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JONBENET RAMSEY CASE Karr not charged in slaying

By Jon Sarche
Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Prosecutors abruptly dropped their case Monday against John Mark Karr in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, saying DNA tests failed to put him at the crime scene despite his insistence he sexually assaulted and strangled the 6-year-old beauty queen.



Karr

Just a week and a half after Karr's arrest in Thailand was seen as a remarkable break in the sensational, decade-old case, prosecutors suggested in court papers that he was just a man with a twisted fascination with JonBenet who confessed to a crime he didn't commit.

"The people would not be able to establish that Mr. Karr committed this crime despite his repeated insistence that he did," District Attorney Mary Lacy said in court papers.

The 41-year-old school-teacher will be kept in jail in Boulder until he can be sent to Sonoma County, Calif., to face child pornography charges dating to 2001. An extradition hearing was scheduled for Tuesday.

The district attorney vowed to keep pursuing leads in JonBenet's death: "This case is not closed."

Karr was never formally charged in the slaying. In court papers, Lacy defended the decision to arrest him and bring him back to the United States for further investigation, saying he might have otherwise fled and may have been targeting children in Thailand as well.

Lacy said Karr emerged as a suspect in April after he spent several years exchanging e-mails and later telephone calls with a University of Colorado journalism professor who had produced documentaries on the Ramsey case.

According to court papers, Karr told the professor he accidentally killed JonBenet during sex and that he tasted her blood after he injured her vaginally. But the Denver crime lab conducted DNA tests last Friday on a cheek swab taken from Karr and were unable to connect him to the crime.

"This information is critical because ... If Mr. Karr's account of his sexual involvement with the victim were accurate, it would have been highly likely that his saliva would have been mixed with the blood in the underwear," Lacy said in court papers.

Seven broken rules

CSI receives letter outlining seven NJCAA rule violations

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The sanctions may have been expected, but on Monday they came painfully real.

The College of Southern Idaho received a letter from the

National Junior College Athletic Association that outlined seven violations by the volleyball program.

The NJCAA put the team on probation for the 2006-07 academic year. The Golden Eagles will be allowed to complete their regular season schedule, but they

will not be allowed to compete in the Region 18 tournament or the NJCAA National Tournament.

Jerry Beck, CSI president, met with the team members prior to their first scheduled match of the year Friday to inform them of the pending NJCAA sanction.

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Details of the seven rule violations

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BACK TO SCHOOL



With her 6-month-old daughter Sarah in her arms, Tamar Guala helps her daughter, Sofia Dubany, find a seat during her first day of kindergarten Monday at Morningside Elementary School in Twin Falls. The 639 students who began class today at Morningside were among the more than 6,500 kids heading back to school this week across the city.

Supreme Court: Public can see dairy waste plans

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The operators of two Magic Valley feedlots will have to let the public view their waste management plans as the result of an Idaho Supreme Court ruling Monday.

Both the Aardema Heifer Lot and the Conversion Inc. feedlot in Murtaugh will have to turn over their plans to the Idaho Conservation League.

"We sort of view this as a two-part victory," said Justin Hayes, with the Idaho Conservation League. "It affirms that nutrient management plans are a public record — that protects public health."

Hayes believes the ruling also closes a loophole that the Idaho Department of Agriculture was trying to use. In the case, the ISDA had claimed it did not have to provide the nutrient management plans because the agency returned those to feedlot operators after reviewing the plans. Both the district court and Idaho Supreme Court disagreed.

Feedlots that use the electronic Idaho OnePlan do not have to disclose their records. The court case also involved Gooding's Big Sky Heifer Ranch and Weiser-based Sunnyside Feedlot. Neither will be required to let the public review their plans.

"The Idaho OnePlan angle is sort of a travesty," Hayes said.

Dairy operators have been pretty open with their waste management plans in comparison with the cattlemen, Hayes said.

In its 3-2 ruling Monday, the divided court upheld a ruling made by 4th District Court Judge Ronald Wilper last year in favor of the Idaho

Conservation League. State law requires cattle feedlot operators to provide a dairy-waste plan to the state for Agriculture Department approval. Two years ago, the Legislature amended the law to say that after reviewing the plans, the department could return them to the feedlot operator — as long as the operator made them available to the department upon request.

Since the amended law was enacted, the department has refused to keep any of the manure-spreading plans at its offices for any longer than it takes to approve them, the court found.

And when the plans were no longer held by the department, it refused public-records requests for them.

"The conservation league sued after the department said it couldn't fill a public records request for the plans filed by four feedlots — the Sunnyside Feedlot, Aardema Heifer Lot, Conversion Inc. and Big Sky Heifer Ranch. The department said it couldn't provide the plans because they had been returned to the feedlot operators.

The department and the Idaho Cattle Association appealed the part of the decision ordering release of the Aardema and Conversion plans, and the league appealed over the section exempting the Sunnyside and Big Sky plans.

Three members of the Idaho Supreme Court — enough for a majority — upheld the district court ruling in its entirety.

A state agency is expressly prohibited from preventing examination of a public record by contracting with a

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Idaho Power wants bigger Shoshone Falls power plant

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After 70 years, the Shoshone Falls Power Plant may get a facelift.

The nearly century-old hydropower facility was just upgraded in 1936. With an increasing need for electricity in the region, Idaho Power Co. recently sought permission from federal authorities to expand the Shoshone Falls facility and put another 50 megawatts of power on the grid. One megawatt can power about 650 houses for one year. If approved, the company agrees to send water over the falls at peak visitation times.

"It's our intention to make the architecture of the new powerhouse closely match that of the existing plant," said Jim Leonard, Please see SHOSHONE, Page A3

NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: Idaho Power Co. wanted to expand its capacity to generate power at Shoshone Falls from 12.5 megawatts to 62.5 megawatts.

THE LATEST: The utility filed its application Federal Energy Regulatory Commission earlier this month.

WHAT'S NEXT: If approved, construction at the power plant could begin in 2008.

Mayors ponder water ruling

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JEROME — The answer is all of the above. The question: which municipal water uses could be shut off should a district court judge's opinion on a piece of Idaho water law stand?

That's one of the tidbits of information roughly 100 Northside residents picked up at a community meeting Monday night. The mayors of Wendell, Jerome, Shoshone and Gooding hosted the event to keep the public informed about the ramifications that water shortages and subsequent litigation could hold for city dwellers. The cities' leaders say they're concerned not only about their water rights, but also about surrounding industries' rights as well.

To watch footage of the meeting, visit www.magicvalley.com

Cities have some options, said Rob Williams, attorney for Jerome. Besides buying up water rights, in a pinch, cities could condemn another water user to provide drinking water for residents. That's not necessarily the case for domestic well users, though.

"I believe the rural domestic well user might be the most vulnerable right now," Williams said.

In August 2005, several area canal companies and irrigation districts sued the state when they found its response to a call for water delivery lacking. Changes in irrigation practices and increased



Rob Strickland, mayor of Wendell, was one of four panel members hosting a meeting Monday at the Jerome High School on the possible effects of water calls in the region. More than 100 people attended.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today: Mostly sunny, windy and warm. Tonight: Still breezy to windy. Wednesday: Not nearly as cool and windy in spots. High 92, Low 55, 77/46.

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Complete weather report: See page B8

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.

FAMILY

"Baby and Me" class, "Got the Blues," 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedictus Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Blue Lakes construction project update, Idaho Transportation Department public hearing on the planned construction project for Blue Lakes Boulevard North from Pole Line Road to Falls Avenue, 4 to 7 p.m., CSI Taylor Building, Room #276, Twin Falls, 886-7888. Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., 934-4433. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-0068. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag. Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-8137. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., (208)366-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH

Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

OUTDOORS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center activities, "Tree Trek" at 10 a.m. and Junior Ranger "It's for the Birds" at 11 a.m., Redfish Lake Visitor Center, Redfish Lake five miles south of Stanley, no cost, 208-774-3376.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Eagles begin season amid turmoil'...

CONNIE: "I think that in the hindsight there is something very wrong going on at CSI, how could the Duggan situation and now the Stroud situation not be very similar, President Beck last night said it was a personnel problem, well that is the same thing he said about Jeff Duggan. I will tell you honestly, as season ticket holders, my husband and I both think something stinks at our local little college and there are two really class acts being given the axe without any explanation to us, the taxpayers, we are the ones that support that college and when it comes to the bottom line we pay the salary of Beck, he had better come up with the truth and I would suggest he do it very soon. I am very upset about the way this whole thing is being handled, Beck here is a word for you....Don't ignore us, we are tough native Idahoans, and many of us have been born right here, we are not imports who will swallow whatever you decide to tell us. How about some good old fashioned truth? I am sure many others feel the same. I think a community meeting where he explains what has been done and let the victims be there so we who are supporting them can be there and let them know we will not allow a railroad job if that is what is going on."

HUH?: "Connie, are you even awake? Do you really think that President Beck should air 'personnel issues' in a public forum? I'll bet you'd change your mind if you were on the other end of the 'personnel issue'. Have you ever heard of 'taking the high road'? Why do you jump to the conclusion that he is in the wrong and assume that the other two are completely innocent victims. Who in their right mind would show the door to their AD and volleyball coach right on the threshold of the season. I happen to know (and like) all three of the men. As time will show, Jeff and Ben are not the victims of a misguided college president but of their own misguided actions. I hope you've a taste for crow. You'll be needing it after the facts are presented. The true victims are the women on the team, CSI fans, and the coaches left behind to feel the increased scrutiny of the NJCAA and to bear the black eye given to the institution by the actions of those who ignored the rules. I respect President Beck for having the character to stand up for what's right."

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4-H project was months in making

CASTLEFORD — So much built toward this week. Over the past year Karl Bower has attended 16 Milky Way 4-H Club meetings, given a demonstration, participated in numerous community service and fundraising events and served as the club's elected treasurer. Come Saturday, the 12-year-old will sell her pregnant Holstein heifer at the Twin Falls County Fair, marking the end to this year's long journey to the fair. Bower is keeping her fingers crossed that Daisy Mae won't calve before the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program sale, set for Saturday.

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Residents learn more about water ruling

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M.V. agriculture could be terror target

TWIN FALLS — The greatest, albeit unlikely, terrorist threat to this cow-dense region is agro-terrorism, emergency preparedness experts say. Foreign diseases like foot and mouth, or possibly mad cow disease, could be carried into the country.

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One pound of meth seized in raids

TWIN FALLS — Authorities seized about one pound of meth and arrested four suspects Thursday evening from two homes they say were trafficking across the canyon.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret K. FitzGerald, 80. Helen Christine Tuller, 39. Agatha Hedden, 91. Jose Gil-Medrano, 59. Laura L. Holmes, 66. Mary Diane Houser, 57.

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CLARIFICATION

Stepfather convicted in child abuse case

The Times-News reported Aug. 22 that Kyange Pamparau and her husband, David Johnson, were convicted of felony injury to child. Pamparau is the child's biological mother. David Johnson is not his biological father. Johnson's relationship to the boy was unclear in the story.

IDAHO/WEST

Area feedlots affected by court ruling

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State history society comes under scrutiny

BOISE — Auditors found "internal control issues" with the Idaho State Historical Society's accounting procedures and questioned how the Old Penitentiary and state history museum in Boise generated just \$90,000 in admissions revenue in each of the last three years — despite a fee increase. Legislative Services auditors also want the state Board of Education, which appoints Historical Society trustees, to scrutinize all travel and state credit card records of society Director Steve Guerber. That's after a sample of his expense reporting since 2002 turned up \$700 in overpayments to him.

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Convicted molester says past is irrelevant

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A prosecutor told jurors Monday about a mountain of evidence against child molester Dean Schwartzmiller, including testimony from at least eight alleged victims, a 456-page manuscript about sex with boys and five decades of abuse. But Schwartzmiller, who's defending himself in Santa Clara County Superior Court, said his past is irrelevant, the memoir is fiction and his most recent accusers were coerced. Schwartzmiller, 65, has pleaded not guilty to a dozen counts of molestation and child pornography in connection with two young boys he befriended in 2002.

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Idaho wines may get seal of originality

BOISE — Wine makers like to say their wines are unique. For vintners in southwestern Idaho, a possible federal designation as an American Viticultural Area would give them something to back that up. An area of 8,263 square miles stretching from Twin Falls to Oregon is being considered for the designation.

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NATION/WORLD

Floridians get ready for Ernesto to hit

MIAMI — Florida residents rushed to fill their prescriptions and stood in long lines for gasoline, food and other supplies Monday as officials warned people not to wait for Tropical Storm Ernesto to become a hurricane again before taking precautions. Forecasters said Ernesto could grow back into a hurricane in the warm waters off Cuba and come ashore in South Florida as early as tonight, exactly one year after Hurricane Katrina pummeled the Gulf Coast. It would be the first hurricane to hit the United States this year.

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Bush declares 'sense of renewal' on coast

GULFPORTE, Miss. — President Bush suggested Monday that Washington may not be willing to send more than the \$110 billion already approved for a Gulf Coast still struggling to come back from Hurricane Katrina's battering, and said a full recovery is likely to take years. Of the \$110 billion in hurricane aid approved by Congress since Katrina struck a year ago today, just \$44 billion has been spent. The Bush administration has released \$77 billion to the states, reserving the rest for future needs.

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Brutal Ugandan rebels end their fight

KAMPALA, Uganda — The leaders of a shadowy rebel movement that has terrorized Ugandans for nearly two decades went on local radio with a special announcement: As of today, their war is over — the Lord's Resistance Army will stop fighting. The rebels, notorious for cutting off the tongues and lips of innocent civilians, enslaving tens of thousands of children and driving nearly 2 million people from their homes, have agreed to end one of the most brutal, but least known conflicts in the world.

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Survey: Katrina victims find inner strength

BOSTON — In a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, a new survey reveals that the traumatized survivors of Hurricane Katrina forged a surprisingly powerful inner strength that steeled them against suicidal despair.

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World's oldest woman dies in Ecuador at 116

QUITO, Ecuador — Maria Esther de Capovilla, considered the world's oldest person, has died in her native Ecuador, her granddaughter said Monday. At 116, she was born the same year as Charlie Chaplin and married at 17 to the U.S.-attacked World War I American, Elizabeth Bolder of Memphis, Tenn., is now the oldest known person alive, according to Guinness World Records. She is also 116 — but 11 months younger than Capovilla.

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SPORTS



Bruins volleyball team sets up for victory

TWIN FALLS — The Fantastic Four are back, but not at the theater. Rather, hitting the hardwood this fall are the four Twin Falls Bruins volleyball returning starters of Jessica Bond, Drew Brauer, Kelsey Jardine and Amber Petersen — the core of a potentially strong varsity squad. "There's been a lot of intensity (in practices)," Twin Falls head coach Nick Walker said.

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Area volleyball teams hit the hardwood

TWIN FALLS — Are there really any clear favorites in any of the District IV high school volleyball conferences? Jerome coach Rick Burke gives a slight nod to Wood River in the Great Basin Conference West Division. "We think with what Wood River has coming back makes them look like the favorite," Burke said. "They have two or three tall girls which will make their frontline the toughest hitting team."

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Columbus, Ga. wins Little League series

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The chants of "USA! USA!" spread through the crowd when the kids from Columbus, Ga., got the last out in the Little League World Series. How fitting: Cody Walker hit a two-run homer, Ryan Carter struck out 11, and Columbus beat Kawaguchi City, Japan, 2-1 Monday, giving a U.S. team the championship for the second straight year.

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Titans reach deal with QB Kerry Collins

NASVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans signed veteran quarterback Kerry Collins on Monday, deciding they need more experience after trading Steve McNair. Coach Jeff Fisher said Collins met with offensive coordinator Norm Chow for about an hour and will be at practice today. Fisher said Billy Volek remains the starter, with rookie Vince Young backing him up while Collins learns the offense.

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CSI Volleyball's seven violations

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5. Beck stressed that only "We have to hold coaches accountable for the rules in the divisions that they play in," he said. "During my week or so as the interim athletic director, I have told the coaches that we must make sure we're following those rules."
6. An athletic staff member, if other personnel are involved, will be fined for the violation's advance notice and not for the purpose of recruiting with the student-athletes of another NJCAA member institution.
7. All student-athletes participating in any one of the NCAA sanctioned sports must have passed a physical examination administered by a licensed health care professional licensed in the state for physical examinations, prior to the first practice for each calendar year in which they compete.

CSI

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Water

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groundwater pumping in the past 50 years have diminished the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, a Lake Erie-sized underground basin stretching from Ashton to King Hill.

In June, 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood agreed with the surface water users and struck down Idaho's rules of conjunctive management, which guide how Water Resources administers both ground and surface water. Wood's ruling strengthened the tenet of Idaho water law called the prior appropriation doctrine. The doctrine ensures that water users with senior rights, usually surface users, get the first shot at water over junior rights-holders in times of shortage.

And Wood stressed that cities and domestic users, who typically hold junior groundwater rights, should be included in curtailment orders.

"The Constitution provides the method for dealing with

domestic groundwater uses in times of shortage and ignoring them to the detriment of seniors is not the method," Wood wrote.

Wood's ruling is now before the Idaho Supreme Court. The state has asked the court to put Wood's opinion on hold until it can review the case. If the court doesn't, then Water Resources could be forced to turn water off to several cities as well about 55,000 acres of farmland.

The four cities estimate the water calls could cut their overall water supply varying between 11 percent in Jerome to 84 percent in Wendell.

Idaho Ground Water Appropriator attorney Mike Creamer hopes the court will recognize the "devastating" economic impact that Wood's ruling could have. But, he didn't want groundwater users to panic should that not happen.

"I don't see that as the end of the world for groundwater users," he said.

Shoshone

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project engineer. "We want this addition to appear as though it's been there all the time to balance the present with the past."

Earlier this month, Idaho Power filed its request to put in a second powerhouse at Shoshone Falls with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The commission recently issued a new license for Idaho Power to operate the existing 12.5 megawatt facility. The \$60 million upgrade requires an amendment to that license.

The company already conducted the environmental studies needed to re-license the current plant, which could make the additional request go smoother with FERC, said Dennis Lopez, spokesman for Idaho Power. However, the federal commission hasn't provided a timeframe for approving the request. If the FERC grants the expansion, construction could begin in 2008.

The utility's federal application includes a schedule for sending water over the scenic 212-foot-high Shoshone Falls. Idaho Power currently provides about 300 cubic feet per second for aesthetic purposes during daylight hours from April 1 through Labor Day weekend. Under the new agreement, the company would send extra water over on spring weekends when visitation to Shoshone Falls Park is at its peak.

"We share this resource with the community," Leonard said. "More water during the important spring viewing times seemed like the best way to demonstrate our desire to work with the community."

Waste

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non-governmental body to perform any of its duties or functions," Justice Linda Cople-Trout wrote for the majority, quoting state law. "This statute indicates a clear policy by the Legislature that the public has a right to view and inspect records relating to the public's business and this right cannot be denied by the

expediency of having some other entity conduct the public's business at some other location."

Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder and Justice Daniel Eismann dissented, saying the Aardema and Conversion plans should also be exempt from disclosure.

Schroeder and Eismann placed the responsibility for

correcting any problem with the law on state lawmakers.

"I write only to add that the majority opinion is simply holds: Once a public document for ever a public document," he wrote. "Such reasoning could require agencies to search landfills for public documents they threw away. Fortunately... the Legislature can correct the majority's error if it so desires."

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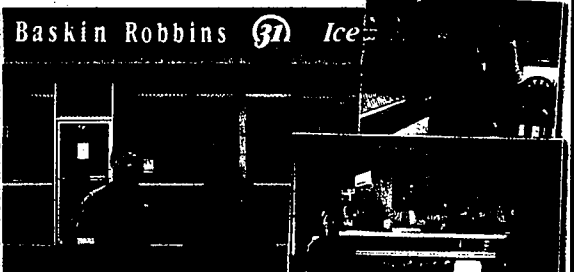


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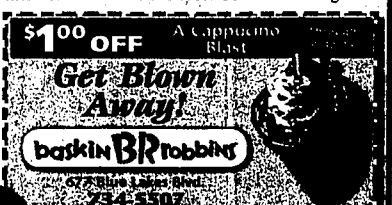
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Floridians warned as Ernesto approaches

Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — As Tropical Storm Ernesto made its way over the mountains and forests of eastern Cuba and headed for the 88-degree waters of the Florida Straits, the National Hurricane Center revised its forecast of a day earlier that the storm would regain hurricane strength by the time it makes U.S. landfall later Tuesday.

Still, center director Max Mayfield and Gov. Jeb Bush urged Floridians to brace for a powerful storm and be prepared to live without power, water or public services for at least three days in case Ernesto "knocks out those essentials."

"Right now we're forecasting that it's going to be a very strong tropical storm, but there's still some chance that it will become a hurricane," Mayfield said of Ernesto, suggesting winds around 70 mph could hit the state; and five to 10 inches of rain could trigger flooding.

Spurred-on by memories of the hardships following hurricanes Katrina and Wilma last year, drivers flocked to gas stations to top off their tanks, to home-improvement stores to buy plywood and generators, and to supermarkets to stock up on canned goods, bottled water and batteries.

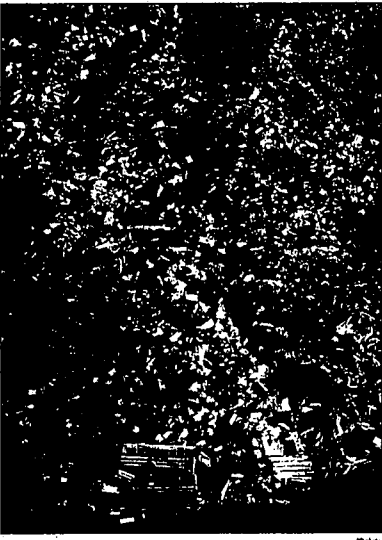
"Make sure you have the supplies for the 72 hours after the storm," the governor told Floridians in an address from the state's emergency management center in Tallahassee. Reminding his still storm-rattled constituents of the potential for long blackouts and flooding, Bush added: "All you have to do is rewind to last year."

Still, the president's brother warned Floridians that plenty of gas was on hand — 295 million gallons — and that there was no need to "overreact" and engage in panic buying.

Florida Power & Light said it had positioned repair teams throughout the state to respond rapidly to any outages.

More than 400 miles of South Florida coastline was under tropical storm warning and hurricane watch, from Vero Beach on the Atlantic shore southward, across the Keys and up to Chokoloskee on the Gulf of Mexico. The warnings included the area around Lake Okechobee, which is surrounded by a dike that engineers warn could collapse amid a powerful hurricane. Gov. Bush said he had been assured, though, that the lake level is low enough to pose little risk of such a breach.

Miami-Dade and Broward counties, home to 4 million residents and directly in the storm's path according to the latest "weather" advisory, announced that schools and courts would be closed Tuesday.



Huge mounds of debris are seen at a waste disposal collection point in New Orleans, Monday, nearly a year after Hurricane Katrina hit the area.

Survey says shaken Katrina survivors find inner strength

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — In a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, a new survey reveals that the traumatized survivors of Hurricane Katrina forged a surprisingly powerful inner strength that steered them against suicidal despair.

The study is the most elaborate post-storm survey yet. It shows that while the survivors suffered twice as much mental illness as the pre-storm population, they contemplated suicide far less often than mentally ill people surveyed before Katrina.

"The people who have these terrible experiences — they're often the ones who have these epiphanies," said Ronald Kessler, a Harvard University researcher who led the survey. This capacity to grow from catastrophe may be an ancient survival mechanism that evolved to help humans live through frequent disasters, researchers suspect. It is sometimes called post-traumatic growth: External disasters may shake us, but also make us unwilling to give up — as in the resolve people feel in wartime. This study takes the first major stride in quantifying such an effect. Its results were reported Monday in the online Bulletin of the World Health Organization and in a separate paper to the National Institute of Mental Health, which

funded the study. In its key findings: • It detected a 30 percent rate of suspected mental illness — double the usual — after the storm. People were predictably troubled by what they lived through and lost in the disaster. • Yet only 1 percent of these troubled survivors either thought about or planned for suicide. Before Katrina, 8 percent of mentally ill people from the same region had such thoughts and 4 percent made plans to carry out suicide. • This striking decrease in suicidal risk appears to flow from a newfound self-confidence in the vast majority of Katrina survivors, the researchers found. More than 95 percent of all survivors professed more faith in their ability to rebuild their lives when necessary, and 70 percent felt more inner strength.

The study makes a strong case for this protective effect, says psychiatrist Dr. Matthew Friedman, who directs the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"A lot of things happen in a traumatic event," said Friedman, who read an advance report of the findings. "You can have a ramping up of your psychological stress or symptoms — but at the same time it can be a positive event in a life-changing way."

Bush marks Katrina anniversary, says recovery is just beginning

The Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — President Bush Monday the huge job of rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina was just beginning a year after the massive storm but expressed hope that the \$10 billion of help sent from Washington would be enough.

Trying to erase the black mark left on his presidency by the administration's sluggish response to Katrina, Bush returned to the first scene he saw a year ago of the storm's devastation.

Standing on a vacant lot in a working class neighborhood where trailers and gutted buildings stand next to newly built homes, Bush pledged the federal government would stand with the region as it rebuilds. It's a promise viewed with skepticism by victims still reeling from the storm.

"A year ago, I committed our federal government to help you," Bush said. "I said, 'We

have a duty to help the local people recover and rebuild, and I meant what I said.'

Of the \$10 billion in hurricane aid approved by Congress, just \$4.4 billion has been spent. Overall, the administration has released \$77 billion to the states, reserving the rest for future needs.

"Hopefully that'll work. Hopefully that's enough," Bush said after visiting a company that has restarted its business of building and repairing boats. "It's certainly enough to get us through the next period of time."

Bush focused on the positive, but acknowledged that much remains to be done. "It's an anniversary, but it's not an end," Bush said.

"Frankly it's just the beginning." Asked how long the rebuilding would take, Bush said: "I would say years, not months. On the other hand, the progress in one year's time has been remarkable."

The welcome Bush received in Biloxi was warmer than the one he is expected to get in Louisiana, where recovery efforts have moved much more slowly. The president ended the day in New Orleans, dining at Mother's Restaurant, a local institution known for its po'boys and red beans and rice, with Mayor Ray Nagin, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and other local leaders. Bush has a half-day of events today — the anniversary of Katrina — in New Orleans.

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Connecticut Supreme Court overturns mother's conviction in son's suicide

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Connecticut Supreme Court on Monday overturned a mother's conviction on charges that she contributed to her 12-year-old

son's suicide by keeping a filthy house.

In ordering the trial court to acquit Judith Scruggs of Meriden, the court said the law used to convict her was unconstitutional.

Scruggs was convicted of risk of injury to a minor in 2003, a year and a half after her son, J. Daniel, hanged himself with a necktie in "his" closet. Legal experts said it was thought to be the first time a parent had

been convicted over a child's suicide.

Prosecutors said the boy was miserable because his schoolmates ridiculed his body odor and bad breath, caused by Scruggs' filthy home and her

lack of attention to the boy's hygiene. Scruggs said her son killed himself because he was bullied at school, and she filed a federal lawsuit against Meriden school officials contending they should have stopped it.

"It helps, but the damage has already been done," Scruggs told The Associated Press. "It relieves the stigma of being a convicted felon. But all the pain and anguish I've gone through will never go away."

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EDITORIAL

T.F. County wisely ramps up sex offender registry

Keeping a sexual offender out of your town or neighborhood isn't an option in a free society. Keeping tabs on those felons, however, is a practical defense for public safety.

Since convicted sex offenders are a part of the geography in Twin Falls County, information about those felons should go with the territory. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department wants to give the public that first line of defense.

So starting this September, the department will begin displaying a map on its Web page that locates all convicted sex offenders in the county. For Sheriff Wayne Tousey, the ramped up oversight is simply a matter of protecting the innocent.

"What we want to do is basically provide to the public, a way they can obtain the information at their fingertips," he said.

State laws have strict guidelines requiring convicted sex offenders to register with local law enforcement. This winter, the Legislature beefed up those laws to increase the registration and address verification requirements for sex offenders. A number of tougher laws were also passed in the aftermath of the Coeur d'Alene abductions of Shasta and Dylan Groene in 2005.

Forcing offenders to comply with tighter registry standards is just part of the equation. Giving local residents the tools to check their neighborhoods for offenders in the area, is another. The county Web site will be managed by a new deputy, whose job will be to update address checks. The project is similar to the Idaho State Police's sex offender registry, but that list does not include any addresses.

Under state law, convicted sex offenders have two days after their release or their relocation to notify authorities of their residential address. Tousey said enforcing that requirement will be a top priority. "We're going to be on a consistent basis with each one because we have 138 in Twin Falls County now," he said. "I have felt for a long time that we just don't want these guys to fall through the cracks like what happened in north Idaho."

The system is not completely foolproof, however. If an offender moves to Twin Falls County from another state, the registry is only effective if that offender is inserted into the database. That requires other states to be as vigilant as Twin Falls County in monitoring offender addresses. Otherwise, the convicted offender has skipped to another state, with no way for local authorities to know of his presence.

That flaw points again to the need for some kind of federal registry system that can be shared among all states for the multitude of sexual offenders. Such a system will become more necessary as the list of offenders, especially violent sexual offenders, continues to grow.

And sadly, that upward trend appears likely to continue. State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, told a legislative panel last winter that two plagues — methamphetamine and pornography — have overrun the correctional justice system. And neither appears to be loosening its grip.

Until those trends reverse, and the federal system keeps a watch on all sexual offenders, the public will need all the tools it can get. The Twin Falls County sex offender registry is a sound start.

Our view: Twin Falls County residents will have a solid new tool to locate sexual offenders in their neighborhoods. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Pentagon poet lost his meter

August kills poetry. For starters, it's too hot. You can feel the days shrinking. You can sense changes coming. August crouches poets.

Maybe that's what's eating Donald Rumsfeld.

HART SEELY

I refer to the U.S. secretary of Defense, from whose throat spontaneous verses once poured. For years, Rumsfeld shared his idiosyncratic haliku with the nation during televised news conferences, while his hands made hypnotic kung fu gestures for the cameras.

Back then, in the salad days of the war on terror, Rumsfeld would romance every question, then uncoil a response that might hold across the ocean and back. He discussed "chasing the chicken around the chicken yard." He described Iraq as "an enormous country ... bigger than Texas, or as big, I guess." He noted the "unknown unknowns," those intangibles that "we don't know we don't know," the bumps that bedevil all those who launch silly things, like wars.

But lately, Rumsfeld has entered a J.D. Salinger mode. He has cut back on news conferences and, when fielding questions, generally avoids the chicken yard.

His last significant poem gushed forth in a July 31 briefing. Asked about the war in Lebanon, Rumsfeld offered what I have on his behalf titled, "Observations on Wasted Sunlight":

It is what it is.
What's happened has happened.
And the folks over there are sorting it out.

Anal. Condi and the president have both commented on it. That's good enough for our country.
Good to see you all.



Why are you all not out there

In the sun, getting a suntan?

If Rumsfeld that day was musing about some far-off beach, who could blame him? In recent weeks, he has been laid bare in public more often than Pamela Anderson. A new best seller, "Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq," by Washington Post reporter Thomas E. Ricks, blames him, as Ricks writes, for "perhaps the worst war plan in American history." For Rumsfeld's critics, the book has had the foaming effect of Ment placed in a bottle of Diet Coke.

But the cruelest cut came Aug. 3, during a rare Rumsfeldian visit to Congress. Before the Senate Armed Services Committee, he endured a sound-bite tongue-lashing from Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., who asked, "Given your track record, Secretary Rumsfeld, why should we believe your assurances now?" Rumsfeld swears, perhaps from Clinton's lack of pentameter, but then could offer nothing

poetic beyond, "My goodness."

So we wonder: What's happened to the Beltway Bard? Unpopularity? Thin skin? A tightened White House leash? Or could it be age? On July 9, Rumsfeld turned 74, making him the oldest Defense secretary in history. If he lasts until 2007, he will replace Robert McNamara — author of that earlier fiasco, Vietnam — as America's longest-enduring Pentagon chief. He'll become the Cal Ripken Jr. of unpopular wars.

As Rumsfeld would say, that's one long, hard slog. Then again, William Wordsworth wrote poetry until 77. Robert Frost conjured a verse for incoming President Kennedy at 87. Ezra Pound was still ranting at 89. Surely Rumsfeld has a few couplets still inside, barring to get out. But as the elections approach, don't expect Rumsfeld to be calling bingo at GOP fundraisers. His name already adorns a newfound species of slime-mold beetle, Agathidium rumsfeldi. He faces lawsuits. He faces

attacks. If Iraq doesn't improve, he probably faces ever-harsher judgments. He might feel it's a good time to lie low.

Thus, I feel compelled to try to answer Sen. Clinton's question: Why should we believe Rumsfeld now?

Actually, it's simple. In poetry, truth can take many forms. But it's always in there somewhere, stuffed amid all the things we thought we knew that we knew — and now realize that we didn't. And it's not necessarily the truth we hoped to hear.

Believe whatever you want. At the end of the day, poetry is only words.

The book on Rumsfeld? He is what he is. What has happened has happened. It will take a long time to sort everything out. But, hey, feel that sun! Who's got the cocoa butter? It's August, the enter of poets. The days are growing shorter.

Hart Seely is the author of "Pieces of Intelligence: The Existential Poetry of Donald H. Rumsfeld."

Syria should be Israel's target

"We are walking with open eyes into our next war."

MAX BOOT

The pessimism of a senior Israeli official who made that comment on Aug. 13 was striking because he had just finished telling a group of security analysts brought to Israel by the American Jewish Committee that the United Nations-brokered cease-fire had achieved many of Israel's goals. But he had no illusions that this would represent anything more than a temporary halt in the fight between Israel and the Quartet of Evil seeking to dominate the Middle East — Iran, Syria, Hamas and Hezbollah.

The war wasn't a total loss for Israel. But it was far from a victory. Hezbollah lost more than 500 fighters as well as most of its medium- and long-range missiles and its bunker network in southern Lebanon, while inflicting scant damage on Israel. Israeli intelligence analysts are convinced that Tehran isn't happy about this turn of events because it was holding Hezbollah's rockets in reserve for a possible retaliatory strike if Israel or the U.S. hit Iran's nuclear weapons complex.

But rockets are easily replaced, and Iran and Syria will now undertake a massive effort to make good Hezbollah's losses, and

then some.

From the perspective of the Quartet of Evil, this conflict demonstrated the power of Syria's rockets to blunt Israel's military superiority. Antitank missiles inflicted substantial losses on Israeli armor and infantry. A cruise missile badly damaged an Israeli warship that didn't have its defensive systems turned on. And Hezbollah was able to keep firing hundreds of Katyusha rockets a day into northern Israel right up until the cease-fire.

Israel had managed to defeat the terrorists' previous wonder-weapon, the suicide bomber, by walling off the Gaza Strip and West Bank. But a fence won't stop missiles. Israel will now be loath to retreat any further from the West Bank, Hamas, for its part, will use the ban on settlements to stockpile rockets in its Gaza redoubt and launch a "third intifada," as suggested by a columnist in the Hamas newspaper Al Risala.

Israel had hoped that this conflict would re-establish its deterrence, but, if anything, the unsatisfactory outcome will only embolden its enemies. The problem is the enmeshment of attrition against fanatical jihadists who do not fear

death and who hide among civilians negate to some extent the Israeli Defense Forces' superior firepower. Additionally, Iran, the ultimate source of terrorist money and arms, is too far away for effective Israeli retaliation.

Syria, however, is a weak link in the quartet. Syria's importance as an advance base for Iran — the two countries concluded a formal alliance on June 16 — cannot be exaggerated. It is the go-between for most of the munitions flowing to Hezbollah. It is the sanctuary of Hamas honcho Khaled Meshal. It is also, according to Israeli intelligence sources, the home of a new Iranian-Syrian intelligence center that tracks Israeli military movements and relays that information to terrorist proxies.

State Department optimists dream that Syrian dictator Bashar Assad can be weaned from Iran through concessions from the United States and Israel, such as the return of the Golan Heights. But since the early 1990s, the United States has tried repeatedly to strike a deal with Syria and never gotten anywhere. More economic pressure, especially from Europe, would be helpful, but it could probably be offset by increased subsidies from Iran.

History suggests that only

force, or the threat of force, can win substantial concessions from Syria. In 1998, Turkey threatened military action unless Syria stopped supporting Kurdish terrorists. Damascus promptly complied. Israel may have no choice but to follow the Turkish example.

Indeed, Shlomo Avineri, a former director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, argues that this country fought the wrong war: Instead of targeting Lebanon, it should have gone after Syria. The Syrian armed forces are less motivated than Hezbollah, and they offer many more targets for Israeli airpower.

It is, of course, hard for a liberal democracy such as Israel to contemplate war if it hasn't been attacked directly — and Syria has been careful to avoid direct attacks on Israel. (It prefers to fight to the last Lebanese.) Israelis naturally prefer peace. But the choice they face isn't between war and peace. It is between war sooner and on their own terms, or war later and on the enemy's terms. Ignoring the threat and hoping that it goes away isn't a serious option. That's the mistake Israel made with Hezbollah over the last six years.

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Power project would meet need and remove eyesore

To Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission members and Bock Creek and Pole Line neighbors of the Rev. John Parish:

Idaho Power executives have seen the need for basic strategy planning in meeting future

and present home and industry development of both Filer and Twin Falls cities. A small substation located along Pole Line Road is one of three that must be built. They have proposed an acceptable location to Lowell Jantz, renter of the farm, and myself.

After much research, including a smaller and less-imposing structure with no usable

farm ground wasted from farm productivity and assurances of no TV interference or noise hum. I consented to a cleanup of 1.5 acres of ugly cattle pens and unusable buildings.

I have insisted that this small substation be so landscaped as to hide the station behind trees and shrubbery on the north-east, east and south sides. This

would beautify the formal corral ugliness and an unsightly old barn. To facilitate this, I have paid for the barn's demolition and removal.

I, too, don't want any good farm ground rezoned or turned into housing. In the spirit of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett (and others who want large or small resources to be given for edu-

cation, healing and ministry-mission causes), so this small local 160 acres is given this farm for mission-educational purposes. The farm itself cannot, by contract, be subdivided for 15 years after it is fully paid for.

It seems a selfish point of view and a "shame on us" to OK the electricity and Pole Line need, as the committee

and neighbors all noted at the Aug. 10 meeting, but want it not anywhere near my own "little" world.

JOHN PARISH
Uma, Ariz.

(Editor's note: John Parish is a landowner and farmer in Twin Falls and pastor for 10 years at the First Christian Church.)

LETTERS

Old King needs to spank the Boy King

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — The Old King put the Boy King over his knee Friday and gave him a good thwack with a lobster-shaped paddle.

OK, that didn't happen, but don't you wish it had? Junior certainly deserves it, with recent attempts to blame his dad for policies that led to 9/11 and the rise of Osama and Middle East terrorism.



MAUREEN DOWD

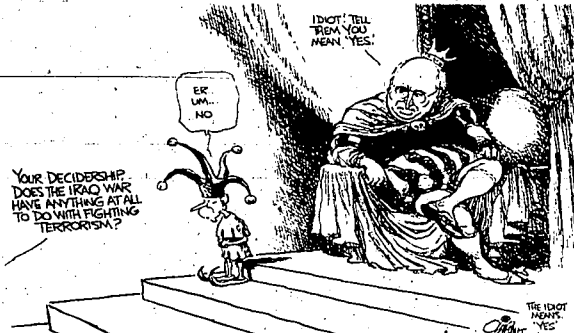
As with so many things about this byzantine, Shakespearean relationship between father and son, reunited here at last for a wedding, a christening and a funeral this weekend, it's an ironic turn of events.

The son was furious when the father was painted as a wimp in the 1988 campaign, and now he and his spinners are painting 41 as a weak leader. W's pain at what happened to his aristocratic dad with "the wimp factor" led him to overreact in the other direction when he became president, embracing a West Texas-tough, muscle-bound foreign policy that shunned diplomacy, nuance, compromise, multilateral treaties and allied coalitions as measures that reflected impotence.

And now it has led him to scapegoat his own father, and Bill Clinton, for sending signals of weakness that encouraged the terrorists—even as many Middle East experts say it is W's culturally obtuse, diplomatically averse and morally simplistic style that has spurred terrorism and made the world more dangerous.

The Bush spokesman Tony Snow recently told reporters that "when the United States walked away, in the opinion of Osama bin Laden in 1991, bin Laden drew from that the conclusion that Americans were weak and wouldn't stay the course, and that led to September 11th."

Afterward, questioned by



furious Bush I foreign-policy types, Bush II officials tried to claim that Snow was talking about President Clinton running away from Somalia, but clearly the spokesman was referring, as he originally confirmed, to the truncated end of Desert Storm.

In Crawford, Texas, recently, the president also criticized previous administrations for policies that indicated that "stability is more important than form of government."

Translation: Dad cuddled up to the corrupt Saudi monarchy and other Middle East dictators and let Saddam stay in power and was tough on Israel. I got rid of Saddam to establish a democracy and uncritically sided with Israel, a democracy.

Of course, now W. has now been reduced to pleading with dictatorial Mideast leaders to help him quell the violence engulfing Iraq and Lebanon, and with the military dictator Musharraf of Pakistan to help him capture Qaida members.

"The Bush I inner circle whisper that W. and Condoleezza Rice are 'in over their heads,'" as Jim Baker and Brent Scowcroft around, there is no one to "corral" Dick Cheney from his hard-line craziness.

"They misread history," said one Bush I foreign policy official. "43's born-again background and lack of experience and simple view of the world made him think it was easy to define who the enemy is. But

hope is not a policy-hoping to win, hoping to make a democracy. They came in with the philosophy that the U.S. was the most powerful country in the world and they could remake the world any way they wanted. Condoleezza and others assumed that the Middle East would fall apart peacefully, the way the Soviet Union did, if given a chance. But the Middle East is a totally different place."

They agree, as one said, that 41 is "a very private guy who loves his son dearly, and you will not catch any daylight between them. I doubt that he's taking any joy from the fact it's clear now that he did the right thing in '91 and his son is screwing up."

Poppy Bush did not like it when Jimmy Carter tried to give him advice after he took over the job and he would be very loath to do that with any successor—much less a son who was so threatened by his dad's shadow that he drifted until his 40s.

Father and son do talk quite a bit on the phone, and sometimes about world affairs. But 41, as one associate notes, "is not the type of guy to say, 'George, you should be doing X, Y and Z.' He might say something more oblique, like, 'So-and-so says this is happening.'"

At this hazardous moment in world history, somebody has got to grab the stubborn, shuttered scion wearing the "43" windbreaker and talk

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LETTER

Make time to research energy issues

It's time for the county fair, and I sure hope you drop by our booth to share the issues important to your family.

The Department of Energy plans to inject carbon dioxide into our water for coal companies, have been officially denied by the DOE, in media. Despite the denials, you can read their plans, and see the CO2 injection map of Idaho, at <http://www.inl.gov/featurestories/2005-11-16.shtml>.

The DOE coal team is hoping to change the acidity of our water, attempting to get CO2 to bind to the basal. The DOE plans state: "Preliminary calculations by the group show this basal could store more than 100 billion tons of carbon dioxide — as much as all the coal-burning power plants in the United States produce in 20 years." Based on their analyses, the researchers expect the carbon dioxide to dissolve over the next few months into the water "like in a can of soda," he says. This mixture will produce a weak acid, roughly the acidity of orange juice.

Idahoans who depend on God's healthy water have legal rights to federal environmental impact hearings that allow "early comment" on these CO2 injection plans. These hearings are much different than the state water permit meeting, only on injection of bromide, reported by Times-News. Why does the attorney general pretend he cannot ask for official federal hearings on plans to inject CO2 into our water?

Regarding our energy plan, had suggested our legislators hire engineers experienced with integrating wind power

elsewhere. The legislators ignored the idea, deciding to keep paying Sempra's advisers, ETHREE. So Idaho Power continues refusing many large and small producers.

Hard to figure why our local

legislators suggest we build a nuclear power plant in Jerome but say nothing about Idaho Power's refusal to use all of Idaho's abundant wind power. DR. PETER RICKARDS Twin Falls

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WORLD

Mexico's electoral court finds no evidence of voting fraud

By Hector Tobar and Sam Enriquez
Los Angeles Times



Mexican Presidential candidate Felipe Calderon of the National Action Party, PAN, speaks at a meeting of his party in Mexico City on Monday.

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's top electoral court announced Monday that a partial recount of the votes in this country's disputed presidential election found no evidence of widespread fraud, a ruling that placed conservative Felipe Calderon tantalizingly close to victory.

In a 7-0 ruling, the Federal Electoral Tribunal said it had found only minor mathematical and administrative errors in the initial vote count of the July 2 election. The tribunal said Monday its recount subtracted just 4,183 votes from Calderon's margin of victory, reducing it to about 240,000 over leftist candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

The panel still could refuse to certify the election, in part based on Lopez Obrador's contention that President Vicente Fox and business

groups illegally aided Calderon's campaign. Such a decision appeared unlikely, political observers said.

The Tribunal said the smattering of administrative and mathematical errors in thousands of polling places were not acts of "bad faith" and did not merit throwing out the results of those polling places. "This tribunal can say to the citizenry that their votes were counted fairly," said magistrate Fernando Ojeste. "We have followed the principle of one man, one vote, and of effective suffrage."

The jurists also rebuked the Lopez Obrador campaign, saying it had failed to provide concrete evidence of irregularities in the thousands of challenged precincts where it had claimed fraud.

"The plaintiff says there are multiple irregularities in a large number of precincts or in this or that district," said Tribunal President Leonel Castillo, referring to the Lopez Obrador campaign. "Well, that 'large number' is not enough. The law says you must specify evidence and facts."

The tribunal has until Sept. 6 to name the winner of the election. Political tension and uncertainty have gripped Mexico for weeks, with Lopez Obrador's Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) threatening to make the country ungovernable if Calderon becomes president.

Both candidates made only brief remarks about the ruling. Lopez Obrador told supporters "I was expecting it."

Calderon said the ruling would "eliminate the insidious doubts" his opponents "want

to spread among the citizenry."

Earlier this month, the court ordered about 4 million votes recounted but declined the PRD's demand to recount all 41 million votes.

Lopez Obrador, the 53-year-old former Mayor of Mexico City, led in most of the final polls a week before the election. Analysts say Calderon

made up ground on his rival with a sophisticated media campaign that portrayed the leftist as a dangerous radical who would bankrupt the country.

Outside the tribunal's headquarters, a small number of Lopez Obrador backers protested the ruling, chanting, "The people voted! Obrador won!"



Maria Esther de Capovilla talks with reporters at her house in Guayaquil, Ecuador, last December.

World's oldest woman dies in Ecuador at 116

The Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — Maria Esther de Capovilla, considered the world's oldest person, has died in her native Ecuador, her granddaughter said Monday. At 116, she was born the same year as Charlie Chaplin and married the year the U.S. entered World War I.

An American woman, Elizabeth Bolden of Memphis, Tenn., is now the oldest known person alive, according to Guinness World Records. She is also 116 — but 11 months younger than Capovilla.

"For all practical purposes, the next oldest person is going to be presumed" to be Elizabeth Bolden, said Robert Young, a senior consultant on gerontology for Guinness World Records.

Capovilla died early Sunday, two days after she came down with pneumonia, in a hospital in the coastal city of Guayaquil, said Catherine Capovilla, a property manager and real estate agent in Miami. A funeral was planned for Monday.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1889, the same year as Chaplin and Adolf Hitler. She was married in 1917 and wid-

owed in 1949, the year Berlin split into East and West.

Capovilla was confirmed as the oldest living person on Dec. 9, 2005, after her family sent details of her birth and marriage certificates to the British-based publisher, Emilliano Mercado Del Toro of Puerto Rico who retains the title as oldest man. He turned 115 last Monday.

Three of Capovilla's five children — Irma, Hilda, and son Anibal — are still alive, along with 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, Catherine Capovilla told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Capovilla was from a well-to-do family that traced its lineage to Spanish nobility, and her father was a colonel in Ecuador's army.

When she was young, she liked to embroider, paint, play piano and dance the waltz at parties, the family said. She was married to Antonin Capovilla, an Austrian sailor who came to Ecuador in 1910.

She always ate three meals a day and never smoked or drank hard liquor. "Only a small cup of wine with lunch and nothing more," Irma told the AP in December.

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2006 MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Set up for victory

Setter Bond looks to lead T.F. Bruins

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Fantastic Four are back, but not at the theater. Rather, hitting the hardwood this fall are the four Twin Falls Bruins volleyball returning starters of Jessica Bond, Drew Brauer, Kelsey Jardine and Amber Petersen — the core of a potentially strong varsity squad.

"There's been a lot of intensity (in practices)," Twin Falls head coach Niki Walker said. The four have played together for years.

Brauer, Jardine and Petersen all stand 5 feet 8 inches or better (with Brauer at 6-0) while master setter Bond stands at 5-6. Size will be respectable, but this team will be based around experience and talent.

"We've got a good team," Bond said. "Lots of athleticism and experience. We know what to expect."

Walker has in the past set up a 6-2 offense, but now plays on running a 5-1 around Bond.

"Jessica is such an outstanding setter that we decided to go 5-1," Walker said. "We're also doing a swing offense which will give us better movement against bigger teams."

Joining them will be a falsified batch of juniors that have already been indoctrinated with the Bruins' style.

This year could be their best shot at making the state tournament, which they fell short of last year during the conference tournament.

"We're figuring out what it takes to get there," Walker said. Both coach and player consider Skyline the biggest threat.

Something that will make reaching state just a little more challenging is the addition of Madison, which was a Class 4A school, to the 5A conference.

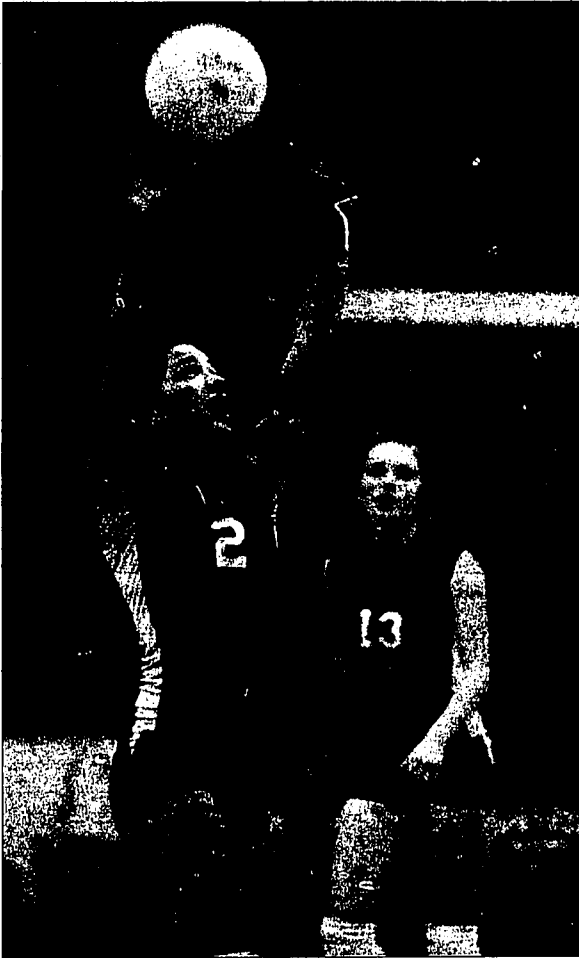
"Any time you add a team, it's just another to beat to get to state," Walker said. "We haven't played Madison, so I'm not sure what to expect."

The Bruins open the season with a tri-match against Jerome and Gooding at Gooding tonight.

2006 Twin Falls High School Bruins volleyball

Head coach: Niki Walker
Assistant coach: Michelle Federico
2005 record: not available
Hitters: Drew Brauer, sr.; Kelsey Jardine, sr.; Amber Petersen, jr.; Felice Hopkins, jr.; Kelly Wriesman, jr.; Kelsey Bordewyk, jr.; Kelli Roemer, jr.; Kelley Edinger, jr.; Al Caval, jr.; Danielle Schaal, fr.
Setters: Jessica Bond, sr.; Hopkins; Liz Williams, jr.
Liberos: Danielle Keating, jr.; Caval.

Team notes: The Bruins boast four returning starters in Bond, Brauer, Jardine and Petersen. Meanwhile, the rest have stepped up from last year's Junior varsity team and need to adapt to playing other 5A varsity teams with size. Region Four-Five-Six added Madison, which expands the conference to five teams (Highland, Idaho Falls, Madison, Skyline, Twin Falls).



Twin Falls High setter Jessica Bond (2) sets the ball during a match against Minico last season in Twin Falls.



Buhl Indians middle blocker Jamie Van Patten puts down a kill past Kimberly defenders Lacey Hays and Megan Stradley Monday during Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference action last season in Buhl.

Hopes are high for Buhl, Jerome

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Are there really any clear favorites in any of the District IV high school volleyball conferences?

Jerome coach Rick Burke gives a slight nod to Wood River in the Great Basin Conference West Division.

"We think with what Wood River has coming back makes them look like the favorite," Burke said. "They have two or three tall girls which will make their frontline the toughest hitting team."

In the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, Gooding coach Joleen Toone feels Buhl, with its top offensive and defensive players of a year ago returning — Miranda Juker and Jamie VanPatten and setter, Cheryl Geiger — is the early-season choice as the league favorite.

"I like those three returners," said Toone. Hagerman returns all six starters setting a solid foundation for the new season for the Pirates and should make them tough in the Magic Valley Southside Conference once again.

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Great Basin Conference West

Wood River will be quick and tall giving other teams something to deal with. On offense, the Wolverines have a pair of good senior setters in Leah McIlhenny and Casey Vegwert, and several good hitters including seniors Elissa Baker, Kelsey Lidstrom and junior Hannah Gove. Newcomer junior Lauren Morgenthaler (6-foot-3) will be an offensive force. Junior middle hitter Hannah Ward returns after sitting out a year with knee surgery.

The league's MVP from Jerome, hitter Megan Parrish, comes back for her senior year as the only returning starter for the Tigers. Last year, Parrish led the team in kills and blocks and is being looked at to lead the team. Junior setter

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Agassi extends career with win at Open

By Howard Federich
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — If Andre Agassi keeps this up, it's going to be absolutely exhausting. For him, for his opponent, for his fans, for everyone at the U.S. Open.

Knowing each time he steps on the court could be his last match as a pro, Agassi clearly does not want to go gently, and he kept overcoming deficits Monday night, pushing his 36-year-old body around Arthur Ashe Stadium for 3½ hours.

Eventually, Agassi managed to win the first match of his final tournament, coming back to beat Andrei Pavel of Romania 6-7 (4), 7-6 (8), 7-6 (6), 6-2 before an Open-record night session crowd of 23,736. Agassi's eyes welled up with tears as he served out the final point.

"I want to be here real bad, for the whole two weeks," Agassi told the crowd during a postmatch interview. "I really want to leave my best stuff on this court. I'm very proud of this day, and I'm glad it gets to happen again."

There were moments,



Andre Agassi follows through on his shot against Andrei Pavel of Romania at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on Monday.

though, when it looked as if Agassi would be bidding adieu for good. After he lost the first set, for example. And especially when he fell behind 4-0 in the third set, causing his wife, former star Steffi Graf, to pace a bit.

Yet that's when Agassi found the energy and shots to reverse things. Coincidence or not, Agassi went on a five-game run shortly after meeting with his coach, Darren Cahill, to bring him some freshly strung rackets. It also was around that time that Pavel, a 32-year-old

ranked 77th who hadn't played a hard-court match since March — was visited by a trainer. Agassi got to a third tiebreaker, then dominated the final set. It was a fitting way to cap a day that celebrated three of the sport's most significant figures. Before Agassi's match, the U.S. Tennis Association rededicated its facility, naming it the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. And Jimmy Connors was on the scene, too, coaching Andy Roddick and soaking in the adoration.

Lindsay Davenport, the 1998 Open champion, beat Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-4, showing no signs of the right shoulder injury that forced her to withdraw from a hard-court tuneup final Saturday. The woman she was playing when she quit, 2005 Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, also won in straight sets Monday, while 2004 winner Svetlana Kuznetsova got by Sandra Kiesel 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

The biggest upset of Day 1 — on paper, anyway — came when Ivan Ljubicic was bounced by Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Although seeded third, Ljubicic has never been past the third round at the U.S. Open and only once reached the semifinals at any major.

A year ago, Andy Roddick was knocked off in the first round here. That there would be no such shocker this time was clear from the sixth game, when Roddick smacked an overhead to break serve, then punched his fist and shouted, "Yeahhhhh! Let's get this Open started!"

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Bonds' trainer jailed for contempt

By David Kravets
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' personal trainer was held in contempt of court and ordered to return to jail Monday for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the Giants slugger for perjury and other charges.

Greg Anderson, who stood before a federal grand jury five times without answering pertinent questions, was held in contempt of court for two weeks last month but was released when the grand jury's term expired.

Anderson could remain behind bars for months or more while a new grand jury investigates.

He served three months in prison and three months of home detention after pleading guilty to steroid distribution and money laundering in the investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, which allegedly supplied Bonds and other athletes with performance-enhancing drugs.

Anderson has refused to say whether he gave Bonds steroids. Bonds told a different grand jury in 2003 that he did not knowingly use steroids and that Anderson gave him flaxseed oil and arthritic balm.

Authorities suspect Bonds lied under oath. Besides perjury allegations, they also are investigating him on suspicion of tax evasion regarding income from sales of his sports memorabilia.

Attorneys for Anderson told U.S. District Judge William Alsup that testifying before the grand jury would violate a deal struck in December to plead guilty. They say Anderson specifically stated he would not cooperate with the government as part of the deal.

SPORTS

Palmer shines in return

CINCINNATI (AP) — Carson Palmer ached the first.

With a brace protecting his rebuilt knee, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback took the hits, avoided the rush and threw three touchdown passes Monday night in his first game back from the injury.

By halftime of the 46-17 preseason victory over the Green Bay Packers, Palmer had convincingly made his case that he'll be ready for the season opener.

"He hasn't lost a thing," right tackle Willie Anderson said. "He's our leader, and he's back. That's got to make any Bengals fan feel real happy."

Showing no hesitation to take a tackle or take off on a scramble, Palmer completed 9 of 14 passes for 140 yards and three touchdowns. It felt like old times at Jubilation Paul Brown Stadium when he pointed his right index finger to the sky after his second touchdown.

"I can't say I felt real emotional," Palmer said. "It just felt like a business day, a chance to get some work in."

Unless his knee swells in the next few days, Palmer will be on schedule to start in Kansas City on Sept. 10, his goal during a grueling comeback that had overshadowed the franchise since its playoff loss to Pittsburgh on Jan. 8.

"He dropped back, he rolled out, he got hit a few times, he had a chance to run the ball," coach Marvin Lewis said. "He looked very good, very sharp. It's still just preseason, but it's encouraging."

Palmer's return was the cornerstone of a buoyant night for the Bengals, who are 3-0 in preseason for the first time since 1976 and have clinched their first winning preseason since 1988.

By contrast, a long-awaited Packers return quickly became a miserable night.

Running back Ahmad Green played in his first game since he tore a tendon in his thigh midway through last season. Green carried 8 times for only 18 yards in the first half, unable to find much room behind a line featuring two rookie guards. His longest run was 8 yards.

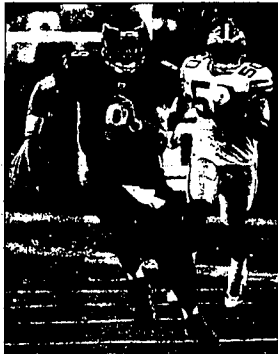
Mostly, it was another humbling visit for Brett Favre, who gets more reason to hate the place every time he returns.

Last season, Favre threw five interceptions — his career high in the regular season — and had the ball snatched from his hand by a fan who ran into the field in the closing minutes of a 21-14 loss in Cincinnati.

This time, he had the ball fly out of his hand during a pass attempt on the opening series, a fumble that Dexter Jackson returned 29 yards for a touchdown. He was intercepted on the next series, and tripped and fell while dropping to pass in the second quarter.

Favre played into the third quarter, going 12-of-25 for 162 yards with three sacks and a touchdown for the Packers (1-2).

Palmer's long-awaited return was high drama for the crowd of 65,614 that waved signs and



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer (9) scrambles away from Green Bay Packers defender A.J. Hawk (50) in the first quarter of Monday's game in Cincinnati.

sported No. 9 jerseys in support.

The Bengals offense was introduced as a unit. Palmer followed Anderson and center Rich Brahman onto the field, entering through the same tunnel where he left on a cart following his knee injury Jan. 8.

Palmer's first completion went to Chris Henry, who made a 66-yard reception on Palmer's lone pass in that playoff loss to Pittsburgh. Kimo von Oelhoffen's shoulder slammed into the side of Palmer's left knee after he released that playoff pass, shredding ligaments and dislocating his knee cap.

When Palmer let go of the ball this time, he got tackled for the first time since the injury. Green Bay's Kaber Gbaja-Biamila hit him around the waist and took him down, a tame but telling tackle.

Palmer popped right up.

"It felt good to get hit and to know my knee could withstand the contact," Palmer said. "They can talk all they want about you being ready to go, but until you get hit, until you get pressure on the knee from another player, that's when you know you really feel confident about it."

Three plays later, Palmer hushed the stadium by scrambling 11 yards, then sliding safely on the side of his brace-supported knee. A cheer of relief filled the stadium when he got up again.

Then, Palmer started doing what he did all last season — throwing on-target passes that gave the defenders little chance. After his second touchdown pass, the usually serious Lewis shared a belly laugh with receiver Chad Johnson on the sideline.

Cincinnati could laugh again.

Bears, Cutthroats win big

Times-News

DECLEO — It wasn't even close in Declo on Monday as the Bliss Bears took it to the Declo Hornets in a 10-2 Class 3A conference win.

Bliss forwards Eli Gough and Jovan Rojas each had hat tricks for the Bears and were aided in scoring by Adam Burk, Cole Erkins, Alex Cortez and Lalo Coronado.

Zack Helmer scored both Declo goals, one in each half.

"We couldn't control the midfield," Declo head coach Tim Hendrickson said. "When we did, we got goals."

Bliss (2-0, 1-0) plays Bull Thursday. Declo (0-2, 0-2) travels to Burlington to take on the Bobcats junior varsity squad on Wednesday.

Community School 12, Filer 1

KETCHUM — The Community School also had a big day on the field as they took a 12-1 conference win over Filer on Monday.

In the first half, Tanner Flannigan scored four goals, followed by Travis Stone with three. Max Harris and Alden Remington also scored.

Remington's came on a penalty kick. The second half saw Ryan Campbell, Jackson Bates and Mac Whittington all score goals.

"Travis and Tanner played well up front and took chances," Community School head coach Richard Whitehead said. Whitehead named Flannigan as the man of the match.

The Community School (1-1, 0-1) travels to Declo on Friday. Filer (0-2, 0-2) travels to Wendell on Wednesday.

Gooding 1, Wendell 1

WENDELL — The Gooding Senators and Wendell Trojans stalemated on Monday, finishing with a 1-1 tie.

Wendell's Victor Salazar and Gooding's Julio Ledesma scored the goals. Salazar came on a penalty kick.

Wendell (0-0-1, 0-0-1) hosts Filer on Wednesday. Gooding (1-0-1, 1-0-1) hosts the Community School junior varsity on Wednesday.

Girls soccer

Gooding 3, Wendell 1

WENDELL — Gentry Koyles' pair of goals led the Gooding Senators to their first win of the season, a 3-1 victory over the

host Wendell Trojans. Misti Sjoesop added a goal of her own for the 1-1-1 Senators.

"We had some mean shooting," Senators head coach Chris Thompson said. "Just impressive shots from all over the field and just pounding it in there."

Whitney Sams scored the last goal for the 0-1 Trojans.

The Senators are currently playing with 10 players, but expect to suit up a full 12-woman team next week. In the meantime, they host the Community School Cutthroats on Wednesday.

College basketball

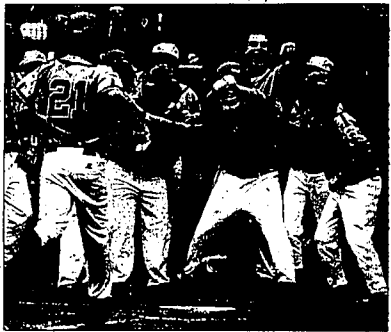
Gabidon signs with Texas-San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Travis Gabidon, a 2006 NCAAA Third Team All-American while at the College of Southern Idaho, signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Texas at San Antonio on Monday.

Gabidon signed with Mississippi State University earlier, but found a better fit in San Antonio.

Gabidon averaged over 12 points and five rebounds per game over his two-year CSI career.

Columbus, Ga. wins LLWS



SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The chants of "USA! USA!" spread through the crowd when the kids from Columbus, Ga., got the last out in the Little League World Series.

How fitting.

Cody Walker hit a two-run homer, Ryan Carter struck out 11, and Columbus beat Kawaguchi City, Japan, 2-1 on Monday, giving an American team the championship for the second straight year.

"It feels great," Walker said with a grin.

Columbus' victory in the Little League title game came one year after Iowa Beach, Hawaii, beat a squad from Wilmetstad, Curacao for the championship. A U.S. team hadn't won back-to-back Little League titles with different teams since 1982-83 when Kirkland, Wash., and Marietta, Ga., celebrated in South Williamsport.

That Marietta team was the only other club from Georgia to make it to the tournament.

"That is pretty awesome," Columbus manager Randy Morris said. "We've been here twice and won it twice, so maybe we should try this more."

Long Beach, Calif., was a repeat champion in 1992-93, though the first victory was awarded after a Philippines squad was stripped of the title for using over-age players.

Just 13, Japan's Go Matsumoto dominated hitters like a major leaguer with an overpowering fastball.

It was potent again for him on Monday, except for Walker's

Columbus, Ga. batter Cody Walker (21) trots home to a celebration by teammates after hitting a third inning two-run home run off Kawaguchi City, Japan pitcher Go Matsumoto in the Little League World Series championship baseball game Monday in South Williamsport, Pa.

shot in the third inning that followed a baserunning blunder.

Walker overcame a bout of wildness in the sixth and final inning after walking one batter and hitting another to become the only pitcher in World Series history to win four games.

Morris visited the mound, but stuck with his ace.

"I didn't think he was losing it or anything," Morris said. "I just went out to him to tell to take a deep breath, and don't let up."

With two runners on, he got Ryoja Sato to hit a weak bounce to Josh Lester at second for the last out of the game.

That prompted the Georgia-leaning crowd to erupt in cheers, chant "USA! USA!" and wave American flags.

Columbus players rushed toward Lester, skipping up and down in celebration and tossing their gloves to the sky.

Then they posed on the mound for a group picture with a banner that proclaimed them "World Series Champions" as their gloves were strewn across the infield.

Kawaguchi City manager Shigeru Hidakaka called Carter's performance "fantastic."

It wasn't to be though. A sign in the Columbus cheering section read, "Georgia, Not Just Pouches." Now, it's also home to the best team in Little League baseball.

Mets power past Phillies

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Delgado, David Wright and Paul Lo Duca drove in two runs apiece and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-3 Monday for their ninth win in 10 games.

John Maine (4-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings for the Mets, who opened a season-high 1 1/2-game lead over the second-place Phillies in the NL East.

Ryan Howard hit his NL-leading 47th homer and Pat Burrell had a two-run drive for Philadelphia. Howard homered in all three games of the series and has seven homers in his last 15 games against the Mets.

Janie Meyer (1-1) gave up seven runs — five earned — and nine hits over six innings in his second start since the Phillies acquired him Seattle on Aug. 19.

Marlins 4, Brewers 2

MIAMI — Josh Johnson (12-6) lowered his major league-leading ERA to 2.87, and Florida extended its winning streak to eight.

Dan Uggla hit his 20th homer and added a sacrifice fly for the Marlins (6-6), who had not been within two games of .500 since they were 1-3.

Johnson won his third straight decision, striking out seven in a season-high 7 2/3 innings. He allowed two runs and eight hits. Joe Borowski struck out the side in the ninth for his 31st save.

Ben Sheets (4-6) gave up three runs — one earned — and six hits in seven innings with six strikeouts as Florida completed a four-game sweep.

Pirates 11, Cubs 6

PITTSBURGH — Freddy Sanchez had three hits to raise his NL-leading batting average to

.349.

Chris Duffy had three hits, three runs, two RBIs and a stolen base, and Ronny Paulino had three hits and two RBIs for Pittsburgh, which got 15 hits in the first five innings, took a 9-1 lead and stopped a three-game losing streak. The Pirates finished with 19 hits.

Ian Snell (12-0) won despite allowing five runs, five hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings.

Derek Lee, who had been on the disabled list since July 24 because of an inflamed right wrist, had a two-run single for the Cubs. Homer Guzman (0-4) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in three-plus innings.

American League

Indians 6, Blue Jays 4

CLEVELAND — Grady Sizemore homered, doubled twice and scored three runs to help Paul Byrd bounce back from a brutal outing, lifting the Cleveland Indians over the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1.

The perpetually hustling Sizemore, who in his second full season has emerged as the club's best position player, leads the league with 75 extra-base hits, two more than Boston's David Ortiz.

Ryan Garko added a pair of RBI doubles off A.J. Burnett (6-6) as the Indians improved to a major league-best 14-5 since Aug. 9.

Recid Johnson had three hits for the Blue Jays.

Byrd (9-6) didn't make it out of the first inning of his previous start, getting banged around for nine runs — three earned — and eight hits at Kansas City on Wednesday. He escaped with a no-decision when the Indians, trailing 10-1 after the first inning, rallied to win 15-13.

This time, the right-hander stayed around just long enough to get a cheap win, allowing three earned runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

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It was reminiscent of the sort of crowd-enriching display that took place from the 1970s through the early '90s, though Roddick said they haven't spoken at all about those sorts of displays. And, it's true, Roddick does come by his theatrics honestly, having done that sort of thing for years.

Connors, wearing a green sweater vest, sat mostly impassively in the players' guest box at Arthur Ashe Stadium, his chin resting on his hand much of the match.

"I just enjoy his presence. I'm excited every morning when I wake up to go try to learn new

things," said Roddick, once ranked No. 1 but seeded ninth at the Open. "His passion for the game, and for this process is huge. It's contagious."

Roddick returned well, breaking Serra in seven of his 12 service games. He served well, hitting 10 aces. And he made only 10 unforced errors, compared with 25 winners.

Neither Roddick nor Connors would talk about specific changes they've worked on.

"Let's see things straight; Andy Roddick knows how to play tennis, and he has for a long time now," Connors said. "It's not rocket science."

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Tennessee Titans reach deal with quarterback Kerry Collins

ASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans signed veteran quarterback Kerry Collins on Monday, finally deciding they need more experience after trading Steve McNair.



Oakland Raiders quarterback Kerry Collins (5) passes against the Tennessee Titans in this Oct. 30, 2005 file photo in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans signed Collins on Monday, finally deciding they need more experience after trading Steve McNair.

MAGIC VALLEY Sports Shorts

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its youth basketball programs through Sept. 15.

Raiders sign Jeff George

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders signed Jeff George to a contract Monday, bringing back a player who hasn't thrown an NFL pass in five seasons.

Brain Boosters meet Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Brain Boosters will hold a meeting Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. in the High School Faculty Room.

Eagles get WR Stallworth from Saints

PHILADELPHIA — Still looking to replace Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia Eagles acquired wide receiver Dante Stallworth from the New Orleans Saints on Monday.

Colleges

NCA-AACRONYM Norm Morrison director of college basketball in Idaho will meet with basketball coaches from the Magic Valley Area Conference on Monday.

SPORTS

Hopes

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Katherine Twitchell and outside hitter Jordan Burnham will help to solidify the Tigers offense.

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Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

After a 13-3 season and finishing 8-0 in capturing the SCIC championship last year, Buhl returns four starters and could just repeat as the top team. The Indians will look for senior leadership from Miranda Juker...

ference Senior McKenzle Hinkle is an experienced setter with good hands and setter/libero Emily Hughes is strong in all areas of defense and offense.

After finishing at the bottom of the standings last year, Coach Jan Hall hopes the success of the Kimberly softball team and its competitive spirit will carry over to the volleyball court.

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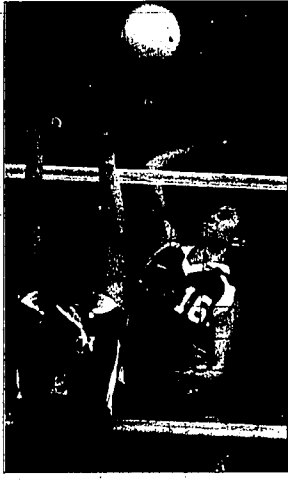
Canyon Conference

After winning its fifth District IV 2A title and a trip to the state tournament, Valley coach Julian Escobedo hopes the return of four starters with a year of varsity experience from last year's team will be the catalyst for another good season.

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Magic Valley Northside Conference

After losing four four-year starters from a year ago, the Shoshone Indians will look for leadership from their only returning starter, senior Kori Bingham.



Shoshone hitter Kori Astle spikes the ball over a Carey blocker during an Indians win over the visiting Panthers last season.

Times-News photo

Starting from a year ago, the Shoshone Indians will look for leadership from their only returning starter, senior Kori Bingham.

Messick. "We've been working on our passing for two or three weeks. Until you can do that successfully, nothing else can really work. We just really want to go out and compete. This should be a challenging and fun year."

Senior Alisha Crane, Rachel Anichstegui and Carli Noble all return for Glenns Ferry and should offer new coach Joni Solosabal a solid foundation for her first year at the helm.

After coming away from the 2006 state tournament with a third-place finish, Carey coach Kathy Whitworth begins the new season with no returning starters but does have a group of young, excited girls that are eager to learn and perform.

some offensive experience and junior Katie Patterson some play on defense.

A common dilemma faces coach Tracy Perron at Dietrich as she welcomes a team of new players to varsity action. Key players for the Blue Devils include middle hitters junior Tammy Anderson and sophomore Jesse Dill and outside hitters, senior Lindy Bingham and junior Ashley Connor.

Senior outside hitter Lucy Wood and junior middle blocker Brecca Stromer are the only two members returning from last year's varsity team at Bliss. The Bears have six sophomores listed on their varsity roster.

Magic Valley

Southside Conference

As Hagerman coach Luanne Axelson put it as her young team was eliminated from last year's state tournament, "They stepped onto the court and became varsity players." The Pirates went undefeated in the conference, made a trip to state and ended the season at 25-4.

exhibited but working together well," remained mentally strong and executing will be the keys to a great season. Senior setter Kimberly Harper, outside hitter Jayme Manning, middle blocker Lindsay Hutchison, opposite hitter Hailee Scott and junior hitter Nicole Harper all return.

Murtaugh coach Carrie Morgan looks for her young team to be scrappy. The Red Devils have two seniors in opposite hitter Charlee Randolph and middle blocker Chanece Bridges. Setter JoAnna Randolph and middle blocker Michelle Roseborough are juniors and will be looked upon for leadership.

Hansen will field a strong team with four returning seniors leading the way. Most of the team members have played together for all four years. Charlotte Freestone, Shylane Higgins, Amanda Doherty and Amanda Urie are the returners.

Senior Jessica Elsnor and junior Rachel Rodgers return as starters for Castleford. Senior middle blocker Megan Durham, junior setter Gabriela Medina and sophomore outside hitter Rikki Higgins have varsity experience and will strengthen the offense.

Independent

Lacking some height at Twin Falls Christian Academy but having four senior starters returning should make first-year coach Becky Johnson feel a little at ease. Middle blocker Lindsay Brown, outside hitters Mindy McKnight and Joana Early, and setter Kristen Miller should provide plenty of leadership for their younger teammates.

2006 Magic Valley Volleyball Capsules

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Jerome Tigers Head coach: Rick Butrie, second year Assistant coach: Angel Harrison 2005 record: 17-8 Hitters: Megan Parrish, sr. MB; Jordan Burnham, jr. OH; Jordan Hollifield, so. OH; Christina Paulos, jr. OH; Kortnie Martin, jr. MB; Jenny Bartholomew, jr. MB; Eli Cruz, sr. OH Setters: Katherine Twitchell, jr. Liberos: Nicole Sauer, jr.; Mary Whitmire, sr. Team notes: Megan Parrish returns for the Class 4A District IV champs after leading Jerome in kills and blocks in 2005. "Parrish will be called upon to be more of a vocal leader as she looks toward playing in the collegiate ranks in 2007," while juniors Katherine Twitchell and Jordan Burnham will help solidify the Tigers defense.

Gooding Senators Co-head coaches: Joleen Toone, 27th year; Jenny Koski, 22nd year Assistant coaches: Cassidy Cook, Evelyn Gillette 2005 record: 14-7 Hitters: Katie Randall, sr.; Nicl Abramowski, jr.; Halley Robinson, sr.; Casey Nelson, sr. Newcomers: Jordan Braga, jr.; Juniel Jensen, jr.; Megan Pierson, jr.; Karley Branham, jr.; Katie Faulkner, jr.; Malan McCull, jr. Team notes: The Senators will be a quick team, but inexperience will hurt them with passing and digging.

Glenns Ferry Pilots Head coach: Joni Solosabal, first year Assistant coach: Chas Allen 2005 record: not available Hitters: Alisha Crane, sr.; Rachel Anichstegui, sr.; Carli Noble, sr.; Ashlea Gramkow, jr.; Katie Hinkle, jr. Setters: Leticia Mesillas, sr.; Jaclyn Ferry, jr. Newcomers: Crystal Laib, jr. Team notes: The Pilots return three senior starters and will field a strong offensive team.

Dietrich Blue Devils Head coach: Traci Perron, second year 2005 record: not available Hitters: Lindy Bingham, sr. OH; Tammy Anderson, jr. MB; Jesse Dill, so. MB; Shasta Towne, jr. OH; Angelina Sorensen, sr. OH; Ashley Connor, jr. OH. Setter: Tatiana Weber, sr. MB. Team notes: With the entire 2005 team gone due to graduation, the 2006 Blue Devils are all new to varsity play and are looking forward to the season. Dietrich's roster filled to the brim with enthusiasm and hard workers.

Castleford Wolves Head coach: Oscar Flores, second year Assistant coaches: David and Alycia Parks 2005 record: 7-9 Hitters: Jessica Elsnor, sr.; Rachel Rodgers, jr.; Megan Durham, jr.; Rikki Medina, jr. Liberos: Gabriela Medina, sr.; Belinda Whynon, so. Newcomers: Allison Rodgers, jr.; Kortnie Peterson, jr.; Amanda Eisner, so. Team notes: The Wolves lay claim to a strong defense and a quick play with roughly half the 2005 squad returning. Not all of the new faces are freshmen, as a few will be sophomores or juniors.

Charlote Freestone, The Huskies will need to work on the all important passing game to get their offense firing on all cylinders.

Magic Valley Southside Conference Castleford Wolves

Murtaugh Red Devils Head coach: Carrie Morgan, third year Assistant coach: Debbie Stalter 2005 record: 5-12 Hitters: JoAnna Randolph, jr.; Michelle Roseborough, jr. Setter: Chanece Randolph, jr. Newcomers: Selin Delgado, jr.; LaNelle Simmons, so.; Jera Adams, so.; Niki Hutzar, so.; Ashley Bridges, so. Team notes: The girls will be scrappy and fairly inexperienced with only one senior.

Hagerman Pirates Head coach: Luanne Axelson Assistant coach: Carrie Chisum 2005 record: 25-4 Hitters: Kalia Madrigales, sr.; Sarah Cornelison, sr. OH; Shambray Pendley, jr. OH; Breccia Mangum, so. OH. Setter: Chanece Axelson, jr.; Charli Gilsner, jr. Newcomer: Christine Regnier, jr. Team notes: With basically the same team returning from a successful 2005, the chemistry is still present.

Raft River Trojans Head coach: Cami Schumann, third year Assistant coach: Teresa Durfee 2005 record: 15-4 Hitters: Jayme Manning, sr. OH; Lindsay Hutchison, sr. MB; Hailee Scott, sr. OH; Janelle Jones, so. DS; Nicole Harper, jr. OH. Setter: Kimberly Harper, sr.; Marii Manning, so. Newcomers: Keeley Ward, jr. MB; Natalie Greenwood, jr. DS; Hylley Hutchison, jr. DS; Meg Wickel, so. MB. Team notes: Raft River has a lot of talent. The girls are working very well together and are hungry for the season.

Hansen Huskies Head coach: Galen Stimpson, fifth year Assistant coach: Ross Couder 2005 record: 11-8 Hitters: Charlotte Freestone, sr.; Shylane Higgins, sr.; Amanda Doherty, sr.; Amanda Urie, sr.; Jessica Day, sr.; Kelsea Royer, sr. Setters: Lilibero: Jessica Beaver, sr.; Jessea Arevalo, jr.; Rachael Okarma, jr.; Monique Day, sr.; Ashley Pange, sr.; Shelly Pedersen, sr. Newcomers: Shelby Schoessler, jr.; Abby Curry, jr. Team notes: Coach Stimpson brings back a solid group that's played together for years and will be led by quality athlete

Twins Christian Academy Warriors Head coach: Becky Johnson, first year Assistant coach: Rachel Owens 2005 record: 5-8 Hitters: Megan Lux, jr. MB; Vaughna Stephens, so. OH; Desiree Kelly, fresh. OH; Joanna Early, sr. OH; Mindy Brown, sr. MB; Lindsey McKnight, sr. OH; Michelle Ward, fresh. MB. Setters: Kristen Miller, sr.; Rachel Waldman, so.; Shaya Rich-Gordon, so. Libero: Jessica Irwin, fresh. Team notes: The Lions will make up for a lack of height with improved passing and communication. A group of four seniors will lead a young group of hungry Lions.

Richfield Tigers Head coach: Norm Rock, first year Assistant coach: Janette Godin 2005 record: 12-10 Roster: Krista Allen, so.; Michelle Kent, so.; Moe Hubbsmith, jr.; Kimberly Twitchell, jr.; Kimber Swainston, jr.; Lea Piper, so.; Crystina Johnson, sr.; Dana Naylor, sr.; Cassie Wood, sr. Team notes: Solid athletes Cassie Wood and Moe Hubbsmith will look to lead the Tigers toward the top of the Northside standings and past cross-county rivals Dietrich and Shoshone.

Independent Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors

Shoshone Indians Head coach: Larry Messick, 27th year Assistant coach: Kelly Chapman 2005 record: 33-2, Class 1A state champions Hitters: Kori Bingham, sr. OH; Tressa Mitchell, OH; Shaynee Gullford, jr. OH; Kelly Perron, so. MB; Leticia Molyneux, jr. OH; Valarie Pantone, jr. OH; Taylor Astle, fresh. OH. Setters: Myka Medlock, jr.; Jenny Perron, fresh.; Shelby Bozotto, fresh. Team notes: The Indians are the state's Class 1A two-time defending state champions, but will face an uphill battle to make it a three-peat as gradua-

tion hit the Indians hard in 2005. Senior outside hitter Kori Bingham will be a major cog in Shoshone's offense, while familiar surnames, including Gulliford and Astle, come along with fresh faces on the roster.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference Bliss Bears Head coaches: Diana Butler, 22nd year; Laura Erkins, 18th year 2005 record: not available Hitters: Stephanie Goolsby, sr. OH; Sheryl Johnson, sr. OH; Lacey Wood, sr. OH; Sabrina McCracken, jr. MB; Brecca Stromer, jr. MB; Ariel Burk, so. OH; Sarah Gabbard, so. OH. Setters: Brooke Brown, so.; Alex Campos, so.; Chelsea Pulse, so.; Lupita Rosales, so. Team notes: Numbers are up in Bliss, thanks to a solid sophomore class that will boost six players on the Bears roster. Senior Lacey Wood will play her fourth year of varsity volleyball for the Bears and will look to lead the young team toward the top of the conference standings this season.

Carey Panthers Head coach: Kathy Whitworth, third year Assistant coach: Dick Simpson 2005 record: 27-5, third at state Hitters: Allison Shaffer, sr.; Serene Bingham, sr.; Britany Hennefer, sr.; Emily Olsen, sr.

Kimberly Bulldogs Head coach: Jan Hall, fifth year Assistant coaches: Lawrence Pfeiffer, Susie Morris 2005 record: 10-13 Hitters: Kassie Newberry, jr.; Jacie Reeves, sr.; Britany Hardy, sr.; Sharelle Seward, sr.; Alexis Pfeiffer. Setters: Kylie Butler, jr. Team notes: The junior class will bring numbers to the team that has only three seniors.

Filer Wildcats Head coach: Ed Richards, 21st year Assistant coaches: Kristen Young, Leigh Schindler 2005 record: 9-22 Hitters: Kelsy Newton, sr. MB; Shanae Astle, sr. OH; Emma Wierma, sr. OH. Setters: McKenzle Hinkle, jr. Libero: Emily Hughes, sr. Team notes: The Wildcats will be very deep with 11 evenly-talented players. It is hoped that the hard work in the offseason will allow the team to play a quicker game, but the team needs to improve ball control before its offense can succeed.

Wood River Wolverines Head coach: Tim Richards, fifth year Assistant coach: Gary Carr 2005 record: 22-18 Hitters: Elissa Baker, sr. OH; Kelsey Lidstrom, sr. MB; Hannah Gove, jr. OH; Kaylee Baker, so. OH. Setters: Leah McHenry, sr.; Casey Wegvert, sr. Libero: A'gha Coleman, so. Newcomers: Lauren Morgenhauer, jr. OH; Hannah Ward, jr. MB. Team notes: After missing all of last season after undergoing knee surgery, junior Hannah Ward returns and will be a strong force blocking at the net and hitting in the middle. The Wolverines will field a team of tall athletes who can hit the ball and put up big blocks.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Buhl Indians Head coach: Chrissy Waitley, third year Assistant coaches: Denny Moretto, Angie Parmico 2005 record: 13-3 Hitters: Leslie Hunter, jr. OH; Miranda Juker, sr. OH; Amber Scovel, jr. OH; Alicia Abshire, jr. OH; Ellie Spencer, so. MB; Jamie

Class 2A Canyon Conference Valley Vikings Head coach: Julian Escobedo,

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Live cattle	89.32 ▲ .87
Aug. gold	615.30 ▼ 6.70

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Public hearing on Blue Lakes plan

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Transportation Department will hold a public hearing today to gather input on the planned construction project on Blue Lakes Boulevard North between Pole Line Road and Falls Avenue.

The hearing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

A project team will display the preliminary design for the project area, provide an updated status on the proposed improvement project and will discuss the construction schedule. The community is invited to come and say what they think about the project.

For more information, call Steve Tonks at 886-7888.

Forbes: Idaho is sixth best business state

TWIN FALLS — Forbes has placed Idaho sixth on its list of Best States for Business, according to a new release from Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Virginia ranked first and Utah was fourth. "It's great to be ranked number six, but I really believe Idaho has the best business climate in America and, therefore, in the world," said Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger B. Madsen.

"It is not by accident that we number one in percentage job growth during the past 12 months." The state rankings are based on business costs, economic climate, growth prospects, labor, quality of life and regulatory environment. Idaho was second in economic climate, trailing only Arizona, and 13th for the cost of doing business.

In the West, only Wyoming and New Mexico ranked better for business costs. Forbes cited the state's record-low unemployment rate over the past year in ranking its labor pool 16th nationally. Idaho's lowest rating was 34th for its regulatory environment. The state was 20th in quality of life and 22nd for growth prospects.

Congress boosts college savings plan

TWIN FALLS — Congress made it easier for Idaho families to save for college when it voted to retain the federal tax advantages of the 529 college savings plans.

Congress' decision last week made permanent some of the 529 college saving plan's most important features, including federal tax-free growth of investments and federal tax-free withdrawals for qualified educational expenses.

For more information about Idaho's college savings plan, visit www.sto-idaho.gov.

— Compiled from wire reports

Idaho wine may get seal of originality

The Associated Press

BOISE — Wine makers like to say their wines are unique.

For vintners in the southwestern part of Idaho, a possible federal designation as an American Viticultural Area — called an AVA — would give them something to buck that up.

An area of 8,263 square miles stretching from Twin Falls to Oregon is being considered for a designation by the U.S. Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. The request was

filed a year ago by the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, and it typically takes 18 months to two years to get approval.

"It would mean that the Snake River Valley would be known for grapes that have a unique characteristic, leading to wine that would have a unique personality," Lloyd Mahaffey, owner of the five-acre Casa D'Agulia vineyard near Engle, told The Idaho Statesman. "And that would prove that Idaho is an up-and-coming wine-growing region."

So far, 172 such areas have been designated in the United States. 93 of them in California. The largest is the 25,000-square-mile Ohio River Valley AVA. The designation means local conditions, ranging from climate to the lay of the land, produce grapes that result in wines with flavors that cannot be recreated elsewhere.

"You have to show the feds why your region is distinct from other regions," said David Wilkins, a professor at Boise State University.

The Snake River Valley appellation includes 10 Idaho counties and parts of two Oregon counties.

Wilkins said the southwestern part of Idaho is a unique wine-growing area because the extended heat caused by the state's longer and warmer days produces optimum sugar levels in grapes.

Also, he said, Idaho grapes benefit from the south-facing slopes of the Snake River Valley. The grapes get more sunlight, but the sloping ground makes cold air drain

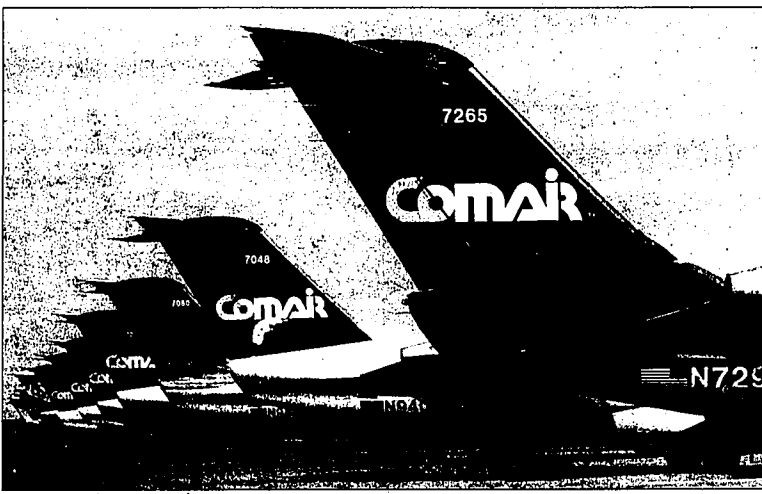
away to prevent frost damage.

A study by the University of Idaho found that there were 25 wineries with 1,600 acres in Idaho in 2006. They produced about 250,000 cases of wine.

Robin Pollard is the executive director of the Washington Wine Commission. He said that the industry in that state has grown from 19 wineries to 40 since 1983, when the Yakima Valley became the state's first AVA.

"An AVA clearly denotes a distinctive style and taste for your wines," said Pollard.

FACING AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE



Idle Comair planes line the tarmac outside the Comair terminal at Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport in Hebron, Ky., in March 2001. Last weekend's deadly crash will make Comair's survival even tougher. Delta recently put some of its regional jet service out to bid, a move that by itself could have weakened subsidiary Comair. Delta contracts with SkyWest Airlines to provide regional air service between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City.

Lower oil prices send stocks higher

By Joe Bel Bruno
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded Monday as energy prices fell on signs that Tropical Storm Ernesto won't hit the Gulf of Mexico and as investors grew optimistic about a series of major economic reports on tap this week.

Retail and transportation stocks rose as investors believed lower oil prices would help consumer spending. The drop in energy prices also weakened concerns that this week's data on consumer confidence, job growth, and manufacturing might show the economy is slowing faster than expected.

The market's advance came amid light summer volume, which is expected to remain thin until after Labor Day.

investors did get a handful of company announcements Monday, including Google Inc. and auction Web site eBay Inc. forming an advertising alliance.

Meanwhile, Kinder Morgan Inc.'s board agreed to take the natural-gas pipeline operator private, and Western Refining Inc. said it was acquiring Giant Industries Inc.

"The message of this week is 'if true falls in the front, and there's nobody there, will it make noise?'" said Larry Peruzzi, a trader with Mellon Financial's The Boston Co. Asset management. "The market is just looking to head up, not get taken down, and sets up the table for September."

The Standard & Poor's 500 added 6.69, or 0.52 percent, to 1,301.78 — near a three-month high. Powering the

index were components Altria Group Inc. and PepsiCo Inc., which touched on historic highs, and Coca-Cola Co. coming within pennies of a 52-week high.

Other major stock indicators also advanced. The Dow jumped 67.96, or 0.60 percent, to 11,352.01, recovering somewhat from last week's loss of 0.86 percent. The Nasdaq composite index, also near a three-month high, picked up 20.41, or 0.95 percent, to 2,160.70.

Bonds were mostly flat, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note at 4.80 percent from Friday's five-month low of 4.79 percent. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Energy prices retreated as it appeared Ernesto would likely swipe Florida instead of key

oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. A barrel of light, sweet crude tumbled \$1.90 to \$70.61 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Meanwhile, gasoline futures fell by 11 cents to \$1.78 a gallon and natural gas declined by 68 cents to \$6.47 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The declines were welcomed by Wall Street after last week's economic data showed a sharp drop in new and existing home sales. The data prompted concerns about the economy, and threw into question the Federal Reserve's hope for a soft landing as a result of its string of 17 interest rate hikes.

Investors will be looking for clues as to the Fed's next move from this week's economic data, starting with the Conference Board's consumer confidence report today.

Brazil's state oil company wants to work with Mexico

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Brazil's state-owned oil company said Monday it wants to forge a partnership with its Mexican counterpart for deep-water oil exploration and production.

"We're ready to take on risks as we already have all the knowledge in deep waters," Petrobras chief financial officer Almir Barbassa told reporters on the sidelines of a seminar. "It would make total sense to work together with Pemex."

Mexico also needs to find new oil sources — and Pemex sees deep-water exploration as the long-term answer to replacing reserves and output, particularly as its main oil-producing Cantarell field has started to decline.

Days after Mexico's election, ruling party candidate Felipe Calderon said he was interested in learning about deep-water exploration and production from Petrobras, which has vast experience in the area.

Bur-Mexican law prohibits private or foreign companies from ownership of any oil gas concession. Brazil's state-owned oil company said Monday it wants to forge a partnership with its Mexican counterpart for deep-water oil exploration and production.

Barbassa said Petrobras would like to partner with Pemex soon, but that the issue depends on Mexican politics.

Mexico's top electoral court began a marathon session Monday to rule on challenges to the presidential election, and has until Sept. 6 to announce its decision. Calderon's top challenger, leftist former Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is opposed to Pemex forging an alliance for deep-water oil.

Prudential to pay \$600 million over market timing allegations

Government accused the company of using deception in trading of shares

By Michael J. Saffin
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Prudential Financial Inc. and a subsidiary have agreed to pay \$600 million in penalties to resolve government allegations of deceptive market timing in the trading of mutual funds, the Justice Department announced Monday.

The suit, Justice Prudential Equity Group, LLC, admitted to crim' al wrongdoing in the s' , dating back to 1999, t' department said.

The parent company, Prudential Financial, entered into a separate compliance agreement with the Justice Department to cooperate in the ongoing investigation of market timing and to maintain policies and procedures to insure that affiliated entities

follow the law.

The settlement is one of the largest resulting from a broad probe of market timing that has rocked the fund industry for the past three years. In 2004, Bank of America Corp. agreed to a \$675 million deal.

Charges were outlined in a criminal information prosecutors are filing in federal court against Prudential. Justice officials have agreed to defer prosecution so long as the companies abide by terms of the agreement.

A criminal information is a criminal charge filed in court by prosecutors, usually when the defendant has agreed to waive grand jury indictment.

The agreement was announced Monday afternoon at a news conference by Deputy Attorney General Paul

J. McNulty, Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement director Linda Thomsen, U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan of Boston, and Peter Zogzac, chief of the Boston district of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The government accused New York-based Prudential Equity Group of engaging in deceptive late market timing in the trading of mutual fund shares. The \$600 million in fines, restitution and penalties would resolve all civil and criminal allegations.

The \$600 million includes \$270 million to be paid into a fund administered by the SEC for investors harmed by the fraud, \$325 million to be paid to the Justice Department and a \$5 million civil penalty to be paid to the Massachusetts Securities Division, which regulates securities trading.

In addition, those penalties, Prudential Equity Group was censured by New York Stock Exchange regulators. The agreement was reached

with both Prudential Equity Group and its parent company, Prudential Financial Inc. of Newark, New Jersey. The lawsuit alleged that five former Prudential Securities brokers and their branch manager in Boston helped sophisticated investors make more than \$1.3 billion of market-timing trades in mutual-fund shares.

The suit alleged that this rapid trading raised expenses and lowered returns to shareholders of more than 50 fund families.

Market timing is the use of quick trades to move money in and out of funds quickly, often

taking advantage of different closing times for markets around the world. Most funds have policies forbidding "it because heavily fund-share trading typically dilutes the profits of longer-term shareholders in the fund.

Authorities have alleged that Prudential's Boston-based brokers created fake accounts and changed account numbers to help mask the rapid trading by lucrative hedge-fund clients after certain mutual funds had blocked them or their customers from such trades.

Two of the Boston office's former brokers, Martin Druffner and Skifter Ajro, pleaded guilty last year to wire and securities fraud counts. Their former branch office manager, Robert E. Shannon, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting securities fraud.

Shannon, 54, resigned in 2003. Prudential's Boston office is now jointly owned by Wachovia Securities LLC and Prudential Financial Inc.

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Brutal Ugandan rebels end fight, bringing hope to beleaguered nation

By Katy Pownall
Associated Press writer

KAMPALA, Uganda — The leaders of a shadowy rebel movement that has terrorized Ugandans for nearly two decades went on local radio with a special announcement: As of Tuesday, their war is over — the Lord's Resistance Army will stop fighting.

The rebels, notorious for cutting off the tongues and lips of innocent civilians, enslaving tens of thousands of children and driving nearly 2 million people from their homes, have agreed to end one of the most brutal, but least known conflicts in the world.

They signed a truce with the government Saturday that gives rebel fighters three weeks to gather at two villages in largely uninhabited areas across the border in southern Sudan, where they will be protected and monitored. The truce is to take effect Tuesday morning.



Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, attends a meeting with 160 officials and lawmakers from northern Uganda and representatives of non-governmental organizations July 31, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We don't expect to see a mass movement tomorrow," Chris Magezi, army spokesman for northern Uganda, said Monday. "The LRA (rebels) do not have the confidence to move openly, so they will prob-

ably go secretly in groups on foot."

If the deal holds, it will be a major breakthrough in pacifying the African region that joins northern Uganda, eastern Congo and southern Sudan. Rebels from all three nations operated across the borders with impunity for decades until a peace accord halted Congo's civil war in 2003 and southern Sudanese rebels joined Sudan's government in 2005.

Peace would open northern Uganda to greater oil and mineral exploration as well as allow hundreds of thousands of refugees to return to their farms.

The Lord's Resistance Army was formed from the remnants of a northern Uganda rebellion that began in 1986 after President Yoweri Museveni, a southerner, overthrew a brutal military junta.

Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, mixed northern politics with religious

mysticism, declaring himself a Christian prophet fighting to rule this country of 26 million people by the Ten Commandments.

U.N. officials estimate Kony's guerrillas kidnapped some

20,000 children over the past 19 years, turning the boys into soldiers and the girls into sex slaves for rebel commanders. Rebel attacks and atrocities also drove 1.7 million to flee their homes.

The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Kony and four other rebel leaders, but the Ugandan government has promised not turn them over in return for an end to the insurgency.

U.N. chief demands release of Israeli soldiers, end of Lebanon blockade

By Borzou Darzahi
Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday demanded the release of two Israeli soldiers held by the Hezbollah militia, and ordered Israel to lift its blockade on Lebanon.

Annan's sharply worded remarks came during a visit to Lebanon aimed at shoring up a U.N. Security Council cease-fire resolution adopted two weeks ago in an effort to end more than a month of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

"It's a fixed menu," Annan said in response to complaints from both Israel and Hezbollah that their adversary was not complying fully with the resolution. "It's not a smorgasbord or a la carte where you can pick and choose."

He warned that failure to abide by the resolution's terms could restart fighting that has left hundreds dead.

Annan, here at the start of an 11-day tour of the Middle East, repeated the resolution's call for an "unconditional" release of the soldiers taken in a July 12 raid, suggesting they be turned over to a third party such as the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"I am urging my Israeli interlocutors to lift immediately the blockade on Lebanon," Annan said, a reference to Israel's interference in air travel and blocking of some ships headed to Lebanese ports.

Israel has continued flyovers of the Lebanese-Syrian border and forces airplanes flying into Beirut to stop in Amman, Jordan, where passengers say they are kept waiting while cargo holds are inspected. Israel has turned away fuel tankers attempting to dock in Lebanon.

Lebanon contends these actions violate the resolution's requirement that all nations respect its borders and sovereignty.

Israeli officials gave no indication Monday that they would lift such measures soon.

"Israel maintains that the air and naval blockade are necessary until the international forces are deployed in order to prevent weapons smuggling to Hezbollah," said David Baker, an official in the office of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The conflict between Israel and Hezbollah left more than 1,000 civilians dead on both sides, severely damaged civilian infrastructure in Lebanon and drained millions of dollars from the economies of both Israel and Lebanon.

Hezbollah and U.N. officials said preliminary talks for the release of the two prisoners have begun. Annan met Monday with Nabih Berri, the secular Shiite parliament speaker who often acts as an intermediary for Hezbollah. But one U.N. official said candidly that the talks remain in initial stages.

Hezbollah has come under domestic as well as international pressure to moderate its actions. After an initial rise in support for Hezbollah imme-

diately after the fighting stopped, public opinion has begun to shift, with those critical of the organization's state within a state beginning to speak out.

"After the war you had Hezbollah who seemed to be the big winner," said Patrick Haenni, a Beirut-based ana-

lyst at the International Crisis Group, a think tank and research organization based in Brussels, Belgium, and Washington. "Now you have the government coming up stronger and questions rising. It's an equilibrium of weakness between government and Hezbollah."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and warm with windy periods. Highs in low 50s.
Tonight: Still windy with mostly clear skies. Lows in mid to low 40s.
Tomorrow: Noticeably cooler and still windy in spots. Highs in the 30s.

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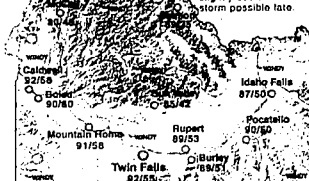
Today: Windy and warm with plentiful sunshine. Highs up to 80s to near 90.
Tonight: Bisk winds persist. Mostly clear skies expected. Lows in the 50s.
Tomorrow: Strong and gusty winds still likely. Much cooler, yet dry weather expected. Highs in the 70s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Getting windy today with otherwise warm and dry weather expected. Windy periods with little to no rain expected. Thunderstorms added to the mix and considerably cooler temperatures.

BOISE
 Today Highs 70s to 80s. Tonight's Lows 50s to 40s.
 Tomorrow and Thursday will be significantly cooler with little to no rain expected. Breezy periods will persist.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Windy with temperatures heating up today. No rain expected. Still breezy tomorrow, although slightly cooler with a storm possible late.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 103 at Lewiston. Low: 32 at Dux weather key: b: blizzard; c: cloudy; fl: fog; h: heavy snow; hz: haze; light snow; m: mostly cloudy; r: rain; s: partly sunny; fr: fr. sh: showers; sn: snow; sl: sleet; w: windy.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly sunny, windy and warm	Still breezy to windy	Noticeably cooler and windy in spots	Cool with no rain expected	Mostly sunny and comfortably cool	Sunny and slightly warmer
High 92	Low 68	77 / 46	73 / 44	76 / 46	83 / 51

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 89	49 Month to Date	0.01" Yesterday's Minimum: 17%	Yesterday 30.01 in.	Wednesday Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Kochia, Sagebrush, Nettle
Record High: 93 in 1986	Year to Date: 12.70"	Today's Minimum: 10%	Friday Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Smartweed, Cleopatra	

MOON PHASES

Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 22
First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.	New Moon

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Wednesday Moonrise: 1:59 PM	Moonset: 11:04 PM
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U.V. INDEX

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	70-80	64-74	65-75
Burley	80-90	74-84	75-85
Idaho Falls	70-80	64-74	65-75
Rupert	80-90	74-84	75-85
Twin Falls	70-80	64-74	65-75

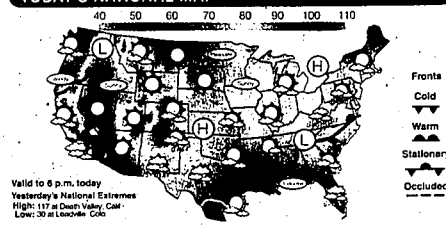
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-80	78-88	Portland, ME	70-80	64-74
Birmingham	80-90	84-94	Portland, OR	60-70	54-64
Chicago	70-80	64-74	San Diego	70-80	74-84
Cincinnati	70-80	64-74	Seattle	60-70	54-64
Cleveland	70-80	64-74	San Francisco	70-80	64-74

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Buenos Aires	70-80	64-74	London	60-70	54-64
Calcutta	80-90	84-94	Los Angeles	70-80	64-74
Hong Kong	80-90	84-94	Madrid	60-70	54-64
Manila	80-90	84-94	Moscow	60-70	54-64
Shanghai	80-90	84-94	New York	70-80	64-74

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	70-80	64-74	Montreal	60-70	54-64
Ottawa	60-70	54-64	Toronto	70-80	64-74
Vancouver	60-70	54-64	Winnipeg	60-70	54-64

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "A great attitude does much more than turn on the lights in our world. It seems to magically connect us to all sorts of serendipitous opportunities that were somehow absent before we changed."
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Convicted child molester tells jurors his past is irrelevant, memoir is fiction

The Associated Press
 SAN JOSE, Calif. — A prosecutor told jurors Monday about a mountain of evidence against child molester Dean Schwartzmiller, including testimony from at least eight alleged victims, a 456-page manuscript about sex with boys and five decades of abuse. But Schwartzmiller, who's defending himself in Santa Clara County Superior Court, said his past is irrelevant, the memoir is fiction and his most recent accusers were coerced.

Schwartzmiller, 65, has pleaded not guilty to a dozen counts of molestation and child pornography in connection with two young boys he befriended in 2002. If convicted, he faces life in prison.



Prosecutor Steve Fein showed jurors a map covering the "places and decades where the defendant has molested young boys." It included estimated 100 alleged victims dating back to 1969 in eight U.S. states, Mexico and Brazil.

Fein also noted the narrative-style memoir, 10 binders

of child pornography and 1,500 notebook pages with headings including "no, but yes boys," "best of the best, 13 and under" and "single-parent boys."

Schwartzmiller, who seemed almost grandfatherly dressed in khaki pants, shirt and tie and wearing wire-rimmed reading glasses, spoke plainly, yet eloquently.

"To listen to the district attorney speak you'd think that

I haven't done anything else in my entire life except go around and molest children," he said in his 45-minute opening statement. "How can I molest someone when I'm 15. That doesn't make any sense."

He said the alleged victims had to be threatened and coerced to say anything against him. He suggested they made the whole story up to receive legal residence in the U.S. because their family is

from Mexico. Schwartzmiller said testifying against him is a "small price to pay for such a huge gain," legal status to the boys and their extended family of about 20.

As for the narrative, written before his arrest, Schwartzmiller said he mentioned both at the beginning and at the end of the book that it was a work of fantasy and he couldn't be charged with a crime for anything in it.

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 ♦ A 7 6 2
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 ♠ 9 7 4 3 2
 ♥ Q 9 8 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ K 5

EAST 08-29-A
 ♠ Q J 8
 ♥ A K 10 6 3
 ♦ A J 10 9 8
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SOUTH 08-29-A
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Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: East

The bidding:

South West North East

2♣ 4♥ 5♣ 1♥

P♣ Dbl. All pass

Opening lead: Diamond four

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South holds:
 ♠ Q J 8
 ♥ A K 10 6 3
 ♦ A J 10 9 8
 ♣ A 10 9 7 6 2

South West North East
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

ANSWER: Simply raise to two spades rather than introduce two spades to support with, but if you DO bid diamonds before converting two hearts to two spades, you should have the same hand but at least an ace more. (Make the diamond eight the ace, for example.)

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Down to the wire



Karl Bower and Daisy Mae, her dairy heifer.

It's been months in the making for this 4-H project

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — So much built toward this week. Over the past year Karl Bower has attended 16 Milky Way 4-H Club meetings, given a demonstration, participated in numerous community service and fundraising events and served as the club's elected treasurer.

Come Saturday, the 12-year-old will sell her pregnant Holstein heifer at the Twin Falls County Fair, marking the end to this year's long journey to the fair.

She's not only a year older but a bit wiser, as well.

"This year Daisy Mae is a 2-year-old pregnant heifer, and I have learned it is really important to watch her closely and take good care of her," Bower said. "Last year you could just put her out to pasture and not worry, but with her so close to calving you have to keep an eye on her to make sure that everything is going well."

Bower is keeping her fingers crossed that Daisy Mae won't calve before the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program sale, set for Saturday. Program participants must care for their Holsteins for two years. And if Bower's gives birth prior to the big sale, her value drops.

"She was just preg-checked Aug. 17, and the vet said she is really close to calving. He said she could calve before the fair, but I am hoping that doesn't happen," Bower said. "Dairywomen aren't going to like that she is giving milk before they get her on the farm."

Bower shelled out over \$900 to purchase Daisy Mae last April. She has spent another \$100 on feed and invested countless hours caring for the heifer. Bower's family also raises animals, so she was able to save some money by putting her onto pasture.

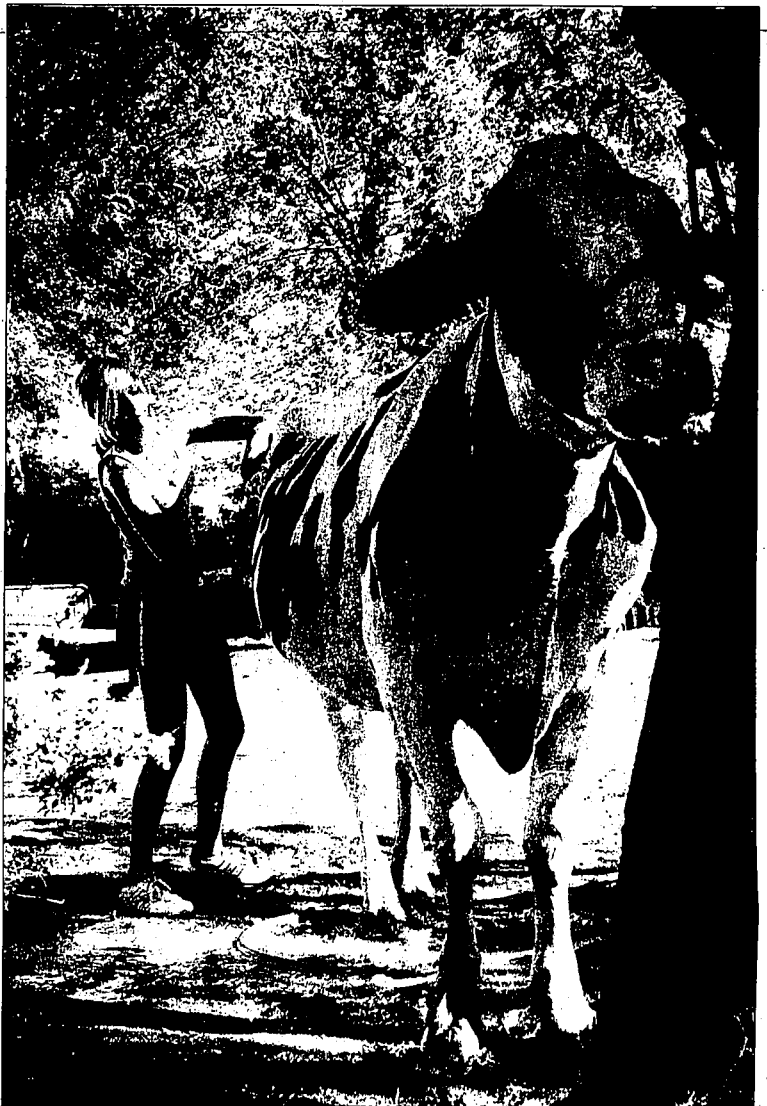
"It would be a disappointing ending because I wouldn't make as much money on her," Bower said. "Most animals go for around \$3,000 at the sale, but if she calves before it might be a lot less."

That's all part of the real-life risk of 4-H.

"Kids get hands-on with their animals. Sometimes it doesn't end up the way the kids want, but it is a learning experience," Milky Way leader Dean Allen said.

Allen said program participants also see their efforts culminated in the show ring.

Bower will show Daisy Mae four times at the fair. On Thursday, she'll compete against other 4-H'ers in showman-



Karl Bower, 12, of Castleford washes her dairy replacement heifer, Daisy Mae, prior to her club's August Achievement day when Milky Way 4-H Club members practiced showing their animals for the Twin Falls County Fair.

ship and animal quality. On Saturday morning she'll do the same with participants and heifers in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program.

"Training has been a priority in the few final weeks prior to the fair."

"Right now I am walking her every night. My mom pretends to be the judge, and we work on getting Daisy Mae to stand the right way," Bower said. "She is good about telling me to hold my arm right and pay attention."

Her mother, Rae Ann, said helping out is worth it.

"The program is great and this is nothing. Once the fair starts, that's when the work begins. We have to be there and clean stalls and wash the cows every morning," she said. "Right now we are just seeing the tip of the iceberg in the effort it takes to get the animals to the fair and sold."

Cleanliness is a must in the showmanship competition, so Daisy Mae has been pampered with spa-like treatments including numerous baths, haircuts and hoof trimming and polishing.

"You have to make sure to clean everything from the stains in her hair to the gunk in her ears. It's gross, but the judges check that sort of stuff," Karl Bower said.

But for Karl Bower, who earned reserve grand champion in showmanship last year, the result is well worth the effort.

"I want to win grand champion this year," she said. "And Daisy Mae placed third overall in quality last year. If she is

Read more

A lot more than a week goes into the sights and sounds of the Twin Falls County Fair, which starts Wednesday in Filer. For the past year, our Special Sections department followed the fair board, building supervisors and volunteers to see what goes into producing one of the valley's favorite events. You can see the results in today's Times-News — look for the section called "A Year in the Life of the Fair."

On this page is the last installment of a series you'll see in that special publication and on our Web site. Karl Bower, a young 4-H'er, and her dairy heifer, Daisy Mae, started the 4-H year together back in October and have worked their way to this week's big event.

See it online

For a look at what it takes to bring you the Twin Falls County Fair, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "A Year in the Life of the Fair."



really close to calving after the fair, she may have a better chance of winning — and that would be cool."

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A fountain of frustration: Some ugly gremlins lurk

The Bartholdi Fountain at the U.S. Botanic Garden has its headaches.



By John Deiser
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bartholdi Fountain, that graceful beast lordling over a park at the U.S. Botanic Garden, is dry.

The pool in the Pebble Garden at Dumbarton Oaks, though renovated several times, still doesn't hold water. It took a year-long, high-tech restoration of the Japanese-style Garden at Hillwood Museum to get a rivet to run through it.

None of this surprises me. I've been waiting patiently myself for a fissure to open up and send my own garden fountain back to hell,

whence it came.

They always seem like a good idea, don't they? Stylish mini-Bellagios bubble effortlessly in glossy gardening mags, and the HGTV design-smiths never miss an opportunity to plop a water feature into some unsuspecting sucker's made-over domicile. Visit any large public show garden — such as Longwood in Pennsylvania — and the babbling never stops.

Put one in your yard, though, and your babbling will never stop. Six years ago, my wife and I added a portable, two-tiered concrete fountain to our yard. Nothing fancy. Water is pumped up from the main

basin and bubbles out the top, then courses down into a smaller catchall, where, ideally, it shoots through four small holes and arcs back toward the pump. It's about three feet tall, is covered in faux vegetation and plugs into a deck outlet. We bought it at Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville, Md., for about \$200 — about a buck a pound, we figure — as an anniversary gift to ourselves.

It is, to be honest, quite lovely. When we're not screaming at it.

Since the momentous purchase, I've had to replace the pump three times, an arduous affair requiring

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COUNTRY ROADS

Looking Sharps

Rifle maker makes replicas of famous 1800s gun

By Brett Frasch
The Billings Gazette

BIG TIMBER, Mont. — No detail, no matter how small, is overlooked in the creation of the replica Sharps rifles crafted by the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co. here.

They even make their own screws.

"We don't have to depend on nobody," said Kirk Bryan, the company's president. "We've been down that road before."

The Sharps rifle is one of the most celebrated in the history and folklore of America in the 1800s. Its unique design, a movable breech block that slid down for loading, allowed its marksman to fire rounds quicker and farther than contemporary muzzleloaders.

A skilled Sharps rifleman could fire 10 rounds a minute, compared with three for a muzzleloader. And the shooter didn't have to stand up to load, exposing himself to enemy fire.

In addition, the rifle was accurate out to 1,000 yards in the hands of a top-notch sharpshooter.

During its short and bloody life span, the Sharps helped the Union Army win the Civil War and aided in the near-extirpation of the American bison from the Great Plains.

More than 140 years later, the mystique and lore surrounding the firearm have allowed Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing to maintain a steady worldwide business in a small Montana town.

"If you make a good product, people are going to come and get it," Bryan said.



Kirk Bryan, president of the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co., poses with an 1874 model Creedmoor rifle. Bryan's company crafts the only Sharps rifles in the world in which the parts still fit the originals, made more than 100 years ago. Bottom, a Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing 1874 model rifle shows the classic set of double triggers.

"They're a lifetime gun." Bryan's father, Bob, bought the business in 1991 from Wolfgang Droege, who started the company in 1976 in Long Island, N.Y.

The company now employs 23 people and turns out anywhere from 800 to 1,100 rifles a year, depending on how fancy each rifle is made.

"If they were all exactly the same, we could do a lot more," Bryan said.

Instead, each rifle is built to order with the customer choosing the model of rifle, barrel weight and caliber and additional features such as the type of wood used in the stock, engraving and type of finish on the metal. Rifle calibers range from .30 to .54. Bryan said no one model is more popular than another.

When they're done, the rifles can vary in price from \$1,650 for a basic model on up to one rifle that will cost a touch over \$18,000 when finished, Bryan said.

Shiloh makes 15 different styles of rifles based on the Sharps Model 1863 percussion rifle and the Model 1874 cartridge rifle. There are rifles made just for target shooting, such as the 1874 Creedmoor. There is the 1874 Military Rifle



and the famous 1874 Sharps Buffalo Rifle. From start to finish, a rifle will take about a month to a month-and-a-half to build with all of the parts, no matter how small, forged or made in-house.

What sets Shiloh apart from its competitors is that Shiloh's parts are exact replicas of the originals. Any part in the new rifles will fit a Model 1863 or Model 1874 original.

"With these guns, if a guy breaks a firing pin, you can take one out of a new gun and put it in an old one, they're all interchangeable," Bryan said. "It's the only Sharps in the world where the parts fit the original."

That includes the screws. Despite its use in the Civil War by the Union cavalry, the Sharps rifle is probably best known for its use by buffalo hunters.

"During the 1860s and 1870s, it was the primary gun used by buffalo hunters," said David Kennedy, curator of the

Cody Firearms Museum in Cody, Wyo. "When cartridge ammunition was produced, it was highly prized for accuracy, especially over long ranges."

"A lot of people credit the Sharps rifle with the near-extirpation of the buffalo," he added.

The Sharps was popular with buffalo hunters because of its long-range accuracy and the fact that it could deliver a heavy bullet. Buffalo hunters preferred the 40-90 round, according to Bryan.

"Basically, it was a cartridge the size of your pinkie," Kennedy said.

The rifles were also reliable and solidly built.

"They weren't going to fall apart or explode like some other guns," Kennedy said.

At the top end, Sharps rifles could fire bullets up to 550 grains. By comparison, a modern big game rifle such as the .270 uses a 130-grain bullet.

The resurgence in the popularity of the Sharps rifle can be tied partly to the 1990 movie "Quigley Down Under," starring Tom Selleck as sharpshooter Matthew Quigley.

"There are a lot of folks who miss those simpler times," Kennedy said. "And this is one element of that."

Fountain

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the fountain's dismantlement. The discoloring on our deck from its spray had to be professionally removed (our own stupidity: Fountzilla now resides on a stone slab in a garden surrounded by flora). The filter must be cleared of leaves and other detritus each morning, and water must be added regularly (evaporation and the splash effect, you see). And even though I assiduously follow the directions on the bottle of scum-be-gone, the whole contraption has to be drained and cleaned every few weeks or so. If not, a sticky green slime begins to take over.

Squirrels gather around the fountain to share tales of adventure, and neighborhood cats have been spotted slaking their thirst at its expense. The winged set particularly adores it, including one robin that uses the top jet as a bidet (a birdet?). Its compatriots leave behind berries, twigs, feathers, nest fixins' and sometimes the gloopy remains of lunch. Several years ago, tragedy struck when a chick somehow ended up at the bottom of the lower pool.

I know. I'm whining. We actually love the way our fountain looks, surrounded as it is by hostas, ornamental grasses,



The author's fountain is lovely, yes, but it can be oh, so evil.

black-eyed Susans, coreopsis and bee balm. And the gurgling water masks the sound of the nearby Beltway and busy University Boulevard in Silver Spring, Md. Friends are fast to praise it when they see it: I say nothing of the work involved and let the troublemaker bask in its unmerited glory.

Though Home Depot spokesman Don Morrison refused to divulge the number of fountains the chain sells (my guess: too many), Larry Hurley, the perennial-plant buyer for Behnke, was less circumspect.

"Year to date, we've sold

about 125," said Hurley, noting that that's about average. "The scutebutt is that people are leaning more toward fountains and trending away from in-ground ponds, because they seem to be a little more work-intensive, but I haven't found that to be the case so far."

Ponds? I cannot even imagine.

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Be diligent and babble on

We asked two experts — Mike Bader of Behnke Nurseries in suburban Washington and Aaron Bonham of Home Depot — for some suggestions on how to keep your outdoor fountain in good working order.

• **Location, location, location.** You'll have less debris if you keep your fountain out in the open. But remember that more sunshine means more algae growth.

• **A clean fountain is a happy fountain.** Commercial products are available to destroy algae, but they also can damage surrounding foliage if the water splashes out. Plus, the stuff isn't entirely effective. The best bet is to unplug the fountain and scrub it with a stiff brush, hose it down, then let it dry for a day or two to kill the remaining algae.

• **Save energy (and money).** Put your fountain on a timer so it's off when you're asleep or not home. If you're gone for a few days, flush the water to get rid of mosquitoes and other unwelcome visitors.

• **Beware of splashes and evaporation.** Add water as needed. And even though most pumps will turn off automatically if the water level is too low, your pump's life will be shortened if it happens frequently.

• **Winterize it.** If you can, take the fountain apart and store it inside. If you can't, then remove the smallest pieces (statuary, etc.) and the pump and bring those indoors. Fill the bowls with old towels or blankets to absorb condensation, and cover the fountain with a tarp.

• **Don't give up.** Pump not working after the winter thaw? Some nurseries will examine it to determine whether it can be saved.

• **Be sensible.** Always disconnect your fountain if you're fiddling around with it.

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Duct tape a gift for all seasons

By Tania Padgett
Newsday

Talk about the tie that binds. Duct tape, according to the Avon, Ohio-based company that developed it, is the gift that keeps on giving, especially for the college-bound.

Originally called duck tape because it repelled water, the strong, multipurpose cloth-based adhesive was developed during World War II to waterproof ammunition cases. Myriad uses for it, including designing clothes, mending backpacks, decorating cars and healing warts. Two years ago, a federal official recommended it as an effective tool against chemical warfare.

That's a stretch.

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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 wife's 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 "powersellers" 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 technique," 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



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 an

author 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. With so much money being made for so little investment and effort, the online auction world and doing business over the Internet is becoming a dream come true for those seeking a full or part-time income from home.

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AROUND
THE VALLEYRupert-area man
dies after ATV wreck

RUPERT — A Rupert-area farmworker died Sunday when he apparently lost control of an all-terrain vehicle while he was moving water lines in fields northeast of Rupert.

Jose Gil-Medrano, 59, of Rupert, was found by Aaron Ball of Rupert underneath the overturned ATV in a field at 575 North 600 East shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday, according to a Minidoka County Sheriff's Department report.

Ball, the son of Gil-Medrano's employer, told police he was driving by and noticed the ATV lying on its side. He lifted the vehicle off the victim and immediately called 911 when Gil-Medrano did not move.

Minidoka County Sheriff's Officer Jim Broner reported the vehicle appeared to weigh around 600 pounds. Gil-Medrano was a laborer for Jerry Ball Inc. on a farm north-east of Rupert.

The crash is still under investigation by the Minidoka County Coroner.

Hearing on Blue Lakes
construction plan laid

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Transportation Department will hold a public hearing today to gather input on the planned construction project on Blue Lakes Boulevard North from Pole Line Road to Falls Avenue. The hearing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the CSI Taylor Building, Room 276.

At the hearing, the project team will show the preliminary design for the project area, provide an updated status on the proposed improvement project, and discuss the construction schedule and offer an opportunity to give testimony on the project. Should you have questions about the project, call Steve Tonks at 886-7880.

Workshop tackles
human trafficking

TWIN FALLS — Slavery was outlawed in the United States in 1865, but human trafficking continues. Workshops explaining the warning signs of human trafficking and what to do about it are coming to the Magic Valley next month.

The first will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at the College of Southern Idaho and the second will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 13 at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

The workshops are sponsored by Catholic Charities of Idaho, Idaho Council of Catholic Women and the Women of Color Alliance.

Registration is \$5 and includes resource materials. Pre-registration is encouraged. Scholarships are available. To register, go to <http://www.catholiccharitiesidaho.org> or call Marcie Wilks at (208) 345-6031 or (800) 796-4131.

M.V Arts Council seeks
public art proposals

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council is seeking proposals for two public art pieces. The deadline is 5 p.m. Oct. 13. All artists living in the U.S. are eligible to apply.

The two pieces will be installed on the Canyon Rim Trail. The project is being done in collaboration with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and the Twin Falls Beautification Committee.

For more details, visit the arts council's Web site, <http://www.magicvalleyarts.org>.

— Compiled from staff reports

Police: Large drug trafficking ring busted

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Authorities seized about one pound of meth and arrested four suspects Thursday evening from two homes they say were collaborating across the canyon.

It was a large drug-trafficking ring, said Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Jerry Thueson. "The two different

addresses were working in connection with each other to bring the methamphetamine into the valley and distribute it in the valley."

The narcotics operation involved Kimberly, Twin Falls and Buhl, he said.

Gabriel Juarez of Twin Falls and Ararat Ramirez of Jerome were primary targets in the sting. They were arrested along with two other suspects

for allegedly trafficking drugs.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, Twin Falls Police, Idaho State Police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, probation and parole, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and a local FBI agent seized more than one-quarter of a pound of methamphetamine from a home in Twin Falls.

"From that seizure, we were

able to combine information, which led to two search warrants in Jerome," said Thueson, who spearheaded the investigation with ISP Investigator Scott Ward. The results of those two search warrants were one-half and three-fourths of a pound of meth.

"We've gotten right at about a pound of methamphetamine," he said.

Thueson said the investigation has been open for a while and is not complete.

"We still have some information that we are continuing to track," he said. "We've made four arrests, and there are several more that may be following in the near future."

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Bring on the trout

Buhl preparing for first Trout Festival

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

B UHL — The tide is changing in Buhl.

Soon, the chamber of commerce is hoping that the streets will be filled with trout. Not the live rainbow variety, but wooden ones decorated in celebration of the first Trout Festival on Sept. 30.

An antique, classic and new car show, sidewalk sales, Senior Center bake-off, pecking zoo, street dance and beer-garden all have been scheduled for the event and on Friday efforts were under way to ready the first wooden trout for display.

About 10 Buhl High School art students and members of the Magic Valley Decorative Artists gathered to paint details on 8-foot-long fish. Some are decorated as Holsteins, giving a nod to the dairy industry. Others are decked out in trendy clothes. One advertises a local funeral chapel.

"I got the idea for the fish because of Chicago and their cows. It was all over the news and really drew attention to them in a positive way," said event chairwoman Bobbi Wolverton. "We are hoping to do the same for Buhl."

Wolverton explained that the chamber has sponsored an auction the past three years to boost its operating capital, but that it hasn't grown into a community event. A brainstorming session led to the Trout Festival.

"This is going to be a celebration of trout in a way that also celebrates our diverse and growing local economy," Wolverton said. "The chamber is hoping for it to be huge



Buhl High School Art students Kausha Hulst, 17, and Tara Bailey, 16, work on a trout decoration to be used for the Buhl Chamber of Commerce Trout Festival on Sept. 30.

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so that we can make it annual."

So far, the chamber has sold about 20 fish. They are hoping to sell at least 400, if not more. An 8-foot fish costs \$100, a smaller version costs \$60.

Many groups have volunteered their time and

talents in making the fish a go. Only the art students are being paid for their time.

For Kausha Hulst, 17, and a Buhl High School senior, the gig is her first paying art job.

"I want to use art in my career, hopefully to be an art counselor," she said. "I am hoping that this trout brighten up the town a little bit."

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

Auditors find 'internal
control issues' at Idaho
Historical Society

The Associated Press

BOISE — Auditors found "internal control issues" with the Idaho State Historical Society's accounting procedures and questioned how the Old Penitentiary and state history museum in Boise generated \$190,000 in admissions revenue in each of the last three years — despite a fee increase.

Legislative Services auditors also want the state Board of Education, which appoints Historical Society trustees, to scrutinize all travel and state credit card records of society Director Steve Guerber. That's after a sample of his expense reporting since 2002 turned up \$700 in overpayments to him.

The historical museum has 170,000 visitors annually, with paid admission fees of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The old prison, also with thousands of visitors, charges \$5 for adults, up from \$4 since 2004.

Auditors said they don't understand why the sites produce so little revenue.

"It is not possible to determine the amount of fees that should be reported," according to auditors Randy Rhumman and Brian Butkus. "Employees can make adjustments to cash register tapes, and also have custody of the cash. Therefore, employees can void receipts and misappropriate funds."

Similar concerns were reported in 2001 and 2002, but auditors say efforts to address them were inadequate.

On Monday, Guerber acknowledged problems within his agency's fiscal office and said he's worked to address them, including hiring a consultant to boost due-diligence efforts. He's also training cash handlers at the old prison and museum — to ease fears that admission receipts may not be finding their way into state coffers.

"A lot of the patrons aren't paying," Guerber said, citing special events for children or museum members that add to

attendance but not revenue. "We have found nothing that would indicate overages or shortages in absolute balances, at either the Old Pen or the museum."

In the report released last Friday, auditors who reviewed 10 of Guerber's 55 total travel vouchers and monthly state credit card transaction summaries in the last four years found about \$700 in overpayments to him.

"This amount does not include potential overpayments for travel that may not be related to state business," the auditors wrote.

Guerber said the employee at the Historical Society responsible for vetting his travel vouchers and state credit card purchases in that period was no longer at the agency, and one of the reasons was, we were having problems with her accuracy."

He said he's returned more than \$600 and said he welcomes the Education Board's scrutiny of the remaining 45 travel vouchers and state credit card transactions to boost confidence in his agency's accounting controls. "It was some sloppy work on the part of our fiscal office accounting," he said. "Of course, I'm the one who is ultimately accountable, even though you rely on other people."

Luci Willits, an Education Board spokeswoman, said agency staff will review Guerber's travel expenses in coming weeks.

According to the audit, Guerber claimed costs for renting a car and purchasing meals while on a December 2002 trip to Philadelphia. His time sheet, however, said he was on vacation at the time.

Guerber told the AP he completed his time sheet in advance and mistakenly didn't take into account that he used some of his vacation for meeting officials at historical sites in the northeastern United States, to gather ideas for managing places of significance in Idaho.

Elko County sets
wildfire record

By Doug McMurdo
For the Times-News

ELKO — Firefighters have subdued the latest round of blazes in Elko County, but more fires are expected before the season ends. Call it Mother Nature's version of a scorched-earth policy. It is already safe to say 2006 will go down as the worst fire season in the county's history.

More than 650,000 acres of mostly public lands in Elko County have been consumed since early June — that's a conservative estimate — and suppression costs have escalated into multiple millions of dollars.

The Charleston Fire, for instance, burned more than 190,000 acres and cost \$3.9 million, mostly in aviation costs.

The previous worst year in Elko County was 1999 when a little more than 1.8 million acres burned across the

entire state. A total of 551,382 acres burned in Elko that year.

Firefighters this year have witnessed perilous twists and turns as unstable air, lightning, a lack of rain and high temperatures have created "perfect large fire conditions." The main culprit, however, has been the invasive cheatgrass.

Cheatgrass is an annual plant native to Europe and Asia and was first recorded in Nevada — in Elko County — in 1906, according to the University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Extension. While nobody is certain how cheatgrass was introduced — the most common belief gives credit to Russian immigrants — it has come to dominate more than 17 million acres in the Great Basin. Cheatgrass, according to the university, is the most easily ignitable vegetation on Nevada's rangelands.

Preparing for terrorism

Agriculture a prime target in Idaho, experts say

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The greatest, albeit unlikely, terrorist threat to this cow-dense region is agro-terrorism, emergency preparedness experts say.

Foreign diseases like foot and mouth, or possibly mad cow disease, could be carried into the country.

The first responder likely would be a farmer who spots something wrong with his animal and calls a veterinarian.

The vet would send a sample to the USDA.

When the sample tested positive, the transportation of dairy cows and meat cows nationwide would stop. The food source would be pulled from the market. Farms would turn into slaughterhouses; farmers would burn or bury their cattle.

"It's not very likely, but if it

The National Asset Database ranks Idaho 28th in terms of terrorist targets.

was to occur, it would be the one (terrorist strike) that would have the most impact economically," said Clint Blackwood, Jerome County disaster services coordinator.

"Blackwood is hosting a conference Wednesday to assess Idaho's ability to respond to an agro-terrorism attack."

"It would devastate the livestock industry," said Terry Bingham, acting area field officer for the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

Examining Indiana, Illinois, Florida and Maryland, the Inspector General found their lists included an Apple and Pork Festival, a donut shop and an Anti-Cruelty Society in Idaho. In population, ranks 28th in number of terrorist targets with 747 possible targets, according to the National Asset Database.

The state's list of targets has not been released to the public.

In 2005, Twin Falls County received \$426,702.71 for planning, training and equipment, said Jackie Frey, coordinator of the Twin Falls Department of Emergency Services.

Cassia County received equipment worth \$115,000, said Jim Hignens, Cassia County sheriff and emergency services coordinator. "Our threat level is very low," he said. "Our vulnerability is high."

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Margarete K. FitzGerald

GLENN'S FERRY — Margarete K. FitzGerald, 80, of Glenns Ferry, passed away peacefully from health complications on Aug. 27, 2006, at a Kimberly, Idaho, care center.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry.

Margarete was born Dec. 23, 1925, in Ichtershausen, Germany, the daughter of Paul and Bertha Thomas FitzGerald on Jan. 15, 1978. They made their home in Marietta, Ga., Gooding, Idaho, and most recently, Glenns Ferry. Margarete loved nature, taking



walks and working in her garden.

Margarete is survived by her husband, Tom FitzGerald of Glenns Ferry; her son, Raymond and his wife Roseanna-Binion-of-Florida; a daughter, Doris and her husband, David Jetton of Glenns Ferry; a daughter, Sandra and her husband Peter Wolowec of New Hampshire; a daughter, Linda Robbins of Connecticut; a stepson, John FitzGerald in Wisconsin; brothers, Karl, Wolfgang and Hans Kostwald; and a sister, Edith Kostwald, all of Germany; a sister-in-law Mary Lar of Florida; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both her parents; and two brothers, Alfred and Herbert.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Jose Gil-Medrano

RUPERT — Jose Gil-Medrano, a 59-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, from injuries sustained from a four-wheeler accident.

Jose Gil was born Nov. 28, 1946, in Tinguitiro Michoacan, Mexico, to Luz Gil and Ninfa Medrano. Jose lived in Tinguitiro Michoacan until he was 23. He then came to Idaho to work for Jerry Ball for 28 years. Jose Gil worked through the harvest season and returned to Mexico for the winter to work with his cattle. He enjoyed spending time with family.

Jose Gil is survived by his wife, Maria Guillermina Gil, children, Rosa (Isidro) Navarrete and their children, Arley, Lany and Verenny



Navarrete, Ilda (Gustavo) Artega and their children, Cindy, Jesus and Vinay Artega, Linda (Elias) Medrano and their children, Pedro, Diego and Yaslin Medrano, Enika (Froylan) Ceja and their children, Jasmin, Emilio and Diego Ceja, and Freddy, (Fabola) Gil and their children, Kelsha and Jovann Gil; mother, Ninfa Medrano; brothers, Reynaldo and Romon Gil; and sister, Anita Gil. He was preceded in death by his father, Luz Gil; and brother-in-law, Rojelio Ramirez.

The funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert, with Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. The rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with viewing for family and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Agatha Hedden

BURLEY — Agatha Hedden, a 91-year-old resident of Burley, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 27, 1914, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of Alvin and Hannah Bradshaw Hamp. She received and completed her education in Buhl. She married Ralph Volney Hedden on March 6, 1933, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Jan. 8, 1964.

Agatha was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She worked many years for Ore-Ida Foods in Burley but loved most being a homemaker. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, canning and especially liked to dance. However, one of her greatest enjoyment was traveling. She loved to go on trips spending time with her family.



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

She is survived by her children, Alvin G. Hedden of Salt Lake City, Utah, V. Ralph (Rosalie) Hedden of The Dalles, Ore., and Millie Rae (Terry) Teeter of Malita; her son-in-law, Kent Fredericksen of Idaho Falls; 17 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Virgean Fredericksen; two brothers, Billy Hamp and Albert Gail Hamp; and two sisters, Hanna Hamp and Margaret Cox.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Wards Church, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Brent L. Lee officiating. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1351 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Helen Christine Tuller

BURLEY — Helen Christine Tuller, 39, of Burley, passed away Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Jerome as the result of an accident.

Helen was born March 18, 1967, in Ogallala, Neb., to Clara and Roy Tuller. She lived in the Cassia County area. She married James John Sr. in 1985 and later divorced in 1991. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved taking care of her flowers and garden. She loved spending time and being surrounded by her family and loved ones. She loved animals,



adventure and just all around outdoors.

Helen is survived by her significant other, Don Eddings of Burley; children, Crystal (Jarad) Taylor of Virginia, James John of Hazelton and Michael John of Hazelton; grandchildren, Nathan and Christopher of Virginia; brother, Roy Tuller of Colorado; and sisters, Rose Ross of Heyburn and Valarie Tuller of Nampa.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Bishop Mark Fillmore officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service at the mortuary. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

Mary Diane Houser

TWIN FALLS — Mary Diane Houser, 57, of Twin Falls, passed away Aug. 27, 2006, at her home in Twin Falls.

Mary was born Oct. 8, 1948, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Margaret and Jack Brookshire. Mary grew up and went to school in Castleford. She graduated from Castleford High School. On May 11, 1967, she married Harold Houser. They spent the rest of their lives living in Twin Falls.

Mary was the neighborhood "Mom." She and Harold took in many kids and helped them get back on their feet.

Mary loved to go camping; the family went to the South Hills and Mary loved to be near the water.

She tended her gardens, growing flowers, vegetables and loved her rose bushes.

She was a good cook and kept everyone fed with her pot roasts.

Most of all, she was a forgiving person; through all life's trials, she would always forgive the ones she loved.

Mary is survived by her sons,

John (Marnie) Houser of Boise and Brad Houser of Twin Falls; daughter, Crystal Olson of Twin Falls; mother, Margaret Houser of Twin Falls; brothers, Darl (Trish) Feurer of Twin Falls, Wayne (Shirley) Martii of Missouri, J.C. (Vera) Brookshire of Oregon, Dennis Brookshire of Twin Falls and Ron Brookshire of Twin Falls; sisters, Linda Towns of Twin Falls, Betty (George) McDowell of Oregon, Lois Brookshire of Twin Falls; and grandchildren, Braden and Kristian Houser, Drayton, Tyler and Jordyn Houser, and Gregory and Colton Olson.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lonnie Herbert Houser; husband, Harold Houser; father, Jack Brookshire; adopted father, Darl Feurer; and brother, Jim Brookshire.

A graveside memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made toward funeral expenses.

Laura L. Holmes

TWIN FALLS — Our loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Laura L. Holmes, age 66, lost a long battle with cancer on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born to Frank and Vivian Holmes in Garden City, Kan., on Jan. 23, 1940. In 1959, Laura met and married James Edward Holmes. In 1965, the family moved to the Magic Valley. Together they raised five children, Kevin (LaRae) Holmes of Burley, Marcy (Charlie) Kemper of Ivin Falls, Chris Ketchum of Burlington, N.J., Jim (Jacquie) Holmes of



Rupert and Scott Holmes of Twin Falls. They were later divorced.

She spent most of her life working as a cook, driving truck and most recently as a bartender for Coris' Bar. In her leisure time, she enjoyed shooting pool, making crafts, quilting and chatting online with friends. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by both parents and an older brother.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time. Then a graveside service will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho.

DEATH NOTICES

Martha N. Martens

BUHL — Martha N. Martens, 95, of Buhl, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Moundridge, Kan.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Church of God in Christ (Mennonite) in Buhl. Visitation for family and friends will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

David N. Carman

CORRAL — David Newell Carman, 45, of Corral, Idaho, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Kyle D. Uscola

HEYBURN — Kyle Darwin Uscola, 49, of Yarens, Wash., and formerly of Heyburn, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, in Yakima.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Roy Ulrich

HOLLISTER — Roy Ulrich, 83, of Hollister, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

John E. "Jack" Merrill of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Melvin Alfonso Fullmer of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

John M. Self of Hollister, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Rhea Blanche Anderson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rasmussen

Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the funeral home.

James R. Chevalier of Portland, Ore., memorial Mass at 3 p.m. Friday in the St. Ann's Chapel of St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa.

Orville H. Hamilton of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church; inurnment service at a later date in Salmon.

Leading advocate for auto safety, Robert McDermott dies at age 86

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Retired Brig. Gen. Robert F. McDermott, a former Air Force Academy dean who went on to become chairman of the insurance giant USAA and a leading advocate for auto safety, died Monday, he was 86.

McDermott, who also led a group that owned the San Antonio Spurs for a time in the 1990s, died at Brooke Army Medical Center after suffering a stroke two weeks ago, family spokesman Paul Ringenbach said.

McDermott moved to San Antonio in 1968 when he retired from the Air Force and joined USAA, United Services

Automobile Association, founded in the 1920s as an insurance company for military officers.

As president and chairman, McDermott oversaw its growth from a company with 2,600 employees into a multibillion-dollar corporation with more than 16,000 employees that offered a range of financial services to current and former military service members and their families.

Never afraid to speak his mind, McDermott argued that safety measures would reduce insurance costs and advocated the use of air bags years before they became commonplace.

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETS



Members of the Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Teachers Society met July 27 in Shoshone. From left, Lita Mae Coates, Jerome; past president, Cindi Canine, Gooding; Danell Wolf, Boise and Fairfield; Sandra Collins, Richfield; Dorothy Morris, Buhl; and incoming president Susan Harfner, Shoshone. Not pictured were Donna Pence, Gooding; Dege Hamaker, Shoshone; and Carolyn Mason, Wendell. They met to organize the 2006-2007 year's work. Harfner, Coates and Wolf were also recognized as "Stars." The group also discussed the district Delta Kappa Gamma meeting in October of which Theta is in charge.

Former Aryan Nations fugitive sentenced to 6 months in Idaho jail

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — A former leader of the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations who spent nearly five years on the run before being captured in April has been sentenced after pleading guilty to felony drunken driving and felony bail-jumping.

The plea agreement and sentencing on Friday require R. Vincent Bertollini, 67, to serve two 1-4 year sentences at the same time and pay a

\$10,000 fine. All but six months of the two sentences, to be served concurrently, are suspended, as is \$2,000 of the fine.

In the deal, agreed to by Senior District Judge James Michael, misdemeanor charges of bail jumping and resisting arrest were dismissed.

"The court has no reason to withdraw from the agreement," said Michael.

Michael asked Bertollini if

he would like to make a statement after pleading guilty in 1st District Court.

"No, your honor," Bertollini said after a brief pause, the Bonner County Daily Bee reported.

Bertollini still faces federal firearms charges from his arrest on April 12 in Santa Fe, N.M. FBI agents said they found eight firearms, including a sawed-off shotgun, during the arrest.

SS Minnow from 'Gilligan's Island' restored on Vancouver Island

PARKSVILLE, British Columbia (AP) — If you're interested in a three-hour tour, George Schultz of Parksville has just the boat for you.

For about \$89,000, you can buy the boat famous for setting aground on an uncharted desert isle to set the stage for the 1960s television classic "Gilligan's Island."

The S.S. Minnow was supposedly off for a three-hour tour when, as the theme song explained, "The weather started getting rough, the tiny ship was tossed, if not for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost."

The real-life Minnow also ran aground.

The twin-diesel, 36-foot mahogany Wheeler Express-Cruiser hit a reef in Hecate Strait as the former owner was taking the vessel down the coast from Alaska. Scotty Taylor of Parksville said the owner sold the 46-year-old boat to him for salvage on condition that he promise to restore it. Schultz, a boat broker, estimated Sunday that the work cost more than \$180,000.

Taylor is selling the storied vessel because he's tired of it. "He's going on 70 now and

doesn't want to bother with it anymore," Schultz said.

According to the Gilligan's Island Web site, the boat is the third of four vessels used in the show. Taylor's Minnow was used in the opening credits of the second season.

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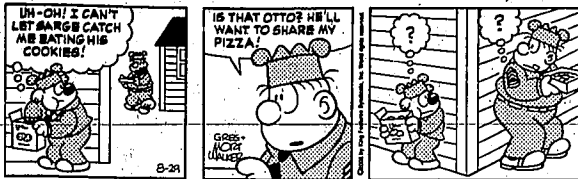
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Cop's wife charges husband with lax gun safety at home



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Your husband is acting like an ostrich.
("There isn't a problem because I refuse to see it.")

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a great husband and father to our three children, ages 17, 10 and 4. The problem is, he leaves his loaded 9mm gun lying around our house. Last week, I found it on the kitchen table. Now here's the kicker: He's a police officer.

He leaves it in the holster, which is tricky to remove the gun from. He insists, "It can't be fired while it's in the holster." Abby, I don't care! My kids have friends in and out of our home daily.

The next time I find the gun lying around, I plan on taking it to his chief and explaining the problem to him. Am I out of line? Please don't mention my name or city.

—UPSET IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement and have agreed to let you settle it for us.

My husband has two children, ages 17 and 13, who live with their mother and stepfather. They are with us about 15 percent of the year. Both kids have part-time jobs. They tell me husband what they want for Christmas and their birthdays, and he always gives them generous gifts on those occasions plus presents in between visits. We entertain them with lots of fun activities when they are with us, and take them on expensive trips.

The problem is, they never give my husband any presents at Christmas, his birthday or on Father's Day. Once in a while, they'll send him a card. Family members have spoken to them about this more than

once, but there have been no changes.

My husband says he wants to continue to model generosity. I say, enough of this one-sided giving! In a healthy relationship, one person does not make all the effort. I say it's time to modify the giving and/or just give them cards. What do you think?

—HAD IT IN ARLINGTON, WASH.

DEAR HAD IT: Your husband should not suddenly punish his children by cutting off the gifts. Children behave as they have been taught — usually by their mothers.

When they were younger, their mother should have taken them to buy special occasion gifts for their dad. She probably didn't because she was bitter about the divorce. When they are grown, they may learn to be more thoughtful — but don't count on it, because patterns of giving are learned in childhood.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper reply to a business acquaintance who sends a notice — with pictures, announcing that he was married two weeks earlier?

—ASKANCE IN HOUSTON

DEAR ASKANCE: Add his wife's name to your Rolodex so you can inquire about her the next time you run into the business acquaintance, and send him a congratulatory card.

DEAR UPSET: Your husband is acting like an ostrich. ("There isn't a problem because I refuse to see it.")

I think your solution is excellent, and here's why. Just a few weeks ago, I saw a report on the evening news about an officer of the law who was driving his vehicle with his 3-year-old son along for the ride. The child somehow got hold of his father's gun, and shot his father in the back.

The policeman somehow managed to get the vehicle stopped, and asked a witness to "look out for his child" before being taken to the hospital. The report concluded that the officer might be paralyzed for life. Enough said?

Chop suey was made in America



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

This day in history: Chop suey was invented somewhere in America, although several cities claim to be the birthplace. One story has it that the pseudo-Chinese dish was first served in New York on Aug. 29, 1895 to Chinese diplomat Li Hung-Chang.

Not all kangaroos hop around on the ground. There are two species of tree kangaroos that crawl around high in the tree tops.

Those turtles in your local pond may once have been somebody's pet. Back in the 1950s, baby turtles were a fad item sold in pet, department, and drug stores. Most of the red-eared terrapins died young from abuse, neglect, and being flushed down toilets, but some were released into the wild. Those that survived can live as long as 75 years.

The animal stuff that goes into Spam isn't really as bad as some people think. It's mostly

Denmark during World War II, thousands of Danish citizens created a secret underground railroad, smuggling all but a handful of the country's 7,000 Jews to safety in Sweden.

Like many American vice presidents, William Rufus DeVane King isn't well-known. Especially since his main claim to fame is that he was the only vice president sworn into office outside the country (he was deathly ill in Havana, Cuba), to die within months of being sworn in, and to never make it to Washington, DC while in office.

Just pork shoulder — a cut of meat too fatty to be sold as ham but not fatty enough to be sliced into bacon.

Unlike most wines, sake is best served fresh. Aged rice wine tends to lose its flavor over time.

When swimming, platypuses not only close their eyes, but their nostrils and ears, too. So how do they find food down there? That's where it gets interesting. In their soft, blue beaks, platypuses have 850,000 receptors that can sense the tiny jolts of electricity given off by the nerves and muscles of underwater prey.

When Germany occupied

We resent any accusation, no matter how true, that this column is guilty of (received) antimilitarism (derived from four Latin words meaning "the spreading of worthless trivia").

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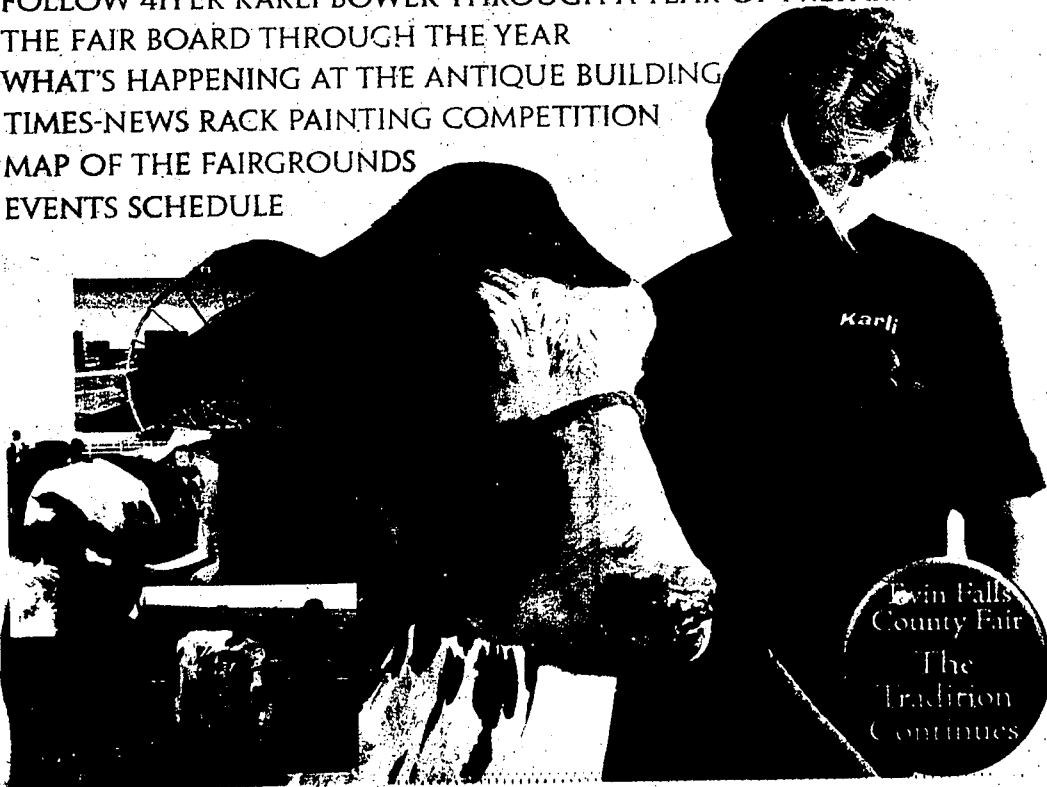
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TWIN FALLS COUNTY FAIR

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Welcome to the 2006 version of the *Times-News*'s guide to the Twin Falls County fair.

We decided to do something a bit different this year. Each year, we watch in awe as a handful of faithful staff and volunteers put together this huge and wonderful event for the rest of us.

From the members of the fair

board to the moms and dads who watch their children succeed or fail in the show ring, the fair seems to bring out the best in Idaho spirit. This is our western lifestyle and how we choose to celebrate once a year.

We wanted to take a closer look at the people who make the fair a part of their daily lives — not just an annual event.

Today we present "A Year in the Life of the Fair."

Really, we weren't even able to scratch the surface of the people and time it takes to present this Magic Valley tradition, but today's publication will give you a glimpse of life behind the scenes.

Plus, conveniently located in the center pull-out — a map

and event schedule for the fair.

So, enjoy the Twin Falls County Fair this week — and be sure to say thanks to the people who make it happen.

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What's inside:

A year in the life of Karli Bower Pages 3-14

In this special section of the *Times-News* you'll meet Karli Bower, a 12-year-old Castleford resident. Karli has spent the last two years raising a Holstein dairy heifer and that hard work will culminate this week when she shows, then sells Daisy Mae to an area dairy farm. *Times-News* correspondent Blair Koch started meeting with Karli monthly back in October, when she was relaxing after last year's fair.



Karli Bower



Blair Koch



Alls fair Pages 15-18

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch met with members of the fair board and staff monthly from January through June. Read along as they pick a theme for the fair, lose a manager, hire a new one and get ready for this one, big week.

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In this handy pull-out section we've provided you with a map of the fairgrounds and an event schedule.

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The building managers at the Twin Falls County Fair spend countless hours preparing each exhibit for competition and viewing this week. Here, you'll meet Claudia Reese, who coordinates the Antiques Building.

How does this garden grow Page 19

If it weren't for the people who enter their work, there wouldn't be much to look at around here. The Petal Pals, a garden club in Castleford, started planning their exhibit back in January.

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October: Taking it easy

4-H'er gets in some down time before upcoming year

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Karli Bower can't believe that it's been two months since the end of the Twin Falls County Fair.

Bower, and her dairy heifer, Daisy Mae, did extremely well at the fair. Bower earned reserve grand champion in Showmanship and Daisy Mae placed fourth overall in quality.

Honors like that aren't just handed out; they are earned through hours of hard work and determination.

Daisy Mae's training is apparent today. Bower can still just walk up to the heifer and slip a halter upon her effortlessly.

She will be taking the Holstein to the fair again next year but that is the last thing on Bower's mind.

She is content spending time having fun and doing things 11-year-old girls do, besides homework sent home from Castleford School, where Bower is a sixth grader.

"I will be playing volleyball soon," she said.

Bower's vacation will be over before she knows it, so she better enjoy her final days.

Next month, as a participant in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program, she will be taking Daisy Mae to the Filer fairgrounds for an achievement day.



Karli Bower, member of the Milky Way 4-H club, takes her dairy heifer, Daisy Mae, for a leisurely morning stroll.

Besides getting the heifer ready, Bower will be involved in many activities with her Milky Way 4-H Club in Filer.

"We just got done with the fair and recently held an awards

During the education day Bower will learn what is going to happen this year: like getting Daisy Mae pregnant.

In the program youth apply for the chance to buy a Holstein calf for the two-year project with the final goal of having the heifer bred and ready for sale.



banquet," leader Dean Allen said.

"The club is involved in many community service projects throughout the year, like passing out milk at the Jerome Youth Rodeo," Allen said, "Members have to do a demonstration and work on their record books each month, they are really busy."

He is impressed with Bower. "She is an awesome member, very responsible. I wouldn't be surprised to see her helping out the younger members this year."



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November: Getting an education

On the November agenda: Fall Education Day

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Only nine months remain before Karl Bower and her dairy heifer Daisy Mae will return to the Twin Falls County Fair.

Bower, 11, is a sixth grader at the Castleford School and a participant in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program. At next year's fair she will be selling her heifer, Daisy Mae. But before that big day she must take part in three education days put on by the program as well as participate in regular 4-H meetings and activities.

On Nov. 19 Bower went to the Filer Fairgrounds for the Fall Education Day, the first of the year, where she and others received a well rounded dairy education.

"They are learning about medication labels, identifying quality feet and legs, udder structures, breeds and judging classes of animals," Bob Ohlenshehn, with the MVDHP said.

The participants were able to



Karl Bower studies the different cattle breeds during the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program Fall Education Day's Dairy Bowl. Bower's team took first-place honors.

learn about the many different aspects while participating in a "Dairy Bowl." They were split into teams and traveled around picking up information at various stations. After having the opportunity to go to each station teams then answered questions and gained points for each correct answer up to 700 points.



On Bower's team was schoolmate Joe Lobo, 15 and a sophomore at Castleford High School.

He has participated in the program for six years and enjoyed the Dairy Bowl.

"There is so much to learn," he said. "It is more than just getting and selling a cow."

Bower's team must have picked up a lot of information. They did very well in the bowl.

"We got first place," Bower said. "We think that we earned about 670 points."

Ohlenshehn said this education day is important because the kids are getting ready to breed their animal so they are pregnant for the fall sale.

"They have each signed up for which dairy their heifer will

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December: Party on!

Bower's 4-H club celebrates the holidays with a Christmas party

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — In between juggling school, playing basketball and taking her dairy replacement heifer to a host dairy Karl Bower found time to attend the Christmas party her 4-H group, the Milky Way, held at the Castleford First Baptist Church, on December 10th.

"It is a great way to celebrate," said club leader Dean Allen.

Bower's family thought so too. Her mother, Rae Ann and father.

Brent attended the event and all had a good time catching up with family gossip and holiday plans with other member parents.

The club held a gift exchange and enjoyed finger foods and Christmas cookies. Some business did take

place during the meeting however club officers were not elected as officers were not a few members were missing.

"It is hard to schedule around everybody's lives," Allen said. "Especially around Christmas."

It was decided to conduct club elections at the next meeting.

Earlier in the month, Bower had to take her heifer, Daisy Mae, to Knott-Run Dairy owned by John and Barbara Brubaker, in Buhi.

Daisy Mae will spend time at the dairy so that she can be bred.

A goal of the program is to have the heifers close to calving by the September sale at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"She will be getting used to her new surroundings and we will be watching her so that she can get bred," said Barbara Brubaker.

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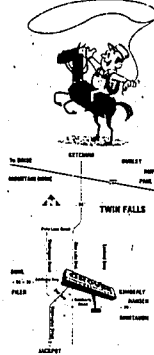
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 go to. Once they are on the dairy the heifers will be watched for when they are ready to breed. Once they have been successfully bred the animals will go back home," he said.

Bower has decided that Daisy Mae will go to the Brubaker Dairy in Castleford to get bred because it is so close to home.

"It is only down the road," she said. "I can visit her any time I want."

With the change in the weather bringing cold and damp air some of the beef cows on Bower's family farm have gotten the sniffles.

Bower is making sure that Daisy Mae is kept well fed and

taken care of so she doesn't get sick.

"A couple of weeks ago some of our cows got sick. I want to make sure Daisy Mae doesn't get pneumonia," she said. "So far she has been fine."



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January: Progress report

Bower's heifer successfully bred, to calve in September

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The argument about whether the chicken or egg coming first is still debatable, but everyone knows that a calf must come before a cow gives milk. So when Karli Bower heard the news that Daisy Mae, her dairy replacement heifer, is due with her first calf in September she was pretty pleased.

Bower, as a participant in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program will be selling her animal to a dairy farmer who depends on the milk. Daisy Mae will be producing to make a living.



Patrick Jones, veterinarian and owner of Fairview Veterinary Center in Buhl, checks to see if Daisy Mae is pregnant. Good news for her owner, Karli Bower: the heifer is due mid-September.

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"I'm excited that she is bred," Bower said. "It is important that she is ready calve so she can give milk to the dairy."

On Jan. 31, Bower's heifer was declared pregnant by Patrick Jones, a veterinarian and owner

of Fairview Veterinary Center in Buhl. Daisy had been bred 45 days prior. Cows have the same nine-month gestation as humans, making her due in mid-September.

"Most cows take on their first

breeding as she did," Jones said. "Although it can take a few tries for some."

Besides confirming the heifer is pregnant with only one calf, Jones next gave it a vaccination that will protect her from four different viruses and also bacteria causing abortions.

"It does a lot and only costs about \$1.50 a dose," Jones said.

Now that Daisy Mae is pregnant she will need a little TLC and lots to eat. "She will need good nutrition throughout her pregnancy," said Barbara Brubaker of Knott-Run Dairy. The dairy has hosted the heifer while getting bred and will be called home for a couple more weeks.



"We usually check the cows at 100 days to see if they are still pregnant," Brubaker said. "If Karli wants her heifer to stay until then that is more than OK with us."

Bower thinks that is a good idea and said that she planned on letting Daisy Mae stay for a while longer.

Another January highlight for Bower was being elected treasurer of her 4-H club.

"I have to keep record of the club's money and fill out a special record book," she said. "I also have to figure out how we are going to pay for things like t-shirts."

February: While the cow's away

Bower spends month of February participating in athletic activities

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — It's a shame that Daisy Mae isn't at home yet. The dairy replacement heifer has spent the past few months at the Knott-Run Dairy in Castleford and although she has been successfully bred, Daisy Mae isn't quite ready to come home just yet.

"We are going to bring her home in a couple of weeks," said Karli Bower, Daisy Mae's owner. "I can't wait."

Bower is a participant in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program. The two year project gives area youth the opportunity to care for and raise

a heifer calf to just before she calves. Daisy Mae will be sold at auction during the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo this fall to a dairy farmer that will use her to produce milk.

Since Bower is waiting to bring home Daisy Mae, who is just around 70 days pregnant and due in mid-September, she has been keeping herself busy with school and sports.

During February she played basketball with other sixth-graders at the Castleford School and also joined the volleyball team.

The team's coach, Jeri Flores said that Bower's positive attitude is an asset to the team's character.

"She always comes to practice with a smile," said Flores. "Part of our program is to help these girls build character and self esteem. When they are already coming to practice with those it helps the

team on a whole."

Between games, practice and school, Bower will begin to get to know Daisy Mae again.

"Once we get her home I want to spend time with her and get

her ready for the fair," she said. "I visited her and she didn't come up to me as easily as she would before. It is going to be good to have her around so that we can train."

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March: Treasurer's duty

Bower learns the ins and outs of being club's treasurer

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — One of the most important officers of any 4-H club is its treasurer, said Milky Way 4-H Club Leader Dean Allen.

"The treasurer must give a report at each meeting and the officer also has to fill in a special record book for the fair," Allen said.

Karli Bower was elected to the post during the January meeting and so far hasn't had much to do. However, the Castleford sixth grader recently experienced what most adults take for granted — writing a check.

"This is my first check," Bower said while trying to figure out how to fill it out. "I haven't ever had to write one out so I don't really know what I am doing."

With a little help from her mom, Rae Anne, the new treasurer will be able to pay for club bills, like the new sweatshirts handed out to members on the March 6th meeting.

"I didn't think it would be so hard to fill out a check," she said. "The first transaction under her belt gave Bower something to report during the club meeting."

"The club is paying for half of the sweatshirts and that cost us \$141.75," Bower explained. "Currently the club has \$812.20 in the bank."

Allen said that besides keeping tabs on what money is going in and out of the bank Bower will also learn how to make deposits and will keep a ledger of the transactions for her record book.

Fellow club member and Vice President Jared Allen said he was glad that he was no longer the

club's treasurer.

"You can keep the job," he told Bower during the meeting. "It was a lot of work."

Bower's work load is sure to get bigger once her dairy heifer, Daisy Mae returns home.

"As soon as we bring her home in a few weeks I will start to work with her everyday and get ready

for showing her at the fair," Bower said.

As a participant of the Magic Valley Dairy Replacement Program Bower will be selling her two year-old pregnant

Holstein this fall. She said they are just waiting for her to be preg-checked again at the end of March before bringing her home from the Knott-Run Dairy, where the heifer was recently bred.



Bower glances in a past treasurer's Record Book to see what kind of records she must keep for her own.



"We want to make sure that she is still pregnant and doing well before having her return," she said.

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April: Stand up skills

Bower gives required yearly 4-H demonstration

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Giving a demonstration in front of 15 or so of your 4-H peers is never easy but it is required as a member of any club and Karli Bower is breathing easier now that the experience, this year anyway, is past.

During April, the sixth grader prepared for her demonstration by researching her topic, "How to Plant a Flower," online, using search engines like Google.

"My Mom and I looked it up on the Internet," Bower said. "We found that a lot of people had done this and it sounded fun."

She also had to go shopping, purchasing flowers, planting soil

and pots for her to use.

Bower, a member of the Milky Way 4-H Club, was a little fidgety but cool under pressure while giving her demo during the May 1 meeting.

"The first thing you do when planting is finding something to put your flowers in," she began, fingering a terra-cotta, run-of-the-mill planting pot.

Bower continued, explaining the importance of having proper container drainage, watering and sun schedule for the colorful mixture of pansies she decided on planting.

Upon completion her empty pot had transformed into a bouquet of lively little blooms.

Her demonstration was hands on, bringing enough flowers, pots

and soil for everyone, giving each member the opportunity to take home their new knowledge.

Commencing the lecture is of course the most dreaded part of the ordeal, the question and answer period where other club members, their parents and the club leaders test your understanding of the subject matter by asking questions.



May: My hands to larger service

Bower picks up trash with club during annual Johnny Horizon Day

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — For the Milky Way 4-H Club, providing community service is more than feeling good about meeting someone's need.

"We are a dairy club so doing community service is an opportunity to be good stewards that

reflect the industry," said Dean Allen, the club's leader.

Allen said that the club participates annually in the Twin Falls County tradition of Johnny Horizon Day but also reaches out by its helping hand in a way that fosters club members understanding of the dairy industry.

"The club has planned a day to go out and cover a dairymen's

Happy Birthday Karli!

Karli Bower celebrated her 12th Birthday on Friday, April 28th.

silage pit," Allen said. "It is something that needs to be done that we can do and it also gives the kids more insight into how a dairy operates."

On the first Saturday of May

however, the club was chipping in by clearing at least four miles of roadway east of Castleford.

The youngsters gathered bright and early, trash bags and gloved hands ready to gather bottles, boxes and an occasional household appliance discarded in the barrow pit. For Karli Bower getting her hands dirty on the community's behalf is something that gives

the 12-year old pride.

"Since we are a small community (Castleford boasts a population of around 300 people) it is important that everyone help each other because it wouldn't get done otherwise," Bower said.

In total about 20 miles around the quaint community was to be cleaned up, said Castleford's event coordinator Tracy Cook.

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McDonald's Day at the Carnival

8 A.M. — FFA Horse Quality followed by 4-H/FFA Showmanship (including miniatures), **Zebarth arena**

9 A.M. — Open Dairy Goat show, **goat show ring**

Alpaca Show, **sheep show ring**

9:30 A.M. — 4-H/FFA Rabbit show followed by **Cow** show, followed by **Cat** show, next to **Poultry Barn**

10 A.M. — Fair buildings open

• Open Market Hog Show, **swine show ring**

• 4-H Breeding Beef

11 A.M. — Jersey Show followed by **Ayrshires**, **dairy show ring**

NOON — Petting Zoo Opens, **Kiddle Land**

• Carnival opens

1 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**

2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, **Free Stage**

3:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

4 P.M. — Draft Horse & Mule Halter, **north of dairy show ring**

4:30 P.M. — Davin Butter, **Free Stage**

6 P.M. — Hedgehog show, next to the **poultry barn**

• Bwana Jim, **In the park**

6:30 P.M. — Rocky Top Cloggers, **Free Stage**

7 P.M. — Destruction Derby, **Shouse Arena**

8 P.M. — Marc Savard (Hypnotist) **Free Stage**

10 P.M. — Fair buildings close

MIDNIGHT — Fair and carnival close

Thursday, Aug. 31

Coca-Cola Day

KMYT Fall Day at the Carnival

7 A.M. — Fair gates open

8 A.M. — 4-H Quality Horse (including miniatures) followed by English equitation followed by 4-H Horse Performance, followed by **Free Style**, **Zebarth Arena #1**

8 A.M. — 4-H Horse Trail, **Zebarth Arena #2**

9 A.M. — Open Class Dairy Goats, **goat show ring**

• FFA Sheep showmanship followed by 4-H St. showmanship, **sheep show ring**

9:30 A.M. — Jr. Division Market Steer Show followed by pen show, **beef show ring**

10 A.M. — Fair Buildings Open

• FFA Dairy Showmanship followed by 4-H, **dairy show ring**

NOON — Draft Horse & Mule Performance, **Shouse Arena**



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• Petting Zoo opens, **Kiddle Land**

• Carnival opens

1 P.M. — 4H Jr. Showmanship, followed by 4H/FFA Premier Breeder, **sheep show ring**

1 P.M. — FFA and 4H Dairy Quality, **dairy show ring**

• Bwana Jim, **In the park**

1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**

2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, **Free Stage**

4 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

6:30 P.M. — Neilson School of Dance, **Free Stage**

7:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

• Magic Valley Stampede/PRCA Rodeo, **Shouse Arena**

8 P.M. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, **Free Stage**

10 P.M. — Fair buildings close

MIDNIGHT — Fair and carnival close

Friday, Sept. 1

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7 A.M. — Fair gates open

8 A.M. — 4H Green Horse followed by 4H Barrels & Poles, **Zebarth Arena #1**

9 A.M. — FFA Beef Senior Showmanship, followed by Jr. Division Showmanship, followed by 4-H Beef Showmanship, **beef show ring**

• Jr. Division Market Swine Show, **swine show ring**

• Holstein Show followed by Brown Swiss, **dairy show ring**

10 A.M. — Jr. Division Market Lamb show, **sheep show ring**

• Fair buildings open

• Draft Horse & Mule Performance, **Shouse Arena**



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NOON — Petting Zoo Opens, **Kiddle Land**

• Carnival Opens

1 P.M. — All Breeds Horse Show, **Zebarth Arena**

• Bwana Jim, **In the park**

1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**

2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, **Free Stage**

4 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

• Open Pygmy Goat show, **Goat show ring**

5:30 P.M. — Xtreme Dance, **Free Stage**

6:30 P.M. — Middle Eastern Dance, **Free Stage**

6:45 P.M. — Amazing Duck Races, **In the park**

7:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **In the park**

• Magic Valley Stampede/PRCA Rodeo, **Shouse Arena**

8 P.M. — Marc Savard, Hypnotist, **Free Stage**

10 P.M. — Fair buildings close

MIDNIGHT — Fair and carnival close

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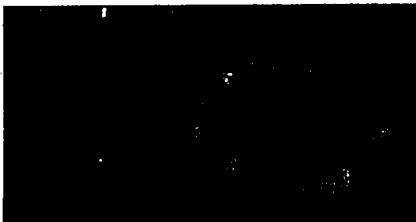
Saturday, Sept. 2

7 A.M. — Fair Gates Open
 9 A.M. — All Breeds Horse Show, **Zabarth Arena**
 • Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Show, **dairy show ring**
 • FFA Swine Showmanship followed by 4H, **swine show ring**
 • Open Boer Goats, **goat show ring**
 • 4H Dog Show, **dog show ring**
 9:30 A.M. — Open To the World Steer Show, **beef show ring**
 10 A.M. — Fair Buildings Open
 11 A.M. — Idaho State Youth Market Lamb, **Sheep Show ring**
NOON — Petting Zoo Opens, **Kiddie Land**
 • Carnival Opens
 1 P.M. — Jr. Hereford Heifer Show, followed by Hereford & Polled Herefords followed by
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 • Simmental Show followed by
 • Charolais, Salers, Gelbvieh, Piedmontese, Limousin, Maine Anjou, **all at beef show ring**
 • FFA/4H District Dairy Goat Showmanship followed by Quality, **goat show ring**
 • Antique Tractor Pull, **Shouse Arena**
 • Bwana Jim, **in the park**

1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**
 2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, **Hypnotist, Free Stage**
 3:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 4 P.M. — FFA/4H Pygmy Goat Show, **goat show ring**
 5 P.M. — Marc Savard, **hypnotist, Free Stage**
 6 P.M. — Magic Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Sale, **sale barn**
 • Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 7:30 P.M. — Magic Valley Saddle/PRCA Rodeo, **Shouse Arena**
 8 P.M. — Magic Valley Gospel Opry, **Free Stage**
 10 P.M. — Fair Buildings Close
MIDNIGHT — Fair and Carnival Close

Sunday, Sept. 3

7 A.M. — Fair Gates Open
 9 A.M. — Idaho State Open Youth show followed by Pee Wee Showmanship, **Sheep Show Ring**
 10 A.M. — Fair Buildings Open
 10 A.M. — 4H Horse Fun Day, **Zabarth Arena**
NOON — Petting Zoo Opens, **Kiddie Land**
 • Carnival Opens
 • Round Robin Showmanship



1 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 Jr. Angus Steer Show, followed by Junior Angus Show, followed by Open Angus Show, **dairy show ring**
 • ITLA Texas Longhorn Show, **beef show ring**
 1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**
 2 P.M. — Small Animal round robin, **goat show ring**
 2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, **Hypnotist, Free Stage**
 3:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 4 P.M. — Linda Noris, **Free Stage**
 • Ewe Lead Fashion Show, **sheep show ring**
 5 P.M. — Boot Scootin' Country Dancers, **Free Stage**
 6 P.M. — Debbie Crawford, **Free Stage**
 7 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**

7:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, **Hypnotist, Free Stage**
 8 P.M. — Trace Adkins Concert, **Shouse Arena**
 10 P.M. — Fair Buildings Close
MIDNIGHT — Fair and Carnival Close

Monday, Sept. 4

KMVT Fall Day at the Carnival

7 A.M. — Fair Gates Open
 9 A.M. — 4H Labor Day Dog Show, **dog show ring**
 • 4H Working Ranch Horse, **Zabarth Arena**
 10 A.M. — Fair Buildings Open
 • 4H/FFA Junior Market Animal Sale, **sale barn**

NOON — Petting Zoo Opens, **Kiddie Land**

• Carnival Opens
 1 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 Team Sorting, **Zabarth Arena**
 1:30 P.M. — The Balyeat Family, **Free Stage**
 2:30 P.M. — Marc Savard, **Hypnotist, Free Stage**

4:30 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 6 P.M. — Rylee Baker, **Free Stage**
 7 P.M. — Bwana Jim, **in the park**
 7 P.M. — Extreme Freestyle Motorcross Show, **Shouse Arena**
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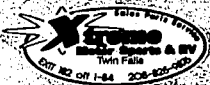
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June: Shave and a haircut

Daisy Mae gets a summertime trim

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BÜHL — With the flip of a toggle switch the hair trimmers come to life. Blade against blade at tornado speeds creates a whirling buzz from the clippers and Daisy Mae eyes her owner with suspicion.

"They're new," says Margie Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program participant Karli Bower, petting her animal. "We have to give the cows a hair cut so they are used to it for fair time."

The months are flying by and for Bower, who will be showing and selling her heifer at the Twin Falls County Fair in September, it's crunch time.

She will also be taking part at the Summer Achievement Day June 24 and Daisy Mae must be in top shape for the mock show.

Practicing the cut is crucial.

Bower and other members of the Milky Way 4-H Club gathered for an afternoon shearing session. Both the heifers and participants were a little nervous.

"I think she is going to kick me," Bower shouts to her mom, Rae Ann, shaking a little as Daisy Mae stomps her back hoof.

With parental authority she reminds the young 4-Header that this isn't her first time with the clippers.

"Just relax and you'll do fine," she says. "Remember to be nice and gentle, and remain calm."

With a little coaxing sweet-talk the pregnant Holstein calms down and the hair cut resumes. Puffs of coarse white and black hair ride the gentle breeze.

Within minutes Daisy Mae's left side is much shorter and noticeably shinier than before.

"A good cut really shows off the animal's dairyness," said Dairyman Terry Underwood, who has a daughter in the club.

Underwood explained that clipping the animal rids it of shabby, dull and dirty hair and can help highlight good qualities on the heifer as well as compensating for other spots.

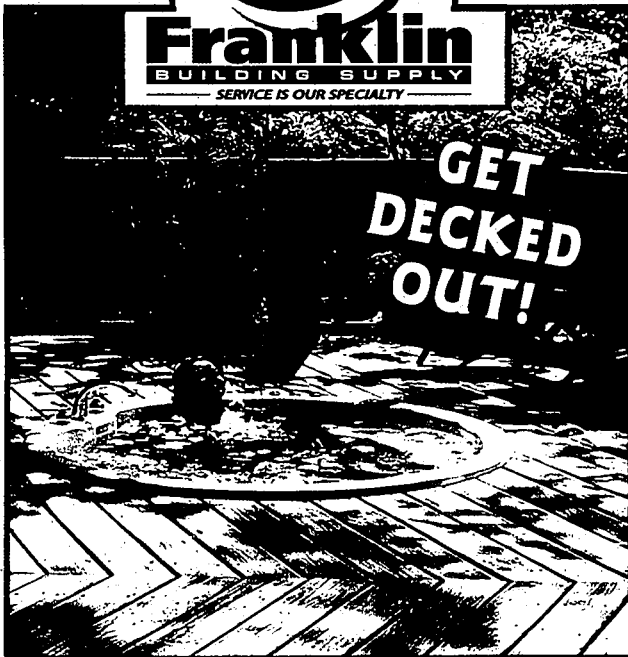
"For instance," he said. "With some care you can help make the animal's back line look straighter by leaving the hair long and then combing and hair-spraying it up."

However, a great cut can't radically transform and ugly duckling into a graceful gander.

"A mule is still a mule, you know?" he said.



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July: On the brink

Bower ponders her progress for the fair ahead

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Karli Bower's goal is clear and nearly in view.

After being named last year's Reserve Grand Champion in Showmanship the pressure is on to keep the title or do better. If Bower has her way it'll be the latter.

"I want to win Grand Champion this year," Bower said. "With Daisy Mae being a

second-year heifer she has been really easy to work with and I can show her better. I think we have a shot at the top prize."

In six short weeks Bower will be showing her pregnant dairy heifer during the Twin Falls County Fair. During that show she faces competition from other Twin Falls County 4-H'ers.

As a member of the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program, Bower will also be competing against program participants.

Karli's mom, Bae Ann said she

Program factoid

Daisy Mae weighed about 500 pounds when she was first purchased. In less than a year and half she will have doubled her weight, expecting to tip the scales at about 1200 pounds!

has blossomed into a better showman this year.

"She has grown-up this year and I think it will show in the ring," she said. "Karli is holding herself with more pride and

self-esteem and is able to handle her heifer with confidence. We are really proud of her."

To earn prestigious acclaim in the show ring it takes more than a winning a spirit.

Holsteins aren't born halter-broke, so getting the animal to lead takes hours of patience and lots of determination.

Karli and Daisy Mae have spent the summer honing their skills.

"She knows where her feet are supposed to be and how to hold



her head," Bower said.

Between now and the fair, the duo's days are filled with practice, practice and more practice.

Milky Way 4-H Club Leader Dean Allen says that in the end, the hard work will pay off.

"One of the good things about the program is that you aren't handed a thing. Nobody gets a trophy just for participating. If you want to win you have to work for it," Allen said.

Filer couple work together to lead 4-H Club

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

FILER — Being raised on a dairy, Dean Allen, of Filer, has a fondness for the lifestyle. It isn't an easy existence, he says but one made of hard work, responsibility, patience and persistence.

"The niche is dwindling but the lessons are no less important," Allen says. It is one of the reasons he and his wife, Angie, volunteer as leaders for the Milky Way 4-H Club.

Allen is also vice president of the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program committee. He said program participants are given a slice of dairy experience.



Dean and Angie Allen of Milky Way 4-H Club.

"My folks had a dairy in western Washington and it was a good

childhood," Allen said. "This is a good program because we are losing the dairy culture."

He said that the club strives to teach youngsters that nothing is handed to them just because they participate. They are expected to work and learn and sometimes lose.

"We all can't win. In the show ring you get placed in the order of how well you did. By losing, kids learn what to improve on and that there is always next time," Allen said.

In this culture of "everybody wins," experiencing the agony of defeat is an important character builder, they say.

"It helps you deal with failure. Life is full failure — you won't

always get the job or win the race and it is important to learn that" Angie Allen said.

More importantly the couple feels that the program garners a sense of self-worth and the hours of investment always produce fruit.

"The kids see they play an important role and belong. It used to be that dairy 4-H'ers would already be involved with a home dairy, probably 80 percent. Now it is more that 90 percent are not on a dairy and don't know

much about it," Allen said.

His wife, raised in the city, is a good example.

"I married into it," she said. "And have learned that I am a better helper and bring ideas to the table and can help implement them. Dean is more forward with the kids- he sets the bar and they know what is expected of them."

She said while Dean works in guiding the group it is up to her to make sure that record books are ordered, meetings organized and club dues are paid.

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January: Come rain or shine

Work already under way for Twin Falls County Fair

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The last thing on the minds of most Magic Valley residents during the brisk-days of January is going to the fair.

However, for those involved behind the scenes, it is the season for preparing — no matter what the weather brings.

"December and January are slow months because it is so cold," said Twin Falls County Board member Jim Barker.

Barker, like all board members was appointed to the fair board by the county commissioners. He represents the Buhl area.

There are projects going on, however, like the renovations to the middle merchant building at the fair grounds.

"The merchant building was January's project," said Barker. Twin Falls County Fair Manager John Pitz said \$12,000 was invested in the building.

"We patched and epoxy painted the floor, carpeted the top eight feet of the walls, installed sound drapery and also remodeled the bathrooms," said Pitz.

Now, the building is better fitted for events using audio equipment, whether during the fair, a party or wedding.

"The building is available year round for rent at a base

All's Fair ...

Once each fair is wrapped, the Twin Falls County Fair staff and board spend a few weeks clearing up and recovering — but then they're back at work planning the next fair. The fall is spent brainstorming and going to fair conventions, where ideas are exchanged and fair staff members get a sneak peak at the entertainers available to perform at county fairs. Besides the fair, the fairgrounds are a busy place. Many of the buildings are available for events or even storage. "There's plenty of maintenance work to be done — so it's a never ending fast pace."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch followed the fairboard and staff for the past six months.

Get Involved!

To see what the Twin Falls County Fair Board is up to attend a meeting. The group gathers every first Monday at noon at the Fair Office. For more information call 326-4396.

rent of \$300 daily. We also have tables, chairs, portable stage and a sound system that can be rented as well," Pitz said.

Barker said that renting the building helps to raise additional revenue for the fair grounds during the fair's off season.

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February: A Tradition Continues

Board hammers out fair and rodeo theme

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

FILER—Although the theme of the fair may seem like a minor detail; it is nonetheless an important one, said Manager John Pitz.

So, during the Twin Falls County Fair Board's second meeting of the year, held on Feb. 6, they chose one: "The Tradition Continues."

For Tara Buckley, representing

the board for the Castleford area, the theme conjures up memories near and dear to her heart.

"I have gone to the fair every year since I was a kid," Buckley said. "It is something fun that I still look forward to."

Buckley said that the fair was an opportunity to gather with friends and family in celebration. "The fair is a tradition for me and I think that it is for others as well."

To come up with a catchy theme board members take some time to gather ideas together, from scouring themes other fairs have used, to jotting down ideas from the public.

"I brought in a few ideas but this one hit home for me," Buckley said.

Pitz said that it is necessary to get a theme going early so that when the public hears it from here until September they know it is for the fair.

"The theme gives us some consistency in our marketing campaign," Pitz said. "When folks hear it on the radio or read the theme in the paper, they know it is about the fair and it helps to keep the event fresh and exciting in their minds."

Fair board member Lyle Williamson, of Filer likes the theme too, even if it wasn't his first choice.

"We went over a few lists during the meeting," he said.

"We got it down to two and the chairman (Tim Zebarth of Twin Falls) had to make the final call."

It is a good theme because the fair holds good memories for lots of people, Williamson said.

"My tradition was going to the fair when I was a kid with my folks and those are pleasant memories for me," he said.

"We want to continue the tradition of creating good memories."

March: Fair management needed

Board posts advertisement for manager vacancy

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

FILER—They say March blows in like a lion and out like a lamb. That was certainly the case for the Twin Falls County fair board this month.

The resignation of Fair Manager John Pitz, who had held the position for 10 years, has created a stir.

"John combines quality management and is hands-on as well," said board member Jim Barker, of Buhl. "The combó is a rarity but one that we will be looking for in candidates for the job."

During the fair board meeting on March 6, the group officially posted the vacancy on the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs web site, as well as on the international fair association site.

"The postings will be available to anyone," said Pitz. "The RMAF covers seven western states to draw from so hopefully in the near future we will get some calls."

Pitz will definitely be missed, said Barker, but the board doesn't have the luxury of sitting around moping about the loss. Getting the fair ready by September takes a lot of work and the board must help fill in the gap, taking care of interim management until the position is filled.

After March 28, Pitz's official last day, board members will have the responsibility of signing checks, which will now need two signatures due to a policy change made during the meeting.

Bill Brockman, Twin Falls County Commissioner from Twin Falls, addressed his concern that the current policy only required one signature on checks.

"It is a poor policy," he said. "To protect ourselves I think we need to update the policy and require two signatures."

Besides signing checks board members on the budget committee will be meeting with Pitz to go over the figures before he leaves, using his expertise and background to get it done so next year

those involved can handle it without him.

"What ever we can accomplish for the new manager is sure to be appreciated," Barker said.

It could be a couple of months

until a candidate suited for the job is found but board members aren't too concerned yet.

"We have an awesome fair so I don't think that it will be too tough to find someone to fill

John's position," said Tara Buckley, who represents Castleford on the Fair Board.

"But we aren't going to rush it. We need to make sure to have the right person for the job."



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April: More than one

Maintenance workers spend year sprucing up

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Except for cleaning up after an early April snow storm that dumped a few inches of the ground. It was business, as usual for the Twin Falls County Fair maintenance crew.

"This time of year we are busy with landscaping," said Roger Leonard, maintenance foreman, as Dave Demoney tied a chain around an evergreen bush in front of the fair office building.

While Demoney hopped into the skid steer to rip out the "ugly bush," Leonard explained that the grass is always growing. Meaning that, regardless of the season, the maintenance crew is busy.

"That bush has been a thorn in everybody's eyes. It was only there to hide an old air-conditioning unit," he said.

Fair staff member Bonnie Seaman excitedly opened the window, now accessible with the plant gone.

"I haven't ever opened this win-

dow!" she said. "This is going to look so much better."

With the newly uprooted evergreen bush out of the way, the fair office landscape will be freshened up with some native pampas grass and flowers, complete with a whiskey barrel to finish the western motif, said Maria Ragains, with the maintenance crew.

"I am here part time in the summer," Ragains said. "I plant flowers, help with tree planting and just fill in where needed."

Sporadically, the grounds must

replace Poplar trees because they have an average life span of only about 25 years.

Between fixing fences, patching roofs, repainting buildings and maintaining things like building heaters, the maintenance crew also prepares for events that take place all year long.

"It is busy all year," said Leonard. "With the steady flow of interim events at the fair grounds, flea markets, wedding receptions, parties and summer events like dog shows and Easter egg hunts,

there is always something to do."

During the warmer months the fair grounds has an employee that keeps the grass under control.

Leonard has been working the grounds since 1998.

"I love working outdoors and seeing the fair grounds change over time."

Some recent years' improvements include the new goat barn, poultry-barn improvements, merchant-building remodels and this summer the crew hopes to repaint the old fair office building.

May: Getting to know you

County welcomes new fair manager Kris Weltikol

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Second thoughts? Not for Kris Weltikol, the new Twin Falls County Fair manager. Even though she has only graced the Filer fair office with her presence for a mere couple of weeks, she is getting comfortable and can't wait to experience her first county fair in Filer.

"I've jumped in with both feet and haven't drowned yet," Weltikol said. "Currently I am reading up on policies and procedures so I am comfortable with how things are done here. I won't

Also in May

Twin Falls County voters turn down a bid to build a \$1.5 million multi-purpose building on the fair grounds.

be changing anything around here soon but want to see how the fair goes first. I mean, why reinvent the wheel?"

Running a county fair is nothing new to Weltikol. For the past 18 years she served as the fair manager for the Richland County Fair and Itodeo in Sidney, Mont.

"The fair there was a bit smaller, she said.

"Our entire county population was about 10,000 with about half of the people living in Sidney," Weltikol said. "This is going to be a change and one that I am excited to see."

Managing a smaller fair doesn't mean she isn't qualified. In fact, when the county board interviewed her, they were impressed with her experience.

"Kris really stood out from the

other applicants," said Lyle Williamson, representing Filer on the Twin Falls County Fair Board.

"As I remember I was one of the first ones who spoke about being so impressed."



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June: Smooth sailing

Fair office staff an invaluable key to county success

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — With just the summer laying between now and the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo there is much remaining on the to-do list.

Contracts with judges, building superintendents, exhibitors and concession stands need finalzod. Spaces in merchant buildings need filled and the supplies needed for fair week include tracking down everything from livestock bedding, golf carts, paneling and drapery

for various buildings.

"The task seems daunting, but for the seasoned crew in the Fair Office, it is taken with a grain of salt.

Bonnie Scaman has been on hand in the office for over seven years, so she has been through the motions before.

"Right now we are really busy but it isn't too bad," she said. "It gets easier over the years."

Entertainment has long been lined up for fair week, but June marks the beginning of selling seats for the numerous events. The phone has been ringing off

the hook since tickets became available June 21.

In just a week almost a third of the available seating for country artist, Trace Adkins' concert, set for September 3, is gone.

Even though most of her duties involve fair project premium pay-outs, fair office employee Pam Kubic said she has been selling tickets left and right.

"They are really going fast and not just for the concert. People are already buying reserve seats for the rodeo and other events as well," she said.

Kubic explained that she has

been with the fair for 10 years as the admissions director before moving into the office.

"Now I am learning about premiums," Kubic said. "There are over 700 different categories of projects in the antique section alone so there is a lot to learn."

Kubic explained that premiums are paid to winners of projects ranging from livestock shows, to cooking, sewing, photography and painting.

She also helps around the fair office and is enjoying her new position, she said.

Fair Board member Lyle

Williamson,

representing Fair, said having an experienced office staff is priceless.

"The entire staff is extremely important and we are lucky that they know what they are doing," he said. "Bonnie is irreplaceable, especially with a new fair manager in the office."

Scaman shrugs it off as having a job she loves, even with 17-hour days.

"We here have the best job on earth. Working for the fair is great," she said.



Passion for the past: Finding history at the Antique Building

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

FILER — A few minutes with Antique Building Superintendent Claudia Reese and you'll be thinking old is new again. She has a passion for antiques and you'll be thinking to share the energy with anyone who will listen.

She's spent the last year finding ways to encourage more local residents to share their treasures at the fair — and in turn, help fairgoers better understand the rich history of Twin Falls County and the rest of the Magic Valley.

Back when she started the job four years ago, just over 70 people entered antiques into the competition. Last year, that number had climbed to 146 in more than 1,000 categories.

"We anticipate over 2,000 entries and well over 150 exhibitors this year," Reese said.

It's not easy to build that kind of interest. Reese starts by reviewing entries from the previous fair and figuring out what categories attracted the most attention. She goes through each item in her section of the fair book line by line — determining what can stay, what will go and what she'll add for the coming year.

This year, with centennial celebrations in Filer and Buhl, Reese

Antique Building schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 30

4 p.m. — 6 p.m. Q/A with producers of Buhl Centennial DVD, "A Miracle Century"

Friday, Sept. 1

3 p.m. Dr. David McCluskey discusses grandson of Buhl pioneers, discusses history of area.

6 — 8 p.m. Discussion and book signing of the "History of the Twin Falls Canal Company by Howard Moon and Russ Tremayne.

Saturday, Sept. 2

11 a.m. — 2 p.m. Moon and

Tremayne are back for more on their history of the Twin Falls Canal Company.

2 p.m. — Dr. McCluskey returns for another discussion on his family history in Buhl and the surrounding area.

Monday, Sept. 4

2 p.m. Buhl historian, Jim Barker will discuss the history of Buhl.

Following, Barker and producers of "Miracle Century," a DVD about the history of Buhl will be available for questions and answers.

developed specific categories for those two communities and will feature items from each town in a special display in the Antiques Building.

Although she dedicates countless hours year round, the real dedication comes during fair week when she'll spend 11, 14-hour days on the grounds. First on the agenda: she and her crew take

in entries. Then they prepare each item for judging. After that, the antique are arranged for display and the building readied for the public.

"I have a wonderful crew of people who help to make this department such a success. We all enjoy doing this for the fair and for the community and our reward is seeing how much the public enjoys

looking through the Antique Building." The building must be watched at all times, so Reese finds 10 people each day to oversee the precious entries and answer questions for visitors.

Reese oversees everything and then gets down to talking — meeting with people who are inspired by the antiques and want to share information about their own collections and memorabilia.

Her goal is to get them excited about the fair — and encourage

them to participate next year.

"I also love that the exhibitors enjoy sharing with everyone and take the time to bring their antique items to us," she said.

"We have such a wonderful old time styled fair. There is not a lot of fairs left that you can take your baked goods, handmade quilts, artwork antiques and your 4-H animals to and go home with some ribbons and a smile on your face. It's a good old fashioned family event."



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Traditional growth

Garden club builds on tradition

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Members say they've always been a part of the Twin Falls County Fair and for them, it's serious business.

The Petal Pals started planning their display back in January. They voted this year on sunflowers — and each planted a collection of varieties. By June, the plants were up and plans were being made.

June's meeting was held at Diane Ensunsa's home. There, the group finalized plans for the booth they created this week.

"The sunflower arrangements will be decorated with burlap and blue granite containers. Fall colors only. No white or red," club secretary Jeanne Quigley read from her notes.

"For the general houseplants, use terra cotta on blue green cloth."

To illustrate this year's theme, "A tradition continues" — the ladies decided to take advantage of the three generations of members in the group.

Ruth Harder took advantage of the flowers growing in Ensunsa's yard and staged several photos with the youngest members of the club "sprout-



ing" their gardening talents.

Last Saturday, the group gathered at the Red Barrel in Castleford, completed their dis-



Members of Petal Pals pose for photos that will be used in their fair display to illustrate the theme "The Tradition Continues."

plays and then transported them to Filer for judging and viewing.

The premiums club members

win from all their winning entries are enough to fund the club's activities through the entire year.

Plow and play: Ag Pavilion offers hands on learning

FILER — It's not every day you can tell your kids to go play in the beans, but that's exactly what they can do at the Agriculture Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair. It's provided by Food Producers of Idaho.

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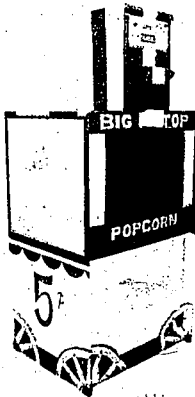
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