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Hagerman man caters to sand sports.

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State gives reduced curtailment plan

Acreage facing curtailment half its original size

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

BOISE — The potential shutdown of hundreds of groundwater pumps across southern Idaho went back in force Friday afternoon.

The scale of the possible curtailment, however, was reduced yet again.

Idaho Department of Water Resources Director David Tutthill issued a new curtailment order for junior groundwater pumps across south-central Idaho. The order takes effect July 6, unless an acceptable

mitigation plan is provided by groundwater users with rights junior in priority to surface users in the Thousand Springs stretch.

Tutthill's decree now affects 591 groundwater rights, which include

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NewsTracker

Last we knew: State water director David Tutthill cut the number of farming acres eligible for curtailment from 33,000 to 22,000.

The latest: A new curtailment order has been issued for 16,638 acres across southern Idaho. What's next: Groundwater pumps will aim for a new mitigation plan, and meeting with the director.

Rape case heads to court

Gertie's supervisor faces 13 charges

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A former shift supervisor at Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery may have been a whiz at customer service. But, according to a Twin Falls police affidavit, for several years Dustin Jay Owings, 25, sexually terrorized his teenage girl employees — the restaurant's basement party room, in its kitchen and at his home.



Owings is scheduled to be arraigned in district court at 8:30 a.m. Monday on 11 felony counts of rape and two of sexual battery on allegations that he pressured five girls — all about 16 years old — into having sex. But Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebis said Friday he expects the arraignment to be continued, and attorneys are working toward a settlement.

Owings was charged April 10 and posted bail on a \$35,000 bond. A judge prohibited him from visiting Gertie's at 602 Second Ave. S. — his father's pizza eatery — and from socializing with underage girls, including his alleged victims.

Owings' defense attorney, Harry DeHaan, was traveling and did not return a call to his office Friday. Some of the girls told police it was their first time having sex. One told police that after repeatedly resisting sex with Owings the first time, she gave in a second time. We "did it once," the girl told police. "What did it matter?"

Besides the age difference — Owings was 21 and older during the period in question — Owings' job placed him in a position of authority over the girls. According to the affidavit, he ordered the same girl twice to help him arrange the salad bar in the basement. Once in the basement, away from the crowd, he made sexual advances that both times led to sex. Afterward, he said nothing to the girl and returned to

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MORE COWBELL



Musicians set up before a host of entertainers take to the stage Saturday evening at Wendell City Park for the Dairy Days festivities, which will continue today.

SATURDAY AT DAIRY DAYS

7:30 to

9:30 a.m.

SOS Breakfast at City Park (cost: \$4 per person, proceeds go to the Save Our Sign fund).

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Show 'n shine car show

8:30 to 10 a.m.

Parade sign-up and staging

10:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m.

Parade, traveling south through town from the intersection of North Street and North Idaho street

1:20 p.m.

Cow decorations and parade winner announcement

12:30 to

7:30 p.m.

Vendors and entertainment

7:30 p.m.

Snake River Community Players present "Hotel Pickle" at the Wendell High School Auditorium

Blood in the water

Group works to keep deadly fish virus out of Idaho

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The odds aren't exactly in favor of Idaho fish being struck down by a virus from the Great Lakes.

But Gary Forsnell is preparing just in case. Forsnell, who works for the University of Idaho's Twin Falls Extension Office, is one of a statewide group of government agencies and representatives from the aquaculture industry dedicated to slowing the spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS. The disease, which is known to infect at least 40 species of fish and could threaten commercial and sports fish in Idaho, has spread across

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To learn more about VHS, visit the web site extension.ugr.idaho.edu/twinfalls and click the link to the disease on the left side.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Residential building slows, commercial still hot.

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WALKER CENTER

Unqualified counseling at the heart of debate over money.

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A FATHER'S LOVE

Magic Valley dads celebrate a day of firsts.

FAMILY LIFE

'Zero tolerance' rules reconsidered after complaints of punishments

By Ray Henry
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Fifth-graders in California who adorned their mortarboards with tiny toy plastic soldiers this week to support troops in Iraq were forced to cut off their miniature weapons. A Utah boy was suspended for giving his cousin a cold pill prescribed to both students. In Rhode Island, a kindergarten was suspended for bringing a plastic knife to school so he could cut cookies.

It's all part of "zero tolerance" rules, which typically mandate severe punishments for weapons and drug offenses regardless of the circumstances.

Lawmakers in several states say the strict policies in schools have resulted in many pun-

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— Rhode Island state Sen. Daniel Issa

ishments that lack common sense, and are seeking to loosen the restrictions.

"A machete is not the same as a butter knife. A water gun is not the same as a gun loaded with bullets," said Rhode Island state Sen. Daniel Issa, a former school board member

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Fifth-graders at Cornerstone at Pedregal School line up for a ceremony with decorated mortar boards in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., Thursday. Some students were made to cut off the weapons of plastic soldiers due to school policy.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Sunday



Near record breaking heat
High 91

Mostly clear, dry and breezy
Low 56

Noticeably cooler and breezy
72 / 47

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Today: Mostly sunny, dry and toasty hot. Getting windy. Highs low 90s.

Tonight: Locally breezy to windy and clear. Lows middle 50s.

Tomorrow: A big drop in temperature coupled with a cool breeze. Highs low 70s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

History's Jazz in the Canyon, a full day of jazz performances, noon, on the banks of the Snake River, Centennial Park, Twin Falls, \$15 advanced tickets, \$20 at the gate and no cost for children under age 13. 734-2787 or www.magicvalleyartsandentertainment.com.

Dinner theater "The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt", a melodrama, 6:30 p.m. reservations only dinner and 7:45 p.m. show, Historic Opera Theatre, 208 E. Idaho Ave., Glens Ferry, \$20 for dinner/show, \$6.50 for adults and \$5 children and senior citizens for show only, 366-7408 or 366-2744.

"Hotel Pickle", presented by the Snake River Community Players, 7:30 p.m., Wendell High School auditorium, \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children under age 12, and \$25 for a family, 536-6611.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

A benefit yard sale, includes furniture, vinyl fencing, clothes, fruit jars and baked goods, 8 a.m. to noon, The First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., Burley, 678-7630.

The College of Southern Idaho Cheerleading and Golden Girls Dance teams yard sale, including hot dogs, snacks and drinks, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., between the CSI Gym and Kieyerheffer Library, proceeds to assist students attending dance and cheer camp, 539-3980.

March of Dimes nationwide fundraiser, 9:30 a.m., City Park, Twin Falls, 734-2142.

FAMILY

Stay and Play Saturday activity "Spirit Stones", 10 a.m., and "The Story of the Oregon Trail" movie, 2 p.m., Oregon Trail History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, Glens Ferry, \$4 per vehicle without annual pass, 366-2394.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

Summer Indoor Art Festival, air-conditioned shopping featuring the handcrafted art work of Geri Omchundro, Kathy Mennenga, Ilse Hyton and Mickey Tanner, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1075 Wirsching Ave. W., Twin Falls, some of proceeds to cancer treatment costs for Mike Shetter of Shoshone, 734-6758.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 404-2151.

An Evening of Pinoche, 7 p.m., Agnes Senior Center, 310 Main N., Kimberly, \$1 (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

HOME AND GARDEN

Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Breckenridge Ag Endowment Farm on North College Road, 316-1291.

Home Tours, visit the historic brick homes of Oakley, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., tour begins at Howells Opera House, 882-3313.

Twin Falls Farmers Market Flower Arranging Contest, a 20-minute contest: bring vase, fresh flowers, water, and supplies ready to cut and arrange, 10 a.m., at the Breckenridge Ag Endowment Farm on North College Road, open to all non-professionals, \$20 Farmers Market gift certificate first prize, 316-1291.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "More Than Meets the Eye/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m., "Far Out Space Places" at 4 p.m., "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m., and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

SPORTS

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF) women's only flycasting and fly-fishing class and lunch, with featured guest and instructor Morgan Buckner; open to all women interested in fly-casting, fly-fishing and knot-tying, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the College of Southern Idaho Endowment Ponds (north of the CSI Expo Center), no cost (bring lawn chair or camp chair and rod and reel; may also bring a dish to share), 420-4096, 539-9334 or 539-1882.

The 2nd Leg of the Idaho Triple Crown, a pari-mutuel betting event sponsored by the Jerome Horse Racing Association, noon, Jerome County Fairgrounds, \$3 admission, 324-7209.

MINI EDITORIAL

What to get ol' dad

A grill means more work. A grill is all about work. What dad really needs is a huge box of microwave popcorn and cans of stew, ravioli and chili for those nights he gets to cook your dinner.

—Chris Baldus, news editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



A day in the lives of Mormon missionaries

TWIN FALLS — "French My Gospel" is the order of the day. And for two years, obedience to that command is the sum of all that matters in the daily lives of Mormon missionaries.

For two elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dallin Van Blerkom and Ryan Zebe, that commitment begins anew "at 6:30" every morning, as they drop to their knees in prayer.

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Hagerman man caters to Valley sand sports

HAGERMAN — Since starting Rec-N-Racing Idaho Sand Ralls five months ago, Jason Bishop has already sold two custom-built machines for the sport of off-road sand travel.

"They're like a two-chassis race car/all-terrain vehicle that goes in the sand," Bishop said.

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No Magic Valley lands to be sold as surplus

BOISE — No Magic Valley lands owned by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be sold as "surplus" as part of fundraising for a "Land Legacy Trust" program, an agency representative said Friday.

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Wendell may make vendors secure permits

WENDELL — A roaming food vendor might be convenient for some, but others worry they take customers from established businesses. "They are squatters, in my opinion," said Bunn, the city councilman. The city is considering requiring business permits for such vendors.

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Minidoka commission reviews transition plan

RUPERT — Minidoka County Commissioners recently reviewed a transition plan that will bring the county into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act that ensures government buildings and facilities paid for with taxpayer money are user-friendly for everyone.

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Sheriff's office seeks public help

FILER — The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office requests the public's assistance in trying to locate a Filer mini missing since early June.

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OBITUARIES

Irma R. Timm Miller, 92
Lincoln Warren McGinnis, 81

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Teen runs more than 70 miles for charity

HIGHLAND, Utah — Jordan Maxwell ran the equivalent of nearly three marathons in 24 hours so poor people can get food.

The 17-year-old, inspired by a teacher at Lone Peak High School, ran all day and night Thursday. By 3 p.m., he'd pounded out 50 miles; by 8 p.m., 65.

And when he finally stopped, as Thursday turned to Friday, Maxwell had logged about 74 miles.

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Scientists seek source of Idaho potato pest

BOISE — Scientists are using DNA comparisons to try to find out how a microscopic wormlike pest that attacks potatoes made its way into this country, a discovery last year that closed some foreign markets to U.S. potato growers.

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Suit blames tainted meat for girl's illness

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A Hemet, Calif., couple sued a California meat distributor over an E. coli outbreak they contend sickened their 4-year-old daughter and prompted the recall of 5.7 million pounds of ground beef in several Western states.

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BSU receives grant for research center

BOISE — The state Board of Education has approved a \$1 million grant for Boise State University to establish a biomedical research center.

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Border Patrol agent awaits fate in case

BISBEE, Ariz. — A U.S. Border Patrol agent charged in the shooting death of an illegal immigrant will have to wait two more months to find out exactly what charges a judge may think are merited.

Agent Nicholas Corbett, is accused of killing Francisco Javier Dominguez Rivera, 22, of Puebla, Mexico just north of the border.

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Boise mayor proposes whitewater park

BOISE — Mayor Dave Bieter has proposed a budget that includes \$750,000 for a quarter-mile whitewater park on the Boise River.

Bieter said the city will eventually spend \$1.5 million to build the whitewater park, the Idaho Statesman reported. It will be part of the future 55-acre Esther Simplot Park.

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NATION/WORLD

Gas, food costs send consumer prices up

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices surged in May at the fastest pace in 20 months, fueled by another big rise for gasoline and an increase for food as well.

Inflation was docile in other areas, with prices for computers, clothes, cars and airline tickets all falling.

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Cosmonauts get station computers up

HOUSTON — Two Russian cosmonauts began to get crucial computers up and running Friday, four days after they crashed at the international space station and curbed the outpost's ability to orient itself and produce oxygen.

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Duke prosecutor says he will resign

RALEIGH, N.C. — A tearful Mike Nifong said Friday he will resign as district attorney after admitting that he made improper statements about three Duke University lacrosse players who were once charged with raping a stripper.

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American fighter jet crashes in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jet crashed Friday during a combat mission over Iraq, a rare loss of the warhorse aircraft. Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Robert Gates came to Baghdad on an unannounced visit, and the U.S. military said five soldiers had died.

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Gen. Pace refused to quit despite request

WASHINGTON — In his first public comments on the Bush administration's surprise decision to replace him as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Peter Pace disclosed that he had turned down an offer to voluntarily retire rather than be forced out.

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Man gets life for killing 6 relatives

LANCASTER, Pa. — A man who killed six relatives and left their bloody bodies in the basement while he parried and shopped pleaded guilty to murder Friday and said he was praying for forgiveness.

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SPORTS



Cowboys, Astros make title tilt

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys got the sweep while Kimberly Astros got the edge in Friday's games, and now the two American Legion Baseball teams from the Magic Valley will face off in today's 6 p.m. championship game of the 2007 Donnelly's Classic, a wood-bat invitational tournament at Bill Ingram Field.

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Jerome throttles Highland in two games

POCATELLO — Jerome throttled Highland in an American Legion Baseball Area C doubleheader Friday.

The Tigers won 12-2 in five innings in Game 1 before a 25-1 win in Game 2.

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Bruins to announce new football coach

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School will announce its new varsity head football coach at 10 a.m. Monday at Baun Gymnasium.

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CSI's Elliott headed to bull riding finals

CASPER, Wyo. — College of Southern Idaho cowboy Tim Elliott has cemented his spot as one of the top collegiate bull riders in the nation. Tonight in Casper, Wyo., he'll try to prove he's the best.

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Back on track at MV Speedway

TWIN FALLS — Tonight, Magic Valley Speedway offers the best in local driving action with the Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Grand Nationals, NAPA Pony Stocks, MV Pipe Thunder Stocks and Quale's Electronics Queen Bees on tap.

The points battle is closing up in the NAPA Pony Stock division with Jason Whited still on top in the standings. However, Josh Pitt has closed to within four points of Whited with Randy Grubbs, Shawn Nice and Jonathan Gomez rounding out the top five. Bill Miles, who was involved in a stunning rollover on the front stretch last Saturday, is sixth in the standings and is ready to go again having chalked up the incident as just a typical racing adventure.

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approximately 16,638 acres of southern Idaho farmland. That total acreage is almost half of the 33,000 acres Thuhill initially placed under the threat of curtailment in late April. The initial order also went to 771 ground-water rights.

The curtailment orders are a result of water delivery calls made two years ago in the courts by senior water right holders Blue Lakes Trout Farm and Clear Springs Foods' Snake River Farm. The trout producers' call began in 2005, and went through state courts for two years before going back to IDWR this spring.

Calling the push for curtailment a "last option," Thuhill foresees more negotiations beating fruit before the July 6 deadline.

"The emphasis here is that while these orders are going out, I'm expecting we'll receive mitigation plans so curtailment can be avoided this year," Thuhill told the *Times-News*. "We received sufficient mitigation plans as we've carefully done our due diligence, and have been able to find mitigation for all but 16,638 acres."

But representatives from

opposing sides of the issue voiced disappointment with the director's new order Friday afternoon.

"That's the question, is it really sufficient mitigation?" asked Randy MacMillan, a vice president for Clear Springs Foods. "It is certainly less than what the director had said before ... If they have found additional mitigation, we have yet to see it."

Thuhill's new order is the second curtailment reduction in a week. After meeting June 8 in Boise with multiple representatives of either side, the director cut the total number of acres facing curtailment from 33,000 to 22,000.

"We know the director is anxious to limit the affect of curtailment, but what's disappointing to us is that he doesn't seem to recognize the serious economic harm done to us by groundwater pumping," MacMillan said.

Lynn Tomlinaga, president of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, said the new order, in spite of its reduction in acreage, still amounts to a major financial blow for the region.

"The economic havoc, or the

rift with the folks affected, is going to be tremendous," Tomlinaga said. "We've been saying (the impact is) about \$1,000 to \$1,200 per acre that's curtailed before crops can harvest their crops. That's a pretty big financial loss. A minimum of \$16 million to \$21 million is going to be taken out."

Junior water rights at risk include irrigation, commercial, industrial and domestic users, including towns and cities in southern Idaho. The junior water rights are in Blaine, Butte, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka counties.

Thuhill said more mitigation plans could come from independent pumpers, but what's needed are larger mitigation plans from the IGWA. Tomlinaga said his group will continue to explore its options. "We've got to look and see and what we can commit on putting together a plan," he said. "The biggest thing we'd like to see is the director have an expedited administrative hearing."

Thuhill said no conference was planned as of Friday, but that the July 6 meeting was a "step in the right direction."

Fish

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Europe in the past 50 years and appeared in Lake Ontario in 2005. It is regarded as such a threat that it is monitored internationally.

The virus is scary, Forsnell said, because of the wide variety of species of fish it can infect. The virus does not harm humans, but in fish, it causes a series of small hemorrhages and attacks internal organs.

VHS has not spread far, and state and national agencies have issued restrictions that should slow its spread. But the Idaho Fish Health Committee, which includes Forsnell and members of the Idaho and federal wildlife and agricultural departments, is launching a public education campaign designed to keep the virus out.

Areas of concern include bait fish brought into the state and fish bought for private ponds. Idaho Fish and Game prohibits using live fish as bait. But VHS can survive in frozen fish as well.

"It probably wouldn't hurt to ask the person who is selling the bait, 'Where do you get your bait from? Do you know where you get your bait from?'" Forsnell said.

Though the frozen bait industry isn't regulated well, most, if not all, frozen bait in Idaho comes from the West Coast and is safe, said Keith Johnson, fish health supervisor for Idaho Department of Fish and Game and a member of the Fish Health Committee. In November, he told major bait dealers in Idaho that no frozen

bait from the Great Lakes area would be allowed in the state. The agency banned transporting live fish from that area into the state in July.

But policy can only do so much, Johnson said, and Fish and Game needs help from the other agencies and the public to keep tainted fish out. It especially needs to increase its cooperation with the commercial sector. The public can do

its part by reporting fish kills to Fish and Game, stocking private ponds with approved disease-free fish and not transporting live fish between bodies of water, Forsnell said.

"Most of us have reservations in how effective we can be," Johnson said. "I think that we can be completely effective, but at the same time, this is something that's really got our attention."

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Rape

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the restaurant's main floor. To police, the girl described sitting alone in the basement crying. Later Owings told her to cheer up and sent her home before the dinner shift, the affidavit said.

Other alleged incidents involved profanity and sexual teasing.

Upstairs in the restaurant kitchen, a girl said, Owings grabbed her behind, reached into her pants from behind and tugged her underwear —

on one occasion ripping it. He made her life a "living hell," she told police.

During fall 2003, Owings traded cigarettes and alcohol to an underage employee in return for sex, the girl told police.

Owings waived his right to a preliminary hearing in April, and his case was bound over to district court.

The *Times-News* was unable to reach Owings by telephone Friday.

His father, Kevin Owings

declined to comment.

Cassidy Friedman covers crime and courts for the *Times-News*. He can be reached at 733-3241 or cfriedman@magicalvalley.com.



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weapons and 94 percent for firearms.

Some parents have mixed feelings about zero-tolerance rules. Christine Duckworth, 50, is the mother of an 18-year-old daughter who just graduated Portsmouth High School in Rhode Island, which has a zero-tolerance policy.

Duckworth said she wanted her daughter safe at school, but she said rules must reflect that teenagers make mistakes.

"I think there's pretty much always a gray area," she said. "You're dealing with individuals. How can you possibly apply one law to every single person and their circumstances?"

More recently, Texas lawmakers have also moved to tone down their state's zero-tolerance rules. Utah altered its zero-tolerance policy on drugs so asthmatic students can carry inhalers.

The American Bar Association has recommended ending zero-tolerance policies, while the American Psychological Association wants the most draconian codes changed.

"It may be a bit of self-correction that you're beginning to see where the pendulum is coming back," said Kathy Christie, vice president of a research clearinghouse for Education Commission of the States in Denver.

A decade ago, more than three-quarters of public schools surveyed reported adopting some version of a no-tolerance policy, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

"Zero tolerance" became a popular political buzzword during the waning days of the Reagan administration's "War On Drugs," and the rules spread rapidly after a series of high-profile school shootings, according to a report issued last year by the American Psychological Association.

A 1997 survey of more than 1,200 public schools by the U.S. Department of Education found that 79 percent had zero-tolerance policies against violence, 88 percent for drugs, 91 percent for

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Cosmonauts get space station computers up and running

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press writer

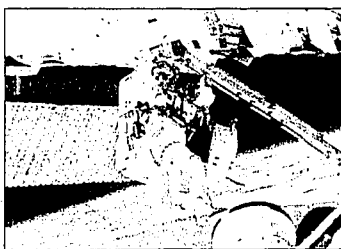
HOUSTON — Two Russian cosmonauts began to get crucial computers up and running Friday, four days after they crashed at the international space station and curbed the outpost's ability to orient itself and produce oxygen.

The progress came after days of frustrating effort and, for the time being, removed a set of troubling options lying ahead for NASA and the Russian space agency if the computers continued to fail.

"They're up and operational and this is good news for all," said Lynette Madison, a NASA spokeswoman in Houston.

Cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov pulled off the feat by bypassing a power switch with a cable to get two out of three computer connections running. They planned to watch the computers for the next several hours to make sure they were functioning properly.

Had the machines continued to malfunction, the three-member space station crew could still have remained on



In this image made available by NASA, astronauts Steven Swanson and Patrick Forrester (out of frame) participate in the mission's second planned session of extravehicular activity (EVA) on Wednesday, as construction resumes on the International Space Station.

board, but other steps would have been taken to maintain the power and oxygen supplies. Russia had already begun to make up plans for a cargo ship to deliver supplies, including new computers, next month.

And ominous questions were raised about the possibility of eventually needing to bail out of the space station — something a top NASA official reject-

ed earlier in the say.

Maintaining the correct position in orbit is key for the space station. It must point its solar arrays at the sun for power and be able to shift orientation to avoid occasional large debris that comes flying through space.

The computer crash came as astronauts from space shuttle Atlantis were resuming work on the long-running construction of the station. Atlantis' seven astronauts arrived last weekend, NASA's first visit to the space station this year.

During the computer failure, the shuttles thrusters helped control the station's position. And some of Atlantis' lights, computers and cameras were turned off to save energy in

case in case the shuttle had to spend an extra day docked to the station to allow more time to figure out the problem. NASA officials said the crew was never in danger of running out of oxygen or power.

However, the failed computers were the latest technical

glitch for the half-built, \$100 billion outpost. Critics have called the space station a boondoggle, an ill-conceived, post-Cold War venture between the Super Powers which at the moment is producing little science as it undergoes construction.



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Duke prosecutor says he'll quit to prevent more suffering

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A tearful Mike Nifong said Friday he will resign as district attorney after admitting that he made improper statements about three Duke University lacrosse players who were once charged with raping a stripper.

"My community suffers enough," Nifong said from the witness stand at his ethics trial on allegations that he violated rules of professional conduct in his handling of the case.

The players were later declared innocent by state prosecutors.

The North Carolina State Bar said Nifong withheld DNA test results from the players' defense attorneys, lied to the court and bar investigators, and made misleading and inflammatory comments about the three athletes, who were cleared of charges they were charged with raping a stripper at a team party in March 2006.

Nifong said he did not make all the mistakes alleged by the bar, "but they are my mistakes."

"It has become increasingly apparent, during the course of

this week, in some ways that it might not have been before, that my presence as the district attorney in Durham is not furthering the cause of justice," Nifong said.

Nifong's soft-spoken statements were barely audible in the courtroom, where observers leaned forward in their chairs as they struggled to hear Nifong through his tears. But the families of since-cleared players Benji Sellsman, Collin Finnelly and Dave Evans watched with little emotion, and Evans' attorney rejected Nifong's attempt to take responsibility.

"It was an obvious cynical ploy to save his law license, and his apology to these people is far too little and comes far too late," defense lawyer Joseph Cheshtre said.

Nifong started in the Durham County prosecutor's office nearly three decades ago as a volunteer attorney fresh out of law school. If convicted by the disciplinary committee, he could lose his license to practice law in the state.

The inflammatory statements the bar cited included Nifong calling the players a "bunch of hooligans" and confidently proclaiming he wouldn't allow Durham to become known for "a bunch of lacrosse players from Duke raping a black girl."

Man gets life for killing 6 relatives in Pennsylvania Dutch country

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A man who killed six relatives and left their bloody bodies in the basement while he partied and shopped pleaded guilty to murder Friday and said he was praying for forgiveness.

Jesse D. "Jay" Wise, 22, was sentenced to life in prison without parole. He avoided the possibility of execution, prosecutors said, because other family members asked authorities not to seek it.

Prosecutors said Wise fatally beat and stabbed his grandmother, two aunts, two cousins and an uncle over four

days in April 2006 and hid their bodies in the basement while continuing to spend time in the home the family shared in Leola. The youngest victim, cousin Chance Wise, was 5.

Jay Wise has a history of drug abuse, but neither the state nor the defense could suggest a motive for the killings. "I think that's going to be one of the mysteries we're stuck with," prosecutor Craig Stedman said.

In court, Wise expressed remorse. At one point, he appeared to be crying as he talked about forgiveness.

"Hate is like a cancer that slowly devours your heart and your soul," he said. "I just want to make it clear I didn't understand what life was about, what it was. I have no appreciation for it at all. I know what it is to be lost."



Nifong



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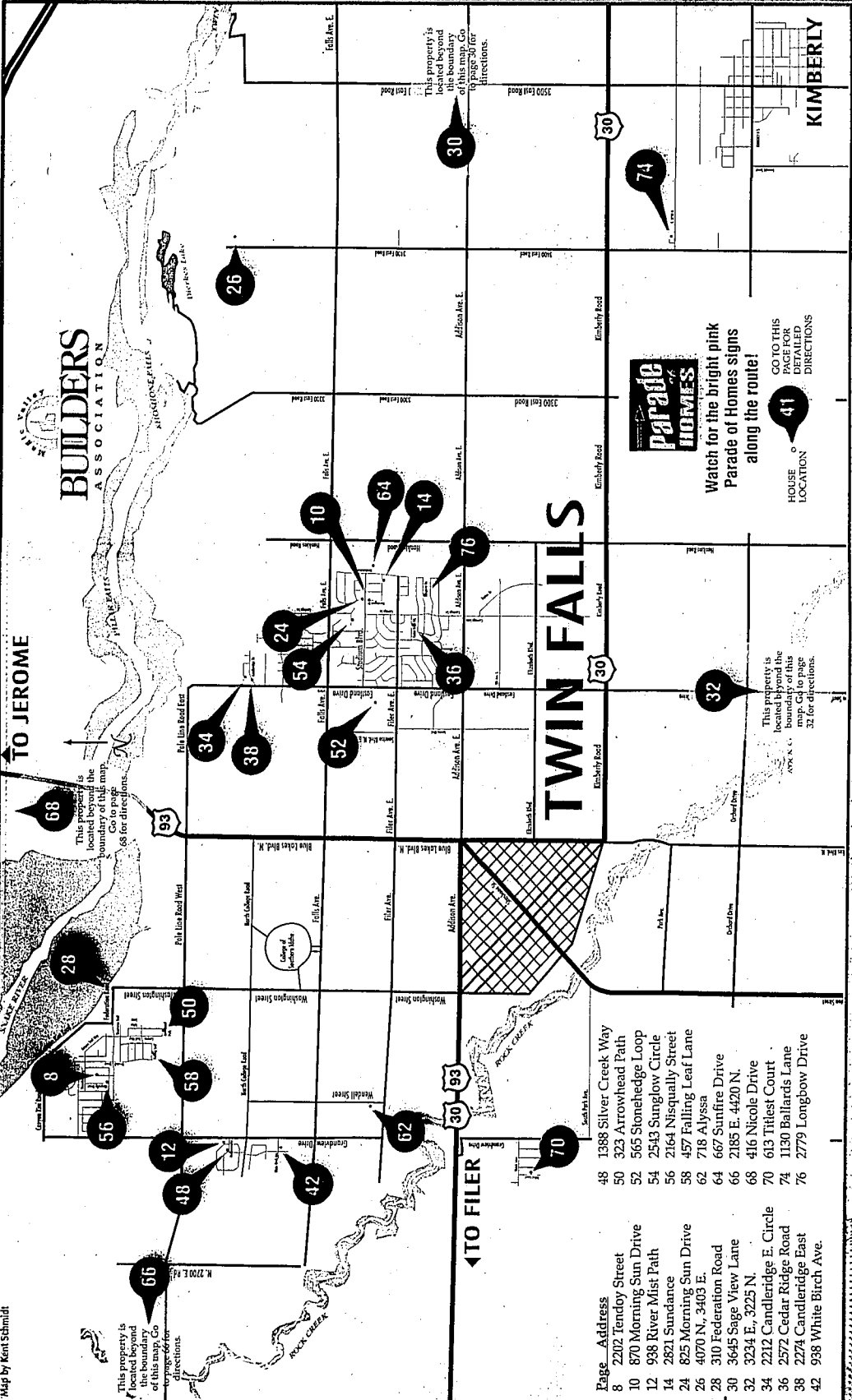
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'Nisei' brings some difficult lessons close to home

CHEERS: To the Magic Valley Arts Council for commissioning and to the Friends of Minidoka, Glimbia Foods, the College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Commission on the Arts for sponsoring and funding "Nisei," a locally written play about the World War II Minidoka Relocation Center in Jerome County.

Written by Samantha Marshall of Jerome, it's a story based on how her grandparents — both Hunt Camp residents — met at a dance in Twin Falls. "Nisei" will be performed at the Civil Liberties Symposium at CSI next week and for the public on Friday and June 23 at 7 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Theater in Twin Falls.

The internment of American citizens solely because they were of Japanese descent remains, 65 years later, a national shame. President Reagan recognized it as such in 1988 when he signed legislation apologizing on behalf of the federal government for a Roosevelt administration policy based on "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." Beginning in 1990, the government paid reparations to surviving internees.

There are still Hunt Camp survivors living in southern Idaho, and many more of their descendants residing in the area. For them, and for all their neighbors, "Nisei" puts a

human face on lessons that we as Americans can't afford to forget.

JEERS: To former Boise State football player Cam Hall, who told a Canadian TV interviewer recently that he was guilty of being in the wrong place at the wrong time during a 2005 road rage-related traffic accident that wiped out an Eagle family.

Hall, who now plays for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League, is guilty of a lot more than that. He and another motorist were racing on Idaho Highway 55 north of Boise when the other driver slammed into a third car, killing Tony and Stephanie Perfect and their 5-year-old daughter, Zoe.

Last year, Hall entered an Alford plea to a felony charge of leaving the scene of the accident, not admitting guilt but acknowledging that prosecutors had enough evidence to convict him. Originally sentenced to 180 days in jail and placed on five years probation, Hall was released four months early by Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville because Hall had written a letter of apology to the Perfects' survivors. A month ago, Neville allowed Hall to temporarily leave the country to play professional football.

The handling of the Hall case was a



travesty of justice by the Idaho courts and by BSU, which allowed Hall to play football after the accident.

So two years after the tragedy, it's not surprising that Hall seems less contrite about his involvement than sorry for its consequences.

Life goes on, it seems, for everybody but the Perfects.

CHEERS: To State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, for lobbying Gov. Butch Otter to save an endangered early childhood education program.

On Tuesday, Luna met with Otter and members of his administration to talk about continuing funding of the Parents as Teachers program, which helps 1,700 Idaho families by teaching parents to prepare their kids for school.

PAT, part of former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 1999 "Generation of the Child" initiative, was supposed to end this month at Otter's behest.

But a statewide outcry — led by former First Lady Patricia Kempthorne — and Luna's public lobbying has helped keep the future of PAT in play.

Independent of Luna's urging, Otter's office announced last week that it had reversed itself and would not cut \$1.5 million in federal welfare money from Head Start. Thirteen Head Start agencies in Idaho, including one in Twin Falls, serve more than 4,000 children — almost all of them from families that live below the poverty line.

The superintendent, who said during last year's election campaign that he would rather spend money on early childhood education than on high school remediation, seems to understand the critical importance of extra help for children who would otherwise never have a real chance to succeed in school. Thankfully for Idaho's kids, he's persistent.

JEERS: To Supervalu Inc., the Eden Prairie, Minn.-based supermarket chain that bought Albertsons stores last year. The company announced Monday that it's trimming its corporate footprint in Boise to half as many buildings because of staff cuts and transfers.

By the end of the summer, Supervalu will have executives in just

five buildings in Idaho's capital, down from 10.

Before the \$9.7 billion transaction, Albertsons had about 2,350 corporate employees in Boise. Soon it will be just 1,700.

That's not exactly the scenario that Supervalu executives described to Idaho political and business leaders when the corporation acquired the lion's share of Albertsons in 2006.

"We intend to leave important operations in Boise," Supervalu CEO Jeffrey Noddle told the Idaho Statesman last July. "We have been impressed by the quality of the work force we've gotten to know better in Boise."

Yeah, well. Nobody expected Albertsons to remain the iconic Idaho company that it was before the sale, but Noddle and his colleagues would have done everything a favor by coming clean about their plans from the outset.

Dating back to the tenure of former Albertsons CEO Larry Johnston, the man who broke up the 67-year-old company, Idahoans have heard a lot of assurances about the future of Joe Albertsons' supermarket. Some of them have turned out to be fiction.

It's a Minnesota grocery store chain now, with outlets in Idaho. And that's the truth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to everyone who supported Levi

Our son Levi, who many of you know or have seen on these newspaper pages for the past few years, was involved in a serious motorcycle accident on Sunday, June 3, in Provo, Utah. He is going in for his third surgery today (June 13). This will be the second on his broken neck, and he previously had surgery on the orbit of his eyes earlier in the week.

Levi ate solid foods for the first time a couple days ago — he ate and mashed potatoes. He has fairly good movement with his arms and fingers and is getting stronger. We are excited about this. He doesn't have feeling below his nipples but we are waiting to see where he is at all the spinal shock subsides. This sometimes takes weeks or even months.

His eyesight is sharp, and his mind is as good as ever! He is carefully optimistic and hopeful. He is staying awake most all the time. He has some rough times pain-wise but his positive attitude is uplifting to all of us and has been from the beginning.

I honestly don't know how he does it. It seems like people are uplifted after talking with him. And as you know, he feeds off of people's love and positive energy, and this is and is going to be the key to his recovery.

I just don't know how to thank everyone without forgetting someone. If you are one of those people helping with the many things going on, we appreciate you so much! The support we have received from everyone is overwhelming. We are so grateful for the many visitors, calls and people doing so many great things for him — and us. We love you all.

NILE HOJON
Heyburn

Thank you committee for upholding family values

A big thank you to the Western Days Committee. I so appreciate the family values you upheld by not allowing a gay and lesbian ball in the parade. I am very grateful that the family was of great importance to you.

I may be deemed intolerant, but I believe that this particular lifestyle is a choice between right and wrong. So, go ahead and call me intolerant, for I am intolerant of wrong doing (sin).

Once again, thank you for the work you do to put on a fun, family event and upholding family values. Keep it up!

CHERRIE WELLS
Jerome

Bear and parade stories both disconcerting

Nearly every day I open the *Times-News* and am offered — most recently by a front-page photo of a child taking pride in slaughtering an innocent and beautiful animal only to stuff the souvenir like a macabre pillow. The *Times-News* often features stories lauding the deeds of hunters; how difficult is it really to shoot a defenseless animal?

I really don't care if much of this area is conservative. I'm not and am a vegetarian. Like most people here, I was raised on a farm amidst dedicated hunters. At our family dinners, there's room for my tofu, and we always remember my father's philosophy that no one is better than anyone else regardless of the choices they make.

But now, I'm dismayed again over the article concerning the Western Days Parade and how Ms. Cuellar, without even seeing the float, forced her beliefs on everyone in this area that the gay community was to be ignored and shunted from the festivities. I find her decision reprehensible. She is not and never will be the arbiter of our morality, nor should she pretend to be.

Concerning the "damage" the float may have represented to the children, I believe Twin Falls parents are responsible enough to answer their children's questions as they see fit. Ms. Cuellar evidently believes they're incapable.

We are a nation that runs on fear and paranoia, but our strongest traits, especially in Twin Falls County, seem to be intolerance and prejudice against imagined foes. I am disgusted by this innate action and will not subscribe to a publication that glorifies animal killers and coddles anyone who thinks they can dictate our values.

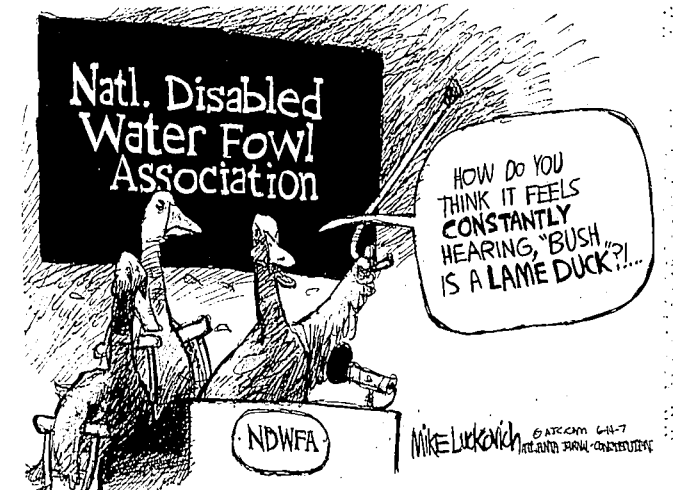
MAURISA EASTMAN
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To be fair, all sex-based clubs should get floats

By allowing a gay and lesbian community center's float, they did also be fair to all other clubs, groups and organizations whose membership is based on their sexual preferences to be represented in the parade as well. Maybe next year the swimmers, pedophiles, rapists and cheaters would like to have a float as well.

My family and I will not patronize groups, events or parades that allow a private suggestion to be made public. My suggestion would be they have their own parade aside of the Western Days Parade.

NANETTE FISHER
Twin Falls

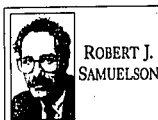


What's after the low interest rate era?

The most important price in the American economy is not the price of oil, computer chips, wheat or cars. It's the price of money — interest rates. When rates move, they ultimately affect the price of almost everything else. Which poses some intriguing questions. Is the era of low interest rates ending? If so, what's next? Although these are economic matters, the answers will hover over the 2008 election. A shaky economy would help Democrats; a stronger economy, Republicans.

The economic expansion, both in America and the world, has rested on a foundation of abundant credit. Low interest rates famously drove the housing boom. In the 1980s, mortgage interest rates averaged 10.9 percent; after inflation, the "real" rate was a hefty 7.2 percent. During the decade, home prices rose a meager 1 percent beyond overall inflation. Since then, mortgage rates have dropped sharply. From 2000 to 2006, they averaged 6.5 percent and, after inflation, only 4.2 percent. Lower rates meant people could afford to pay more. The result: Existing home prices rose 29 percent more than overall inflation from 2000 to 2006. (The figures are from a study by economists James D.M. Fisher and Sandi Quynh of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.)

It's not just real estate. Low interest rates have fueled the private equity bonanza.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Private equity refers to investment funds that, borrowing massive amounts, buy all the stock of publicly traded companies. In 2006, private equity buyouts of U.S. firms totaled \$375 billion; some well-known firms "taken private" included Univision (the Spanish language television network) and Harrah's (the casino company). Similarly, low rates enabled governments and companies in developing countries to borrow huge amounts.

From 2005 to 2007, borrowings will total about \$900 billion, reckons the Institute of International Finance. Russia, Turkey and South Korea are all big borrowers.

But now rates are edging up. There are two ways that credit tightens — that is, the price of money rises — and we're seeing both. The first is that government central banks, such as the Federal Reserve in the United States, deliberately try to restrict the amount of new credit. The second is that private investors and lenders (collectively known as "the market") become more stingy and skeptical. They demand higher rates on bank loans, bonds and mortgages.

Until last week, many economists and investors thought the Fed would cut rates this year. From June 2004 to June 2006, it had raised its federal funds rate from 1 percent to 5.25 percent. But the latest speech from Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke repeated earlier worries about inflation. Now, the consensus is that the Fed won't cut rates this year — and maybe not next. Ahead, the European Central Bank raised its key rate from 3.75 percent to 4 percent. Even the People's Bank of China is tightening credit.

What central banks do mainly affects rates on short-term loans of a year or less. (For example, rates on fed funds involve overnight loans between banks.) But "the market" has recently raised long-term rates, too. In mid-March, the 10-year U.S. Treasury bonds fetched about 4.5 percent; last week, the rates moved decisively above 5 percent. It's not entirely clear why. The higher rates usually spread to riskier corporate bonds and mortgages.

As the price of money increases, borrowing and the economy might weaken. The debt slump in housing could worsen. We could also discover that the long period of cheap credit has left a nasty residue.

Bad loans were made as lenders flush with cash poured money into riskier bonds and loans for private equity firms and developing countries.

So defaults and losses mount; in effect, the "subprime" mortgage losses of earlier this year are repeated on other types of credit. The stock market sags under the weight of higher rates and all the bad news (it dropped 3 percent at one point last week as Treasury bonds crossed the 5 percent mark).

But this grim outcome is hardly unprecedented. Judged by historical standards, the increase in interest rates is modest and may reflect a strong economy as much as tighter credit. Indeed, credit is still ample, just less so than a few months ago. Aside from subprime mortgages, delinquencies on other bonds and loans remain low. So-called "interest rate spreads" — the gap between rates on this and riskier loans — also remain low.

Government central banks are attempting to restrain economies enough to prevent higher inflation, though not so much as to cause a recession.

Is a delicate maneuver. Perversely, worsening inflation could push interest rates higher, as investors strive to recover the eroding value of their money. The drama is technical and mostly invisible. But the outcome will shape the 2008 economy and help determine the next president.

Robert J. Samuelson, a contributing editor of *Newsweek*, has written a column for *The Washington Post* since 1977.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Miss Minico contest sponsors appreciated

The Minico Sparta Yearbook staff and advisor want to thank all contributing businesses and individuals for supporting the 2007 Miss Minico High School Scholarship Contest.

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Newspapers sent to school paper as a lot

To the Times-News: We as a class from West Minico Middle School would like to thank you for sending newspapers to our third period reading class. We learned a lot and still continue to learn from the Times-News.

We would also like to thank you for keeping us up to date on current events, movies, weather, sports and our community, dancer and obituaries.

There are many more reasons we love you, but these are some of the main reasons we like reading the newspaper. Keep up the good work. RUBY CORONA Paul

(Editor's note: Ruby Corona wrote this letter on behalf of Adelle Holman's reading class at West Minico High School.)

Medical center staff helped my husband

I wish to thank all the doctors and nurses and all the staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the dialysis center for caring for my husband, Vern Adams. There were too many to mention each, but a special thanks to Donna and Pat.

Thank you to our friends and family for their support. DORIS ADAMS Hagerman

St. Edward's School raffle garnered good support

At the end of the school picnic, St. Edward's School held a raffle with the proceeds going to the Angel Fund program to help students with tuition assistance. Thank you to the following sponsors who donated items for the raffle: St. Vincent De Paul Store, Elaine

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MARILYN WILSON CONNIE ZIMMERMAN STEPHANIE MOIT Twin Falls

Businesses and individuals helped hospital auction

A heartfelt thanks to all Magic Valley businesses and individuals for donating food items, merchandise and cash for the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

Thanks to all the people that made our auction a success. Idaho Elks Lodges across the state contributed more than \$85,000, of which \$14,000 was from the Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 (Twin Falls and Jerome).

Thanks very much for your support. KEN VENABLE DALE BIDD Food Caravan Co-Chairman Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 Jerome and Twin Falls

Businesses helped math program at Lincoln

Lincoln Elementary school would like to thank these businesses for their help in supporting our Math 50-in-a-Minute program this school year, 2006/2007. We had more than 2,800 passes this year. A&W, Dairy Queen, Daisy's, Gerie's, Shar's, Sizzler and Sonic.

Thank you for your support for the children of our school. SALLY BRENNAN Twin Falls

Teacher supply store has been good for the valley

I wanted to write a letter in regard to a wonderful teacher supply store that we have in Twin Falls.

Everybody's Business has the best selection of teacher supplies in the valley. The staff is very helpful and willing to work hard to make sure your experience in the store is great.

I have several students that will benefit greatly from the books and supplies that I have purchased from this great store. I feel that this store is providing a great service for all teachers and staff. I recommend that all teachers visit this wonderful store and leave feeling appreciated and well taken care of.

Thank you, Everybody's Business! VICTORIA LARSEN Kimberly

Thanks for the mental health proclamation

The Community Support Center would like to express our special thank you to Mayor Lance Clow and Vice Mayor Glenda A. Dwight for signing the mental health proclamation on May 7 in Twin Falls.

Another special thank you to merchants — Falls Brand, Great Clips, Jiffy Laube, Hollywood Videos, Kmart, Burger King, Buffalo Café, Dominos Pizza, Family

Dollar, West Addison Café and Subway — for your donations. We deeply thank you for your great hospitality and patronage for our open house on May 24. We had fun and we couldn't have done it without your support. We do hope that you can help us again next year at the open house.

Thank you, everyone, for coming and being there to make it all worthwhile for us. LYNNETTE WEISEBRANDT Twin Falls

Fly-in Breakfast had some good backers

We would like to thank the following for their donations to the Jerome County Search and Rescue 1007 Fly-in Breakfast:

Dell, Meadow Gold, Pro Flame, T.O., Idaho Dairyman's Association, R&R Pharmacy, ALSCD, BSMR, Fred Meyer, Brock and Melissa Glessinger, WinCo, Kerk's, Darigold Farm Fresh Marketing, Lamb Weston, D.L. Evans, First Federal, Solo, Auto Phone, Falls Brand.

The breakfast was a great success. RANAE CAPPS Jerome

Thanks for the hash browns

A big thank you, again, to Conagra for the donation of hash browns for the Outlaw Day breakfast.

A special thanks to Dwight and Terry. PAM WARD Quick Response Unit Richfield

United Methodist church appreciated coverage

Our congregation would like to thank the Times-News for the article about our good luck checking ceremony on June 3. The reporter (Larita Burkhardt) and photographer (Megan Thompson) you sent to interview our staff were intuitive, interested in our project and professional.

We also thank the article which United Methodist churches informative and appreciated that both articles ran side by side.

Peace and blessings. PASTOR BILL LINDBERRY Crossroads United Methodist Church Kimberly

Prevention Coalition appreciates much support

The Magic Valley Prevention Coalition would like to thank the following for their support of our Family Wellness Fair. Many children and families were in attendance. Your time and effort is of great value to these families as well as our community's attorney general's office, Center for New Directions, College of Southern Idaho's recreation department, CSI Baseball, CSI Volleyball, Economy Hearing Aid Clinic, Middlekauff, Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, Lions Club, Bureau of Land Management, Twin Falls, Idaho National Guard, Forest Service, Family Health Services, Buster the Bus, ING Courier Drug Support Unit, Idaho Legal Aid Services Inc., Mothers Against Meat, YMCA, Twin Falls County Sheriff's, CARES, University of Idaho Extension Office, Ike Kistler Safe House, South Central District Health, Walker Center,

ICAN, SCIS Nurturing Father's Program and Linda Peterson.

TAHINA COOPER Twin Falls Center Supervisor

(Editor's note: The Magic Valley Prevention Coalition includes the Idaho Children's Trust Fund, South Central Head Start, Health and Welfare, Crisis Center of Magic Valley, CSI Child Care, Preferred Children and Family Services, and the Child Development Center.)

Norm's Café really came through for grieving family

Magic Valley really rolled out the carpet recently.

The family and friends of John Holmes came from far and near to mourn his passing.

Walk about southern (Idaho) hospitality! The owners of Norm's Café catered the after-funeral dinner for more than 75 people, plus they hosted it in their lovely country back yard (John often had collect-a-Norms).

That still helped to take the sting out of death. I forgot the mention the dinner was on the house! MHS. T.L. HOLMES Centennial, Colo.

Veterinary clinic Relay for Life entry got good help

On behalf of the LaRue Veterinary Practice in Filer, I want to publicly recognize everyone who organized, contributed and participated in our Relay for Life entry on May 18-19, enabling us to raise \$3,607 for this important cause.

I particularly want to thank Rita McDonald for planning an organizing our team, contacting and enlisting donors and keeping the project on track.

Thanks also to the members of the veterinary practice: Dr. Jenni Lanning, Bonnie LaRue, Rita McDonald and Amanda

Sanchez, who donated their Sheena Foundation-sponsored spay day wages to the Relay for Life.

A special thanks to everyone who attended planning meetings, walked, contributed beautiful baskets to the silent auction, handled the correspondence or cheered us on. Your wholehearted, enthusiastic participation on our team in this important community effort warmed my heart and will not soon be forgotten.

JAMES L. LARUE, DVM Filer

Collision repair shop treated me very well

In early April, I was rear-ended by another driver and had to take my car in to get fixed. The "professional" auto body shop was professional at all. The results: a terrible mismatched paint job and a crumpled bumper. I was left frustrated, mad and distrustful to those in the auto body profession.

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NATION

American fighter jet crashes in Iraq; U.S. announces 5 soldier deaths

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jet crashed Friday during a close air support mission for ground forces in Iraq — a rare loss of the workhorse aircraft. Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Robert Gates on June 15 announced an unannounced visit, and the U.S. military said five soldiers had died.

An Air Force announcement, which referred to the 12:27 a.m. crash of the F-16 as an accident, did not say where it occurred or what happened to the pilot. The single crew member, it said the military was investigating the cause of the crash.



U.S. soldiers return fire from behind their armored vehicle after an attack from suspected Sunni insurgents in the Dora neighborhood in southern Baghdad, Iraq, on Friday.

as he sees it," Gates said.

Three of the U.S. soldiers, whose deaths were reported Friday by the military, died when a bomb exploded near their vehicle Thursday during operations in Kirkuk province, in northern Iraq. Another soldier was wounded in the blast. A fourth soldier was killed by small-arms fire the same day in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad. And another soldier died Wednesday in a non-combat related incident.

All were assigned to Task Force Lightning, and their names were withheld until their families could be notified.

In the deep south of Iraq, police said bombers posing as television cameramen destroyed an important Sunni shrine, and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered an indefinite curfew in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

The attack on the Talha Bin al-Zubair shrine, 13 miles outside Basra, appeared to be the work of Shiite militants who were seeking revenge for Wednesday's provocative attack on the al-Askariya Shiite shrine that brought down its

golden minarets in Samarra, 50 miles north of the capital.

In February 2006, suspected al-Qaida bombers blew up the al-Askariya mosque's glistening golden dome. That attack set in motion the sectarian slaughter that has shredded the fabric of Iraqi society and killed tens of thousands of Iraqis.

To prevent such widespread violence from happening again, al-Maliki extended a vehicle ban in Baghdad for one more day, again keeping the capital relatively quiet. There were 16 reported violent deaths nationwide on Friday, one of them a body dumped in Baghdad. Daily totals of death squad victims in Baghdad have been running well above 20.

Photographs of the shrine near Basra showed that the big structure was leveled, a result that would have required huge amounts of explosives — more than even several men could have carried into the mosque concealed in television equipment bags. Militants had first hit the al-Zubair shrine with rocket-propelled grenades Thursday night.

According to Gen. Ali al-

Mussawi, a top Basra security official, a group of men posing as television cameramen went to the mosque Friday morning and asked guards if they could film inside the shrine. They instead planted bombs inside the structure and demolished it, he said.

There were no reported casualties. The guards were detained afterward for questioning, al-Mussawi said.

Al-Maliki's office issued a statement that called the bombing of the Sunni shrine another of the "crimes aimed at sowing civil and inflaming sectarian strife among the people."

Gen. Pace discloses that he refused to voluntarily retire as Joint Chiefs chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first public comments on the Bush administration's surprise decision to replace him as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Peter Pace disclosed that he had turned down an offer to voluntarily retire rather than be forced out.

To quit in wartime, he said, would be letting down the troops.

Pace, responding to a question from the audience after he spoke at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., on Thursday, said he first heard that his expected nomination for a second two-year

term was in jeopardy in mid-May. Defense Secretary Robert Gates on June 15 announced Pace was being replaced.

"One thing that was discussed was whether or not I should just voluntarily retire and take the issue off the table," Pace said, according to a transcript released Friday by his office at the Pentagon. "I said I could not do that for one very fundamental reason," which is that no soldier or Marine in Iraq should "think — ever — that his chairman, whoever that person is, could have stayed in the battle and voluntarily walked off the battlefield."

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Cabrera left as lone survivor to par at U.S. Open

U.S. Open

Second-round leaders		
Angel Cabrera	69-71-140	E
Bubba Watson	70-71-141	+1
Aaron Baddeley	72-70-142	+2
Justin Rose	74-71-142	+2
Stephen Ames	73-69-142	+2
Niclas Fasth	71-71-142	+2
Paul Casey	77-68-143	+3
Other notables		
Tiger Woods	71-74-145	+5
Vijay Singh	72-77-148	+8
Ernie Els	73-76-149	+9
Phil Mickelson	74-77-151	+11

Today's TV coverage: 11 a.m., NBC
More U.S. Open coverage, page B4

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — Angel Cabrera was the last survivor to par Friday, but only because of an amazing birdie on his final hole that made Phil Mickelson exist at this U.S. Open. Cabrera finished off a calamitous day at Oakmont with a sand wedge from 135 yards that skipped to a stop about a foot from the hole, giving him a 1-over 71 and a one-shot lead over Bubba Watson. That put him at even-par 140 and knocked 19 players out of the tournament because they were no longer within 10 shots of the lead. No casualty was more significant

than Mickelson.

Trying to recover from a broken heart last year at Winged Foot and a left wrist injury he blamed on Oakmont's rough, Mickelson missed the cut for the first time in 31 majors dating to the 1999 British Open at Carnoustie. Mickelson figured he had no chance when he signed for a 77, saying he would "go watch the carnage on TV."

That it was. Green that had been cut three times and rolled twice, combined with warm sunshine that cooked the course, led to only two rounds under

par and the highest weekday scoring at a U.S. Open in 21 years.

"I don't know what the average score was, but I think I shot under par," Tiger Woods said after salvaging a 74 that put him five back.

Even more shocking than the toughness of Oakmont was seeing Paul Casey with a 66, a round so superb that players on the practice green who watched him finish on No. 9 applauded when he knocked in his final putt.

That was 11 shots better than the average score. "I consider the U.S. Open to be the

toughest test in golf," Casey said. "This is possibly the toughest golf course I've ever played, and I feel very, very lucky to have shot 66 on it. There is no rest out there."

And there might not be any relief in sight.

The USGA said it would water the greens overnight, but with more sunshine in the forecast, Oakmont figures to get even more brutal.

Stephen Ames had the other sub-par round (69), leaving him at 142 along with Aaron Baddeley (70), Justin Rose (71) and Niclas Fasth (71). Casey was at 143, with David Toms in

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2007 DONNELLEY'S CLASSIC



Kimberly catcher Joe Mason holds onto the baseball as he prepares to make an out at home plate Friday morning in Kimberly's game against the Boise Senators in Twin Falls.

Cowboys, Astros make title tilt

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys got the sweep while the Kimberly Astros got the edge in Friday's games, and now the two American Legion Baseball teams from the Magic Valley will face off in today's 6 p.m. championship game of the 2007 Donnelley's Classic, a wood-bat invitational tournament at Bill Ingram Field.

"Hopefully, we'll get a good crowd. Whether you're a Kimberly fan or Twin fan, come

out to the park and have a good time." Cowboys head coach Devin Kunz said. "It's been a great tournament so far, and it's cool that it's two Magic Valley teams going at it."

Twin Falls 2, Marsh Falls 1

Marsh Falls was a monster coming into Friday's late game against Twin Falls.

The Eagles had scored 35 runs over the opening two games of the 2007 Donnelley's Classic, but they hit a wall against Cowboys

pitcher Zed Sneed and lost to Twin Falls 2-1.

"Pitching and defense. That's been our (modus operandi)," Kunz said. "We can't slug it out with older kids. It's the way we have to win when we play older teams."

Sneed controlled most of the game with his curve, fastball and a splitter. He struck out eight, walked two and gave up one earned run and three hits for the complete game.

"In the early innings, my curveball was really good. I kind

fooled them there," Sneed said.

His only spot of trouble came during the top of the fourth. An outfield error allowed Eagles shortstop K.C. Qualls to reach base, and he would later score on a single from K.C. Farrens. Sneed allowed another base hit and his final walk before a flyout to first base ended the inning.

"It shows you the type of pitcher that he is," Kunz said of the first-year Twin Falls player. "We really look forward to having him

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Spurs may be a dynasty, but an unappreciated one for viewers

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Exiting the arena with the NBA finals MVP trophy in one arm and his actress fiancée on the other, Tony Parker looked like someone who should be a superstar in America.

But Parker plays for the San Antonio Spurs, a champion everywhere but in the TV ratings. The Spurs were too good for Cleveland, but still considered too boring to be appreciated.

"They are the NBA's forgotten dynasty."

"It's all about getting the job done. It's not how you get the job done," said Robert Horry, who won his seventh championship. "You don't need to be flashy, just get the job done."

Few teams have done that better than the Spurs, who by sweeping the Cavaliers for a fourth title since 1999 have forced themselves into the dynasty discussion. But the other

teams in that category, the Celtics, Lakers, and Bulls, were all either loved or hated.

Fans don't seem to love or hate the Spurs.

They mostly ignore them.

The finals drew a record-low 6.2 television rating and 11 share on ABC, Nielsen Media Research said Friday. That was down 27 percent from the 8.5/15 for Miami's six-game victory over Dallas last year and 5 percent under the previous low, a 6.5/12 for San Antonio's six-game win over New Jersey in 2003. The NBA finals averaged 9.3 million viewers this year.

NBA fans love their one-name stars: LeBron, Kobe, Shaq. The only one-namer San Antonio has is Manu Ginobili — and he doesn't even start.

"We don't do a lot of the flashy things. The only flashy guy we got is Manu," Horry said. "Everybody else is just basic, but sometimes basic stuff gets the job done. We are a good team and that's the most important thing."

The NBA's bland boys are ready to show their wild side. They get their championship parade along the Riverwalk this weekend, followed next month by Parker's wedding to "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria in France. "I'm going to party all the way until the end of Tony Parker's wedding," said Michael Finley, a first-time champion. "And then I might relax a little bit."

Once it's time to get back to basketball, count on the Spurs being a title threat. As long as they have

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COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

CSI's Elliott headed to bull riding finals

CSI cowgirls finish out of title contention

Times-News

CASPER, Wyo. — College of Southern Idaho cowboy Tag Elliott has cemented his spot as one of the top collegiate bull riders in the nation. Tonight in Casper, Wyo., he'll try to prove he's the best.

Elliott is one of only four bull riders at this year's College National Finals Rodeo to score three qualifying rides. With rides of 68, 74 and 76 points, Elliott assured himself of fourth place heading into the 7 p.m. final performance at the Casper Events Center. Taylor White of Utah Valley State College leads the bull riding standings heading into the finals

with rides of 74, 75 and 79 points. Spots in the finals weren't in the cards for CSI cowgirls Jena Bubak, Luana Harbert and Tannah Lappin, as all three finished outside the top 20 placers in each of their events. Bubak and Webster State University's Brady Woodward couldn't come up with a scoring

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College of Southern Idaho cowboy Tag Elliott takes part in bull riding Thursday night at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

BRIAN KELLER/Casper Times-News



Bruins to announce new football coach

Hire to be introduced Monday

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School will announce its new varsity head football coach at 10 a.m., Monday at Baun Gymnasium.

The new coach will replace Brock Berryhill, who resigned June 7 after two years at the helm. Berryhill, who was 4-14 in his two seasons, is moving to Boise as his wife pursues a career in physical therapy. Berryhill will be an assistant coach at Boise High School.

After a weeklong search, the Bruins new athletic director Mike Federico said Friday that the new coach has been chosen, but still needs to be approved by the district.

Federico said all players and their parents and any other interested parties are invited to Monday's announcement.

Visit www.magicvalley.com on Monday afternoon for news on the hiring and see Tuesday's Times-News for full coverage.

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SPORTS

2007 U.S. OPEN

Mickelson misses key putts and the cut with bum wrist

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — No 72nd hole collapse for Phil Mickelson at this year's U.S. Open. No 72nd hole for Phil Mickelson, period.

Lefty and his bum wrist were dumped out of the Open by Angel Cabrera's birdie on his last hole late Friday afternoon. It's the first time in 31 majors he's missed the cut, going back to the 1989 PGA Championship, the longest active streak on the tour.

"No, no, no, I didn't knock Mickelson. Mickelson knocked out himself," Cabrera said. "He shot 11 over par."

For all the fears about his aching wrist and what that thick, black brace would do to his game, it was his putting that really hurt Mickelson on Friday. During a four-hole swing where he dropped six strokes, he had a three-putt followed by a four-putt.

He finished with a 77 that left him with a 36-hole total of 151, one shot over the cut line. At 10-over 150, the cut equaled the Open's highest in relation to par, set at Bethpage in 2002. It was 9 over last year at Winged Foot.

"I felt I had made a great move early

in the round if I just kind of made a couple bogeys and didn't do too much damage," Mickelson said. "But (Nos. 7 through 10) did me in. Six-over in those four holes — take six shots out and I'm right there at 5 over."

Mickelson wasn't the only big name to have his weekend free up. Colin Montgomerie, who had a spectacular flamboyant of his own last year, finished at 10-over 150. Two-time winner Retief Goosen, Luke Donald and Sergio Garcia also went home early.

"I was thinking about my game, so I wasn't thinking about who was not going to be here on the weekend," Cabrera said. "I'm sorry for all of the guys that are left out."

But Mickelson said this coming. When someone asked him after his round about making the cut, he looked incredulous.

"That would be pretty unbelievable if I 11 over was the top half of the field," he said. "I can't buy that. I don't think so."

That Mickelson's cut streak ended at the U.S. Open of all places is, oh, so appropriate.

He craves this title, but the Open

has shown him nothing but cruelty. Four times he's been runner-up, usually the victim of bad luck or bad timing. Last year, of course, was all on Mickelson, a collapse of Nomanesque proportions.

Needing only to make par on the 18th hole on Sunday, he pulled out his driver — never mind that he'd hit only two fairways the entire round — and over it. The ball clattered through trees before landing in trampled rough. Instead of playing it safe and punching out, he went for the green — and hit another tree. His third shot found a plugged lie in a bunker, burying his U.S. Open dreams right along with it. Instead of kissing the silver trophy, he tied for second with Montgomerie and Jim Furyk.

This year, his bad Open karma kicked in before he had even hit a shot. Punctured at Oakmont Country Club on Memorial Day weekend, he injured his left wrist while chipping out of rough around the green. The inflammation hurt so badly he withdrew from The Memorial and didn't play a full practice round before tee-off Thursday.



Phil Mickelson brushes back his hair after finishing his second round of the 107th U.S. Open Golf Championship at the Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa., Friday.

Open

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the group another shot behind. "It's a real test of golf, all the way through," Watson said. "Just walking through the parking lot is tough."

The USGA, as usual, offered no apologies.

Never mind that no one was under par after 36 holes for the first time since 1974 at Winged Foot. Or that the scoring average was the highest before the cut was made at the U.S. Open since 77.8 in the wind-blown first round at Shinnecock Hills in 1986. Or that 35 players, including Adam Scott and Padraig Harrington, failed to break 80.

"It's a hard golf course. We've said that all along," said Jim Hyler, head of the championship committee for the USGA.

Mickelson wasn't the only one checking out of Oakmont. Five of the top 10 players in the world ranking failed to make the cut, the others being Scott, Henrik Stenson, Luke Donald and Retief Goosen.

Trevor Immelman leaned against a wall in the locker room after a 79 that eventually sent him home. He stared blankly at the television, watching other players suffer, trying to come to grips with how Casey posted five birdies and only one bogey.

"The greatest round I've ever seen in my life," said Immelman, who played with the Englishman. "He beat me by 13 shots. That's almost giving him one shot per hole."

Casey didn't exactly have his way with Oakmont. He missed the two toughest holes in the second round, including a 45-foot putt on the treacherous 10th green. And he saved a couple of pars with putts that felt as though they would slide off the green if the hole didn't happen to get in the way.

"I know the scores are quite high today and I shot a low number," Casey said. "But I don't think we've seen half of Oakmont yet."

The only other time Cabrera has had the lead in a major three years ago after the first

U.S. Open
Total
At Oakmont Country Club
Oakmont, Pa., 2007
Peters, 12:30 p.m. (EST)
Par 72, 120 strokes

Angel Cabrera	69-70	139
Paul Casey	69-70	139
Adam Scott	70-69	139
Henrik Stenson	70-69	139
Padraig Harrington	70-69	139
Justin Rose	70-69	139
Colin Montgomerie	70-69	139
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Back on track at Magic Valley Speedway

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Tonight, Magic Valley Speedway offers the best in local division racing with the Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Grand Nationals, NAPA Pony Stocks, MV Pipe Thunder Stocks and Quale's Electronics Queen Bees on tap.

The points battle is closing up in the NAPA Pony Stock division with Jason Whitte still on top in the standings. However, Josh Pitz has closed to within four points of Whitte and is ready to go once again, having challenged the incident as just a typical racing adventure.

"The three of us were battling, Josh (Pitz) was in front and Jason (Whitte) was on the outside of me," Miles explained. "Jason got those and hit the wall and when he bounced down his tire hit mine and I went over the top of it. I didn't have time to think about it but it kind of went in slow motion. I knew I was there for the ride and waited to see if I would be right-side up or upside down."

Fortunately, Miles was not injured in the incident. "Jason came over and apologized afterward and said it was all his fault, but I told him it was just one of those racing things," she added. "He was concerned if I was OK."

After repairing her ride this week, the 2002 Pony Stocks division champion is looking forward to getting back on the track to continue her focus on the championship for this year.

"All things considered, it wasn't too bad," Miles said of the damage to the No. 25 car.

"We replaced the roof. It even held a mud pit. I 10 shield, so we cut one off another car and used that. Dale (husband) had put on shoulder pads and a helmet rest in the car and I think that was a good factor in me not getting hurt. But the ride was wild."



Magic Valley Speedway staff prepares to remove the No. 25 car of Bill Miles from the front stretch after her Pony Stocks car flipped during the main event race last Saturday.

MVS Point Standings

Pepsi Premier: 1. Steve Jones, 232; 2. Mike Greco, 224; 3. TJ Woodhall, 208; 4. Rob Vest, 204; 5. Steve Fisher, 190; 6. Dale Rogers, 162; 7. Dan Pehrson, 160; 8. Bobby Latham, 154; 9. Travis Monett, 150; 10. Rick Fowble, 140.

Budweiser Grand Nationals: 1. Louis Lopez, 78; 2. Kenny Hatke, 65; 3. (tie) Jerry McKean, Kris McKean, 46; 5. Kent Jensen, 36; 6. Jonathon Gomez, 32; 7. Bill Marker, 20; 8. Jeffrey Meads, 16; Willie Dalton, 12; Drew Reitsma, 8.

NAPA Pony Stocks: 1. Jason Whitte, 146; 2. Josh Pitz, 142; 3. Randy Grubbs, 134; 4. Shawn Nice, 124; 5. Jonathon Gomez, 118; 6. Bill Miles, 112; 7. Kevin Grubbs, 104; 8. Trent Champin, 88; 9. Luis Aguilar Jr., 74; 10. Jason Todd, 58.

MV Pipe Thunder Stocks: 1. Brian Lopez, 206; 2. Jim Howard, 192; 3. Steve Edens, 182; 4. Craig Nutlak, 170; 5. Jim Shirley, 166; 6. Spencer Meyer, 150; 7. Sheila Hams, 128; 8. Loren Miller, 112; 9. John Hoogendoorn, 110; 10. (tie) Calvin Jackson, Shaun Willis, 108.

Although it is only mid-June, just five races remain for the Pepsi Premier Series drivers until the chase for the championship begins July 28. In those five races, anything can happen as the driver's points are tightened up for the final events of the season. The races leading up to the chase can also be crucial, as feature division driver Steve Jones knows very well.

"I think any points you can get where only two points separate the positions, you need to have," Jones said. "Every point counts in that chase stuff. Look at how it ended up the last couple of years. I was leading in the points the last two years in a row and I lost it both years."

Mike Greco continues his turnaround season, hanging in at second in the standings while TJ Woodhall, who is still searching for his first main-

event win of the year, checks in at third in the rankings.

Budweiser Grand Nationals division driver Louis Lopez is still in his familiar top spot in the standings even after a third-place finish in the June 2 main-event race. There has been some added excitement in the division as more race trucks enter the competition and the drivers are left to trust their instincts since the use of mirrors and spoilers which are permitted in the truck series are not allowed in the Grand Nationals class.

Kris McKean was the runner-up to Kenny Latke in the main-event race last time out as the young driver continues to improve his feel for the one-third mile asphalt track. McKean is currently locked in a tie with his uncle Jerry McKean for third in the point standings behind Lopez and Hatke.

Jonathon Gomez looks better and better each time out in the division and sits one spot ahead of Bill Marker on the chart. Marker has had more than his share of bad racing luck so far this season and is hoping to break out of the rut before long.

After a week off, the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks will return in another hotly contested weekend of big motor racing action.

Brian Lopez has taken over the lead in the standings with his second main-event win paired with prior points leader in Howard. However, 15th place showing last time out Howard's trip to the pits on lap 12 in the June 2 main-event race after an incident with the No. 35 car of Jason Kissel dropped him to second in the standings with just three races remaining in the division before the chase for the championship begins July 14.

The Quale's Electronics Queen Bees will be out for their third appearance this season as the girls fight it out once again in center-rig action on the fifth-mile track.

Darcy Harcourt has captured the two previous main events, but had to battle Misty Greco to the bitter end last time out as both contestants reached the finish line in one of the closest race conclusions of the season in any division. Amber O'Brien, Charity Hammond and Krista Lander are linked together in third place in the standings with five races remaining in the division after this evening's event.

In other racing news, Twin Falls resident Dennis Sonius underwent surgery on June 10, to set a broken foot he received in a Legends car accident last Saturday at Meridian Speedway. He was released from the hospital late Monday afternoon and a full recovery is expected.

Sonius looks forward to returning to his No. 77 Legend car next season and all the drivers, fans and employees wish him well in his recovery.

Gates at Magic Valley Speedway open at 4 p.m. Grand Nationals qualifying begins at 6:30 and green flag racing starts at 7:05.

MAGIC VALLEY SPEEDWAY DRIVER PROFILE

Dan Pehrson



Car: 72
Class: Premier
Age: 46
Hometown: Buhl
Spouse: Tammy
Kids: 3

Years racing: 16
Pit crew: Jack Morrison, friend; Courtney Gard, friend; Mitch Pehrson, son; Tammy Pehrson, wife.

Reason for racing: Had friends that raced, raced in rookie race and "got the bug."
Misc.: First car was a 1972 Pinto, when they tore it apart there was a shiny 1972 silver dollar under the carpet. It "seemed like a sign!"

— **Jam Whitte**, Times-News

NASCAR THIS WEEK

Nextel Cup

Citizens Bank 400
Site: Brooklyn, Mich.
Schedule: Sunday, race (TNT, 12:30 p.m.).

Track: Michigan International Speedway (D-shaped oval, 2 miles, 18-degree banking in turns).
Race distance: 400 miles, 200 laps.

Last year: With his brakes failing and rain falling, Jeff Gordon held off a charging Ryan Newman to win at Pocono Raceway and give Hendrick Motorsports its 10th win in the last 12 Nextel Cup races.

Last year: Kasey Kahne won from the pole again, helped this time by a timely caution flag and a downpour that ended the 3M Performance 400 at Michigan International Speedway 71 laps early.
Next race: Toyota/Save Mart 350, June 24, Sonoma, Calif.

Busch Series

Meijer 300
Site: Sparta, Ky.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 5 p.m.), race (ESPN2, 8 p.m.).
Track: Kentucky Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles, 14-degree banking in turns).

SCHEDULE

Nextel Cup

June 17 — Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 1 — LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 7 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 15 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 29 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 12 — NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

Busch Series

June 16 — Meijer 300, Sparta, Ky.

LEADERS

Nextel Cup

1. Jeff Gordon	2,249
2. Matt Kenseth	2,007
3. Denny Hamlin	2,002
4. Jimmie Johnson	1,944
5. Jeff Burton	1,828
6. Tony Stewart	1,733
7. Carl Edwards	1,710
8. Clint Bowyer	1,659
9. Kevin Harvick	1,648
10. Kyle Busch	1,613
11. Martin Truex Jr.	1,597
12. Mark Martin	1,586
13. Ryan Newman	1,564
14. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,531
15. Jamie McMurray	1,487
16. Kurt Busch	1,454
17. Bobby Labonte	1,446
18. J.J. Yeley	1,425
19. Greg Biffle	1,412
20. Elliott Sadtler	1,367

Busch Series

1. Carl Edwards	2,460
2. Kevin Harvick	1,798
3. Dave Blaney	1,715
4. David Reutimann	1,649
5. Ryan Smith	1,633
6. Matt Kenseth	1,591
7. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	1,574

1.5 miles, 14-degree banking in turns).
Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.

Last race: Series leader Carl Edwards passed Matt Kenseth with 13 laps left and won the Dover 200 under caution for his third victory of the season. Denny Hamlin, the pole-sitter, finished second.
Last year: David Gilliland became the first non-Nextel Cup driver to win a Busch race in 2006, passing J.J. Yeley with 10 laps to go and holding on to take the Meigs 300.

Next race: AT&T 250, June 23, West Allis, Wis.

Craftsman Trucks

Michigan 200
Site: Brooklyn, Mich.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying, 11 a.m., race (Speed Channel, 2:30 p.m.).
Track: Michigan International Speedway (D-shaped oval, 2 miles, 18-degree banking in turns).
Race distance: 200 miles, 100 laps.
Last year: Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, June 22, West Allis, Wis.

Tired Earnhardt settling in after signing

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. walked briskly through the garage Friday, heading directly toward a throng of fans waiting along the fence outside Michigan International Speedway.

"Welcome to Hendrick Motorsports," one called out as he handed Earnhardt a picture to sign.

Earnhardt offered a beaming smile, then quietly set about signing hundreds of autographs as the crowd surged toward NASCAR's most popular driver. He was drained, worn out from the frenzied five weeks he spent searching for a new home.

It ended on Wednesday, when he announced a five-year deal to drive for Rick Hendrick. He was giddy during the hour-long news conference, a stark contrast to the emotionally draining May 10 shield, so we cut one off another car and used that. Dale (husband) had put on shoulder pads and a helmet rest in the car and I think that was a good factor in me not getting hurt. But the ride was wild."

"I've been trying to get a couple hours off here and there where I can sit at home and take a breath," he said after qualifying 23rd for Sunday's race. "I've been to a lot of those press conferences, I couldn't believe how exhausted I was afterward. There's so much going on in your head. You get so mentally exhausted. But after both of them I passed out for four or five hours on the couch."

There was a peace about him Friday when he returned to work for DEI, where he will finish the year in the No. 8 Chevrolet. As he focused on his car, and tried to spend some times with his legions of fans, the garage buzzed about his signing with Hendrick.

Earnhardt signed several car owners in choosing Hendrick, where he'll join an already stout lineup of drivers. Hendrick has won six championships since 1995, and his drivers have won 10 of 14 races this season.

So few were surprised that Earnhardt, who was searching for championships, chose the best team in the industry.

"Junior did what most drivers in the garage would have done," Jeff Burton said. "Rick Hendrick runs a great pro-



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., center, signs autographs talk before his qualifying laps for the Citizens Bank 400 at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Friday. Hendrick Motorsports had plenty of star power before Earnhardt agreed to join the stable. His new teammates insisted Friday they'll have no problem sharing the spotlight with NASCAR's most popular driver.

Yeley wins first career pole at Michigan

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — J.J. Yeley won his first career pole Friday at Michigan International Speedway, making him like the two-mile oval even more.

"This is one of my favorite race tracks," he said. "It's a lot of fun because it's four and five grooves wide. It's big, fast and a lot of fun."

"It gives me a lot of comfort when I'm

driving and when you have that comfort, you drive harder."

Yeley posted a lap of 38.39 seconds — at a speed of 187.505 mph — to edge Jimmie Johnson by a thousandth of a second.

"I don't win many poles, so I hate to see opportunities fly by," said Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion whose last pole was more than a year ago.

gram with great people and they've had a lot of success. From the outside looking in, he made a good decision."

Even Richard Childress, who fielded cars for six of the late Dale Earnhardt's

seven championships, was OK with Junior's decision. Childress made a run at signing Earnhardt, but never pressured him and was gracious in losing the race to Hendrick.





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Needed: Volunteer painters

Paint Magic aims to paint 20 homes July 21

Times-News

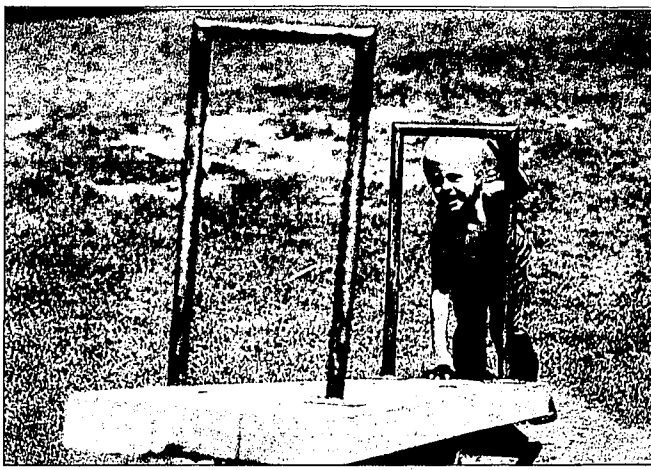
TWIN FALLS — Paint Magic hopes to help the disabled and elderly living in 20 Magic Valley homes next month. But to do it, they need volunteers.

The officers of the non-profit said they only have nine confirmed paint teams for the July 21 event. They said they normally have about one team per home with the exceptionally large teams splitting up to paint two homes. Each team should have about 10 to 15 adults. Minors from 14 to 17 years old can also help out.

Individuals, couples and groups who don't quite make a team can volunteer; they'll be placed with others to make a full team. The teams will have the guidance of professional painters during the event, the officers said.

For more information, contact Alexis Daly at 736-2122 or at adalye@firstid.com.

Summer time is park time



Joelyn Clymens, 5, enjoys Friday afternoon's sunny skies while playing with a seesaw in Centennial Park. Today's forecast for the park, which is hosting Jazz in the Canyon, is for sunny conditions and a high of 91.

VISIT A PARK: The city of Twin Falls has more than 165 acres of park facilities available now for free public use, including a skate park, horseshoe pits and playgrounds. To get a full list of the city's parks, their amenities and a map to find them, go to <http://www.tfid.org> and click on Parks and Recreation.

Minidoka County hopes to make its facilities user-friendly to all

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Minidoka County Commissioners reviewed a transition plan that will bring the county into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) that ensures government buildings and facilities paid for with taxpayer money are user-friendly for everyone.

The compliance report was originally completed in October 1995 and was updated this month by the Section 504 Citizens Review Committee. The report includes a timeline for projects required to bring the county into compliance by 2015 with an expected cost of \$35,250.

"I think the county is in a good position and is making progress," said Jeff McCurdy, grant administrator for Region IV Development Association, who presented the report to the commission earlier this week.

The county received two Idaho Community Development Block Grants that require Section 504 compliance. Section 504 is an amendment to the ADA.

"There are some things that could be done to accommodate the disabled community a little better," McCurdy said.

The report reviews findings at the courthouse, judicial building, McGregor Center, fairgrounds, law enforcement

The cost of compliance

Below are the amounts a citizen's review committee expects Minidoka County will need to spend to make facilities ADA compliant:

2007:	\$550
2008:	\$2,240
2009:	\$1,940
2010:	\$1,480
2011:	\$3,780
2012:	\$10,250
2013:	\$5,000
2014:	\$4,000
2015:	\$6,000
Total:	\$35,250

building, assessor and motor vehicle building, juvenile probation office, detention

center, Emerald Lake and the animal shelter in Paul. The fairgrounds topped the list for costs of projects at \$16,500.

Projects include modifications to railings and ramps, thresholds, adding signs, fixing curbs and leveling gravel as well as construction of wheelchair accessible seating in the grandstands and track. Cost for modifications at the courthouse came in at \$10,960, but the courthouse will be undergoing a renovation soon that will include installing an elevator to the second floor and remodeling bathrooms to meet ADA requirements.

Other needed modifications include handrail height adjustments, trimming bushes,

curb cuts, signs, adjusting door pressures and installing accessible phones.

Projects in the judicial building totaled \$2,610, the McGregor Center \$1,450, law enforcement \$1,425, Emerald Lake \$1,410, juvenile probation \$610, the animal shelter \$125 and detention center \$80.

There was no cost for one project at the assessors and motor vehicle office, which included installing unused auxiliary counters from the former building in the new office.

"We know you don't have an endless supply of money and we take that into account as long as you are showing due diligence in your efforts," McCurdy said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

FILER

Sheriff seeks help finding missing man

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office requests the public's assistance in trying to locate a Filer man missing since early June.

Lake H. Cox, 55, was last seen around 7:15 a.m., Sunday, June 3, when he left on an errand. Due to recent medical conditions, his family is concerned for his well-being. He was last seen driving a gray 1990 Toyota 4-Runner with Idaho license plate 27M4961.

Cox is white, about 5-foot 8 inches tall, with green eyes, gray hair and weighing 157 pounds. Anyone with information about Cox's whereabouts should call 735-1911.

TWIN FALLS

Apply now to join the Community Action board

South Central Community Action Partnership is accepting applications for low-income representatives on its board of directors. Representatives do not need to be low-income, but they must be aware of and speak about the problems affecting low-income families in the region.

Get applications by calling 733-9351 or going to 550 Washington St., Twin Falls 314 East Fifth Street, Burley or 300 North Lincoln, Jerome. They must be returned by June 25.

The board of directors consists of representatives of the low-income, public and the private sectors of the region.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Aaron Thomas
Cox
Age: 21
Description: 5'6" tall, 200 pounds, blond hair, brown eyes
Wanted for:
• Probation violation
Original charge: Forgery, bond, \$25,000



Cox

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Cox's whereabouts to call 735-1911, or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where tips can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

RUPERT

Municipal wastewater plan up for comment

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality wants public opinion on a draft permit to allow the city of Rupert to continue its municipal wastewater treatment system. The draft includes loading rate limits and monitoring requirements established by the department to protect public health and surface and ground

water resources, according to a Department of Environmental Quality press release.

The draft permit and staff analysis are available at the regional and state offices and the agency's Web site, <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/publiccomment.cfm>.

Written comments are due by 5 p.m. June 26 at the Twin Falls office.

JEROME

Road closures begin Monday for sewer work

Beginning Monday, the Jerome City Public Works Department will be installing main sewer lines across the intersection of 300 East Road and 400 South Road.

All roads will be closed 24 hours a day through the week:

- The 400 South Road will be closed from 200 East Road to Highway 93.

- The 300 East Road will be closed from 300 East to Highway 93.

- Local traffic on 400 South Road from 300 East to Highway 93 will have to detour from Highway 93.

- Local traffic on 300 East from 200 East to 300 East will have to detour from 200 East.

- Local traffic on 300 East from 300 South to 400 South will have to detour from 300 South.

For questions, call Ted at 308-2832.

The roads should reopen after 5 p.m. June 22.

The city apologizes for any inconveniences caused by the project.

— Staff reports

WENDELL

Council ponders permits for roaming food vendors

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — A roaming food vendor might be convenient for some, but others worry they take customers from established businesses.

"They are squatters, in my opinion," said City Councilman Don Bunn. "My personal concern with roaming vendors is, they are doing business ... and we aren't getting anything out of it."

The city is considering requiring business permits for such vendors.

Vendors, just like established businesses, might require services from police and/or fire departments, but they don't pay for it,

said Bunn.

"Most set up temporary shelters for patrons, usually a tarp," said Planning and Zoning Chairman Paul Isaacson. "They should at least have a building permit; they take up a substantial amount of space."

But Councilman Jason Houser is concerned with how broad the requirements would be.

"Are we going to charge just these guys, or the ice cream truck too?" he said. "We can't just pick on the few."

In the end, it was decided to explore the idea more.

"They are still using city services and taking business away," said Councilman Rick Cowen. "Have no problem making them pay."

Boise mayor proposes whitewater park on river

The Associated Press

BOISE — Mayor Dave Bieter has proposed a budget that includes \$750,000 for a quarter-mile whitewater park on the Boise River.

"This is a significant recreation facility on one of the most acclaimed urban rivers in the country," Bieter told a Thursday news conference at the river. "This is one of the happiest days for the city of Boise."

Bieter said the city will eventually spend \$1.5 million to build the whitewater park, the Idaho Stateman reported. It will be part of the future 55-acre Esther Simplot Park.

However, city officials said another \$6.5 million in private funds will be needed to pay for the whitewater park and the Esther Simplot Park.

Tom Governale, superintendent of resources for the Boise Parks and Recreation Department, said the plan for the park includes creating features for kayakers to practice.

The whitewater park will be along a portion of the river once lined with meat packing and concrete plants. City officials said industrial changes made to the river in those times would be altered to restore and improve the water's flow.

STATE NEWS

Scientists using DNA to find source of potato pest. See page C4.

Companies fined after INL whistleblower complaint. See page C2.

LAND LEGACY TRUST

No Magic Valley land up for sale

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

BOISE — No Magic Valley lands owned by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be sold as "surplus" as part of fundraising for a "Land Legacy Trust" program, an agency representative said Friday.

Fish and Game released a list Thursday of more than 30 properties across the state that it plans to sell to create a land trust endowment proposed by Idaho Gov. Butch Otter.



Otter

The endowment, which could total \$50 million, will also be financed by a settlement with the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the effects of federal dams on Idaho wildlife.

"In terms of the Magic Valley, I don't think there are any in that neck of the woods that we have on our surplus list," said Gregg Servey, Fish and Game's wildlife program coordinator.

Magic Valley residents will be able to help select the lands to be preserved with the money later this summer. Servey said Fish and Game will ask the public for suggestions starting around August.

"This summer, we're asking the public ... what are the places important to them?" Servey said. "We're going to take those nominations and basically put together an atlas of what we call 'Idaho's legacy places.' The trust funds could be expended to help those along."

Land the agency does plan to sell includes less than two-tenths of an acre in St. Anthony on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, 407 acres in the Chamberlain Basin in the Frank Church Wilderness and 20,000 acres in the Snow Peak Wildlife Management Area in the Panhandle National Forest near St. Maries. Most of the land will remain public; Servey said, as it will likely be purchased by the U.S. Forest Service.

Staff writer Nate Poppino can be reached at 735-3237 or nppoppino@magicvalley.com.

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OBITUARIES/IDAHO/COURT RECORDS

Companies fined \$55,000 after INL whistleblower complaint

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy has fined engineering companies Washington Group International and C12M11 for a total of \$55,000 for violating federal nuclear safety requirements at the Idaho National Laboratory after a whistleblower reported problems.

The whistleblowers at C12M11 Idaho's radiological protection program potentially increased the likelihood of an accident, according to the DOE's preliminary notice of violation, sent to the companies Thursday.

At least two people lost their jobs as a result of the violations, the companies said.

WGI, based in Boise, and Denver-based C12M11, which are cleaning up waste from decades of nuclear activity at INL in eastern Idaho, were cited for several violations that occurred during a May 2006 federal inspection, including insufficient practices to control contaminated surface instruments, poor record keeping

and issues with calibration and the repair of airborne radiation monitoring equipment.

The Energy Department investigated after an employee reported deficient radiation safety practices.

"Of concern in this case (were) the safety culture problems indicated by an employee's fear of retaliation for raising safety issues and the emphasis on production over safety," according to a DOE letter to Robert Lortz, who heads up the project for the two companies.

Amy Lientz, a spokeswoman for the cleanup operation in Idaho Falls, said the WGI-C12M11 consortium moved quickly to address safety shortcomings in its Accelerated Remedial Project, in which workers retrieve buried transuranic waste, such as contaminated equipment, filters and workers' protective clothing, that's being shipped to a waste repository in New Mexico.

Irma P. Timm Miller

JEROME — Irma P. Timm Miller, 92, of Jerome passed away June 13, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.



She was born April 2, 1915, in Olivet, S.D., the oldest of nine children. Born to a U.S. Army soldier, Timm and Clara Shultz Timm. While still a young child, Irma moved with her family to Aberdeen, Idaho, and then to Jerome, where she lived until declining health brought her to the Twin Falls Care Center.

Irma met the love of her life, George Miller, and they were married Sept. 18, 1933, in Elko, Nev. They made their home in Jerome, where they raised five children. Irma was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, where she was involved in many church activities and organizations.

She enjoyed playing the organ and reading her scriptures and was a fantastic

cook. She especially loved to spend time with her family, playing cards and camping and fishing with George.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Calvin (Bonnie) Miller of Idaho Falls, Virgil (Diana) Miller of Buhl, and Bonnie (Larry) Haycock and Charlene (Bob) Veatch, both of Twin Falls. She is also survived by one brother, Elmer Timm; one sister, Phyllis Timm; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren extended family members and friends. Irma was preceded in death by her parents; her sweetheart of 64 years, George Miller; their daughter, Louella Hessler; three brothers and three sisters.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83338. A visitation will be held Monday evening, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Lincoln Warren McGinnis

TWIN FALLS — Lincoln Warren McGinnis, 81, died of lung cancer in his home in Twin Falls, Idaho, on June 13, 2007, at 1:30 a.m.

Born June 13, 1926, Lincoln died not only on his birthday, but nearly a year to the day after funeral services were held for his beloved wife, Angeline, who died at the age of 75. Lincoln was also preceded in death by Michael, his oldest son, in 1999. Lincoln is survived by his daughter Mary, of North Pole, Alaska; and three sons, Timothy of Boise, Idaho, Patrick of Cedarvale, Wash., and Lee of Eagle, Idaho. He is also survived by one brother, Allan McGinnis, 82, of Twin Falls. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Jackpot faithful, Lincoln would have loved the odds of dying on his birthday. He also enjoyed the outdoors, golf, camping, hunting, fishing and traveling. In later years, once his health began to wane, Lincoln enjoyed spending endless hours on his porch, the country and cooking. One of his favorite pastimes was to e-mail recipes to online friends. A World War II veteran, Lincoln earned the Bronze Star, Army Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the World War II Victory Medal for service during the Ryukyus Campaign Okinawa in the South Pacific.

Born in Buhl, Idaho, Lincoln also lived in Florida and Illinois. Lincoln married Angeline in 1951 in Illinois. The couple had three children there, and after five years of longing for Idaho, he and his family moved to Kimberly.

Idaho, in 1957. Lincoln and Angeline started a print shop (Ace Printing) with Angeline's brother, Frank Baum, also a resident of Twin Falls, in the garage of their Twin Falls home, and later moved to Main Street where it still resides today under different ownership. Lincoln's brother, Allan, later joined in the business in the '60s. An entrepreneurial spirit, Lincoln also had businesses in logging, golf cart sales and satellite television sales. The latter business is one he helped start in the late 1970s (called Satellite Television), one of the first businesses of its kind in the country. Lincoln was also deeply involved in politics and became a key player in the Democratic Party in Twin Falls County in the '60s and '70s, once serving as a chairman for Frank Baum.

Lincoln was comforted in his final hours by many family members and friends, including Mary and Gary Wengert (his daughter and son-in-law) from Alaska and was helped by Allan and Elizabeth McGinnis (his brother and sister-in-law), Frank Baum (his brother-in-law), Mary Cuellar (niece) and Tom Wren (a family friend). His son, Lee, and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, moved recently to Idaho from Kansas to be closer to Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to one of the following charities: The American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, or the United Cerebral Palsy.

A private service will be held, Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 17, at St. Edward's Catholic Church will be in memory of Lincoln.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Jerome County

ARRAIGNMENTS
Edwin Floyd Ramsey Jr., 43, domestic battery.
Douglas J. Nielsen, 54, two counts possession of a controlled substance; possession of a drug paraphernalia.
Tina M. Vance, 48, two counts possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia.
Bobby Downs, 42, DWOP: open container; DUI.
Dean Naber, 42, criminal contempt of court.
Cody Moffett, 43, two counts aggravated battery.
Fernando Sosa-Alvaroz, 19, failure to give notice of an accident; reckless driving; minor consumption of alcohol.
Byron James Wilkinson, 20, disturbing the peace.
Jose M. Arreaga, 21, vicious dog violation. Plead guilty, fined \$50; 6 months unsupervised probation.
Miguel E. Avalos, 18, DWOP.
Blay Ray Baker, 34, DWOP.
Eduardo Barriga, 24, DWOP: no insurance; failure to carry driver's license; speeding.
Amanda Lynn Berg, 50, DUI.
Kevin Steward Blake, 50, DUI.
Shawn M. Boyd, 42, DUI.
John C. Brown, 23, no driver's license; no insurance; bail jumping.
Eric J. Carbett, 20, petit theft.
Oscar Ronald Cross, 25, DWOP.
Eugene Daniels, 17, reckless driving.
Dario Gutierrez-Morales, 22, no driver's license; no insurance.
Lynne Lynn Hackworth, 45, petit theft.
Joshua D. Hensley, 16, leaving scene of an accident; reckless driving.
Ricardo Hernandez-Perez, 19, DUI; no driver's license.
Christopher Lara, 20, DWOP.
Bonnie Lee Licther, 39, DWOP: speeding.
Mark Dwayne Lind, 44, two counts DWOP: no insurance; second degree stalking.
Malinda L. Lumley, 25, DUI.
Snyder R. Makin, 25, open container.
Sean R. McCallin, 24, inattentive driving.
Rogelio Mendoza, 38, no driver's license; DUI.
Marilyn Reyes, 39, two counts

no driver's license; no insurance.
Ricardo Rodriguez, 30, DWOP.
Joshua Rydzicki, 21, inattentive driving.
Efrén Sanchez-Torres, 35, DWOP: stop sign violation; no child safety device.
Nathan C. Stansell, 30, no insurance; inattentive driving.
Bonifacio Suarez-Romero, 26, no driver's license.
Fabriciano H. Venegas, 21, open container; driving on divided highway access.
Mario Villa-Camacho, 26, DUI; possession of a controlled substance.
Arnold Lee Wallace, 41, two counts dog at large. Plead guilty, fined \$100.
George Bone, 56, DWOP: no insurance.
Jessica M. Halcom, 21, dog at large. Plead guilty, fined \$50.
Jaime E. Mireles-Corona, 22, no driver's license. Plead guilty, fined \$141.
Christopher Scott Quintana, 42, domestic battery.

SENTENCINGS
Fernando G. Calderon, 33, inattentive driving. Fined \$272.50; 90 days jail time, 10 suspended; 1-year supervised probation. No driver's license. Fined \$141.
Israel Gonzalez-Romero, 27, no driver's license. Fined \$141; 10 days jail time, 10 suspended; 7 months unsupervised probation.
Mario Moran-Nunez, 35, DUI. Fined \$387.50; 180 days jail time, 1 day judgment withheld 1 year; 1-year supervised probation.
Deborah Sue Alexander, 55, excessive DUI. Fined \$612.50; 8 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 6 indeterminate; credit for five days served; sentence suspended, retained jurisdiction 180 days.
Daniel Jay Keenan, 31, possession of a controlled substance. Fined \$607.50; 7 determinate years penitentiary; credit for 148 days served; sentence suspended, retained jurisdiction 180 days.
Gene Olson, 33, possession of a controlled substance. Fined \$1,207.50; 7 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 5 indeterminate, 180 discretionary credit for 100 days served; 4 years supervised probation.

Twin Falls County

ARRAIGNMENTS
Jordan M. Korte, 18, Buhl; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 24; released on own recognizance.
Mario Silva, 41, Twin Falls; petit theft, criminal conspiracy, provide false information; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 24; \$5,000 bond.
Francisco Silva, 43, Twin Falls; petit theft, criminal conspiracy, provide false information; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 24; \$5,000 bond.
Rigoberto Gonzalez-Unbe, 43, Buhl; dispense alcohol to minors, titling; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for July 24; \$100 bond.
Omar Trejo, 20, Buhl; driving under the influence, under age 21, inattentive/careless driving;

pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 24; released on own recognizance.
Cody R. Canoy, 24, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 22; \$10,000 bond.
Bryant Brady, 18, Filer; aggravated assault; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 22; \$5,000 bond.
Rhonda R. Re, 47, Twin Falls; failure to appear/prevent/intimidate witness from testifying, two counts; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 22; \$100,000 bond.
David S. Sweet, 35, Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property, altering vehicle information; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 22; \$100,000 bond.

SERVICES

Jimmie Joe Mudd of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Aldeen Wolverson King Thompson, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Richfield LDS Church on Highway 93; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Melba Faye Sutherland-Cook of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Chapel, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls; viewing one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ruth L. Chatfield of Twin Falls and formerly of Richfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield Methodist Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Oscar G. Garcia

CALDWELL — Oscar G. Garcia, 47, of Caldwell, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at a Boise hospital.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 18, at the Caldwell Christian Church, 3207 E. Usick Road in Caldwell. Interment will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elabiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

Rebecca A. Meyers

SUN VALLEY — Rebecca Adair Meyers, 68, died Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 18, at the Ketchum Cemetery, with Bishop Craig Anderson officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley.

Bartress Rhodehouse

SHOSHONE — Bartress Rhodehouse, 92, of Shoshone, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be at 11

435 N. Third Ave. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome)

Zena Harrison Robbins Jackson of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Richfield LDS 3rd and 10th Wards Church, 526 S. F St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

Frances L. Garside of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Monday at the mortuary.

Tony Joseph Sabala of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Anna P. Kurtz

GOODING — Anna Pauline Kurtz, 97, of Gooding, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at Desano Place in Gooding. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Shelby E. Williams

BUHL — Shelby E. Williams, 87, of Buhl, died Friday, June 15, 2007, at his home in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farner Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Jaunita L. Petersen

TWIN FALLS — Jaunita L. Petersen, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, June 15, 2007, at Bridgview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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IDAHO

GIRLS STATE



Idaho Girls State Senators Anna Steinfeldt of Pocatello, left, and Kelsey Day of Rexburg lead members of the 61st annual American Legion Auxiliary Idaho Girls State, Thursday, on the Campus of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Scientists using DNA to find source of Idaho potato pest

By Keith Rdler
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Scientists are using DNA comparisons to try to find out how a microscopic worm-like pest that attacks potatoes made its way into this country, a discovery last year that closed some foreign markets to U.S. potato growers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Nematology Laboratory in Beltsville, Md., has compared the DNA of the potato cyst nematodes found in April 2006 in southeastern Idaho with other populations, finding a close match with nematodes in York, England, and the Netherlands. The Idaho outbreak is believed to be the first time the pest was detected in the United States.

But Dr. David Chitwood, research leader of the lab, said so far there hasn't been enough DNA testing on nematode populations around the world to make any conclusions about the geographic origin of the nematodes in Idaho.

"It may provide helpful clues, but as far as absolute conclusions, it really is difficult," he said.

The worms feed at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 80 percent. Officials say the pest is not harmful to humans and doesn't have any effect on the potatoes themselves.

The nematodes were found at an Idaho potato processing plant, and after the lab in Maryland identified them as potato cyst nematodes, they were traced back to fields in southeastern Idaho's Bingham County.

The fields remain quarantined, and the USDA is spending \$11 million on an elaborate plan to eradicate the nematodes from about 950 acres in the state's top potato-producing state.

Idaho grows about one-third of all the potatoes in the United States, producing more than 12 billion pounds of potatoes last year worth about \$712 million to farmers.

The discovery of the nematodes sent a shock through the industry.

"You just wouldn't expect (potato cyst nematodes) in the middle of the state," said Frank

Muir, president of the Idaho Potato Commission, which promotes Idaho potatoes. "It's not like these guys crawl or fly or anything."

Chitwood said nematodes are spread through infected plants or soil. Theories of how the nematodes arrived in Idaho range from early immigrants planting gardens to surplus military equipment returning from Europe after World War II that wasn't adequately cleaned. Farm equipment brought in from outside the region has also been considered.

Investigators with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service have searched immigration and ownership records without being able to pinpoint a probable source.

"The USDA is very interested in finding out how (potato cyst nematodes) got to Idaho," said Larry Hawkins, a public affairs officer with the USDA based in Sacramento, Calif.

Idaho officials, who say the nematodes could have arrived decades ago, have also been unable to determine their source.

"The farmers who farmed the land at the time have retired or passed away," said Mike Cooper, deputy administrator at the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

After the nematodes were discovered last year, Japan banned all fresh U.S. potato imports, and Canada and Mexico banned all fresh potato imports from Idaho.

Earlier this year, Canada and Mexico lifted their bans. Japan still bans fresh potatoes from Idaho, but accepts them from other states.

Efforts to eradicate the nematodes in Idaho began earlier this year when the 950 acres of infected fields were fumigated and covered with tarps. The fields have since been planted with oil radish — which officials said deter potato cyst nematode growth — and another fumigation is planned in the fall.

Hawkins said testing after the first fumigation showed the nematodes remained, and killing them could take years.

"The thing on the side of the nematode is it can live in the soil for several years without a

host," said Chitwood. "But the bad thing for the nematode is that it does not have very many plants that it can reproduce on."

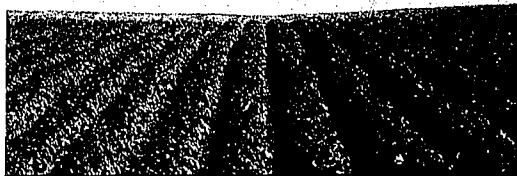
Chitwood said potato cyst nematodes spread from South America, where potatoes originated, to Europe. He said he was a bit surprised they were not found in the U.S. before last year, but that border inspections and care in transporting seed potatoes likely delayed their arrival.

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BSU receives grant for biomedical research center

BOISE (AP) — The state Board of Education has approved a \$1 million grant for Boise State University to establish a biomedical research center.

The Center for Musculoskeletal Research will coordinate work that's going on in different labs on campus with professors, students and area physicians, said Julie Oxford, a biology professor who applied for the grant with other researchers.

She said the center will look for new therapies and preventions for bone disease, including osteoarthritis, a significant cause of physical disability in older people.

Oxford said the center won't need a new building because research will continue at

different locations on campus. The center will have an annual operating budget of about \$300,000.

"Collaborative research is a better, healthier, stronger approach — one that will allow us to get closer to a treatment or a cure or a diagnosis or prevention," Oxford told the Idaho Statesman. "An increase in research activity translates to increased opportunities to our students. We'll be developing new courses, new programs, new curricula for degree programs."

Boise State received the grant Thursday after a competition that ended with the Board of Education's Higher Education Research Council choosing BSU's proposal.

Lee Weber, a University of Nevada-Reno professor who was a member of the council evaluation team, said Boise's medical community helped sway the decision.

"Because Idaho doesn't have a medical school, having strong support from local doctors is crucial if you're going to be able to conduct biomedical research," Weber said. "We were very impressed with the level of interest among doctors with whom we met."

For this fiscal year, which ends June 30, Boise State's total grant money is \$24.7 million. The University of Idaho had grants of \$96.4 million, while grants at Idaho State University totaled \$33.1 million.

Border Patrol agent must wait to learn fate in shooting case

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP) — A U.S. Border Patrol agent charged in the shooting death of an illegal immigrant will have to wait two more months to find out exactly what charges a judge may think are merited.

Justice Court Judge David C. Morales on Friday postponed a hearing until Aug. 6 for Agent Nicholas Corbett, who is accused of killing Francisco Javier Dominguez Rivera, 22, of Puebla, Mexico just north of the border.

Cochise County Attorney Ed Rheinheimer filed a range of charges against Corbett, including first- and second-degree murder, manslaughter and negligent homicide. He left it up to Morales to decide which charge is supported by the evidence, if any.

Prosecutors had planned to present evidence Friday showing the judge why Corbett should face trial for the January confrontation. But defense lawyer Sean Chapman argued that he still hasn't received all of the witness testimony and needed more time.

Though Chapman already has some witness transcripts, he said he wants them all. "They gave three interviews each and they're inconsistent

with each other," Chapman said after the hearing.

The Jan. 12 shooting marked the first time in at least a year and a half that a border agent killed an immigrant along the Arizona border in Cochise and Greenlee counties, said Raul Saavedra Cintas, a deputy consul with the Mexican Consulate in Douglas, who attended the hearing.

Illegal immigration is an especially charged subject in border towns, and the courtroom was packed with spectators. On one side of the gallery sat almost a dozen barrel-chested Border Patrol agents. On the other sat Dominguez's family, members of civil rights groups, and members of the Mexican government, which condemned the shooting.

Outside, Marcelino Sanchez, 67, of Douglas stood with several others holding up signs that read "Rights for all. Justice for all."

Sanchez said it's common to see border agents roughing up people they believe crossed over illegally. Recently, he said he saw an agent step on a gay's neck at an auto parts store in Douglas.

Teen runs more than 70 miles to raise money for food bank

HIGHLAND, Utah (AP) — Jordan Maxwell ran the equivalent of nearly three marathons in 24 hours so poor people can get food.

The 17-year-old, inspired by a teacher at Lone Peak High School, ran all day and night Thursday. By 3 p.m., he'd pounded out 50 miles; by 8 p.m., 65.

And when he finally stopped, as Thursday turned to Friday, Maxwell had logged about 74 miles.

"I'm pretty beat," he said with about four hours to go. "You look at that mountain and you don't think you've moved at all."

With temperatures in the high 80s, Maxwell ran the roads of Utah County to raise money for the Utah Food Bank, occasionally stopping for food and water.

He and his friends were hoping they could raise several thousand dollars but were expecting a smaller amount.

"Next year will be better. People will get inspired," Chelsi Brunt said from Maxwell's support van.

Maxwell's mother, Christie Alger, regularly checked on him and brought fresh supplies.

"I'm so proud of him," she said.



Jordan Maxwell runs along Utah Road 68 towards Eagle Mountain on Thursday near Elberta, Utah. Maxwell ran 24 consecutive hours to earn donations for the Utah Food Bank.

No new trial for man accused of shaking baby to death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Closing a case that began in 1985, prosecutors said they won't pursue a second trial against a man whose murder conviction in the death of a boy was overturned by the Utah Supreme Court.

"I think I'm going to cry," defense attorney James Bradshaw said after the Utah Attorney General's Office informed a judge Friday.

The case has been around for 22 years, since Luther Deem suffered a brain injury at 5 months old. The boy lived until January 1997, unable to see, walk or talk.

In 2000, Warren Hales was charged with murder, accused of shaking the boy and causing the injuries that eventually led to his death.

The boy's mother, who was Hales' girlfriend, had claimed he was sleeping peacefully under Hales' care while she went to the grocery store.

Hales was convicted in 2004 and sentenced to five years in prison. In January, however, the Utah Supreme Court ordered a new trial. Justices said Hales' trial attorneys were ineffective because they failed to hire a qualified expert who could examine the boy's brain images and challenge the evidence.

Faced with that ruling, Assistant Utah Attorney General Craig Barlow told a judge Friday there was "insufficient evidence to proceed."

The Salt Lake Tribune reported on its Web site. Bradshaw said he was prepared to present an expert from Stanford University who would claim the child's injuries occurred hours earlier, when Hales was at work.

"I'm just glad Jim was able to find the evidence to make this case right," said Hales, 46.

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Romney touts conversion to anti-abortion cause at pro-life convention

By John Hanna
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Friday told hundreds of anti-abortion activists that his conversion to their cause is genuine as he sought to fend off rivals' criticism that he's inconsistent on the issue.

"I know that it is not time but conviction that unites us,"

Romney said in remarks on the second day of the National Right to Life's annual convention. "I proudly follow a long line of converts — George Herbert Walker Bush, Henry Hyde, and Ronald Reagan to name a few."

Romney's speech was interrupted several times by applause.

"My experience as governor taught me firsthand that the threat to our culture is real,"



Romney

Brownback of Kansas — have

questioned the former Massachusetts governor's record on abortion. Romney repeatedly vowed not to change state abortion laws and backed abortion rights as recently as 2 1/2 years ago, even though he insists he has always personally opposed the practice.

Now, as a presidential candidate, he not only emphasizes his personal opposition to abortion rights, but he also

calls for the repeal of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationally.

Brownback, who attended the convention, was asked about abortion opponents who back Romney. He responded: "I'd say, 'Look at me first.' I'm somebody who's been consistent."

The Kansas senator, a long shot for the nomination, said, "I've been fighting this fight for

a long time and I believe in it and I think it's the central social, moral issue of our day."

A likely Republican candidate, Fred Thompson, addressed the group in a taped, three-minute message and noted that he received its endorsement when he ran for the Senate in 1994.

"I've been with you ever since, and you've been with me ever since," said the former Tennessee senator.

Clintons sold drug, defense assets to head off any conflicts of interest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton liquidated the contents of their blind trust upon learning it contained investments of \$5 million to \$25 million that could pose conflicts of interest or prove to be embarrassing to her presidential campaign.

The blind trust and a bank account valued in the same range place the Clintons' total wealth at between \$10 million and \$50 million.

The Clintons had to disclose the contents of the blind trust in April under instructions from the Office of Government Ethics and sold the assets in May, according to a disclosure form filed Friday. The Clintons have had a blind trust continuously since 1993 and had no control over its transactions.

Over time, the Clintons' blind trust grew significantly and included stock holdings in oil and drug companies, military contractors and Wal-Mart.

The report, also filed with the Federal Election Commission, provides the most detailed look at the Clintons' holdings as their wealth has expanded since the former president left the White House in 2001.

The new report also shows that the former president made \$16 million in speaking fees between January 2006 and Wednesday. So far this year, Bill Clinton has given 34 paid speeches for a total of \$5.9 million.

Homeland Security funding bill passes House but faces veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a \$37.4 billion budget bill for the Department of Homeland Security on Friday, but minority Republicans rallied enough votes to uphold a promised veto by President Bush.

No such fate awaits an even more generous bill funding veterans programs and military base construction, which crashed to overwhelming passage later in the afternoon.

The Homeland Security bill was approved by a 268-150 vote. The measure exceeds Bush's request for the department by \$2.1 billion, or 6 percent, thus drawing a veto threat from the White House. The administration has pledged to keep overall spending passed by Congress this year to limits proposed in Bush's February budget.

"Today we reminded them that there will be reasonable limits to that spending in securing the votes necessary to uphold a presidential veto," said Minority Whip Ivo Blunt, R-Mo.

But the White House is giving a free pass to a politically sacrosanct bill funding veterans' programs, which passed the House Friday afternoon by a 409-2 vote. That measure exceeds Bush's request by \$4 billion, or 7 percent.

Last month, the White House signaled its desire to veto the veterans bill for violating Bush's budget "caps." But Republicans on Capitol Hill have made it clear that with troops overseas, they're not interested in facing off with Democrats over veterans spending and that any veto would have been overridden.

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Role of pastor's wife has changed for women after Ruth Graham's era

By Rachel Zell
Associated Press writer

When she agreed to marry Billy Graham, Ruth Bell Graham said she knew her life would "be lost in Billy's." For her generation, the pastor's wife was expected to work solely in service to her husband and his flock. There was no job title, no pay and enormous pressure to be perfect.

Today, ministers' wives are forging a different role, through their own careers or as very public, equal partners with their husbands.

Ruth Graham, whose memorial service is Saturday in Montreat, N.C., was too strong-willed and vibrant to disappear completely behind the world's best-known evangelist. Admirers noted after her death Thursday at age 87 that she became her husband's most trusted adviser. But she still abandoned many of her personal goals for the sake of his ministry.

As women have gained independence in society at large, awareness about what pastors' wives provide the church also has grown. Seminars have started supporting and educational programs for the spouses. Web sites and chat rooms for such women have sprung up around the Internet.

"I've basically been doing anything I've wanted to," said Kay Warren, wife of pastor Rick Warren, who wrote the best-selling book "The Purpose Driven Life," and founded the Saddleback Church in California. "It's really allowed me to specialize. For me, I'm focused on calling the church to the fight against HIV."



Evangelist Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth, sit for an August 2003 interview in their Montreat, N.C., mountaintop home.

At Lakewood Church, the massive Houston congregation that draws 30,000 people for weekly worship, leader Joel Osteen and his wife, Victoria, are both listed as the pastors.

Lois Evans, wife of evangelist and radio preacher Tony Evans, has her own ministry dedicated to pastors' wives and has organized a "First Lady Conference" every year for nearly a decade. The meetings offer training and a chance for networking.

"Thirty-one years ago, when I started as a pastor's wife, I was looking for a venue for the support I needed," said Evans, who is a senior vice president of his husband's organization, handling the business side of his work. "I was running around

the country with Tony as he was ministered to at pastors' conferences, and for us, there were just tea parties."

Ruth Graham faced all these challenges and more as her husband's fame grew.

He was on the road for months at a time leaving her to raise their five children. Their daughter Anne Graham Lotz said Thursday that her mother was effectively "a single parent." Ruth sometimes grew so lonely when Billy was away that she slept with his towel jacket for comfort.

But she understood the importance of his preaching and "saw it as a calling herself," said Robert Coleman, who knew and worked with the Grahams, and once ran the Billy Graham Center Institute

of Evangelism at Wheaton College in Illinois, where the Grahams met.

Ruth Graham read constantly, trying to learn as much as possible about events in the church and the world, partly to provide sermon ideas for her husband. During one visit to the Graham home in Montreat, Coleman said Ruth questioned him for an hour and a half about a spiritual revival he had witnessed in Kentucky.

When she was able to attend her husband's events, "sometimes she would speak, but I don't think she liked to be in that position," said Coleman who teaches evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary based in South Hamilton, Mass. "She'd rather stay behind Billy."

Senators bargain for votes in bid to revive immigration accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — Architects of a revised immigration compromise are directing intense behind-the-scenes bargaining to round up enough votes among wavering Republicans to keep it alive.

Senate leaders' announcement Thursday that they would allow the bill a second chance came after getting assurances from key negotiators that they could produce enough support to steer the measure through a procedural minefield, including attempts by conservatives to block it.

The fragile compromise would grant millions of illegal immigrants lawful status while tightening border security and creating new measures for weeding out illegal workers at job sites. Championed by President Bush, it has sparked an outcry among conservatives who regard it as amnesty for lawbreakers.

An appearance by Bush on Capitol Hill this week to prod action on the measure — and his subsequent OK to immediately pumping a new \$4.1 billion into border security — helped set the stage for its resurrection. But it was raw trading for votes by key Republicans and Democrats that made the difference, said lawmakers and senior officials involved in the talks.

The coalition drew up a tentative list of 22 amendments — divided equally between the two parties — whose consideration would give a handful of Republicans the comfort they needed to allow the bill to go forward. That would take 60 votes — a threshold the bill missed by 15 last week, when just seven Republicans backed ending debate and moving to complete the bill.

Allowing votes on the proposals "has as its goal bringing

more people on board." Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a lead Republican negotiator, said in an interview Friday. "They're going to get input that will make them feel better," Graham said of wavering Republicans.

"I do believe that with this new process, there will be enough votes to get to final passage, but the pressure's immense," Graham said. "I'll be going senator to senator" next week to persuade Republicans to back it.

Bush plans to make time next week to jump in as needed with pointed remarks and calls or meetings with lawmakers, aides said.

"Each day our nation fails to act the problem only grows worse," the president said Friday at the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast. "I will continue to work closely with members of both parties to get past our differences and pass a bill I can sign this year."

The package is not final, and key players probably will be hammering it out even as it unfurls on the Senate floor — as has members of both parties to get past our differences and pass a bill I can sign this year."

For some GOP holdouts, the promise of votes to make the bill more punitive toward the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants who would get lawful status might be enough to persuade them to support moving ahead.

Negotiators hope that the case for Sen. Jay Byrd of West Virginia, who wants to toughen a requirement that unlawful immigrants seeking green cards return home to apply for permanent legal residency. Under the emerging framework, she would get a vote on her proposal.

Another Walter Reed problem: piles of undelivered mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turns out to be trouble at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the focus of a firestorm of criticism over poor treatment of wounded war veterans, reached into the mailroom.

The Army said Friday that it has opened an investigation into the recent discovery of 4,500 letters and parcels — some dating to May 2006 — at Walter Reed that were never delivered to soldiers.

And it fired the contract employee who ran the mailroom. In an indication of the Army's sensitivity to problems at Walter Reed, whose reputation as the crown jewel in the Army medical system was tarnished by the disclosures of poor treatment of soldiers earlier this year, officials put out a written statement late Friday afternoon detailing the problem with the mail.

Maj. Gen. Eric Schoonmaker, commander of Walter Reed, said he ordered a team of 20 to 40 soldiers and civilians to launch an around-the-clock operation to screen, survey and forward all the letters and parcels. Items addressed to soldiers still at Walter Reed were being hand-delivered Friday night, he said.

"This delay is completely and absolutely unsatisfactory," Schoonmaker said.

He took over at Walter Reed after the Army fired his predecessor, Maj. Gen. George Weighman, in the wake of Washington Post stories that spelled out substandard living conditions and excessive red tape for soldiers at Walter Reed.

Army Secretary Francis Harvey also was fired in the days following the disclosures.

The acting Army surgeon general, Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, said there have not been any complaints about delayed mail delivery at other Army medical centers. Even so, she said she ordered an immediate review and inspections of mail room procedures and supervisory controls at other medical centers.

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The fire of faith can truly be a godsend

The canvas walls of the two-man tent were closing in around me. The heavy cotton fabric of my sleeping bag wrapped around me like a boa constrictor, tightening its grip with diabolical efficiency. My heart was pounding. I was breathing hard, each anxious breath escaping my mouth and forming a deam-haden cloud in the cold mountain air. Off in the distance a coyote howled in what I was sure sounded for all the world like fiendish delight.

"I'm sorry," I muttered to Anita, who was snuggled in her sleeping bag next to mine. "I've gotta get outta here."

Anita didn't reply. I assumed she was sound asleep. Good. I thought I pulled on my shoes, my coat and my hat and stepped out into the dark, desolate night. She won't see me cry.

VALUSPEAK
Joseph Walker

OK. I wasn't actually crying. But I was preparing to freak out. And not just because I'm the world's worst camper (you can look it up — it's in Wikipedia under "Coleman Challenged"). I was also exhausted from a long day of hiking in the mountains with 250 teenagers from our church youth group. I was overwhelmed from trying to organize activities to keep them busy learning and feeling the things we wanted them to learn and feel. The temperatures were unseasonably cold, plunging below freezing as the night wore on — and on — and on.

Oh, and did I mention that I'm claustrophobic? You might just as well slide me into a casket full of spiders as ask me to sleep in a small tent and a tight sleeping bag.

So I stayed in my little tent of horrors as long as I could, then I left Anita and went out to face the freezing night alone. The sky was clear and ablaze with stars. The North Star was as brilliant as I have ever seen it, and I could swear the stars of Ursa Major were winking at me. The wide-open stillness of the scene was beautiful — and a refreshing change from the smothering closeness of the tent I had just left. But it was also cold — oppressively cold — and I knew I needed to find some way to keep warm or I would be forced to dive back into the tent and risk being swallowed alive by my bog bog.

Shivering, I wandered around the camp and found myself standing near the fire pit. Of course I didn't have any matches or anything else with which to build a fire (that would require, you know, planning and foresight and good camping skills and stuff, but I thought I could see a few glowing embers remaining from the fire we had enjoyed earlier in the evening. I found a stick and poked at the embers, and they flickered invitingly. I laid the stick against the embers and immediately it began to smoke.

"Come on, baby, light my fire!" I muttered.

Hey, you're liable to do anything — even channel Jim Morrison — when you're cold and claustrophobic. From within the smoke I could see a small flame burning on the tip of my stick. The flame grew as it engulfed more of the stick, and I began racing around the camp to find more wood. Within a few minutes a nice little fire was burning, which did wonders for my cold hands.

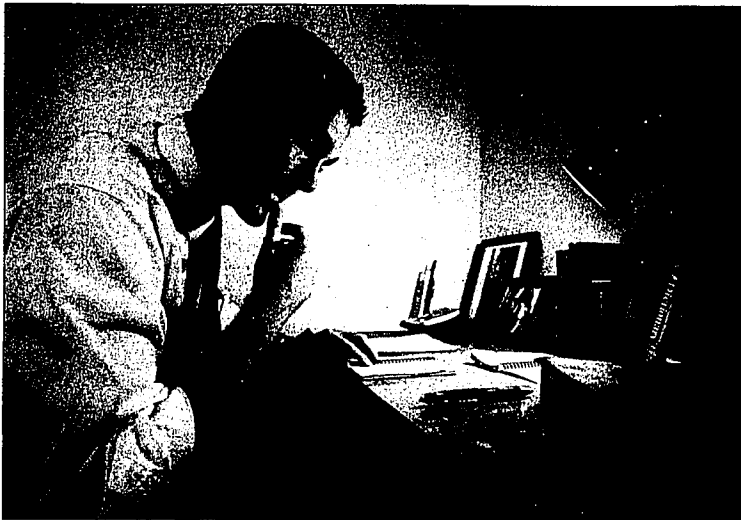
But it did even more for my shivering spirit. There's something about looking into the dancing flames of a campfire that exhilarates and calms — simultaneously. I kept the fire stoked for the rest of the night (much to the chagrin of Anita, who, it turns out, awakened and spent the biggest part of the night wondering if her wacky husband had finally lost it and was howling at the stars with the coyotes). And when the morning sun began painting the surrounding mountaintops with soft light, I felt a surge of energetic clarity knowing that the night was over. And I had survived.

As we continued to trek our way around the mountains on a beautiful, clear, warm day, it occurred to me that there are times for all of us when life seems cold and dark and oppressive, and we find ourselves alone — shivering and fearful. If we can just survive, something to cling to long enough to help us make it through such times — something like the fire of faith — eventually a new day will dawn with new warmth, new energy and new light. And we will survive.

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

"We're not here to mess around. We're here to teach the gospel."

— Mormon missionary Ryan Zerbe



Mormon missionary Dallin Van Blerkom works on his weekly schedule in his Twin Falls apartment.

Missionary moments

LDS missionaries have 'opportunity to do something for someone else'

About Mormon missionaries

Most missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are single young men and women in their early twenties, usually assigned far from the missionary's home.

Men between the ages of 19 and 25 who meet the church's standards of worthiness are encouraged to undertake a two-year, full-time proselytizing mission. Women must meet the same standards of worthiness and be at least 21; they generally serve 18-month missions. Married, retired couples are encouraged to serve missions as well, but their length of service may vary from three to 36 months depending on their circumstances and means.

Prospective missionaries must demonstrate that they attend church, pray and study Mormon texts regularly; that they adhere to the church's law of chastity; that they don't use alcohol or tobacco, and that they regularly pay tithing.

Among those excluded are Mormons who would have to leave dependent children in the care of someone else; young couples who are still in child-bearing age; those who are in debt and have not made arrangements to meet these obligations; those who are on legal probation or parole; couples with serious unresolved marital problems; those who are HIV positive, and those who have been convicted of sexual abuse.

Missionaries are expected to pay their own expenses, often with financial help from family and friends. In 1990, a program was introduced to equalize the financial responsibility for each missionary and his or her family. Now, all young missionaries pay a flat monthly fee which is then redistributed according to regional costs of living.

Missionaries can get financial assistance from their home congregations or from a general missionary fund operated by the church and supported by Latter-day Saints worldwide. But married couples missionaries are expected to pay their own costs.

Full-time Mormon missionaries are required to adhere to a dress code: for men, conservative, dark trousers and suits coats, while dress shirts and ties are generally required. For women, modest and professional dresses or blouses and skirts must be worn.

— Source: Wikipedia

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "Teach My Gospel" is the order of the day. And for two years, obedience to that command is the sum of all that matters in the daily lives of Mormon missionaries.

For two elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Dallin Van Blerkom and Ryan Zerbe, that commitment begins anew at 6:30 every morning as they drop to their knees in prayer.

"We kneel in preparation for the day," Zerbe said. The calling to serve as Mormon missionaries fulfills long-held, spiritual goals for both young men. Each regards his assignment to the Twin Falls area as the opportunity of a lifetime.

Van Blerkom, a 21-year-old from Danville, Calif., has anticipated serving a mission for as long as he can remember.

"Missionaries always seemed like heroes to me," he said.

Zerbe, a 19-year-old from Lancaster, Pa., who converted to the LDS faith eight years ago, says he wanted to go on a "mission as a means of giving something back" to the church.

"It's an opportunity to do something for someone else," he said.

To do that, spiritual preparedness is paramount. So making every minute count is part of missionaries' morning routine.

Daily preparations are made together, including scheduling activities, giving time to study, making lesson plans, and devotion.

Before the morning is half over, they're out the door, proselytizing potential converts or visiting members of the church who may have spiritual needs.

Tuesdays are set aside for housekeeping, laundry and taking care of personal needs.

"These young men need to be very spiritual ...



Jose Loya, right, shakes hands with missionary Fernando Piovano during a recent visit in Twin Falls.



Mormon missionaries Dallin Van Blerkom, left, and Ryan Zerbe discuss their plans for the week.



Mormon missionaries Fernando Piovano, left, and Steve Vargas talk with a Twin Falls resident.

morally clean and trying to be upstanding," said local stake president Randy Hansen.

"We have no paid clergy (therefore) the missions are a training ground for the rest," said Hansen, who presides over nine Mormon wards locally.

But from day to day and from door to door, the missionaries' approach is clear: "We have a message from God."

And the day in the life of a Mormon missionary rarely ends when the sun goes down.

Rebecca Goodrich, a sin-

gle mother who works full-time, is happy about that. On their night off, recently, Van Blerkom and Zerbe paid a visit to Goodrich's apartment to pray with her, with her specific needs in mind.

At 41, Goodrich says she's still trying to break a nicotine addiction. But Van Blerkom had an answer for that: "There is nothing that cannot be made right through the atonement of grace."

They also brought printed materials about the harmful effects of smoking. Goodrich voiced a more-

than-willing attitude to break the habit, and added that it's "a comfort" for her to believe there's a modern-day prophet on Earth.

She plans to convert to Mormonism.

One very specific goal is to be baptized and go into the Twin Falls LDS Temple — still under construction — as a member, rather than simply as a visitor when the building is complete.

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RELIGION

CHURCH NEWS

Men get out to shoot guns, enjoy barbecue beef lunch

BUILT — The Calvary Assembly of God Church will hold a Men's Shoot-Out on June 23.

Those planning to attend should meet at the church, 110 Fruitland in Buhl, at 10 a.m. for departure at 10:15 a.m. Participants will travel north of Wendell for a few hours of shooting, then return to the church about 1:30 p.m. for a barbecue beef lunch.

Currently, four churches are involved. The purpose of the outing is to start or rebuild the men's group in each church. The event is free, but donations will be taken at the lunch. Bring your own firearms and ammunition.

Saturday Night Church planned at T.F. church

TWIN FALLS — Saturday Night Church will be at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N.

Music by the Heartstrings ensemble, including Dave and Debbie Stone, Danny and Les Bennett, Samantha Rice, Sam Samuelson, Danny Stone, Linda Bowen and Vicki Lucia will be featured. Pastor James Finn will lead devotions and prayer.

The public is invited.

'Saved by Faith' topic of Sunday sermon

KIMBERLY — Father's Day at the Kimberly Christian church will be celebrated by Pastor Steelman Borden's message, "Saved by Faith."

Worship begins at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided and junior church is available for children ages 4 through fourth grade.

Camp season for fourth- and fifth-graders begins Sunday at the Intermountain Church Camp in Fairfield. Camp for other ages continues through July 22.

Other camps, ages, prizes and programs, call Jeanna Hall, associate pastor, at 423-5334. Weekly activities include a women's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Bible studies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and a men's no-host lunch at Gertie's.

Everyone is welcome.

Woman will speak on 'Let's Think About Father'

TWIN FALLS — Connie Wiseman will speak on "Let's Think About Father" for worship services at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 360 Shawnee St. E.

Wiseman is a lifelong member of the church. She has been active in the choir and other church activities for many years.

Carolyn Lancaster will be the liturgist, and Hatfield Shetter will present special vocal music.

The Needle Weits group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Friendship Room for needlework and fellowship.

The church book club, led by Dixie Siegel will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Barnes and Noble.

Meals for the homeless will be served at 11:30 a.m. today and June 23 in the fellowship hall.

Singer plans arrangement of 'You Raise Me Up'

TWIN FALLS — Chris Eberlein will sing his own arrangement of "You Raise Me Up" for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

Camille Hoenig will close the service singing a benediction, "Praise Fire."

The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "What We Believe: Jesus Christ," based on John 1:1-5.

Refreshments will be served outside after worship.

A new Summer Bible Study Program, "Becoming Right with God," will be at 7 a.m. Monday and June 25 in the Children's Library. The class will be repeated at 10 a.m. Tuesday and June 26 at a place to be announced. The basic Scripture is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-7023.

The Scotch Shop is closed for summer and will reopen in September.

The last gathering for the men's group will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the home of Mary J. Finn, "My Antioch" by Willa Cather will be discussed. The club will reconvene in the fall. Interested, call Kathy Price at 736-6297.

Prayers for the community will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Presbyterian Church courtyard. The event is organized by the First Baptist Church. All are welcome; bring your own chair.

Walsh plans address on 'God Forgives You'

BOHLE — Blake Walsh will speak on "God Forgives You" for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church. The scriptures are Galatians 2:15-21 and Luke 7:36-8:3.

Nursery care is provided. A coffee hour will follow worship.

Rock Creek church pastor will speak about dads

TWIN FALLS — "Thank God for Dads" will be the sermon presented by Pastor Dale Metzger at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive. Scripture reading is Galatians 2:15-21. Special music will be provided by the Men's Ministry Trio.

A special coffee and baked goods fellowship to honor fathers and men on Father's Day will follow worship.

The Men's Ministry breakfast will be at 8 a.m. today at the Leong King Restaurant. An Idaho State Police officer will discuss the heavy use of meth in this area.

Message in Jerome will help celebrate Father's Day

JEROME — To celebrate Father's Day, Pastor Ronald Mathewy will deliver a message from Judges 11 for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A.

Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. Child care is available for both services.

For more information, call 324-2972.

Twin Falls pastor plans sermon on 'About Face'

TWIN FALLS — Pastor Jim Tubbs will speak on "About Face" from 2 Peter 3:9 for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. Lytle Baker will sing in honor of fathers.

Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m.

A special Father's Day barbecue will follow worship at the Twin Falls City Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and trinkets will be furnished. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish such as salad, dressings, dips, etc., to share, table service and a lawn chair. All are invited.

A study on the Book of Revelations will continue at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Bolsters will minister at Valley Christian Center

LACEYTON — David and Lamine Kay Bolster will minis-



David and Lamine Kay Bolster

ter at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Valley Christian Center, 35 Main St.

The Bolsters have ministered in 25 countries and have made many television appearances. Lamine Kay is a national and international charting recording artist who was nominated for Horizon Artist of the Year in 2001.

The Bolsters are the hosts of the Magic Valley Jubilee Radio and Live Concert series. The radio show features local artists and airs at 830 a.m. Sunday at 27.0 (KTIB). Concerts are at different locations on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, call 829-5862.

Upton will speak Sunday at Hollister church

HOLLISTER — Elder Charles Upton of Twin Falls will speak for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments will be served after worship. Visitors are welcome.

Southern gospel duo will perform in Buhl on Sunday

BUHL — Inheritance, a Southern gospel duo consisting of Ben Jackson and Dustin Scroggs, will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Buhl Freewill Baptist Church, 724 N. 14th St.

Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted.

The duo also will perform with Liberty Quartet at its Family Fest, beginning at 5:30 p.m. today at the Assembly of God Church in Meridian. Family Fest is a five-hour concert hosted by Liberty Quartet and featuring several southern and country gospel performers, including Jaime Thietten of Twin Falls.

For more information, call Shanna at 326-4102.

Series discusses founding fathers, Christian principles

RUPERT — The Central Church of Christ, located at South Fourth and 11 streets in Rupert (behind D.L. Evans Bank), will show the five-part DVD series, "The Silencing of God," at 6:30 p.m. Sundays, June 17 and 24 and July 1, 8 and 15.

Admission is free. No collections will be taken.

"The Silencing of God" presents an argument that the founding fathers intended for this nation to be influenced by God and Christian principles.

David Miller will be the speaker. He is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University, and has earned graduate degrees from Texas Tech University and the Harding School of Religion and a Ph.D. in speech communication from Southern Illinois University.

"Topics are the evidence and extent of the cultural war; evidence from the founding fathers; evidence from founding documents, monuments and the first school primers; morality and Christianity in the school system; moral decay and encouragement to support counter action."

Organizers say this is a must see for every American who believes that God has blessed this Christian nation.

For more information, call Larry Nisde at 436-5770.

Vacation Bible school planned for Methodists

BURLEY — A vacation Bible

school, "Holy Land Adventure," will be held from 5:15 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Burley United Methodist Church, located on the corner of 27th and Almo.

All ages are welcome; activities for infants through high school age are planned. Dinner will be provided each day.

Participants will experience the stories of Jesus in a biblical atmosphere by visiting shops to do sandal making, rope making, net weaving, stone carving, jewelry making, being at the playground and visiting the barnyard animals.

For more information, call Darcey at 678-2184, with any questions.

Women's ministry hosts weight loss class in Gooding

GOODING — The Women's Ministry of the Gooding First Christian Church will host two free Prism Weight Loss Program Introduction Classes for both men and women at 6 p.m. Mondays, June 18 and 24, at the church, 334 Fourth Ave. W.

For more information, call 934-8508.

Theatrical film distributor sponsors essay contest

SALT LAKE CITY — The distributor of the theatrical film "Return with Honor" will sponsor a scholarship essay contest based on the question "How would you change yourself and your world in two months if given a second chance at life?"

The contest is open to high school juniors, seniors and traditional college freshman (those entering college for the first time) planning to attend a college, university or certified trade school in the United States starting with the fall 2007 or fall 2008 semester. The grand prize winner will receive a laptop computer and have their essay posted on the film's Web site.

"Return with Honor" is the story of a returning Mormon missionary who has a near-death experience and is granted a second chance at life that changes him forever.

Applicants must go to www.ReturnWithHonorMovie.com, read the film synopsis, watch the theatrical trailer and read the contest rules. Essays submitted should be no more than 500 words and must be submitted online. Entries will be accepted from June 18 through Aug. 17.

Return with Honor will be released in theaters in September. To watch a trailer of the film, visit www.ReturnWithHonorMovie.com.

Outreach mission presents 'A Gathering Conference'

RUPERT — The Community Oasis Outreach Mission will present "A Gathering Conference" this Thursday through June 23 at the Rupert Civic Center.

Workshops will be at 2 p.m. at the Civic Center, a five-step program will be served at 4 p.m. at the Community Oasis, and evening services will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Christine Moore will be the featured speaker. Moore, who lives in Hazelton, says she is a prophetic teacher. She ministers nationally and internationally in conferences, seminars, churches and Bible schools.

For more information, call Roxanne at 436-4993.

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MISSIONARIES

Elder David M. Fowers has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Georgia Macon Mission.

Fowers is the son of Mike and Laura Fowers of Kimberly, an Eagle Scout and a 2006 graduate of Kimberly High School, where he was senior class president and played football and basketball. He is in the Kimberly 2nd Ward. He attended Idaho State University in Pocatello and has been employed by Forever Green Lawn and Tree Care Co.



Fowers

and Kay Patterson of Twin Falls, an Eagle Scout and is in the Twin Falls 15th Ward. In high school, he played football and was involved in live. He attended Idaho State University and Brigham Young University-Idaho and will return to ISU in the fall.

Sister Melissa Turner has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Canada and Toronto East Spanish-speaking Mission.



Turner

Turner is the daughter of Roger and Leola Turner of Burley and is in the Unity 1st Ward. She will attend Idaho State University.

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Elder Tom Patterson has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Baltic Russian-speaking Mission.



Patterson

Patterson is the son of Ken

SEMINARY COUNCIL



The Miles High School LDS Seminary student council for the 2007-2008 school year was appointed recently. Members include, from left, Jocelyn Larsen, Shaleece Brown, Nate Crane, Andrew Aston and Aaron Kleeper.

YOUNG WOMEN AWARDS



Three young women from the Hollister Ward were honored during Young Women Recognition night May 2 at the Filer LDS Stake Center. Pictured from left are Charlie Billington, daughter of Greg and Chris Billington; Kelsey Anderson, daughter of Doug and Vicki Anderson; and Tera Williams, daughter of Aaron and Janice Williams.

Sex abuse cases reported yearly to insurance firms by Protestant churches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The three companies that insure the majority of Protestant churches in America say they typically receive upward of 260 reports each year of young people under 18 being sexually abused by clergy, church staff, volunteers or congregation members.

The figures released to The Associated Press offer a glimpse into what has long been an extremely difficult phenomenon to pin down — the frequency of sex abuse in Protestant congregations.

Religious groups and victims' supporters have been keenly interested in the figures ever since the Roman Catholic sex abuse crisis hit five years ago. The church has revealed that there have been 13,000 credible accusations against Catholic clerics since 1950.

Protestant numbers have been harder to come by and are sketchier because the denominations are less centralized than the Catholic church; indeed, many congregations are independent, which makes reporting even more difficult.

Some of the only numbers come from three insurance companies — Church Mutual Insurance Co., GuideOne Insurance Co. and Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co. Together, they insure 165,495 churches and worship centers for liability against child sex abuse and other sexual misconduct, mostly Protestant congregations but a few other faiths as well. They also insure more than 5,500 religious schools, camps and other organizations.

Annual survey finds Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shrinking

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) declined again last year, dropping by more than 46,000 in 2006, the denomination says. The number of active Presbyterians fell from 2,313,662 in 2005 to 2,267,138

in 2006, according to an annual church survey released June 7. Baptisms in the same period also declined — by 346 for adults to 8,297, and by 234 for children to 30,493.

In addition, the number of congregations fell by 56 to

10,503. Like other mainline Protestant denominations, the Presbyterians have seen membership rolls shrink over the last couple of decades. In 2004 and 2005 alone, the denomination lost 48,474 active members.

The latest drop comes as fighting intensifies within the church over how Presbyterians should interpret Scripture. Congregants are divided over whether the Bible bars gay relationships, among other theological issues.

Utah Mormons have mixed emotions about Romney's presidential bid

New York Times News Service

LOGAN, Utah — In this wide valley where the twin spires of the Mormon temple dominate the landscape and some neighborhoods boast a Mormon chapel every few blocks, Mitt Romney's bid for president is both a proud sign of progress and a cause of trepidation.

Many Mormons here are rooting for Romney, a fellow church member whose success in business, Adonis looks and wholesome family tableau seem to them to present the ideal face of Mormonism to the world. His candidacy is, for many Mormons, a historic moment of arrival.

"He represents the best of what the church can produce," said Kenneth W. Godfrey, 73, a historian of Mormonism and of this valley about 80 miles north of church headquarters in Salt Lake City.

But even for the many

Mormons who support Romney, the moment is fraught with anxiety because of fears that his candidacy will bring intense scrutiny to their church, and revive long-standing bigotry.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as the Mormon church is called, has been fighting for legitimacy since its founding 177 years ago in upstate New York. The church's first prophet, Joseph Smith Jr., was killed by a mob in Illinois, and his followers fled from persecution and settled in Utah.

While Mormons are by now successfully integrated and prospering in the American mix, memories of that persecution are still fresh. Many Mormons fear that Romney's campaign may reopen old wounds.

"I thought we might get mud thrown at us," said Lulu DeVale, 82, a retired teacher and a Democrat who volunteers with the League of Women Voters.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Brian McGinness had an insatiable appetite for porn.

Day after day, for more than eight years, he spent countless hours surfing the Web for it, usually on a computer that he used after business hours at his old job.

Because of his compulsion to view pornography, McGinness spent more time away from home, so he lied to his wife about having to work overtime in the evenings. He felt guilty about what he was doing, believing that it was morally wrong and knowing that it was keeping him from his spouse and their two young children. But he also felt unable to control himself.

All that started to change one Saturday morning in December after he attended a breakfast of "Porn and Pancakes" organized by XXXChurch.com, an online ministry created to get Christians talking about their X-rated addictions. The site offers information on how and where to get help, links to the ministry's podcast, "accountability" software that tracks Internet sites visited by computer users and a list of upcoming appearances by members of "the X3 crew."

The December event attracted more than 500 men to Ada Bible Church, which McGinness attends. They ate pancakes and sausage while discussing how pornography had harmed their lives, including their relationships with God and their families.

Since that first "Porn and Pancakes" event, XXXChurch.com has conducted several more of them at other churches, and many more are planned.

"So many churches are so afraid to even talk about this issue," said McGinness, 33, a Grand Rapids resident who works in the construction



Craig Gross, left, a pastor with Grand Rapids, Mich.-based XXXChurch.com, speaks with former pornography producer Donny Pauling during a pastoral conference at Daybreak Community Church last month in Hidesville, Mich. XXXChurch.com is an online ministry created to get Christians talking about their X-rated addictions.

industry. "It's a dirty little secret."

Craig Gross, a pastor with XXXChurch.com, refers to the widespread use of porn as "the elephant in the pew" that many churches ignored for years because they didn't know how to deal with it.

Nearly every weekend, either he or the ministry's other pastor, 40-year-old J.R. Mahon, are speaking somewhere in the United States — often at more theologically liberal churches, sometimes

at "Porn and Pancakes" sessions. They help bring with them a 15-foot-tall inflatable blue elephant ("the elephant in the pew") that stands outside.

"We realize churches want to talk about porn now," said Gross, 31, whose laid-back demeanor complements Mahon's manic persona. Both pastors are seminary-trained evangelists. "Even if they don't know how to, they've got to, because it's in every home."

They don't aspire to make

"The right-wingers say, 'Let's boycott this, let's all stop doing this.' Well, if the Christians would just stop consuming it, that would put a dent in it."

— Craig Gross, pastor with XXXChurch.com

porn disappear, only to make it less of a problem for some people.

"We're not going to shut down the porn industry," Gross said. "So, why even try? It's a \$13 billion-dollar-a-year industry in the United States."

"The right-wingers say, 'Let's boycott this, let's all stop doing this.' Well, if the Christians would just stop consuming it, that would put a dent in it. To me, they (the porn industry) have a right to do what they do."

The ministry started about five years ago, when Gross and another minister, Mike Foster, began attending adult film conventions and handing out Bibles bearing the phrase "Jesus Loves Porn Stars." Their Web site soon followed, and the XXXChurch.com booth is now a regular fixture at major U.S. porn shows.

Gross said it has taken time, but many in the porn industry have come to accept the ministry and appreciate its efforts to help those affected by it, including some people who perform or work behind the scenes in adult films.

"They'll actually go. This is good because there are people that have a hard time with this," Mahon said.

Mission

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Elders Steve Vargas and Fernando Pirovano have come a particularly long way to their mission assignments. Their mission is to the Spanish-speaking community, but their message is the same.

In the Spanish tongue, they'll talk about the life of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and what he described as a revelation about the restoration of the church, and "how Christ Jesus brought his gospel back to earth," said Vargas, a native of Colombia.

Pirovano, from Argentina, says being a missionary is "kind of hard." But he plans to use his anxiety as a positive tool.

"I know what I came here to do (and) I really want to share the gospel with people," he said.

In sharing the gospel, LDS guidelines are stringent. And age is a factor.

To be eligible to serve a mission, men must be at least 19, and women 21.

The preaching must be accomplished "two by two," Idaho Boise Mission President R. Brent Ririe said.

"It's always been that way," said Ririe, who oversees 165 missionaries throughout southern Idaho.

Ririe says that companionship provides protection for one another.

For the 60,000+ missionaries worldwide, it also promotes "support and encouragement," he said.

Such encouragement is an important component for the long period that missionaries are required to spend away from home.

During the time spent on a mission, contact with loved ones is limited. Though writing letters home is encouraged, contact by telephone is limited to about twice a year

— usually on Mother's Day and Christmas, except in the case of an emergency, Hansen said.

A missionary call comes after careful consideration by church leaders, Ririe said.

And these local missionaries fit that bill, he added.

"These are noble young men" who fit the fundamental prerequisite "to lead moral and worthy lives," Ririe said.

After getting the approval and "a blessing" from church authorities, a missionary commits to an eight- to nine-week training period at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah.

From an aspect of serving is dollars and cents.

Ideally, the money should come after years of working — and saving — in preparation for a missionary call, but in today's world that's not always possible.

So families of young missionaries help out on a month-to-month basis.

The LDS church pays for mission-related supplies and subsidizes travel expenses to and from the fields of labor. If transportation is needed in more rural areas, the church will provide a car, Ririe said.

But monthly living expenses — housing, food and clothing — are out-of-pocket.

Nevertheless, the playing field is level. Across the world, most missionaries make do on \$400 a month.

That's OK with Zerbe. Missionaries are in the field to meet the spiritual needs of people, he said.

"We're not here to mess around," he said. "We're here to teach the gospel."

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Gas, food costs send consumer prices surging

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices surged in May at the fastest pace in 20 months, fueled by another big rise for gasoline and an increase for food as well.

Inflation was docile in other areas, with prices for computers, clothes, cars and airline tickets all falling.

The Consumer Price Index posted an increase of 0.7 percent, the biggest one-month gain since the fall of 2005 when energy prices surged after Hurricane Katrina shut down Gulf Coast oil production. Excluding energy and food, the increase for so-called core inflation was just 0.1 percent.

Wall Street chose to focus on the

lower-than-expected core reading, believing the Federal Reserve will be happy such pressures are beginning to ease and will leave interest rates alone at their meetings for the rest of the year.

While investors were happy, the big increases in energy and food still meant consumers were falling behind in the cost-of-living struggle. The government said in a separate report that weekly earnings for non-supervisory workers, after adjusting for inflation, fell by 0.2 percent last month. That was the fourth decline in the past five months, reflecting the bite inflation is taking out of paychecks.

"While financial markets love the fact that underlying inflation is tame, if you are an average American and see your

food costs rising rapidly and gasoline above \$3 per gallon, then inflation doesn't seem so low," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

So far this year, consumer prices have been rising at an annual rate of 5.5 percent, double the 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The acceleration has occurred because of the surge in energy costs and increases in food costs that have been caused in part by higher demand for ethanol, which is produced with corn.

Excluding food and energy, core prices are up at an annual rate of 2.1 percent through May, a better showing than the 2.6 percent rise for all of 2006.

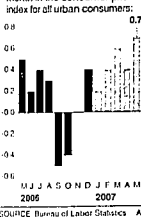
It is the core figure that officials at the Federal Reserve follow closely. Fed poli-

cy-makers pushed interest rates up for two years in an effort to slow the economy enough to keep inflation under control, but since the last rate hike in June 2006, they have been content to leave rates unchanged.

For May, energy prices rose by 5.1 percent, driven by a 10.5 percent jump in gasoline pump prices. The surge in gasoline costs appears to be moderating with the nationwide average falling by 7 cents in the past three weeks to \$3.11 per gallon, according to the Landberg Survey. That was still 95 cents higher than at the start of the year, and many economists say they are not looking for gas prices to fall much further as the country moves into the peak summer driving season.

Consumer prices

Changes from the preceding month in the consumer price index for all urban consumers:



Suit blames tainted meat for girl's illness

The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A Hemet couple sued a California meat distributor over an E. coli outbreak they contend sickened their 4-year-old daughter and prompted the recall of 5.7 million pounds of ground beef in several Western states.

Lauren Fournier suffered cramps, bloody diarrhea and other problems in late April after eating ground beef in spaghetti sauce, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday in Riverside County Superior Court.

She developed acute renal failure and was hospitalized in San Diego for about three weeks, where she underwent dialysis and had five blood transfusions, the suit contends.

The personal injury and negligence suit names Los Angeles-based United Food Group LLC, it seeks unspecified damages and reimbursement for medical expenses.

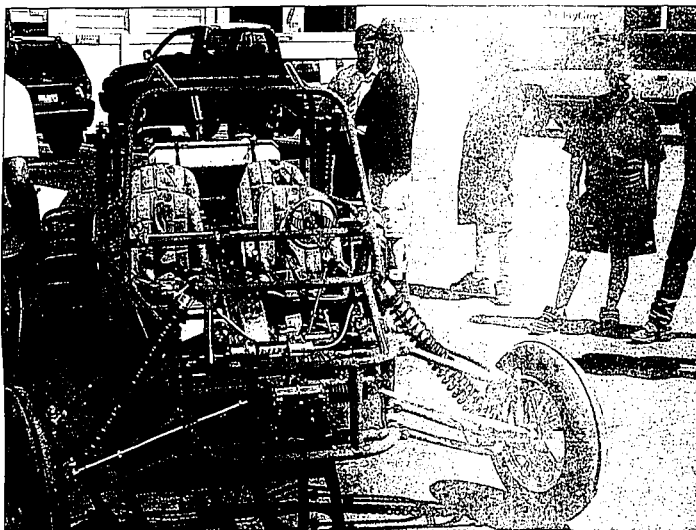
A call to a company representative seeking comment was not immediately returned Friday.

Tainted frozen and fresh ground beef distributed by the company has been blamed for 14 illnesses.

The recalled products were shipped to stores in Arizona, California, Colorado, Los Angeles, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. They were sold under the brand names Moran's All Natural, Miller Meat Company, Water Bros., Trader Joe's, Whicker Shop, Inter-American Products Inc., and Bash's.

The affected grocery stores included Albertson's, Bash's, Grocery Outlet, Fry's, "R" Ranch Markets, Save-A-Lot, Saver Mart, Scolari's, Whicker Shop, Smart and Final, Smith's, Stater Bros., and Superior Warehouse.

Riding the rail



Jason Bishop, owner of Rec-N-Racing Idaho Sand Rails in Hagerman, built a four-seater sand rail for Gregg Middlekauff of Twin Falls. Bishop started custom-building sand rails five months ago.

CHRIS STEINBACH
Times News

Hagerman man caters to Magic Valley sand sporters

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Since starting Rec-N-Racing Idaho Sand Rails five months ago, Jason Bishop has already sold two custom-built machines for the sport of off-road sand travel.

"They're like a two-chassis race car/all-terrain vehicle that goes in the sand," Bishop said. Sand sporting has long been a favorite family past-time in California, he said, where the sport originated as beach activity.

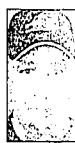
Bishop grew up in and around dune buggies and sand rails under the California sun

Business profile:

Business: Rec-N-Racing Idaho Sand Rails
Where: Hagerman
Owner: Jason Bishop
What is a sand rail? A light-weight motor vehicle specifically built for traveling across sandy terrain, according to wikipedia.com. Its light weight and flotation tires allows the sand rail to skim over the top

of the sand without getting stuck. A sand rail has a low center of gravity which permits it to turn even on the face of sand dunes.
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place to play — the Hagerman Hills, Saint Anthony Sand Dunes, and Bruno Sand Dunes. With interest growing for the sport Bishop decided to



Bishop

invest in his favorite hobby.

Since starting the business, he said, people have been calling him to find out where they can go. "There are a lot of people out there that just don't know you can do this in Idaho."

With machines costing anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000, Bishop said he is pleased to have already built and sold as many as he has.

"I've built a two-seater and the other one sat four people. It was for Greg Middlekauff," Bishop said. "That was a great opportunity. I have a friend that works at (Middlekauff's) car dealership and so he put

up a flyer on Monday and sold it Saturday. That was awesome."

Bishop is an authorized dealer for a sand rail manufacturer in Kansas, and runs the business out of his home. When he isn't working as a mechanic at West Point Farms or on a sand rail, he and his wife, Nichole, and their three children, are out on the dunes. "We are a family run, family owned business," he said. "My goal is to bring something to the Magic Valley that people don't know much about. I want people to know that this is a fun family sport. It's a great alternative to just running the street."

Market Watch

June 15, 2007

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Stocks of local interest

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IBM Corp.	32.64	▲ 7.21
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Microtron	12.98	▲ .39
Supervalu	47.37	▲ .21

Commodities

July Oil	68.00	▲ .35
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
July Gold	90.55	▼ .05
July gold	655.90	▲ 2.80

For more, see page D5

MONEY BRIEFS

Ad Fed schedules September show

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will present its first trade show from noon to 6 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Shilo Inn.

There are still spaces available for 18 booths, organizers said Thursday.

As part of the show, three seminars will be held in the hotel's second-floor conference room.

Two of the seminars will be presented by Steve Hargen, Business Plus 3 director, on the economic future of the Magic Valley. He will speak from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The third seminar will targeted at small-business owners and how they can capitalize on their strengths and focus their resources for effective advertising and market-

ing. This seminar will be taught by Robbie Vitano of Triunvir Advertising in New Orleans. Vitano will speak from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.
For information, call 736-0823.

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Poe named CEO of Swiss Masai US

HANLEY — Sheri Poe has been named chief executive of Swiss Masai US, a subsidiary of Switzerland's Masai Group International Ltd. She will oversee all U.S. operations, distribution and branding for MBT Physiological Footwear.

Poe ranks among an exclusive group of women who have been CEO and president of both private and publicly trad-

ed companies. In 1987, she created MBT, the company that pioneered the manufacture and design of athletic footwear exclusively for women. She took MBT public in 1998.

MBT Physiological Footwear was inspired by the way the Masai of Kenya walk.

Extension enhances drought Web site

TWIN FALLS — With water supplies short, University of Idaho Extension has added 11 publications to its drought-related Web site, www.uidaho.edu/extension/drought.

"In a year like this, we're looking at short supplies of both surface and groundwater," said Howard Neibling, the university's Extension water management engineer. "Growers are asking for more

information on how to maintain production with less water."

In response, Neibling has filled the Web site with additional and updated publications on managing irrigation in potatoes, sugarbeets, wheat, barley and small-grain crops; reducing crop disease potential; selecting and operating irrigation-scheduling tools; interpreting sensor readings; reallocating water from one crop to another, and using the Idaho Department of Water Resources' catch-up/keep-up slide rule.

CSI offering class on outdoors careers

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who dreams of turning their passion for hunting, fishing, or other outdoor recreation into a career is invited to look into a

new class that will be offered at the College of Southern Idaho.

The two-credit class, Professions in Natural Resources (AGRI/BIOL 110), will accomplish several objectives, said CSI Biology Department Chairman Mark Sugden.

"Many students who love being outdoors are simply unaware that there are career options for them and what kind of training is involved in qualifying for those jobs," he said. The class will involve visits with professionals from Idaho Fish and Game, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and others to encourage students and help them keep their goals in sight.

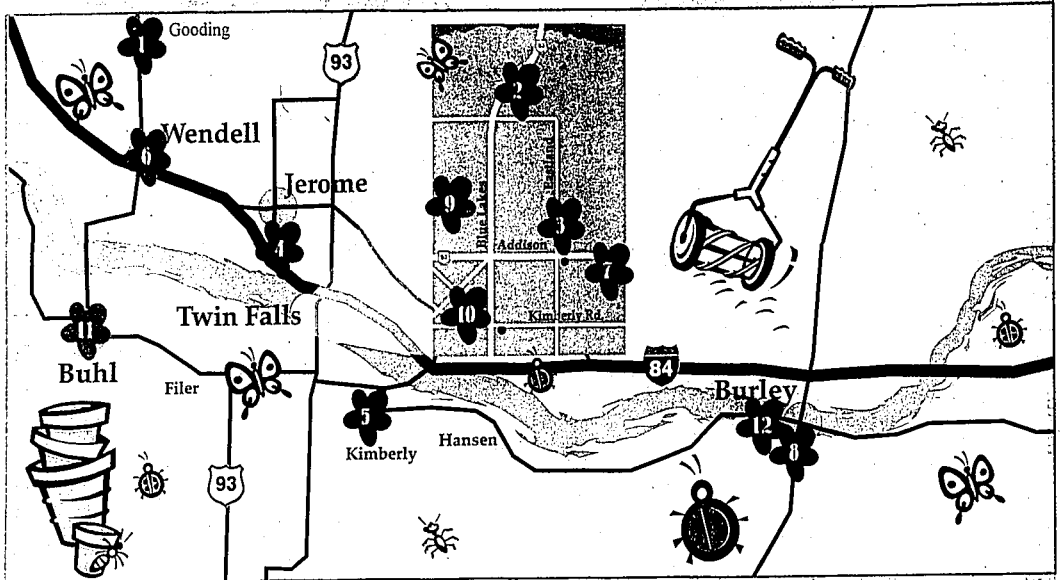
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— compiled from staff reports

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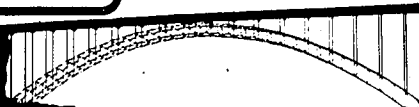
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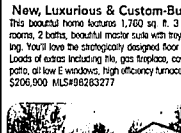
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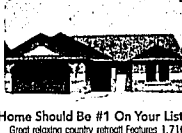


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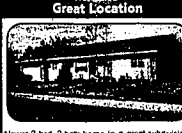


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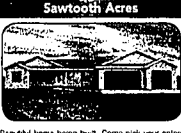
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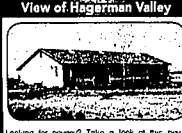
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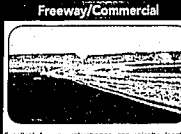
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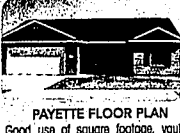
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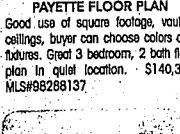
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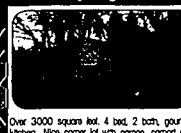
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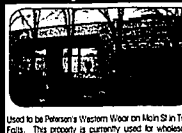
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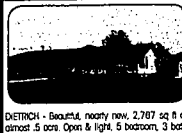
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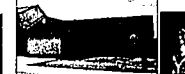
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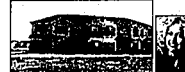
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











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
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"I am a little little made cunningly
Of elements, and an angelic
sprite."

— John Donne

Today's deal is a conundrum from the Bridge World magazine, surely the best bridge magazine anywhere in the world. After West's incisive trump lead against five clubs, it is safe to start by overtaking with your club jack (preserving flexibility), cashing the spade ace-king, crossing to dummy in diamonds, and ruffing a spade. If the spade queen falls, there is no further problem; if it does not, assume East still holds it.

Continue with another high diamond and a diamond ruff high. Let us say that East, who started with two diamonds, throws a heart on the third round (very likely what will actually happen). Now exit with a heart. Presumably, this will be won by East; he returns a trump from an original tripleton, you will later ruff your heart loser in dummy.

Win East's trump return in dummy, and you now know East's exact distribution to be 4-4-2-3. You can presume his high cards from the bidding.

On the lead of the last diamond from dummy, East is squeezed. (Discarding a heart or spade establishes an immediate spade winner or a delayed heart for you. If he trumps in, you can overruff, then crossruff the hand.)

Observe the importance of having trump flexibility at this point. If you had won the first trick in dummy, so that in the ending both of your trumps were higher than dummy's, East could defend successfully by throwing the spade queen now.

NORTH 06-16-A
 ♠ J 5 4 3
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ A K 4 2
 ♣ 10 9 8

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ 8 6 4 2
 ♦ J 10 8 7 5
 ♣ 5

EAST
 ♠ A Q 10 8 6
 ♥ A K Q 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ A K Q J 7 6

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
		1 NT*	
Dbl.	2 ♦	Dbl.	1 NT*
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♠	All pass
*12-14 points			

Opening lead: Club five

BID WITH THE ACES

South leads:
 ♠ A Q 10 8 6
 ♥ A K Q 3
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ A 3 2

South West North East
 ? Pass Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Opening one heart with this hand will not always work. There is no alternative. Opening one club does not deserve to work. In third seat with a minimum opening bid, always open the suit you know you want partner to lead. Do not worry that you have only four hearts, not five. Partner was not born yesterday!

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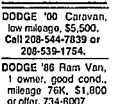
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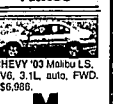
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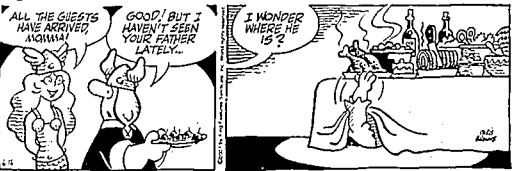
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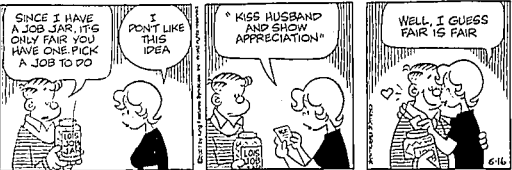
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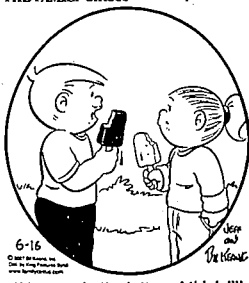
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Sister's violent outbursts frighten rest of her family

DEAR ABBY: I have a 25-year-old sister, "Sheila," who has three beautiful children. The problem is, she does not care about herself, her kids or her family.

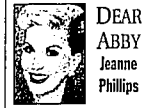
My mother has raised Sheila's oldest off and on since he was 8 months old. He is now 9. Sheila constantly yells, "I can't stand him! He makes me sick!" She has even gone so far as telling the boy she hates him. I have tried telling her that he is only a child. I tell her God blessed her with the ability to have children, and she should be thankful she has them. She just times me out.

And to that fact that Sheila beats our mother at last year, and a week after the funeral my sister came in and beat up Mother.

I don't know what's going on, and the family is scared to confront her anymore because she gets really mean. Any help would be appreciated.

— CONCERNED SISTER IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CONCERNED SISTER: Sheila could be mentally ill, drug-addicted or a raving idiot. If she would raise a hand to her mother, what might she be doing to her children? From your description of your sister's state of mind, it is possible that all the children should be removed from the home. Child



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Protective Services can make a determination. And if she raises a hand to your mother one more time, the police should be summoned immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I moved to Texas two years ago and met a guy there. We dated for a year, but I was never that interested in him.

I have recently moved back to California and have met someone now who I am very much in love with. I sent my "ex" an e-mail, telling him that I do not want to be with him anymore, but he thinks I am kidding. I have been getting e-mails and calls from him non-stop every day since I sent the e-mail. I cannot ignore him anymore. How do I tell him to leave me alone?

— BECOMING UNEASY IN EAST PALO ALTO, CALIF.

DEAR BECOMING UNEASY: You did not say how long you have been involved with the "someone new," but if you recently returned to California, it cannot have been very long. Perhaps that is why your "ex" has having trouble

believing it. Write this "guy" one more e-mail. Tell him again that you are no longer interested and feel that you are now involved with someone else and that you want no more communication. If he persists, block his e-mails and change your phone number if necessary.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law has recently requested that when he dies, he be cremated and his ashes divided between his two daughters. My wife is his oldest, and she is not sure what to do. She loves her father very much, but feels that his ashes are just "ashes." She says it is his soul or spirit that makes him who he is, so she is reluctant to keep them. But she is uncomfortable about ignoring his wishes. What should we do?

— FRETTING IN FORT ST. VA.

DEAR FRETTING: When something is "bequeathed," it is a gift. And when a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she wishes. Your wife is under no obligation to hang onto her father's ashes in perpetuity. If she prefers to scatter them, have them interred or made into a piece of art or jewelry, the choice is hers. She should listen to her heart. It will tell her what to do when the time comes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, June 16, the 167th day of 2007. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.
In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.
In 1932, President Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.
In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin, 54, married his second wife, 16-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpinteria, Calif.
In 1955, Pope Pius XII excommunicated Argentine President Juan Peron — a ban that was lifted eight years later.
In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.
In 1967, the three-day Monterey International Pop Music Festival opened in northern California.
In 1976, riots broke out in the black South African township of Soweto.
In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.
In 1987, a jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four young blacks he said were going to rob him; however, Goetz was convicted of illegal weapons possession. (In 1996, a civil jury ordered Goetz to pay \$43

million to one of the persons he'd shot.)

Ten years ago: The British government broke off contacts it had just renewed with Sinn Fein after the Irish Republican Army killed two U.S. Open golfers in Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

Five years ago: French conservatives won a landslide victory in legislative elections. A runaway winner again in the U.S. Open, Tiger Woods became the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to capture the first two major championships of the year.

One year ago: The House rejected a timetable for pulling U.S. forces out of Iraq, 236-188. In Iraq, three U.S. Airborne Division soldiers were killed in an attack while two others were abducted (their mutilated bodies were found three days later). In Martinez, Calif., Susan Polk was convicted of stabbing to death her 16-year-old son, a victim of a violent, abusive relationship with her husband, whom she had met as a 14-year-old girl in treatment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Bill Cobbs is 72. Author Erich Segal is 70. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 69. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 65. Actress Joan Van Ark is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 57. Boxer Roberto Duran is 56. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 55. Actress Lene Marlin is 52. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 40. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 34. Actress China Shavers is 30. Actress Missy Peregrym is 25. Actress Olivia Haddad is 24. Singer Miley Cyrus is 20. DeGarmo and the Shazons is 20.



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THOUGHT

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."
— Henry Ford, American industrialist (1863-1947)

Fuming Seattle officials issue warning to city workers: Don't burn the popcorn

SEATTLE (AP) — If you have to pop, know when to stop, Seattle city workers have been warned.

"We continue to see a high number of instances of employees burning microwave popcorn and triggering the building smoke alarms," the city's Fleets and Facilities Department said in a memo to employees in the city government's three downtown buildings.

"This is a serious issue which requires Fire Department emergency response, building evacuation and resetting of building systems."

City Hall and the Seattle Municipal Tower have both had popcorn-related evacuations.

Last month, the 11-story Justice Center was evacuated because of burned popcorn — for the eighth time in three years.

If things don't improve, a popping prohibition could be imposed, officials told The Seattle Times for an article published Thursday.

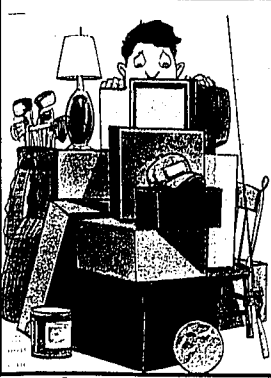
"Perhaps what would happen is there'd be an underground market for microwave popcorn. People would sneak the microwaves into their offices; they'd do

illicit popping," said Frank Video, a staff member for Seattle City Council.

The memo advises workers to "please read and follow package instructions. Stop the microwave and listen to the pop, to know when to stop."

A microwave popcorn ban isn't imminent, said Pedro Vasquez, facilities operations director with Fleets and Facilities.

"But this is an issue that is causing a real impact to us," he said. "It's definitely an option down the road if things don't improve."



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