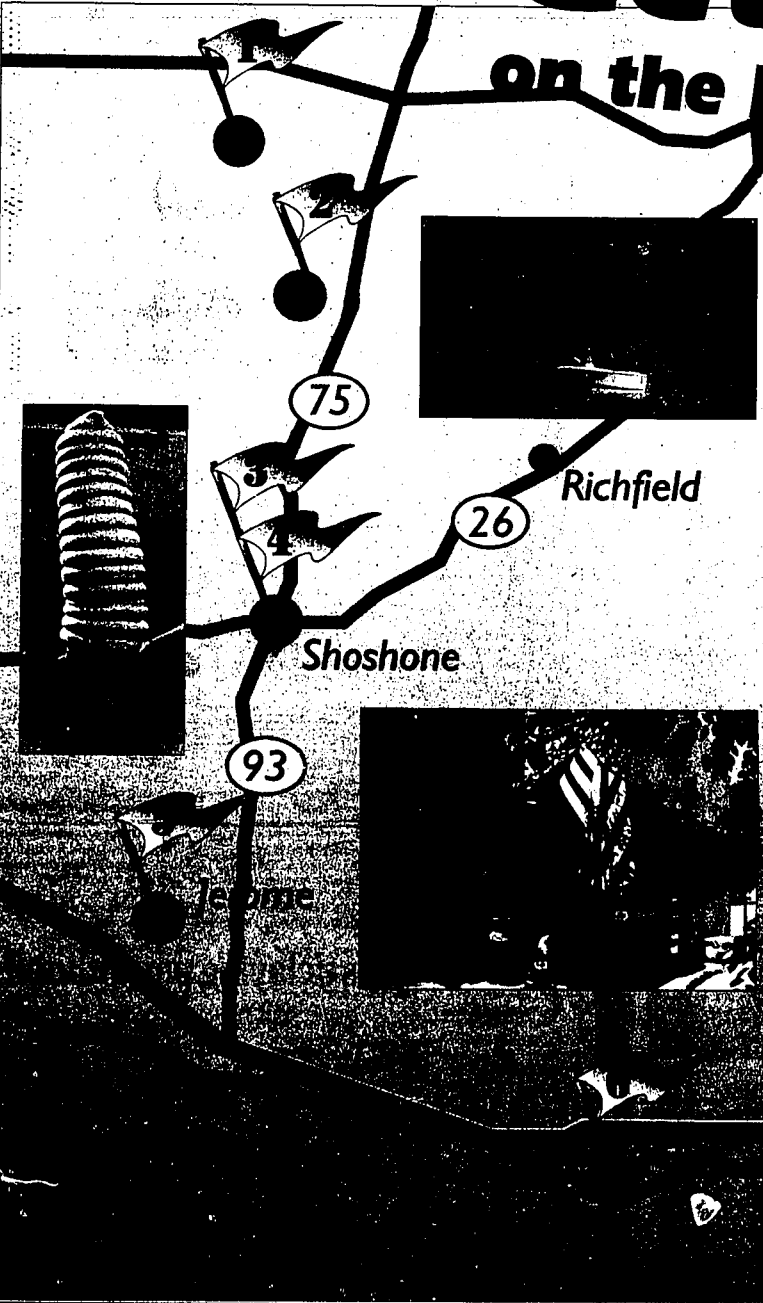
And Hartman's business — restaurant, bar, convenience store, RV park — caters to all that recreation. Near the water's edge and Lava Point's free camping, West Magic Resort has a deck and patio with lovely views, a menu of breakfast, burgers and sandwiches — even a modest library of books to borrow. That's downright convenient camping.

Get there: Seventeen miles north of Shoshone on Idaho Highway 75 (you'll be just south of a bridge over the Wood River), turn west on West Magic Road. Drive a sunflower-lined 10 miles to the end of the asphalt.

Hours: The grill is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and on Tuesday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed Monday. "The bar will stay open as long as people are here," Hartman said.

Cost: Most stuff around West Magic is free, including camping, trail use and boat docks. To participate in this fall's turkey shoots (you shoot clay pigeons; frozen turkeys are the prizes), you'll pay \$5 per person per shoot.

West Magic Resort's restaurant prices top out at \$17.99, the tab for prime rib on Friday and Saturday nights. Prices for its 30-space RV park are \$20 a night, \$100 a week, \$250 a month or \$700 for the season. Don't forget: Your hunting and fishing licenses, West Magic Resort plans to sell them eventually but doesn't yet.



2 Shoshone Indian Ice Cave, north of Shoshone

The collection of red-painted log buildings near the mouth of Shoshone, Indian Ice Cave seems frozen in the 1950s — the decade that co-owner Fred Cheslik's family began leasing the site from the state and developing it as a tourist attraction. Generations of travelers have posed their children for photos on the dinosaur statue, and the antique store smells of years past. A banner proclaiming "espresso" is a hint of the modern, but the snack bar was closed on my recent visit.



Cheslik's family and their employees cater to about 15,000 visitors a year, giving them lessons on lichen, lava-tube formation, prehistoric Indians and the porous rock

and unusual air flow that preserve year-round ice inside the cave. It's all about the cooling power of evaporation. There's an estimated 20,000 tons of ice in there, eight to 20 feet thick. The entrance is in a pit — a collapsed section of lava tube — with rough rock stairs leading down to a door. Cheslik gave me a private tour, and cool air hit us as we descended.

"The world's best refrigeration, right here," he said. In

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To read about Moon Creek Store (4), Jerome County Historical Museum (5) and Calderon Linn (6), see page E2.

3 Shoshone Snack Bar, south side of Shoshone

Order a large ice cream cone at the Shoshone Snack Bar, and employees will ask if you really mean it.

That's not so strange, after all. My whopping vanilla measured something over 11 inches from the base of the cone to the swirl on top. The lively crowd of regulars urged me to get a cup. Employees will oblige with a large cup if you want to upend your precarious cone and eat it with spoon, but where's the fun in that?

In business beside the highway for close to half a century, the former drive-in serves burgers (the specialty "Baby Hog" is a cheeseburger with ham) and plenty of other fast-food classics. Grilled sandwiches, breakfasts, shakes, malts,

floats, onion rings. And the fry sauce flows freely. But it's the generously sized soft ice cream cones which earned the Shoshone Snack Bar its fame with travelers from all over the state. Tasty, indeed, but I can't imagine downing an entire large by myself.

Get there: 415 S. Greenwood St. in Shoshone. (On the south side of town, that's U.S. Highway 93.)

Hours: In summer: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Cost: \$2.05 for a large ice cream cone and 43 cents for a baby cone, with several sizes between.

Don't forget: Napkins. You'll need many.



From ice caves to ice cream

Watch a video tour of these North Side attractions at www.magicvalley.com.

Missed the previous installments?

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FAMILY LIFE

Get out on the North Side

Ice cave

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fact, in the late 1800s, ice from the cave chilled beer in the booming (and rowdy) town of Shoshone.

More stairs took us 120 feet below the surface, to a wooden plank walkway hanging by cables from the cave's ceiling. Watch your head here; some cables are at angles that could clip your ears in the semi-dark.

In spring, the cave produces an incredible show of huge, hard ice stalagmites and stalactites. Those are all gone this time of year, and porous rock above the cave is releasing a

year's worth of frozen rain and snow as it melts. So the 1,000-foot-long glacier and the walkway above it are wet, and excess water is pumped out in late summer to prevent too much ice forming later.

The cave's late-season attraction is a different one: chilly relief from desert heat. Get there: It's beside Idaho Highway 75, about 16 miles north of Shoshone.

Hours: The gift shop (polished rocks, Indian-style arts and other standard Western merchandise) and the free museum (minerals, gems, arrowheads, antlers) are open

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Cave tours are offered from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until Labor Day; then 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of September. The cave closes in winter.

Cost: A 45-minute tour of the cave and nearby lava formations costs \$3.75 for ages 5-12, \$6.50 for ages 13-61, and \$5.50 for those 62 and older. Kids 4 and under get in free.

Don't forget: A light jacket — remember, it's below freezing in the cave — and shoes suitable for uneven lava terrain and slippery footing. The tour means a 3/4-mile round-trip hike and about 160 stairs.

4 Moon Creek Store, in Shoshone

With half antiques and half horse tack, Moon Creek Store is a cool stop on a hot day — as many a highway traveler has found.

There's plenty to look at even if you're not inclined to buy: old fishing nets and sewing machines, a wooden wheelchair, a still-working vintage Coca-Cola refrigerator, a few mystery gadgets. "The buffalo head's kind of cool, but there's a little bit of everything," says employee Eva Azure. Said customers drove up from Utah this summer to buy old wagon

wheels. And don't be fooled by the hand-painted sign or the anything-but-slick storefront: Moon Creek sometimes attracts celebrities. "Clint Eastwood has bought saddles from us," Azure said. "Bruce Willis stopped in."

On the tack side is a big selection of saddles, spurs, bits, blankets, reins and the like. Moon Creek supplies the Lincoln County Fair's trophy belt buckles and saddles. Azure said with a certain amount of pride. A particular attraction is the tack for miniature horses — rare enough to draw buyers

from Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls.

Get there: 415 N. Greenwood St. in Shoshone.

(That's what Idaho Highway 75 is called on the north side of town.) If you're coming from the north, watch for the building's mountain-scene mural of wild horses.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Cost: Top varied to specify. The top-end item is a \$3,500 antique wagon.

Don't miss: The camel saddle. It's been on the shelf forever, and Azure isn't sure it'll ever find a taker.

5 Jerome County Historical Museum, downtown Jerome

Love Jerome? You'll love it's museum. The main floor of the little building is crowded with bits of this farm community's past: a wooden pitchfork, for instance, and meticulous scale models of a steam tractor, a water wagon, an Avery separator, a sugarbeet cutter, and various horse-drawn vehicles. Old black-and-whites show the labor and love that farm folks invested here a century ago.

Like many a rural museum, this one's a hodgepodge. You'll find pictures of Jerome's early ball teams just steps away from a huge portrait camera or picture from the old Shoshone Falls ferry. A point of pride for the museum is its display of memorabilia from the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, where interned Japanese Americans during World War II persevered in the desolate desert far from home. A few of their dishes, markers, fans and a high school annual are displayed with photographs, news clippings and maps. But perhaps most impres-



sive and sought after strangely enough — is the museum's obituary card catalog. In old library-style drawers, handwritten cards detail on what dates the North Side News printed obituaries for generations of locals. Bound copies of the newspapers, dating back to 1909, reside in the museum's basement.

Get there: 220 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday.

Cost: Free, but the museum accepts donations.

Don't miss: The other treasures in the basement "resource room" — old civic and school documents, annuals, phone books, albums of engagement announcement clippings and shelves and shelves of books.

The museum invites you to spend as much time down there as you want, and it provides a table and chairs for your research comfort.

6 Caldron Linn, south of Hazelton

The Snake River rapids that famously capsized the 1811 expedition of Wilson Price Hunt — devastating his effort to find an all-water route from Missouri to Oregon — still inspire awe.

It's here at Caldron Linn (sometimes spelled other wise) that the Snake River is forced through a rock channel less than 40 feet wide. It's an exceptional spectacle of canyon rock and churn and spray and desert colors that turn lush at the water's edge. And it's still a natural one.

There's arguably no better place in Magic Valley for artistic inspiration or a simple picnic in unspoiled solitude. Bring your camera, your canvas or your journal and explore this stretch of canyon for new perspectives.

But it's no place for the littler children. The "unimproved" dirt paths among the rocks preserve a sense of wilderness wonder, but



you've got to walk with care. No pavement, fences or rails mar the view, so it's a scene to be enjoyed with caution — and proper shoes.

Get there: On Interstate 84, take the Valley Road exit between Eden and Hazelton. Drive south on Valley Road for three miles, until the pavement swings left (east) onto 1300 South. After just over two miles, turn right (south). Another 2.8 miles

puts you at the bottom of the canyon.

Hours: The gravel road leading down to Caldron Linn makes a hairpin turn. You'd be smart to get out well before dark.

Cost: Free. And it's on public land.

Don't forget: Bottled water, snacks and your own trash bag. You'll find no facilities, no toilets, no trash cans here. Leave it beautiful.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The first day of kindergarten can shift family dynamics

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Kindergarten often get a big send-off on their first day of school. They get new backpacks and lunch totes, new outfits, and a heartfelt hug and kiss from mom and dad. Parents might even have done a little homework about separation to make sure the children are prepared.

Anyway, they're big kids now — as they're told over and over — and they'll be fine. But what about the little ones they leave behind?

For many toddlers and preschoolers, that older sibling at home had been their best friend, role model and primary form of entertainment all rolled into one. When the school bus roars away for the first time, a younger child's world might change drastically.

Parents largely control how younger children will react, says Alice Brown, director of the Child Activity Center at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y.

"Whether children are hurt, bothered or damaged by situations often is a function of the anxiety they feel from the adults who are dealing with this," she says. If parents make a huge deal out of kindergarten, if they sob at the bus stop and mope around until the older child comes home, then the toddler will think the family is embarking on a monumental change.

Small children don't understand time progression, so they'll get tense and anxious like their parents without realizing it'll all be over in a few hours. If a parent takes the first day of school in stride, though, the little ones probably will too, Brown says.

Catherine Hutter, a pediatric psychologist at St. Louis Children's Hospital, suggests that parents acknowledge to their toddler that a sense of a void is normal, but that this change has a positive side, too: The toddler can be the center of attention for a while.

Younger children are often competing for attention with



Christine Schutzer and her daughter Kasmyr, 4, wait in their van outside the Mary W. Rieke School in March in Portland, Ore.

the older sibling, or they're trying to please the older children," Hutter explains. "This (alone time) allows parents to appreciate the specialness and uniqueness of the younger child."

More time alone, she said, also makes this "a time of growth" for the younger children.

"Maybe the younger children will make their own friends — this sort of forces the issue," Hutter says. Rachel Di Carlo, a public relations executive in New York, says her son Adrian started school at the same time as his sister, who is 15 months older. Adrian, 3, at the time, went off to nursery school as Juliet went to pre-kindergarten.

"He went to more-little classes at that age just to keep him busy. They had been together every day," recalls Di Carlo. "They're best friends, glued at the hip — and they're still best little friends today."

One of the best ways to prepare for the separation is to make play dates that let the younger kids make their own friends and get used to being away from their siblings, according to Adelphi's Brown. (You'd be surprised how many parents insist on having either the younger or older child tag along on the other's play date, she adds.)

But long before that first play date, there can be smaller

doses of separation. "From birth, there can be little separations. It could be for 15 minutes to go with daddy to the store," says Brown.

"Kids' ages are closer together these days, with many moms taking back-to-back maternity leaves. In the '50s, many parents tried to space children roughly three years apart, believing that when children are 3 they're ready for independence. But at 2, you're in a mushy phase. Now, two years apart seems the norm, so parents don't differentiate between the children much. Parents want the kids to be close so they keep them together a lot."

Whether or not this leads to close friendship when the kids grow up, Brown says it doesn't allow them to develop the coping skills they'll need later in life.

Children and even adults don't like the strange and unusual, but if spending some time away from siblings is made more "normal," then everyone will be able to enjoy that first day of kindergarten, Brown explains. "You're preparing for when big sister or big brother goes off to college, and even for death. The hope is children will only meet the little losses when they're young, but it's important to have coping skills in case something bigger comes along."

Some couples delaying parenthood

The Washington Post

Couples are waiting longer to have children, and they have more discretionary funds to spend on them.

Sales of high-end baby products grew an estimated 20 percent in 2005 — five times as fast as the total \$24 billion infant and preschool industry.

There was a 51 percent increase in births among women age 40 to 44, from 1990 to 2000.

Total fertility rate in the U.S.

Number of live births per

1,000 women age 15-44:

• Late 1950s: 3.8 children per woman in the U.S.

• 1993: 2 children per woman in the U.S.

(This means that a woman who was 15 years old in the 1950s would have about four children by the time she

reached age 44, whereas a woman who was 15 years old in 1999 will be expected to have two children in her lifetime.)

Sources: CNNMoney.com; World Factbook, Population Reference Bureau, Health magazine.

HOT SPRINGS AND HOT SAND

A tour of Owyhee County's attractions
NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

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Times-News

FILER — Times-News correspondent Blair Koch and staff writer Karma Fitzgerald spent the past year following a local 4-Her fair board members and other folks integral to the success of the Twin Falls County Fair.

The results will be published in our special section "A Year in the Life of the Fair" on Tuesday, as well as in Country Roads that day. You can get a sneak peek at <http://www.magicvalley.com> by clicking on the "Year of the Fair" icon in the lower right corner of the page.

Among others, you'll meet 4-H'er Karl Bower and her award-winning heifer.

Is Mars coming close again?

Maybe you've gotten an e-mail recently, pushing about how Mars is going to be spectacularly close to Earth today. If so, I'm sorry to say it's yet another example of something the Internet has gotten very good at: creating a monster of a hoax.

It all started back in the summer of 2003, when Mars was on its way to a historically close approach. An accurate, if breathless, e-mail began circulating, promising that Mars would be no close on Aug. 27 that "when magnified 75 times, it will appear as large as a full moon."



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Venus: ENR, extremely low
Mars: ENR, very low
One hour after sunrise:
Jupiter: ENR, very low
Mars: ENR, very low
Moon: First quarter, 10:48 p.m., Thursday.

Repeated editing and forwarding morphed the e-mail (the "e-telephone game") until the phrase "when magnified 75 times" got de-emphasized or removed altogether, leaving the impression that the red planet was coming close enough to frighten small children and lower property values.

Fast forward to last summer when, Dracula-like, the Mars e-mail rose from the dead. At the time I dismissed it as a well-meaning misunderstanding, because Mars does come somewhat close about every two years. So I patiently answered the e-mail and phone inquiries.

This year, when the Mars e-mail vampire reappeared from beyond the grave, I knew it was a deliberate hoax intended to dupe the non-astronomer.

There's no misunderstanding here: Mars is currently on the opposite side of its orbit, putting it about as far from Earth as it can get, rendering it unobservable in the intervening solar glare. The prankster's fingerprints are revealed in the e-mail's mutation from simple text to a garish display of images (including side-by-side, equal-size moon and Mars pics).

What's an astronomical Wood-Helsing to do? I apply a wood-stake-in-the-heart Web site called www.snopes.com. Be warned, however, that in debunking e-mail balderdash of all stripes, Snopes takes on some with mature themes.

Next week: Jupiter has a case of the spots.

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Fowler Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Twin Falls Senior Center

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

Menus:
Monday: Cured steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese with fruit, bread, salad, cream pie
Tuesday: Chef's salad
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, carrot-raisin salad, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Baked potato bar, salad, dessert
Friday: Turkey with noodles, mixed vegetables, Jell-O salad, chocolate cake

Activities:
Monday: Quilting Monday Bridge Club
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure Exercise class Blind communion
Wednesday: Quilting Ilka Card Club County fair starts
Friday: Blood pressure Lunch bingo Quilting
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus:
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, green salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Beef stew, biscuits, salad, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Baked ham, potato casserole, salad, green peas, cornbread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$3 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under property values.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Cards and dominoes, 8 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Farmers' market, every Wednesday through September.
Spudnuts, every Wednesday through September; call to order, or pick up at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot.
Thursday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.

Menus:
Tuesday: Lasagna, garlic toast, green salad, Jell-O with fruit, corn, pudding
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Fried chicken, potato salad, hot rolls, green beans, corn, fruit, cake, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 8 a.m.
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Speaker, noon
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 8 a.m.
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards and games, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Walking club, 8 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menus:
Monday: Chili, cornbread, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chef's salad, fruit, lemon bars, garlic bread
Wednesday: Escalopes and gravy, fruit salad, pineapple upside-down cake
Thursday: Polish sausage, potato wedges, sauerkraut, sunshine salad, fruit, chocolate cake
Friday: Ham, sweet potatoes, corn, three-bean salad, fruit, coconut cream pie

Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Snack bar, 8 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 1:15 p.m.
Friday: Old Time Fiddlers

Agape Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Menus:
Full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$3 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese with frankfurters, green beans, bread, fruit, cookies
Wednesday: Beef pot pie, peas and carrots, applesauce cake
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, corn on the cob, melon cup

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Mallbu chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, penny carrot salad, applesauce cake, bread
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, tossed salad, custard
Wednesday: French dip sandwich, tater tots, fresh tomatoes, fresh fruit
Thursday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, Jell-O, rolls

Activities:
Monday: Open pool Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Open pool Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Open pool Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Open pool Birthday dinner, noon
TOFS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Salad bar with fajita, fruit, broccoli and Jell-O salads, cottage cheese, beans, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Broccoli soup, egg salad sandwiches, salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Iden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menus:
Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit, salad

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Menus:
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, bread, peas and carrots, green salad, cookies, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Chef's salad with boiled eggs, ham, turkey, cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, celery, radishes and green onions; lemon chiffon pie

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Richfield

Menus:
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Monday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, hot dinner rolls, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Hamburgers,

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Menus:
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, cheese bread, mixed Italian vegetables, sherbet, cookie
Wednesday: Ham and white beans, baked sweet potato, cornbread, Waldorf salad, pineapple upside-down cake
Friday: Barbecue chicken breast, pasta salad, hot rolls, deviled eggs, peach cobbler, ice cream

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, corn, rolls, salad, tapioca pudding
Tuesday: Fingersteaks, french fries, Texas toast, vegetables
Thursday: Beef stew, biscuits, salad, cinnamon rolls
Friday: Smorgasbord

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beverages with meals. Hides are available by phoning the center at 306-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Pork roast with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread
Tuesday: Hawaiian haystacks, rice, fruit, Jell-O, California mixed vegetables, fortune cookies, bread
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menus:
Monday: Chicken enchiladas, rice, Mexi-corn roll, apple salad, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Egg salad sandwich, carrot salad, chips, apple-cherry cobbler
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, green beans, fruit cup, apple cake
Thursday: Apricot chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, coconut cream pie

Gamas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Chinese stir-fry, rice, fruit, bread, cookies
Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, cottage cheese, fruit, bread, pudding
Friday: Porcupine balls, salad, fruit, bread, fruit crisp

Activities:
Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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FAMILY LIFE

Mother tries to engineer her college son's dates

DEAR ABBY: I'm a sophomore in a good university, studying chemical engineering. My mother feels that since I'm studying such a potentially rewarding well-paying field, I should date only other engineers or pre-med students. She says she wants me to date people who will benefit me if we stay together.



DEAR ABBY Joanne Philpotts

I don't want to put my wife in "that position," but I do want my daughters to live with my mother and the rest of the family, including nieces and nephews. I feel like I need to confront this, but I'm not sure how. Any advice? — ON THE SPOT IN KATY, TEXAS

DEAR ON THE SPOT: You wouldn't be on the spot had you dealt with this at the time it occurred. Your mother should be told the truth about why you have stayed away. I don't know how much or how often your father drinks, or if he has pulled this on any of the other women in the family. But as it stands, your daughters should not visit their grandparents unless they are strictly supervised by you and their mother.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Ryan," who is 10 years older than I am, for only two months. He treats me like a princess, but he does not want to have a committed relationship. His last relationship, which lasted three years, was not very good. He has been separated from her for 10 months and still hasn't gotten over her.

I have recently divorced after a marriage of many years. I would like for Ryan and me to be more than friends, but he is unwilling at this point.

Should I give this more time and just stay "friends" — as he calls us — for a while, until he is over his previous relationship and has a clear mind on what he wants?

— NEEDS ADVICE IN KENYON, WY. DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: Absolutely. Because, if I have read your letter correctly, you have no other choice if you want a relationship with Ryan.

Playing the discourtesy card

Do you have your "courtesy card" the clerk at the drugstore register asks me.

Um, no. At least I don't think so. She's looking at the contents of my wallet, where assorted frequent-buyer and courtesy and super-duper-saver advantage club cards issued from other stores peek from behind one another. These are supposed to get me free stuff, or discounts, or something. I've long forgotten just how they came to be in my possession, and I've all but sworn off using them on the grounds that purchasing power of this sort isn't worth the brain cells necessary to keep track of it.

"I don't have it with me," I say, fumbling through. "But that's OK. I'm kind of in a hurry here." "Maybe it's on your key chain?" she says with a look of concern. She's short, with curly hair, an affable grandmotherly sort. "Did you get the key-chain kind? That's the one most people have."

"No," I say. "I don't have it. But that's OK." Really, all I came in here for today was a box of Band-Aids. It's bad enough that it took me 20 minutes to actually locate the Band-Aids. The store is vast, and the aisles aren't set up in an easy grid pattern, so even as you try to make a southward beeline to the back of the store where the first-aid stuff is, you end up wandering



PERSONAL FILE Joanne Marie Laskas

westward, past all sorts of tempting merchandise, which is, I know, exactly the point.

I succumbed to temptation: a two-for-one sale on a bottle of Sublime Bronze Self-Tanning Gelée. That's a \$10 value. Stock up now and save, I figure. I love a fake tan.

So a box of Band-Aids and two bottles of goo. Can't I just pay and leave?

"Phone number?" the woman asks. I give it to her, because I don't have time to argue the point about why everyone I buy anything from nowadays wants my phone number. (Why?)

"No, that's not right," she says. "There is no courtesy card registered to that number."

Oh, we're still looking for my courtesy card? That's her OK," I say. "That's matter —"

"A lot of people have it under their cellphone account," she says.

"Cellphone number?" This goes on. Soon we're trying my office number, my husband's cell and office numbers.

"I don't think you have a courtesy card," she says. "Could that be possible?"

"It really doesn't matter," I say.

"Ten percent off your purchase if you sign up today," she says.

"No, thank you," I say firmly, vowing to come up with a line I can use at times like this in the future. "I choose not to participate." I could say proudly. Or, "I would prefer to avoid that particular effort to trample on my right to privacy." Or better yet: "I just want to buy a stinkin' box of Band-Aids!"

"Sult yourself," the woman says with a shrug. She thinks I'm an idiot. She thinks I'm wasteful. She thinks I should handle my finances more carefully, and so should my husband. She is reading my mind.

My husband went to one of those cheap haircut places recently, and they offered him a club membership, which included a little punch card. After 16 haircuts he could get one free. He did the math. One haircut every two months would take him well into 2009 for the alleged free one. Would he remember? Whose life is not sufficiently complicated without having to keep track of this stuff? You stick these cards in your wallet or dangle them on your key chain, and just knowing they're not creating shame. You're not using them enough. You're forgetting to use them. You've lost one. You're not going to have the documentation required to cash in on your God-given

right to a free haircut in 2009.

"OK, the two-for-one on the self-tanner is only for courtesy card holders," the clerk says.

I have I mentioned that a \$10 value? I open my wallet, spill out the contents, sit through in one last-ditch effort. Alas, it is not here.

"I can sign you up right now," she says. "I just need your phone number."

"I think you already have every phone number I have ever memorized," I say.

"I need the one you want the account under."

I give her one, an act of pure surrender. She prints out a temporary card, says I'll get the real one in the mail within a week. I make the point that this is an awful lot to go through to buy a box of Band-Aids. She says, "It's a good thing I don't have a line."

Between the two-for-one deal and the 10 percent off, I save \$11.40 on my total purchase — a reward that is nothing compared with the prospect that I will soon get to leave. The woman hands me my change, and I am almost taste the freedom awaiting me outside. She bags my items, is about to hand them to me. But first: "Would you like to enter our monthly \$2,500 drawing?" she asks. "You just have to fill out our customer survey."

Joanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Slowly inching toward reinvention

I'm always looking to reinvent myself — it's my nature — so one day I just take out the razor and whack my goatee, a pathetic piece of landscaping that had yellowed in the summer heat.

"Why?" asks my wife. "I'm always reinventing myself," I explain.

"Oh, please," she says. "That's a little dramatic grand, don't you think? Sure, I've had the exact same haircut for 40 years, and the same pair of dress shoes since Nixon's second term."

"I park in the same parking space every day. Eat, essentially, the same breakfast and lunch."

But that doesn't mean I'm not constantly growing and changing in more substantial ways. I'm always pushing the envelope in terms of personal style and fitness.

For instance, I've begun training for touch football season, which begins Oct. 1 and runs till Oct. 8.

I warn my wife that if she notices a little something different about my behavior — a certain seriousness of purpose, an iron-willed self-discipline — not to be alarmed.

I'm not becoming emotionally stunted, or running for office. I'm just getting my game face on.

"Oh, please," she says again. By the way, when I shave the goatee, not one of the kids notices, but they whine like chain saws when I let the front lawn go an extra two weeks. Our oldest — The Daughter Wears Prada — made some crack about the



MAN OF THE HOUSE Chris Erskine

wheat fields of Nebraska.

Fatently, I explain that I've decided to let the lawn grow a little, so I will insulate itself from the late August sun. It will also, in time, begin to reseed and regenerate itself. Much like me.

"Is dad, like, all goofy?" one of the kids asks, as if their mother is a good judge of such things.

"No more than normal," his mother says.

"Thanks, honey. It is so goofy to savor these few crumbs of summer? I sit watching those amazing Dodgers on TV with the toddler draped across my lap like a quilt. Between pitches, I am teaching him how to count on his fingers.

"5-8-7," says the toddler. "8-9-10," I add. "11, 12, brewski," says the toddler.

Honestly, I don't know where he came up with this brewski thing. I admire him for it, sure. The Babylonians used base 60. He uses base beer. But I swear I wasn't behind it. I swear on Mickey Mantle's grave.

We were just sitting there the first time it happened. The toddler counted to 10 perfectly, which startled me because I thought he could only count to five.

I started thinking we might finally be our first prodigy. Bright as I am, I'm long overdue for producing some sort of baby Einstein.

I don't care if it's the viola or the National Football League. I long to be one of those dads who stands quietly off to the side as other parents whisper and point. "Yep, that's him, that's Mozart's dad. Didn't he used to have a goatee?"

And I was on my way with this fantasy, when the toddler started into double digits — 11, 12, brewski!

"I think we might be blessed," I tell my wife.

"Use!" she asks, not looking up from her summer book.

"I think we might be a little Belarus," I say.

Which is good, because summer is fading and time for a last few belly laughs is running out. My khaki-skinned children and I eat homemade pie and search desperately for things to laugh about. The two are not unrelated, humor and dessert. You can't have a really good belly laugh without a belly. Plus, a little gut looks good on a man.

"It's a sign of prosperity," I remind them. "We are not prosperous, dad," the little girl says. We're not? Heck, I thought

we were loaded.

We have several TVs, all going at once. We have two refrigerators, one filled with leftovers from Cheesecake Factory, which is anything but cheap.

We have two dogs, a cat, a goldfish and a couple of squirrels in the attic. I fear one of the children will one day sneak home a giraffe.

If we're not prosperous, who is?

"You should count your blessings," I tell the little girl. "Or your pairs of shoes."

Meanwhile, the grass grows longer and the days grow shorter.

I try to Q-Tip the toddler's left ear, and he hints off, giggling over the intimacy of it all.

On TV, the second baseman throws a baseball into the cheap seats like some Meadowlark Lemon stunt.

See, laughter is everywhere, at least for a few more weeks. While we can, we'll savor summer sunsets and count our punch lines ... 11, 12, brewski! ...

I think I'll grow a beard.

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STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Sophia Darlen Miller, daughter of Kendall Nelson and William Miller of Halley, was born Aug. 6, 2006.

Simone Louise Tillman, daughter of April and Jonathan Tillman of Halley, was born Aug. 8, 2006.

Samantha Mejia-Vallejo, daughter of Blanca Mejia and Oscar Arredondo of Halley, was born Aug. 9, 2006.

Piper Danielle Jones, daughter of Jamie and Ryan Jones of Bellevue, was born Aug. 11, 2006.

Axel Clark Ballard, son of Amanda and Tyler Ballard of Fairfield, was born Aug. 12, 2006.

Jose Francisco Lopez-Cardenas Jr., son of Docielina Cardenas and Francisco Lopez of Halley, was born Aug. 12, 2006.

Annikka Grace Petersen, daughter of Teresa Donnelly and Christian Petersen of Ketchum, was born Aug. 13, 2006.

Brandon Colls Chavez; son of Imelda Chavez and Fabian Colls of Bellevue, was born Aug. 14, 2006.

Suzanne Xochitl Servin, daughter of Denise Reno and Heriberto Salinas of Buhl, was born Aug. 14, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Bogdan Joshua-Lee Logan, son of Teresa Logan and Joshua David Burgess of Twin Falls, was born July 6, 2006.

Challis Estelle Vance, daughter of Filly Deen Vance and Charles Floyd Vance of Kimberly, was born July 20, 2006.

Katelin Iana Ellis and Steven Christopher Ellis, twins, daughter of Nicole Vreth and Larissa Lea Adams of Jerome, were born Aug. 5, 2006.

Karzen James Lemoyne, son of Kall Jo Lemoyne and Tanner John Lemoyne of Wendell, was born Aug. 7, 2006.

Albrina Dawn Pilcher, daughter of Cassandra Dawn and Stanley Jay Pilcher of Buhl, was born Aug. 9, 2006.

Megan Analae Gerhard, daughter of Cynthia del Rocio and Richard Gerhard of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 10, 2006.

Raquel Marie Tirado, daughter of Michelle Marie and Rey Tirado of Buhl, was born Aug. 10, 2006.

Noah Dwight Twitchell, son of Shelly Lin and Larry Dean Twitchell of Hagerman, was born Aug. 10, 2006.

Maya Bella Lee, daughter of Ernie Kay Maestas of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 11, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Adyson Bell Lame, daughter of Jennifer Lynn and Jacob Leslie Lame of Kimberly, was born Aug. 16, 2006.

Ell Scott-Michael Novinger, son of Rachelle Kristene and Keith Gregory Novinger II of Gooding, was born Aug. 17, 2006.

Jaynaele Marie Bates, daughter of Lisa Marie and Marco Bates of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 17, 2006.

Benjamin James Clapler, son of Ivania Mariela and Anthony Archimedes Clapler II of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 17, 2006.

Ian David Leija, son of Kimberly Ann and Adam Leija of Wendell, was born Aug. 17, 2006.

Brayden Ray Urle, son of Naomi Lynn Sweatfield and

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Michael Scott Urle of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 19, 2006.

Jace Wyatt Platte, son of Heather Marie and Seth Craig Platte of Twin Falls, was born Aug. 18, 2006.

Adam Cody Boesiger, son of Candace Marie and Douglas Steven Boesiger of Gooding, was born Aug. 18, 2006.

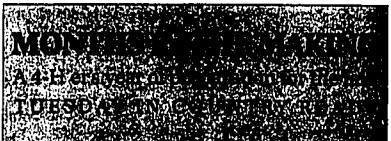
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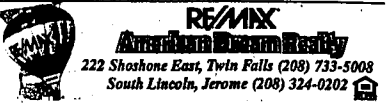
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"Real Estate Corner" WHAT IS TITLE INSURANCE? by Laura Fitzgerald Re/Max American Dream Realty

Everyone uses title insurance, but few people understand it is. Essentially, it protects buyers of property against losses if there is a defect in the property's title. This means you pay to have someone inspecting the property to make sure there are no title problems. Standard title insurance covers defects in public records, forged documents, incompetent grantors, incorrect marital statements or improperly delivered deeds. Extended coverage includes defects in property inspection, inquiries of person in possession, examination of survey, unrecorded liens not known by policy holder. An examination to determine if there are defects in a title is called a title search. ©



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ENGAGEMENTS

PHELPS-ANDERSON

DECLIO — Monte and Shauna Phelps of Payson, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Lovell Phelps, to Sterling J. Anderson, son of Kelly and Leslie Anderson of Declo.

Phelps is a 2004 graduate of Payson High School and attends Brigham Young University.

Anderson is a 2001 graduate of Declo High School and attends BYU. He served in the Ecuador Guayaquil South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The wedding is planned for



Sterling Anderson and Melanie Phelps

Friday, Sept. 1, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Declo LDS Stake Center.

POPE-SINGLETON

WENDELL — Clayton and Marilyn Pope of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Ann Pope, to Collin Singleton, son of Richard and Karin Singleton of Spanish Fork, Utah.

Pope is a graduate of Wendell High School and attended Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Los Palamos Spain Mission. She is employed in a dental office in Orem.

Singleton is a graduate of Springville High School and attends UVSC in Orem. He plans to attend dental school. He served in the New York City



Collin Singleton and Lee Ann Pope

North Spanish-speaking mission.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 2, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Wendell LDS Church.

WOLTERS-HUTCHINS

TWIN FALLS — Lowell and Pamela Wolters of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Dawn Wolters, to Adam Joe Hutchins, son of David and Geri Hutchins of Twin Falls.

Wolters is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho with an associate's degree in bookkeeping. She is employed at the office of Benjamin E. Berhelson, CPA.

Hutchins is employed at the Window Welder and is an auctioneer for the Idaho Auction Barn.



Joe Hutchins and Tamara Wolters

A November wedding is planned in Twin Falls.

VANDEWATER-JONES

BUHL — Robert B. and Susan Vandewater of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Beth Vandewater, to Peter L. Jones, son of Barry and Betsy Jones of Malad City.

Vandewater graduated from Buhl High School in 2002 and the University of Idaho in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in advertising. She is employed by the Idaho Steelheads in Boise.

Jones graduated from Malad High School, and from the U of I in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is employed by the accounting firm of Travis Jeffries in Boise.



Pete Jones and Ellen Vandewater

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. The couple will reside in Boise.

ANNIVERSARY

THE DARRINGTONS

SHELLEY — John and Jolene Darrington of Shelley, formerly of Twin Falls and Jerome, celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family at a reunion in July at Warm River Springs.

John Darrington and Jolene Wassnussen were married Aug. 17, 1956, in the Los Angeles LDS Temple.

He served in the U.S. Navy, then graduated from Brigham Young University. He worked as a schoolteacher and in many areas of potato farming before retiring in 2000. He has been active in community affairs and is a high priest in the LDS Church.

She was a homemaker raising a large family and also worked for Pillsbury in Shelley for many years. She is a talented seamstress and cook.

They have traveled extensively and served an LDS mission in Sparta, N.C. They spend summers in Idaho visiting with family and spend winters in Quartzsite, Ariz.



Jolene and John Darrington

They have nine children: Jody (Walter) Lester of Nampa; Matt (Stacy) Darrington of Idaho Falls; Brad (Val) Darrington of Shelley; Cory Darrington (deceased); Scott (Lizbeth) Darrington of Yerington, Nev.; Karl (Theresa) Darrington of Chino, Calif.; Mark Darrington of Idaho Falls; John (Jae) Darrington of Highland, Utah; and Jan (Keith) Sangster of El Paso, Texas. They have 25 grandchildren and two on the way.

Greetings can be sent to the couple at 669 Holley Ave., Shelley, ID 83274.

MCCRADY-STEWART

HAGERMAN — Gene and Debby McCreedy of Lakeside, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda McCreedy, to James Stewart, son of Gregory and Sherry Stewart of Hagerman.

McCreedy is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School and recently returned from an 18-month church mission in Peru. She will return to Montana State University in the fall to pursue a degree in agriculture.

Stewart is a 1990 graduate of American Falls High School and served in the Guadalajara, Mexico Mission. He attends MSU pursuing an architecture degree and is employed at ABC Rental in Bozeman, Mont.



Amanda McCreedy and James Stewart

The wedding is planned for Friday, Sept. 1, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

An open house will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Hagerman LDS Church.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Lakeside LDS Church.

HUMPHREY-BENNETT

TWIN FALLS — Terry and Sandra Humphrey of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Humphrey, to Levi Bennett, son of Bob and Terri Bennett of Buhl.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Alexander's Country Barn in Filer.

A reception will follow.



Stacy Humphrey and Levi Bennett

B-day today? You do everything right

IF AUG. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It is difficult to do any one or make any social mistakes, as people will react favorably to your charm in the coming months. Between now and mid-November, your popularity is at a high point so ask for the moon, request a raise, apply for the job of your dreams or make an important change of career. Matters of love will go your way and you can create a lasting bond or just enjoy social success. In December and February, you may feel you have been blessed with an abundance of the good things in life. Don't waste your funds or talents by taking on more than you can safely handle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Love the one you're with. Parties or outings have a special zing during the day and tender feelings find exquisite expression in the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Play patty-cake. Romantic twosomes are a definite winner under these stars. Entertain your friends or visit with family. Hold off on making business decisions early in the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Count your blessings. There is no need to stray from the truth or to embellish an idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get out and about. Home is a warm and cozy nest to return to after a day of travel. See the sights or visit with friends. Don't be tempted by a purchase that could be beyond your means.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage. Commitments are highlighted today and you have that special sparkle to impress a devoted audience. Show someone how much you care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wine and dine 'em. Passions peak under these romantic stars so set the stage for intimate get-togethers. The time is ripe for seductive encounters. Buy something daring or dramatic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cupid is on the loose. Your latest heartthrob will be a more-than-willing playmate and match your passions on the tennis court of love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep the faith, baby. People will seek you out for advice due to your bubbling optimism and true-blue attitude. You are sexier than you think, so don't hesitate to show affection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let doubts cloud issues as this week unfolds. Have confidence in others and they will live up to your expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set an exhilarating pace and give in to a romantic whim. Trust your partner or friends to be there when you need them. Avoid committing yourself to a new venture or romance early this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the back seat to a loved one. Just leave the driving to someone else and you can trust that you will reach the right destination.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

Guest lists can be extra tricky

Dealing with the ex can be tough

By Joann Klimkiewicz
The Hartford Courant

As if the dreaded task of compiling the guest list for a wedding weren't unpleasant enough; as if there weren't enough pre-nuptial angst over whether to invite this cousin or that co-worker.

Now, with second, even third marriages so common, some couples are faced with this predicament: Should I invite the ex? And sure as they struggle with the question, so do those ex-spouses, pens hovering over response cards: Will Attend or Will Not?

It's an awkward reality, given that between 40 percent and 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, according to the National Marriage Project, and that about 40 percent of all weddings are so-called encore marriages, according to industry figures.

If they're not fretting over inclusion of an ex-spouse on the invite list, many couples do wrestle with how best to handle their own divorced parents and ensure minimal tension on their big day.

But unlike the more obvious questions of wedding protocol, when it comes to these sticky situations, the etiquette isn't always clear cut. Which is where professionals such as Traci Romano come in. Aside from careful orchestration of the wedding

day's every moment, checking that each table setting is exquisite and every flower arrangement just so, the Westport, Conn., wedding planner increasingly finds herself navigating these potential minefields.

What's the relationship between the ex-spouses? Are children involved? How chilly are things between divorced parents?

"Every situation is different," says Romano, founder of the Romano Group Event Planning and Design. "We tell (clients) that it's really their wedding day. Even if it is a second marriage, they want it to be the best day it can be. If it's going to create conflict or tension, it's best not to invite them."

The question of whether to invite an ex-spouse isn't a frequent one, Romano says. But it does surface. Usually the relationship between the exes is often clear enough for couples to know whether or not to include them. She's had clients who wouldn't think of inviting an ex and those whose first spouses remain important in their lives.

But when relations are a little muddier, when children are a consideration, the question is more complex. And blunt conversations and clear communication is the best approach, Romano said.

"It's going to be an awkward conversation, but it needs to be had," she says. How would inviting an ex make the other half of the

couple feel? How might it make guests feel? Would it serve to make it easier on children, or more confusing?

In terms of the latter, Romano suspects it might be best to keep the family unit intact.

"There's this sense of, 'OK, my family is still together. Even though my mother is remarrying someone else, my father is still here,'" says Romano. "Remarriage in itself is sometimes a traumatic situation for the kids. So a lot of times you really have to think about what's best for them."

Which often means involving children meaningfully in the ceremony. For a second marriage Romano planned two years ago, the couple gave their young daughters rings and their sons watches during their exchange of vows — both circular representations of the bonds they intended to keep not just between themselves, but between the entire family.

Still, says Romano, there's no playbook for such matters.

"I'd be interested to know what Emily Post would have to say about it," Romano said.

Answer: Don't do it. Don't invite the exes, recommends Peggy Post, great-granddaughter-in-law of the etiquette expert.

"It's a guideline, not a hard and fast rule," says Post, of the Emily Post Institute, in Burlington, Vt., and author of the fifth edition of "Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette," (Collins, \$27.95).

Weekly deadline
Times-News welcomes original wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (Not to be confused with 50¢ anniversary photos.)
Announcements should be mailed, the photos should be sent in JPEG format via e-mail to: announcements@timesnews.com.
The deadline for announcements is 10 a.m. on the day of publication. With photos, the deadline is 11 a.m.

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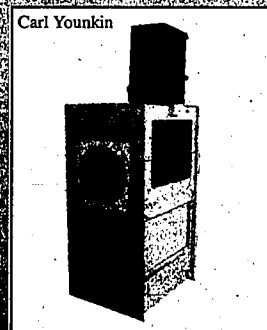
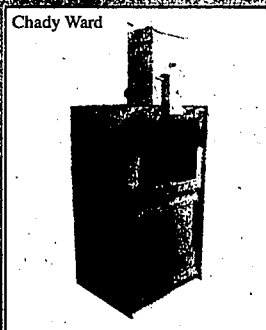
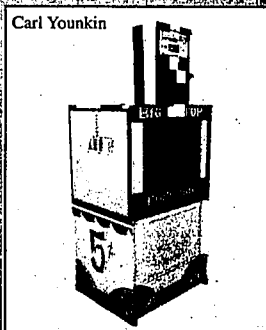
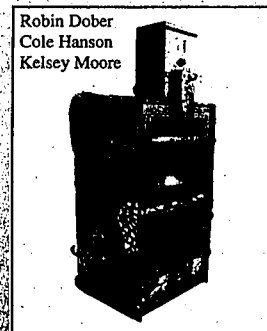
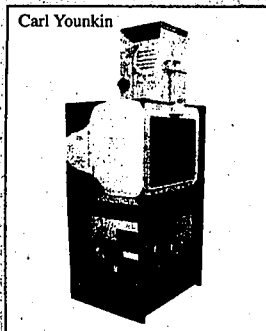
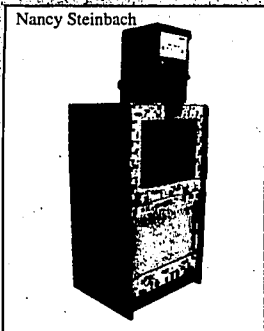
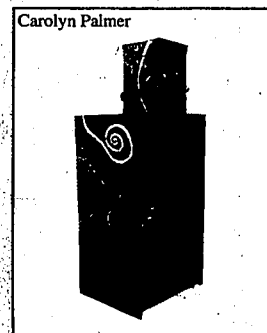
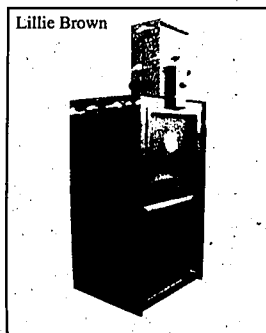
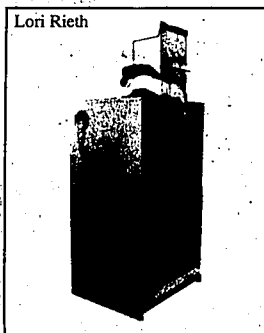
Come see what these Artists did with their Canvas.

On July 10, more than a dozen Magic Valley artists took possession of Times-News newspaper racks and began an artistic endeavour. Their assignment was to paint the racks with whatever subject they chose.

Besides traditional painting media, artists also used clay, ceramic, glass, tile, mirrors, applique, and digital printouts of vinyl sign applications.

Members of the Magic Valley Arts Council Board of Directors judged all of the entries pictured below and chose the top three "Best of Show" winners.

See all of these newspaper racks at the Twin Falls County Fair on August 30 - September 4, 2006!
We will feature the Top Three "Best of Show" winners at the Times-News booth.
Thank you, artists, for sharing your skills with the people of the Magic Valley!



Read more about these artists at www.magicvalley.com/misc/artists