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Local officers train with old school techniques.

Patriotic eats

Area chefs show patriotism through food.

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NIGHT AT THE RACES

Not your average race fans attend. Magic Valley Speedway.

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Mower gets at least 30 years

Man who shot state trooper could face up to 60 years in prison

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The man who shot and paralyzed an Idaho State Police trooper in December was sentenced Tuesday to spend no fewer than 30 years in prison.

Adam Mower, 25, sobbed and apologized to ISP Trooper Chris Glenn, Glenn's family and the community before a full house of troopers, police and deputies. Mower begged for the judge to give him hope.

But 5th District Judge G. Richard Bevan stumbled through words like "horrific" and "atrocious" in denouncing Mower for shooting a public servant, before meting out a harsh penalty.

All eyes locked on Mower and Glenn until Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebis played a patrol video showing the pair's tragic encounter.

It was pre-dawn — just after 7 a.m. on Dec. 20 — when Glenn stopped Mower's white four-door car south of Twin Falls. Glenn, wearing street clothes, a badge on his belt and an Idaho State Police cap, walked up to the front door of Mower's car — the suspected vehicle in an armed robbery minutes before at the Slinker Station on Shoshone Street West.

On the Net

- Video excerpts from the sentencing hearing.
- A reaction from Trooper Chris Glenn.
- Footage of the crime scenes.



At that point in the video, Glenn's wife, carried their 3-year-old son, Daidan, from the courtroom. Until the months before the

shooting, Mower had a slim criminal record consisting only of a charge of driving without privileges. Once his marriage began failing, his depression worsened and he began medicating his stress with drugs and alcohol. He was arrested on domestic violence charges and later driving under the influence. Just weeks before the shooting, he pleaded guilty to a felony charge of attempted strangulation of his wife.

Mower told police in a previous confession that he had tried to kill himself the night before the shooting by overdosing on his antidepressant prescription and emptying a 12-pack of beer.

Mower awoke in his car — fuzzy-headed, indifferent to



Adam Mower, 25, apologizes to Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn and his family in a Twin Falls courtroom Tuesday before he is sentenced to spend no fewer than 30 years in prison.

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MINDING MORTARS



Paul Wright, from Elite Pyrotechnics in Rexburg, checks slats in a mortar rack during fireworks preparation Tuesday afternoon at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. CSI's fireworks show is scheduled to begin around 10 p.m. tonight. Fourth of July festivities and fireworks shows are planned throughout the Magic Valley today. For a full schedule of events at local communities, check the listing on page A2.

IDWR reviews last-minute deals

Dairymen head to Boise to meet with state

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BOISE — Dairy industry representatives met Tuesday with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to deliver signatures that may keep Magic Valley dairy wells flowing, according to IDWR.

The department has warned dairymen their wells could be shut down Friday in the largest groundwater curtailment in state history — unless individual dairymen signed onto a deal that has tentatively been approved by the department.

The dairymen's deadline was Tuesday.

It was unclear as of Tuesday's 3 p.m. meeting how many Magic Valley dairymen had signed onto the agreement. But on Monday, Idaho Dairymen's Association head Bob Naenbout said, "I don't anticipate any dairies will be shut down Friday."

Dairy operators who didn't sign the agreement, however, could have portions of their water rights cut.

Naenbout guessed Monday that about 70 percent of the Magic Valley dairymen facing curtailment had signed on, and he said he didn't expect any signatures to trickle in Tuesday.

That leaves about 30 percent of Magic Valley dairies with junior groundwater rights that could be curtailed

NewsTracker

Last we knew: Magic Valley dairymen had until Tuesday to sign up for a plan that could help them skirt shut-down of wells.

The latest Dairy industry representatives met Tuesday with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to deliver the signatures.

What's next: IDWR will review the dairymen's deal, and other groundwater deals, by Thursday to determine who may be curtailed.

during the summer, at least in some capacity.

The signatures relate to a plan filed April 13 by the dairy industry to IDWR. The proposal offered to compensate surface-water users by giving up a portion of the water owed by the dairymen.

IDWR Director Dave Tutthill has said dairymen who signed onto that agreement would likely escape Friday's shutdown.

In other water news, IDWR spent Monday and Tuesday reviewing a last-minute offer from the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators to save groundwater irrigators from well closures, scheduled for Friday.

IDWR spokesman Bob McLaughlin said Tuesday the department was continuing to review that proposal.

An announcement will likely come Thursday regarding curtailment of nearly 600 Magic Valley wells, that irrigate more than 16,000 acres of farmland after the department reviews IGWA and dairy proposals.

Jerome man found dead in farmhouse

Autopsy: man lost blood punching window

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — A young Jerome man's body was found inside a Jerome County farmhouse Sunday evening and his rolled vehicle abandoned 200 yards down a county highway early Saturday morning, according to

Idaho State Police.

A Jerome County farmer checking on the 100 S. 157 W. home of his out-of-state neighbor Sunday evening found Justin Adley, 19, dead inside the bathroom. An autopsy completed Tuesday afternoon revealed Adley most likely died from blood loss after cutting his arm

breaking a backdoor window to get into the home. Boise forensic pathologist Dr. Glen Crohan determined Adley likely bled to death in under five minutes.

"He cut himself very, very badly on the arm," said ISP Lt. Dan Thornton. "When he cut his arm he went directly from the back door to the bathroom. He never went anywhere else."

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Filer police chief pens a popular childhood memoir, gains a following

By John E. Swayne
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Cliff Johnson admits to being more than a little apprehensive about writing his childhood memoir. But three years and some 4,000 copies later, the events in "Wrong Side of the River" have proven to be things that many readers can relate to.

"I questioned whether anyone would really be interested in my story, but I get a lot of

letters from kids and adults who appreciate it, and it actually helps them," said Johnson, who serves as Filer police chief.

"I guess that's more gratifying than making money off of it."

The story opens in 1954 when Johnson was a 9-year-old living with his grandma and a resentful Uncle Rudy, who tries to drown the boy during a late-night alligator hunt in Bridge City, Texas. Each chapter finds the boy moving between dysfunctional situations with alco-

holic relatives, a mother who goes to prison for writing "hot checks" or times when he was just left to fend for himself.

"It's gone now, but Uncle Rudy actually called me up a few years ago to ask why I was

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— Cliff Johnson, Filer police chief as well as an author

drawing everybody he tried to drown me," Johnson said. "He suggested that we go fishing together and talk about it, but I told him I'm a lot bigger now and things would probably turn out different."

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

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Twin Falls

LOCATION: College of Southern Idaho campus
TIME: About 10 p.m.
BEST VIEW: From the campus itself and the streets around it, although parts of the north side of the campus are closed to spectators because they're too close to the fireworks mortars.
OTHER FUN: The Twin Falls Municipal Band will play a concert of patriotic music from 8-9 p.m. on the north side of the Student Union Building, performing "The Liberty Bell," "Fantasy On 'Yankee Doodle,'" "With Quiet Courage," "America's Finest," "The Great Locomotive Chase," "Intermission," "Americans We," an Aaron Copland tribute, music by George Gershwin, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "Here We Have Idaho" and a patriotic sing-along. There will also be a sky-diving demonstration.
 The Twin Falls Board of Realtors was the lead fundraiser for the fireworks show, with major support from Bishop's RV and the city of Twin Falls.

Burley

LOCATION: The park next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.
BEST VIEW: Anywhere in Burley or Joyburn.

Jerome

LOCATION: Jerome High School football field
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.
BEST VIEW: The north and east sides of Jerome.
OTHER FUN: A patriotic ceremony kickoff is planned for North Park at 11 a.m., followed by free live entertainment in the park and food, craft and exhibitor booths along Davis Street from noon until 5 p.m. Kids' and youth rides are planned in South Park from 12:30-4:30 p.m., followed by watermelon- and pie-eating contests in North Park at 4:30 p.m. Bed races are planned along Main Street from 5-6 p.m., and there will be a Dutch-oven cooking public taste from 5-6 p.m. at 53 Park place.

Hailey

LOCATION: Quigley Canyon, east of town.
WHEN: About 10:30 p.m., or following the conclusion of the final ground of the Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club Rodeo at the rodeo grounds.
OTHER FUN: The Fourth of July is part of Hailey's annual Days of the Old West festival. Today's activities include the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. in the Hailey Grange Hall, the Old Frontier Gang "shootout" at 11:30 at



Nearly 10,000 spectators typically gather on or near the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls to watch the annual Independence Day fireworks display.

the intersection of Main and Croix streets, the Mile Long parade at noon (starting at the corner of Main and Myrtle streets on Hailey's north end and running southeast on Main to Cedar street on the south side of town), the Button Barbecue in Hop Porter Park from 1-4 p.m. (59 for adults, 56 for seniors and kids under 12), an ice cream social at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' new Hailey facility from 1-3 p.m., and the final ground of the rodeo at 7:30 p.m. (\$17 for reserved tickets, \$12 for general admission, \$8 for kids)

Rupert

OTHER FUN: Rupert wants up its 81st annual Fourth of July celebration with a parade at 11 a.m. (down Sixth Street, east on Sixth to Rupert Square, around the square and north on F Street to Eighth Street, and west on Eighth to Minutka Memorial Hospital). There will be a carnival and food booths open beginning at 11 a.m. on the square, and at 8 p.m. Mount Harrison Debutantes' production of the melodrama "Taming the Wild West in a Dress" at the Wilson Theatre (55 for adults, \$2.50 for children and senior citizens).

Buhl

LOCATION: North Park.
WHEN: About 10:15 p.m.
OTHER FUN: Buhl will wrap up its annual Sagebrush Days celebration today, with the Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 at the West End Senior Center (\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12), a fun run at 8 a.m., a flag-raising ceremony at Legacy Corner and a flyover by

Canadians rock on the Fourth

The Clumsy Lovers, the Canadian rock band that's become something of a fixture in southern Idaho, will perform tonight at the Turf Club before the fireworks at the College of Southern Idaho campus.



The rock quintet Clumsy Lovers will perform from 8-9 p.m. today in the parking lot of the Turf Club on Falls Avenue.

The band will play from 6-9 p.m. in the parking lot of the Turf Club, part of the Twin Falls Tuff concert series. The performance is free.
 The quintet, from Vancouver, British Columbia, plays a mixture of Celtic music, bluegrass and rock. For years it toured the Pacific Northwest extensively in support of its own self-released albums, but that changed in 2004 when the group signed with a Canadian

record label, Nettwerk Records, which released the Lovers' current CD "Smart Kid."
 The band has made nearly a dozen appearances in the Magic and Wood River valleys in the past two years.
 The Turf Club is located at 734 Falls Ave.

Shoshone

LOCATION: Shoshone City Park
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.
OTHER FUN: Activities begin at 5 p.m. with hamburgers and hot dogs donated and grilled by the Snack Bar. There also will be an ice cream-and-cake social that will include a raffle for the best-decorated cake. Kids' activities and a softball game are precursors to the fireworks.

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LOCATION: Airport.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.

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LOCATION: City Park.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.

Sun Valley

OTHER FUN: 1994 Olympic silver medalist Nancy Kerrigan will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show at dusk on the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge. Tickets range from \$29 to \$55 for show-only. Dinner and show tickets are \$74 to \$92, respectively; for reservations, call 622-2135.

Gooding

LOCATION: Gooding Middle School lawn.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.
OTHER FUN: The city of Gooding will hold its July 4 celebration at the Gooding County Fairgrounds beginning at noon. There will be a barbecue with all the trimmings (\$5.50 per plate), as well as entertainment by Thom Stimpson, "The Singing Janitor."

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

Hansen
LOCATION: Rolling Hills Park.
TIME: About 10 p.m.
OTHER FUN: There will be a parade downtown starting at 11 a.m., followed by activities in City Park from noon to 5 p.m., and a community potluck (hamburgers and hot dogs provided) at 5 p.m. in the park; bring covered dishes and table service.

Richfield
LOCATION: Richfield school.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.

Fairfield
LOCATION: City Park.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.

Bliss
LOCATION: City Park.
TIME: 10:20 p.m.
OTHER VIEW: A mud-volleyball tournament starts at noon in the small park near the Outback Cafe, followed by four-wheel mud-bog racing at 2 p.m. A parade follows at 4 p.m. (starting at the Skinny Pig parking lot and ending past Outlaws and Angels.) A barbecue beef dinner with music by Fiddlers Inc. begins at 6 p.m. in the park behind City Hall, and at 10 p.m. there will be a kiss-the-pig drawing and quilt raffle in the post office parking lot.

Albion
LOCATION: Old airport.
TIME: About 10:15 p.m.

Hollister
OTHER FUN: Hollister will hold a holiday community breakfast, featuring the Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers, from 7-10 a.m. in City Park.

Dietrich
 A flag-raising ceremony and pancake breakfast sponsored by Dietrich Boy Scouts will be held starting at 7 a.m. in City Park. A free-pitch and games are scheduled for the park, starting at 6 p.m. (hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided; those with last names starting from A-M should bring dessert and those with surnames beginning from N-Z should bring salads.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS	Tonight	Thursday
High 96 Low 59	High 96 Low 59	High 96 Low 59

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Sunny, hot and dry Highs in the mid 90s.
 Tonight: Clear and dry for your evening fireworks display.
 Overnight lows will bottom out in the mid 50s.
 Tomorrow: More hot July sun and potentially record-setting temperatures. Highs in the mid to upper 90s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**
 JULY 6 — Gallery walk, featuring the oils and pastels of plein air artist and impressionist David Mensing, 6 to 8 p.m., Jensen Ringmakers and Gallery, 109 Main Ave., downtown Twin Falls, refreshments served, 734-2928.
 JULY 6 — First Fridays live Celtic music with "Celtic Fire," Eric Eitelwood in Ruddy's Ice Kitchen, free food tasting and beverages sold by the glass, 6 to 9 p.m., Ruddy's Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.
 JULY 6 — "Chonda Place: A Piece of My Mind," Christian movie night, 7 p.m., Colvary Chapel, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3133.
 JULY 6 — Coffeehouse night, with live music by Ethan Tucker, 8 to 10 p.m., Hands On! The Arts Center, 147 Shoshone St. N., downtown Twin Falls, half-price coffee drinks and \$8 painting supplies, 738-4475.
 JULY 7, 8 — The Original Mannies Jamboree, open to all musicians, in partnership with Shoshone Arts in the Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Courthouse lawn, Shoshone, no cost, bring lawn chairs, 730-3558.
 JULY 7 — Arts in the Park, Chalkwalk, with chalk, fun and prizes for all ages, 10 a.m. to noon, Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, no cost, 969-0034.
 JULY 8 — Buhl Arts Council summer series concert, Wildside, 1 to 3 p.m., at McCluskey Park, free to the public, 543-2888.
 JULY 8 — Music from Starline, live concert/radio show series, featuring Dixie Doty band with Joy Cuming, 4 to 7 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, near Stanley, no cost, 484-9117.

- BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**
 JULY 6 — The Lions Community Benefit Dinner, 7 p.m., City Park, no cost, donations, 423-5688.
 JULY 7 — Marchant's market Save Our Sign fundraiser, includes yard sale, craft produce, antiques, crafts and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendell City Park, \$7, tables not provided, 536-6159 or 636-6111.

- CHILD SAFETY**
 JULY 7 — Bike Safety Fun Day, sponsored by Wendell Police Department, Wendell Gem Town and the Safe Kids of Magic Valley; bring bike to do obstacle course and for safety check (helmets with bike inspection while supply lasts), 10 a.m., City Park tennis courts on East Main, Wendell, no cost, 536-6159 or 961-0409.

- CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**
 JULY 6 — An "anyone interested in hosting a foreign exchange student" meeting, 7 p.m., Thompson's Park, off Addison Avenue and Carriage Lane, Twin Falls, 734-3608.

- FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS**
 JULY 7 — The Annual Kimberly Lions Club "Good Neighbor Day" parade, with the theme "Kimberly Here Haw Honey's," 10:30 a.m., floats and entries needed, www.kimbrylions.com or 423-5588.
 JULY 7, 8 — Valley Vow Lavender Festival, family fun, events, concessions and vendors, Valley Vow Lavender Farm, 4297 Carter Park

OBITUARIES
 Alfred Eugene 'Geno' Robinson, 81
 Johnny L. Barnes, 75
 John F. Avila, 49

CORRECTION
 Tuesday's article about property assessments gave the incorrect description for the county's 3 percent increase cap. The cap limits growth on total tax revenue based on the largest amount over the past three years, not on the levy rate. The Times-News regrets the error.

OTHER HAPPENINGS TODAY

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**
 "The Trial of Diamond Field Jack," 1 p.m., Old Masonic Hall in Albion (Main Street, across from City Park), no cost, www.mimicas-sidhamer.com.
 "The Liberty Grill," a musical by James Valcoq and Fred Alley, 7 p.m., Spiffy Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for students (one hour before curtain time), 578-9122.
- SPORTS**
 Rupert Downs Horse Races, featuring pari-mutuel wagering, food and family fun, 2 p.m. post time, Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 679-4793.

To have an event listed, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Showne by e-mail at showne@magiclevel.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

CLOSED TODAY

- TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Independence Day. Here's a rundown of what will be open or closed.
- City and county offices will be closed.
 - State and federal offices will be closed.
 - Post offices will be closed.
 - Local banks will be closed.
 - The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
 - Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
 - YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. for open swim.
 - Magical Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Trash will not be picked up; trash collection will be one day later.

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Mower

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consequences — and would later be unable to explain to police why he robbed the convenience store and shot Glenn.

In a taped audio confession after the shooting, played Tuesday in court, Mower said: "I looked down. The gun was just sitting in my lap still ... I saw the gun and grabbed it."

The video showed Glenn standing several feet away when Mower opened the driver-side door and fired once. The trooper recoiled onto his back over the dark asphalt, his torso writhing and his legs precariously stationary.

Bevan said a psychologist found Mower was depressed but "by no means psychotic." There was "no cognitive barrier to the gun was just sitting in my lap still ... I saw the gun and grabbed it."

Glenn told the courtroom he wanted this chapter of his life closed. It would be after this hearing, regardless of the sentence, he said.

Of the 30-year sentence, Glenn said: "I'm fine with it. I'm just glad the whole thing is over with."

The damage — lifelong paralysis from the worst down to one and nothing can erase it, save a miracle, Glenn told Laubs before the hearing.

Glenn explained to the court what that damage means for him and his family, while Mower cried behind the defendant's table.

"Now (my wife who has cared for Daidan) has to take care of her 34-year-old husband also," he said. "She shouldn't have to do that."

Body

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Two-hundred yards down the road, close to 160 West on 10th near Adley's vehicle was spotted near dawn on Saturday, according to Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver.

It appears he was driving home alone, Thornton said. Witnesses last observed Adley in his vehicle at 2 a.m.

By Saturday afternoon, a search party composed of Adley's family and Jerome County sheriff's deputies scoured the farmlands around scene of the rollover. That prompted a nearby farmer to check on his neighbor's home, which he watches while the neighbor is out of state. When he entered the back garage, he saw that the door leading into

Book

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work his way to a current position as Fillet polce chief.

"I guess I've always felt blessed, because things always seemed to work out and the police were always nice to me as a little kid," he said.

Rather than take the traditional approach to getting his first book in print, Johnson opted to join the expanding ranks of self-published authors and then took it a step further by creating Misty Peak Publishing.

"I had sent it off to a publisher and it was actually returned when it was turned down," he said. "Someone had suggested that I try self-publishing, but since most distributors won't take a self-published author who doesn't have a catalogue of work, I decided to do my own publishing and maybe help a few other authors."

Johnson is currently working on an adventure story about a group of teenage boys lost in the backcountry of Yellowstone National Park. A second memoir is also part of his future plans.

"People come up all the time and ask when I'm going to write the second book, but that'll have to wait until I retire," he said. "Right now, I'm limited from traveling any great distance, so I do mostly day trips and try to do a promotion event for this book almost every weekend."

The author will be promoting "Wrong Side of the River" at several local events over the next month. Books will be available for purchase today during Bull Sagebrush Days in Eastman Park.

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— Adam Mower in a video confession played Tuesday in the courtroom

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— Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn

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Mower's character leading up to his arrests was that of a hardworking, peaceful contributor to society, defense witnesses said.

But the events of Dec. 20 changed lives.

"Sometimes you do something on a given day and it defines you," Laubs said. "And you can't undo it."

Laubs asked Bevan to sentence Mower to a minimum of 50 years.

Mower may be eligible for parole after he turns 55 and could face a maximum of 60 years.

a mudroom had a broken window. He followed a trail of blood into the bathroom where he found the body. He reported it to the search party.

On the farmhouse property near the home, ISP investigators found smaller amounts of blood.

"He had some other very serious internal injuries we believe were sustained in the crash," Thornton said. Idaho State Police have not found signs that Adley was intoxicated, but they are still investigating Adley's death.

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He will also have a book table at the annual Shoshone Arts and Craft Show on July 7 and 8. A book signing is scheduled for July 20 through 22 at the Four Jacks Casino craft fair in Jackpot, Nev., and at the annual Twin Falls Art in the Park celebration on July 28-29.

See what's new at www.magicvalley.com

Happy 4th of July

PSI will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, 2007 in honor of the Fourth of July

All trash service will be delayed by one day



Methane gas accident kills five on Virginia dairy farm

Noxious fumes accumulated in manure pit

By **Donna Walker**
Associated Press writer

BRIDGEWATER, Va. — Deadly methane gas emanating from a dairy farm's manure pit killed five people — a Mennonite farmer who climbed into the pit to unclog a pipe, and then in frantic rescue attempt that failed, his wife, two young daughters and a farmhand who tried to help.

They all climbed into the pit to help, Sheriff Donald Farley said. "Before they hit the floor, they were probably all dead."

Farmers typically take pains to ventilate manure pits where methane often gathers. A family member questioned whether cattle feed could have trickled into the pit and accelerated the formation of the gas.

"You cannot smell it, you cannot see it, but it's an instant kill," explained Dan Brubaker, a family friend who oversaw the construction of the pit decades earlier.

Scott Showalter, 34, apparently was transferring manure from one small pit to a larger holding pond on Monday evening, the sheriff said.

About once a week, waste is pumped from the roughly 9-foot-deep pit into a larger pond. When something clogged the drain, Showalter shimmied through the 4-foot opening into the enclosure, which is similar to an underground tank. He would have climbed down a ladder into about 18 inches of manure.

"It was probably something he had done a hundred times," Farley said. "There was gas in there, and he immediately succumbed."

Believing Showalter had suffered a heart attack, police said, a farmhand followed him moments later and also passed out.

"That's when another farm worker alerted Showalter's wife, Phyllis."

"The family took off to try to get him," said Sonny Layman, who rents a house on the farm. "Phyllis threw the phone out at me and asked me to dial 911." Layman instead followed her and two of the Showalter's four children.

By the time he got to the pit a few feet away, they were all gone, except Phyllis."

Layman said he tried to pull the woman out of the pit but could not. She died, along with daughters Shayla, 11, and Christina,

9, and farmhand Amous Stoltzfus, 24.

The Showalters' two surviving daughters were being cared for by family members. On Tuesday, a cousin of Scott Showalter's questioned whether runoff from a pile of brewer's grain had accelerated the formation of the gas. Scott Showalter had been using the grain to feed his cattle.

"It rained, and some of it ran down into this holding pit. It fermented and made a toxic gas," said Bruce Good, who saw Showalter about one a week.

The deaths struck hard in this picturesque farming region dotted with red barns, gleaming silos and church steeples that peek above rolling fields.

The Showalter clan is well known in the community where neighbors do each other's laundry. On Tuesday, friends tended to the family's animals.

"The cows have to be milked twice a day, even in an ordeal like this," said Frank Showalter, Scott's great uncle, standing a few feet from where his relatives died.

The Showalters milked 103 cows on their farm west of Harrisonburg in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. They belonged to a conservative Mennonite church whose members shun many of the trappings of modern society but drive cars, use telephones and, according to police, take modern farm-safety precautions.

Fellow church members were in shock Tuesday, said the Rev. Nathan Horst, a Mennonite bishop.

"We've never had a tragedy of this magnitude," he said. Stoltzfus had moved to Rockingham County from the Lancaster, Pa., area less than a year ago and was taking a class to join the church.

"He was very full of life," Horst said.

"They all climbed into the pit to help. Before they hit the floor, they were probably all dead."

— Sheriff Donald Farley

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Not enough



Marvin Gardner pays at the pump Tuesday afternoon at the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls. A random sampling of stores found prices for unleaded gasoline ranging from \$2.99 to \$3.06 a gallon.

Gas prices down but motorists would like to see them lower

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Gasoline prices have clipped a bit across the Magic Valley, but are still too high to suit motorists who have decided to stick close to home.

A random sampling of stores Tuesday found prices for unleaded gasoline ranging from \$2.99 to \$3.06 a gallon in Twin Falls.

That compares to a statewide average of \$3.16, according to AAA Idaho, which is down 12 cents since Memorial Day weekend, but 26 cents higher than last year. Nationally, the average price is \$2.98, according to AAA.

"I drive every day. That's part of my job," said Joshua Dahlstrom, territory account manager for Davisco, an authorized Xerox dealer.

Today, he plans to drive with his family to visit friends in Albion. He will cut his trip short, however, and not make a fishing trip to Independence Lakes.

"As well as I track prices because of all the travel I do for work, even a couple of cents makes a big difference," he said.

"When it comes to the expense of driving to work, there are as many viewpoints as there are workers.

"I'm still getting beaten up on gas

prices," said Andy Hollister of Twin Falls, who is planning a trip this weekend to Wyoming. "It needs to go down a little faster."

Jerry Crozier of Jerome, however, said he has little choice but to pay for the gasoline he burns driving to work in Twin Falls. "What (does) are you going to do?" he said.

Nationally, AAA predicted a record 41.1 million travelers would be on the move today, up 0.8 percent from a year ago. Among them, 34.7 million, or 84 percent of all travelers, will be doing so by motor vehicle.

"Because Independence Day falls on a Wednesday this year, Americans will adjust their travel plans to take advantage of week-long getaways," said AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson. "It will be a busy travel week, worthy of the fireworks of the July 4 holiday.

And the price of gasoline is relative for Lessa Wagar of Twin Falls. She drove 240 miles Tuesday to pick up her daughter at the airport in Salt Lake City. She planned to spend the holiday and rest of the week with relatives in Riverport, Utah.

"For the first time ever, in the nine years of driving back and forth, the prices in Utah are higher than they are in Twin Falls," she said by cell phone. "That was the first thing I noticed."

ESSENCE

Gas prices

A random survey of stores Tuesday found the following prices for a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline:

- \$2.99 — Seven-Eleven, 1509 Kimberly Road.
- \$2.99 — Oasis Stop 'N Go No. 4, 659 Addison Ave. W.
- \$3.05 — Twin Stop Chevron, 688 Pole Line Road.
- \$3.06 — Texaco, 303 Main Ave. E.

"As well as I track prices because of all the travel I do for work, even a couple of cents makes a big difference."

— Joshua Dahlstrom, territory account manager for Davisco, an authorized Xerox dealer

Winter flights by Frontier unlikely

By Susan Bailey
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Frontier Airlines has announced plans to expand regional service to four new cities, but the growth won't happen at resorts.

Several Mountain resort areas — including Aspen, Colo., Vail, Colo., and Sun Valley — have proposals in front of Frontier to land planes this winter.

But Frontier hasn't received the French-made Bombardier Q400 turboprop jets it needs for the mountain resorts. And that may force the airline to shelve its plans for flying into ski resorts this coming season.

"Frontier doesn't have the proper waivers, so they probably won't serve any mountain towns in 2007," said Carol Waller, executive director for the Valley-Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau. "I do think we'll have them next winter."

Frontier Airlines did announce turboprop service this fall for four cities from Montana to Kansas. Frontier in October will begin flying new turboprop planes from Denver on an existing route to Billings, Mont., and will introduce service to Wichita, Kan.; Sioux City, Iowa; and Hapid City, S.D.

The cities were among 62 that submitted proposals to Frontier for the service, which is designed to reach into under-served markets. Frontier said other destinations, including mountain resorts, will be announced later this summer.

Consultant Kent Meyer for worked with Sun Valley on its proposal to Frontier, said aggressive fares and higher fuel prices have forced all airlines to look for ways to keep and attract business.

Frontier is in a battle at its Denver International hub against United Airlines and low-cost carrier Southwest Airlines, Myers said. He said the fight may ultimately bring Frontier to Sun Valley.

Executives at Frontier signed a \$257 million agreement to buy 10 new 74-seat Bombardier turboprop jets for use in smaller markets. The first plane is due in late July.

Delays in Bombardier delivery of the planes and in FAA waivers have slowed the process.

Late payments rise for home loans, fall for credit cards

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Late payments on home equity loans climbed to a 16-year high in the opening quarter of this year, while delinquencies on credit card bills fell, painting a mixed picture of how people are managing their debt.

The American Bankers Association, in its quarterly survey of consumer loans, reported Tuesday that late payments on home equity loans rose to 2.15 percent in the January-to-March quarter. That was up sharply from 1.92 percent in the final quarter of last year and the highest since the late summer of 2005.

"There are still signs of consumer financial distress, which will continue throughout most of this year as the worst of the housing problem works its way through the economy," said James Cherven, the association's chief economist.

Payments are considered delinquent if they are 30 or more days past due. The survey is based on information supplied by more than 300 banks nationwide.

The survey also showed that the delinquency rate on a composite of other types of consumer loans, including those for autos and boats, home improvement and for certain home equity loans, increased to 2.42 percent in the first quarter. That was up from the fourth quarter's 2.23 percent delinquency rate and was the highest since the second quarter of 2001, when the economy was in a recession.

On a brighter note, late payments on credit card bills dropped in the first quarter to 4.31 percent. That was down from 4.56 percent in the fourth quarter and was the best showing in nearly a year.

Woman denied service at McDonald's for having to grab food with feet

Condition from birth left her with underdeveloped arms and hands

The Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Ill. — A woman born with a condition that resulted in underdeveloped hands and arms is suing a McDonald's restaurant owner, claiming employees refused to serve her when she wanted to use her foot

to collect bags of food at a drive-through window.

Dawn Larson was born with Holt-Oram Syndrome and has small hands that extend not far from her shoulders. She has adapted by using her feet for many activities.

"I drank my baby bottle with my feet. Nobody ever taught me how to do it, I just did it," Larson said. "I can ride a regular 10-speed bike. I can swim. It has not been a problem in my life at all. It didn't stop me from having four boys. I've never dropped one

of them."

In a lawsuit filed last week in Winnebago County Circuit Court, she alleges employees at two different McDonald's restaurants in Rockford refused when she tried to retrieve her food using her foot.

In both incidents, employees eventually agreed to give Larson's food to other people in her vehicle, including her son and a friend, the lawsuit alleges. Both times, cashiers at different windows took her credit card from her foot with no problem.



Dawn Larson recently in Sycamore, Ill., Larson, who is suing McDonald's for \$4 million, alleges employees at two different McDonald's restaurants in Rockford refused when she tried to retrieve her food using her foot.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Edge Wireless qualifies for federal assistance

BOISE — Edge Wireless has become the first cellular company in Idaho to qualify for federal funds to provide service in areas already served by telephone companies.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application by Edge Wireless to maintain service in 13 non-rural wire centers in the Magic Valley and southeastern Idaho already served by Qwest and in another 44 rural wire centers already served by 10 non-rural carriers. A wire center is the area served by a

central office switch, the machine that provides dial tone and dialing functions.

The designation means Edge is eligible to receive support from the federal Universal Service Fund. The commission has previously granted this status to competitive telecommunications carriers in non-rural areas already served primarily by Qwest, but this is the first time it has been granted in areas served by rural telephone companies.

Burley wireless store plans grand opening

BURLEY — Yakey Yak Wireless Superstore at 641 N.

Overland Ave. will hold a grand opening celebration beginning at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

A ribbon cutting ceremony with Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will be held at 2 p.m. Friday.

Free food and soft drinks will be available both days and drawings will be held for prizes, including a Jabra Bluetooth wireless headset, Oakley Banzow sunglasses and a free As-You-Go phone. Drawings will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday and participants must be present to win.

The business features T-Mobile, Sprint Nextel and Disney carrier services. Bluetooth headsets, wireless

accessories, cases, pouches and more.

For information, call 678-0224.

Center to hold growth workshop on July 17

TWIN FALLS — While growth is good, it can be stressful for business owners.

The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a workshop on growth. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 17 at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn.

Veteran business consultant Jeff Fletcher will encourage participants to share the chal-

lenges they are working through and will present information about the common attributes, demands, and challenges of high-growth companies.

Cost is \$49 per person. Lunch is included and will be catered by the Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn.

Registration may be done at www.idsbdc.org. All workshop registrations must be final by 10 a.m. July 12.

For information, call 732-6455.

Chamber seeks nominees for Business is Blooming

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of commerce beautification committee is seeking nominations for the annual Business is Blooming awards.

Categories include:

- Industrial Strength, for exceptional landscaping at a business in an industrial zone.
- Business is Blooming, for businesses that have made a special effort to add beauty to the city by adding flowers and color to their landscaping.

Awards are granted for container and in-ground landscaping. For a full list of criteria, a nomination form, or more information, call the chamber at 733-3974.

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EDITORIAL

In Idaho, eminent domain issue just won't go away

Remember Whac-A-Mole? It was a popular arcade game during the 1970s. Plastic moles popped up through holes in the playing surface, and the object of the game was to force the individual moles back into their holes by conking them on the head with a rubber mallet.

Yet no matter how many times or how hard you whacked the varmints, the moles always popped up again.

So it seems with Idaho and the issue of eminent domain, the practice that allows for seizure of private property for public use if the property owner is justly compensated.

Two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a Connecticut case that condemning land for economic development was legal under the government's eminent domain authority and that such power was reserved for states—a much broader interpretation of eminent domain than was generally accepted across America at the time.

The decision provoked outrage, and in 2006 the Idaho Legislature approved and then Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed House Bill 555, placing limitations on eminent domain. Now, according to a recent report by the *Post Register* in Idaho Falls, lawmakers didn't achieve their objective.

The Institute for Justice, an Arlington, Va.-based libertarian law firm, claims Idaho left the door open to condemn land for economic purposes by not writing the new eminent domain restrictions into the state Constitution.

If legislative affairs attorney Jennifer Zeigler told the *Idaho Falls newspaper* that since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2005, there have been 5,000 cases in which people were forced from their property.

"It's happening, just under a different name," Zeigler said. "In Connecticut, it's economic development. In Idaho, it's blight."

"Blight" is the legal term for condemning property because it's dangerous or poses a risk to human health, as redefined in HB 555.

According to Zeigler, the practice will continue in Idaho unless the state Constitution is amended to preclude it, a process that would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and approval by a majority of voters.

The *Post Register* found a Bear Lake County couple, Judy and Peter Reide, whose property is coveted by J.R. Simplot Co. It wants to build a road over the land in order to expand its Smoky Canyon Mine, which produces phosphate ore.

Simplot offered the Reides \$2.1 million for their property, and the couple declined. Then the company threatened to use eminent domain.

"The truth is, the Idaho Constitution allows for that," Lori Ilamman, Simplot's project director for the mine, told *The New York Times* last year.

So far, Simplot hasn't played the eminent domain card with the Reides.

"The threat is still there," Judy Reide told the *Post Register*. "I was stunned. Nobody is safe in Idaho."

Not everyone agrees that the risk to private property is so dire, and HB 555 has yet to be tested in court. State Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, recently asked Deputy Attorney General William von Tagen to determine whether the state's eminent domain law needs to be changed again.

But if the attorney general's office decides that landowners such as the Reides really are in jeopardy of losing their property, the Legislature must act.

Lawmakers would rather undergo root canals than endure the process of amending the Constitution, but they did so twice last year. If it was worth the effort—an unnecessary effort, in our view—to rewrite the Idaho state charter to ban gay marriage, it's certainly worthwhile to protect property.

Times-News

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Steve Crump, Traci Biles, Bill Blitzenberg and David Cooper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Smoking bans needed elsewhere in Magic Valley

I would like to say I am happy the county fair is stopping smoking in the arena.

I wish the new owners of the speedway would stop it there, too. I have to watch the races, but I hate to go because everywhere I sit

someone is smoking. They toss butts all over the cement, ball still lit and sinking. I feel they can at least have a smoke free section for those of us who have never smoked and hate to be around it. I would love to breathe while I enjoy the races.

CHERYL ZARR
Twin Falls

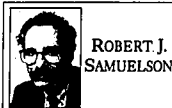
Our view:
The Legislature shouldn't shrink from a constitutional amendment, if that's what's required to close Idaho's apparent eminent domain loophole.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



The rise of regulated speech in America

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."
—The First Amendment



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

The Fourth of July is an apt moment to reflect upon one of the great unreported stories of our time: the rise of regulated speech. Glance at the First Amendment, but do not think it still applies.

Large bodies of political speech are now governed by laws, agency regulations, court decisions and lawyerly interpretations. Speech has become un-free.

This does not mean that we don't have vigorous debate or that most points of view aren't represented. But in and around elections, what can be said, by whom and under what circumstances, is now a tangled web of legal qualifications—all justified as campaign finance "reform."

As proof, consider the Supreme Court's recent decision in Federal Election Commission v. Wisconsin Right to Life Inc. Don't try to understand it; you won't. That's the point. What's permissible or impermissible or political speech is now murky. Plain political speech has plumbed into many subcategories—"issue speech," "teletouring communications," "express advocacy," and "non-express advocacy," among others. Different legal standards apply.

It's absurd to treat "issue

speech" (broadly: trying to influence a governmental outcome) as different from "election speech" (broadly: trying to influence a campaign outcome). In democracies, people and groups express their views on issues by trying to elect leaders who agree. But campaign finance law insists on this distinction because without it, curbing campaign contributions would be impossible as a practical matter.

In 2004, Wisconsin Right to Life began running ads urging the state's two senators to oppose a filibuster involving President Bush's federal judge nominees. But the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, known as McCain-Feingold after its main sponsors, prohibits some "issue ads" 30 days before a primary and 60 days before a general election. Because one of the senators—Russell Feingold—was running in a primary, the ads had to stop in mid-August.

Never mind the coincidence that McCain-Feingold had the effect of protecting one of its sponsors from criticism. Focus merely on the law's manipulation of free speech. The ads would have been legal if:

• They had run in newspapers, been delivered over the Internet or used in direct mail

or phone campaigns (the law's limits apply only to TV, radio and satellite transmission).

• Neither senator was up for re-election.

• Wisconsin Right to Life had used a political action committee to finance the ads rather than corporate contributions.

Such are regulated speech's contentions. They will mount. Wisconsin Right to Life sued, arguing that its First Amendment right had been abridged even though the Supreme Court had previously upheld McCain-Feingold's constitutionality. Well, in a 5-4 decision, the court didn't overturn the law's constitutional limit, but agreed that the standard for permissible pre-election "issue ads" must be broadened. The trouble is that the new standard, set by Chief Justice John Roberts, seems unclear even to some fellow justices. Confusion and litigation will continue.

Questions arise. Why is the expansion of regulated speech so little reported and appreciated? Has it brought any public benefits?

The answer to the first is simple: By and large, the press regards campaign finance "reform" as a worthy crusade. Money in politics is bad; big money, however defined, is worse. It's corrupt—or might be. Corb it.

Overlook or minimize the attendant restrictions on political speech. The press jealously guards its own free speech. It's more casual about everyone else's.

As to the second, the answer is, few, if any.

Campaign finance "reform" hasn't cured public cynicism about money in politics—the main legal justification for First Amendment restrictions—and can't, because Americans routinely feel cynical about politics. But the objective basis here for their cynicism is weak.

Although it's common to think that politicians sell their votes to big contributors, the overwhelming conclusion of academic research is that in roll call votes, members of Congress follow their philosophical views and constituents' interests, says Michael Malbin, director of the nonpartisan Campaign Finance Institute. Contributions, he says, may have more influence at the committee level, where legislation is drafted. Still, America is so wealthy that almost any cause and interest (business, labor, the environment, poverty) can amass a competitive war chest.

Politics requires money. To purge politics of money and politics is crippled. Free speech's value is not only a diversity of views; it is also the ability of people to contest those views. The only desirable controls are contribution disclosures. Let people see who's giving to whom. Free speech involves no right to secret speech. Otherwise, recognize that campaign finance "reform" is a danger in the First Amendment.

Robert J. Samuelson is a columnist with *The Washington Post*.

Land Legacy Trust deserves public support

This past spring I told folks running what is turned out to be a successful campaign to create a community college district in southwestern Idaho that I would support them or oppose them—whatever they thought would do their effort the most good.

Maybe I should make the same offer to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on its Land Legacy Trust idea. After all, it is a worthy project, and one in which I strongly believe. Whether its success depends on my support or opposition, I am ready to oblige.

Fortunately, I believe the Land Legacy Trust proposal is strong enough to withstand the most skeptical scrutiny or even my staunchest support. It certainly has the latter.

It also has my commitment as governor to work with Fish and Game and other stakeholders to ensure we meet the goals of improving wildlife habitat, enhancing public access and protecting our precious resources—all in an open and transparent process.

By now, many of you likely



READER COMMENT
Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter

have heard about the Land Legacy Trust concept.

It involves negotiating an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for payment of the wildlife habitat mitigation debt owed to the state as a result of five federal hydropower developments in Idaho—Albion Falls in the north, Palisades in the east, Mindoka in the south, and Black Canyon and Anderson Ranch in the southwest.

That settlement money would be added to receipts from the sale or trade of about 16,200 acres of Fish and Game's 200,000-acre land inventory to help endow a trust fund devoted to fulfilling the agency's mission. A trust that I hope will exceed \$50 million would pay for conservation and stewardship of ranches, farms and timber-

lands important to wildlife, hunting and fishing.

The project has been in the works since the Idaho Fish and Game Commission adopted a policy in 2003 directing the department to "continually evaluate all existing land holdings to determine if they should be sold or exchanged for lands of higher fish, wildlife and associated recreational values."

The plan's first element involves engaging the public in development of a Land Legacy Report identifying high-priority parcels and kinds of habitat that deserve to be protected. Along a parallel track, I have asked Idaho's congressional delegation to work with state officials—including our members on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council—in reaching agreement with the BPA on the mitigation debt.

Secondly, Fish and Game "in-holdings" property entirely surrounded by U.S. Forest Service tracts would be transferred to the federal government in exchange for cash to help establish the Land Legacy Trust. The parcels

involved include about 1,500 acres on backcountry ranches and the roughly 12,000-acre Snow Peak Wildlife Management Area.

Finally, Fish and Game would sell 16 parcels of land scattered around the state, totaling about 300 acres, which no longer provide significant fish, wildlife or associated recreational values. Why appropriate that land may be transferred to other land management agencies.

Once the trust is established, no money would be used to protect the places—especially those threatened by growth and development—where fish and wildlife values are most at risk. That protection would take the form of easements or purchases that further Fish and Game's stewardship goals.

Now, I know some people believe my principles and priorities are contrary to those goals. They are entitled to their views, no matter how erroneous. But no matter what you think of me, the Land Legacy Trust is a proposal that richly deserves the public's support.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your help key to keeping Burley's parks clean, safe

To the citizens of Burley: We live in a wonderful place where many of you have committed much of your lives to making home and our world better. We appreciate you in gratitude with a few further suggestions to help Burley stay clean and safe.

A light was destroyed and graffiti on picnic tables June 16 to 25 in Storybook Park. Also, the skate park had graffiti on the concrete, graffiti on the picnic tables and parts of the sprinkler system damaged. Freedom Park had tipped trash cans with the garbage spread everywhere and a broken picnic bench. Finally, Kinau Park had two seats and a table in the new bathroom facilities.

As friends in serving the community we invite you to further your commitment in making a more beautiful environment for our children, family, friends and fellow citizens by:

- Resolving with your neighbors to be the "parents" of your park, keeping it safe and clean for everyone!
- Keeping a special watch on the people in that park.
- Reporting immediately to the sheriff's department any vandalism or other suspicious or illegal activity. Best when caught in the act/on by reporting, taking pictures then filing them when possible.
- Your support is not only to keep Burley a wonderful place but to save you money by leaving the park and recreation taxes optimal!

We all enjoy serving you and are grateful for your help.
JON ANDERSON
 Burley
(Editor's note: Jon Anderson is the mayor of Burley.)

Pledge history includes two schools of thought

The time was 1892, an era known as the Gilded Age, with two opposing classes of folks: unregulated capitalists and rightist xenophobes practicing a "dog-eat-dog" reality in opposition with a nation of folks who believed in equality, civil liberties and an inclusion of all who had been left out.

The place was Boston, Massachusetts, the magazine, *Youth's Companion*, edited by Edward Bellamy, had a circulation of 500,000. Previously, socialist Bellamy had made a big splash, selling cheap American flags to public schools, which gave rise to his plan for a perfect display of patriotism by involving public students in a nationwide ceremony to celebrate Columbus' accidental discovery of America. He would publish a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, a strike for equality!

First, he gained the approval of President Benjamin Harrison, Congress and the National Education Association as co-promoters of the idea. Then, he hired at his cousin, Francis Bellamy, a minister recently unfrocked for preaching Jesus was a socialist, to compose the pledge to Old Glory.

Francis wrote a pledge promoting egalitarianism, not the raw dog-eat-dog reality of the age: "One nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." The Pledge of Allegiance was intended to express that as yet-unfulfilled reality of what could be, not what was. So, it came to pass.

Youngsters — nationwide — rose as one and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Since then, the contest goes on about the purpose of the nation. Will it be a "dog-eat-dog reality" of unregulated global corporate capitalism? Or will capitalism also accept social needs of the nation's citizens in their pursuit of business?

The full political spectrum should bear in mind the meaning of our common Pledge of Allegiance is spoken with two mind sets.

(Source: "Patriotism's Secret History," by Peter Dreier and Dick Fluck)
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Paul Cemetery Board appreciates flag donation

We are writing this note to let the community know we



are proud to be part of the Mini-Cassia Area. There are so many positive things happening around our community that no one ever hears about. The Paul Cemetery Board would like to express its appreciation for the donation of a United States flag given by the Jack C. Bacon family. This flag is being flown in veteran Jack Bacon's honor.

We are proud to have donations such as these to make our cemetery a great place for our community to enjoy. We continually appreciate the support and recognition of the patrons of our area.

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(Editor's note: Michael McCall, Michael Patterson and Patty Murdock are members of the Paul Cemetery Board.)

Nation's leaders inspiring more people to hate us

I suppose one way or another our home from Iraq eventually, but in the meantime, I'm getting awfully sick of hearing about the "brave sacrifice" being made every day by our youngsters in uniform. Those kids are not "sacrificing" their lives — they are having them taken away from them against their will and against the will of the American people — by the stubborn pig-headedness of our so-called leaders in Washington.

Furthermore, countless thousands of innocent Iraqis are also having their lives

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taken away from them, their country reduced to rubble, their homes and families and livelihoods destroyed. But they are apparently not making any "sacrifice." They and their broken country are merely unfortunate "collateral damage." What a bland, condescending euphemism for the appalling suffering we are inflicting upon that nation.

And what worries me most is that I never hear any mention of what we intend to do (other than attempt to secure Iraq's oil for our consumption) to rebuild the country we have shattered and reduced to ruins. Are we eventually just going to shrug and walk away and say, "Well, we offered them democracy and the American way of life — too bad if they didn't want it?"

If we do that, a wall between us and Mexico won't be nearly enough. We'll need a wall — and a roof — enclosing the whole of America. And we still won't be safe from the

ever-growing number of people who have good reason to hate us.

DIANA FASSINO
 Ketchum

Park Service should build Pearl Harbor memorial

I always read the letters to the editor and appreciate the views and comments of the public.

If the Park Service wants to spend more, I suggest it build a monument to honor the sailors and others that were killed at Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

We were farming at the time of the internment and, like a lot of others, we didn't have modern conveniences that were not available to the Japanese at Hunt either.

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AROUND THE WORLD

PAKISTAN

Nine die as troops battle extremists at mosque

ISLAMABAD — Tensions brewed around a radical mosque in Pakistan's capital burst into street battles Tuesday between security forces and masked militants who have challenged the government by mounting a vigilante anti-vice campaign.

At least nine people were killed and dozens wounded in the clash, which undercut the government's bid to curb Islamic extremism in a country struggling to combat Taliban and al-Qaida militants.

Early Wednesday, Pakistan's government warned the armed militants holed up at Lal Masjid, or Red Mosque, to surrender or face punitive action from security forces. It did not set a deadline.

The violence dramatically deepened a six-month standoff at the mosque, whose hard-line clerics have kidnapped alleged protesters and police officers in their efforts to impose a Taliban-style version of Islamic law in the capital.

Deputy Interior Minister Zafar Warraich said the dead included four students, three civilians, one soldier and a journalist. Clerics at the mosque claimed 10 of their supporters were killed according to a lawyer sent to mediate the dispute.

Warraich said 148 people were injured, most of them by tear-gas fired by security forces.

At nightfall, the city's top security official, Khalid Pervez, said a cease-fire had been reached with the militants. But Warraich conveyed that early Wednesday to say authorities had run-out-of-patience and demanded the militants lay down their weapons.

BRITAIN

Experts: Multinational group behind bomb plot

LONDON — They had diverse backgrounds, coming from countries around the globe, but all shared one goal: worked in medicine. They also had a common goal, authorities suspect: to bring havoc and death to the heart of Britain.

The eight people held Tuesday in the failed car bombing plot include one doctor from Iraq and two from India. There is a physician from Lebanon and a Jordanian doctor and his medical assistant wife. Another doctor and a medical student are thought to be from the Middle East.

All employees of the United Kingdom's National Health Service, some worked together as colleagues at hospitals in England and Scotland, and experts and officials say the evidence points to the plot being hatched after they met in Britain, rather than overseas.

"To think that these guys were a sleeper cell and somehow were able to do this operation from the different places they were, and then orchestrate being hired by the NHS so they could get to the UK, then get jobs in the same area — I think that's a planning impossibility," said Bob Ayres, a former U.S. intelligence officer now at London's Chatham House think tank.

A much more likely scenario is they were here together, they discovered that they shared some common ideology, and then they decided to get on this while here in the UK," he said.

No one has been charged in the plot in which two car bombs failed to explode in central London early Friday and two men rammed a Jeep Cherokee loaded with gas cylinders into the entrance of Glasgow International Airport and set it on fire the following day.

Investigators believe the main plotters have been rounded up, including one in custody in Australia, though others involved on the periph-

ery, including at least one British-born suspect, were still being hunted, a British government security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the details.

WASHINGTON

President refuses to rule out Libby pardon

President Bush on Tuesday refused to rule out an eventual pardon for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, leaving open the chance he may wipe away the former White House aide's criminal record after already crasing his prison sentence.

"I rule nothing in or nothing out," Bush said when asked about whether he might pardon Libby before leaving office in January 2009.

The president's stance, on one level, was merely practical. When he commuted Libby's 2 1/2-year prison term in the CIA leak case on Monday, a court ruling had made jail time imminent. Bush has plenty of time to consider a pardon, depending on how Libby's appeals go.

Libby's words had political

significance, too. By keeping his options open, he offered hope to the conservative members of his own party who believe he should go further in pardoning Libby. He also kept alive a controversy that could follow him to the last day of his presidency. Libby, who once wielded enormous influence as chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, was convicted of lying and obstructing justice in a probe into the leak of a CIA operative's identity. The long-running case meant the end of Libby's government career and dovetailed with the broader troubles of Bush's second term in office.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas TV: Kidnapped BBC reporter released

GAZA CITY — Kidnapped British reporter Alan Johnston has been released after nearly four months in captivity, Hamas said today. Looking pale and frail, the BBC correspondent told the Associated Press he was "OK."

Television footage showed Johnston emerging from a



British reporter Alan Johnston, captured, arrives at the home of deposed Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh in Gaza City after being released early today.

building in Gaza surrounded by a throng of armed Palestinian men and escorted into a waiting car while cameras flashed around him.

Shortly after word of his release, the Islamic militant group said he was in the custody of its military wing and meeting with 'deposed Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas.

The release was announced by the Islamic militant group's TV and confirmed in a text message from Hamas to The Associated Press.

The report did not explain how the reporter was freed or

provide any other details. Hamas had demanded Johnston's freedom since it violently seized control of Gaza last month, in an apparent bid to gain favor with the West. On Tuesday, Hamas gunmen took positions around the stronghold of the shadowy group holding Johnston, stepping up the pressure to secure his release.

Johnston was kidnapped from a Gaza City street on March 12, spending far more time in captivity than any Western journalist abducted in Gaza. Hamas had said it knew where to find him, but has not raided the hideout for fear he would come to harm.

COLORADO

Officials: TB patient has less dangerous strain

DENVER — The Atlanta tuberculosis patient whose trans-Atlantic voyage in May sparked an international public health incident has a less severe form of the disease than was initially diagnosed, health officials said Tuesday. The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention said in late May that Andrew Speaker had the most dangerous form of the illness, known as extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, and had left the U.S. against the advice of medical authorities.

The CDC asked the Department of Homeland Security to bar him from flying back into the U.S., and for the first time in 44 years used its quarantine power to order him into isolation should he return.

Speaker flew to Canada and convinced a border inspector to let him cross back into the U.S. despite being on a watch list. He surrendered to medical authorities in New York.

But on Tuesday, the CDC and the hospital where Speaker is being treated here, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, announced that Speaker actually has multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis. Unlike the more severe type, this type of TB can be treated with some drugs, and its survival rate is twice as high as that of the extensively drug-resistant strain, though still far lower than normal TB.

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Ryan Henstock, right, lands a kick against Tom Robinson Saturday at Ultimate Cage Fighting: King of the Mountain at the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Local fighters rely on old-school training to prepare for battle

By Bradley Galt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fight announcer John Holsman looks dapper in his black tuxedo and scuffles shoes. Not one hair out of place.

Holsman is a far cry from the appearance of the fighters he calls to the ring Saturday at USA Grappling's Ultimate Cage Fighting: King of the Mountain event at the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center.

For the main event, Holsman calls Matt Rivera to the cage. He calls Rivera many other things: The Mohawk Messiah, Team Anarchy member.

Everybody loves an underdog story, and the members of Team Anarchy are just that. They have no sponsor. They have no trainer. They have no gym. They have little money for the expenses of travel and equipment.

None of that matters when their names are called to compete.

Along with fellow teammates Ryan Henstock, Johnny Trujillo and Kyle



Team Anarchy members, from left, Matt Rivera, Johnny Trujillo and Ryan Henstock stretch in Rivera's backyard days prior to last Saturday's matches at Ultimate Cage Fighting: King of the Mountain.

Segovia, Rivera makes his way to the cage. The team carries a black flag with a red symbol of anarchy emblazoned across it, which matches their

T-shirts. With their shirts and Tap Out brand turban camouflage trunks, Team Anarchy is in perfect sync visually.

Henstock and Trujillo already lost earlier matches by submission. Henstock's heavyweight battle against Tom Robinson of Burley as a crowd-pleasing slugfest. Kyle Segovia did not fight on this card.

However, Rivera wins the main event against Mike Gnahvala by submission with a guillotine choke less than 30 seconds into the match. The win makes him one of the top amateur heavyweights fighters in Idaho.

Team Anarchy finishes 1-for-3 Saturday, but the two losses don't matter. One win for the team — and it didn't matter to them who won — was good enough.

"I don't want to boast about it and that it's all about me," Rivera said. "It all started right here with Anarchy."

Team Anarchy

Actually, for Henstock and Rivera, the foundation for any achieved success started well before the formation of Anarchy 13 months ago.

Henstock is an admitted brawler by nature and has a 12-year back-

ground in jujitsu. A short, stout, bearded man, the 24-year-old is sort of a spokesman for the group, although each member has a say in the team's dealings. As far as training is concerned, Henstock's specialty is sparring. Punches and kicks, blows to take an opponent off guard enough to attempt a take-down — these are his forte.

Rivera — a fan of the band The Misfits judging by his numerous T-shirts and the band's skull logo tattooed on his left arm — is the grappling expert of the team. He also has a dozen years of experience as a wrestler. He won Nevada state high school wrestling championships in 2001 and 2002. He teaches his teammates how to lock in holds, wrench an opponent's joints to make him tap out, or show the proper angle to apply a hold for maximum leverage.

Trujillo is the newest member of the team and came with virtually no experience as a fighter or wrestler.

Henstock described him as fast and squirrely, which is a plus for his other

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Mauresmo upset by Vaidisova at Wimbledon

By Chris Labourtes
Associated Press writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Defending champion Amelie Mauresmo lost in the fourth round at Wimbledon on Tuesday, struggling with her serve and falling to Nicole Pietrangeli 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-1 as rain again wreaked havoc at the All England Club.

This year's tournament has been hampered by rain in seven of its first eight days.

Martin Shammoun and Venus Williams played only three points before lightning and thunder were followed by heavy rain, one of four matches suspended for the day.

Only seven singles matches were completed Tuesday.

Earlier, Mauresmo had a 14 double-faults and 37 unforced errors in a match stopped by rain three times.

"Definitely those interruptions don't help," the two-time major champion said. "I don't know how many (double-faults) I had today, but definitely too many. ... I don't know if it was her or me."

No. 3 Jelena Jankovic also was upset, playing through four rain delays and losing to No. 18 Marion Bartoli of France 3-



Nicole Pietrangeli reacts as she defeats defending champion Amelie Mauresmo in their women's singles match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon Tuesday.

6, 7-5, 6-3. Play on Centre Court and Court No. 1 started at 11 a.m. Tuesday — two hours earlier than usual — because of the backing of matches.

Rafael Nadal, last year's runner-up, played only nine minutes in the resumption of his third-round match against Robin Soderling. The second-seeded Spaniard warmed up for his match on Saturday but never played a point. After the traditional middle Sunday off, they began Monday but stopped in the fifth set

because of rain late in the day. They returned again later Tuesday and played another 11 minutes before the rain returned.

Also in the third round of the men's draw, 2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt beat Guillermo Canas 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Nikolay Davydenko advanced by defeating Gael Monfils 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. "That's the longest and toughest mind-delayed match I've ever had to put up," said Hewitt, who was originally scheduled to play Canas on Saturday.

CSI IN THE MAJORS Colonel drilling the ball for Class AA Tulsa

Times-News

TULSA, Okla. — Christian Colonel may just be the best offensive player in the Class AA Texas League.

The Tulsa Drillers' starting third baseman and former College of Southern Idaho standout ranks among the league's top five players in six offensive categories through Monday and has helped his team to a 42-42 overall record. Colonel's mix of gap power and solid speed has led to a league-high 94 hits, including 30 doubles. He is fifth among Texas League players in batting average at .312, has driven in 48 RBIs and taken 151 total bases, putting him at third in both categories.

He is hitting .421 over his last 10 games.

Colonel was selected in the fifth round of the 2003 MLB Draft after following his CSI career at Texas Tech University. He was selected to the All-Region 18 Team in both the 2001 and 2002 seasons while at CSI. During that span, he hit .355 with 10 home runs and 83 RBIs. He also stole 36 bases as a Golden Eagle.

MLB

Brandon Duckworth, RP, Kansas City Royals

Duckworth remains on the 15-day disabled list with a rib injury. The right-handed pitcher is 2-3 with a 2.94 ERA in 18 appearances this season.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Very hot and dry... Tonight: A hot and dry day... Tomorrow: More hot and dry...

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

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Table showing moon phases for July 7, 14, 22, and 30.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for July 7, 14, 22, and 30.

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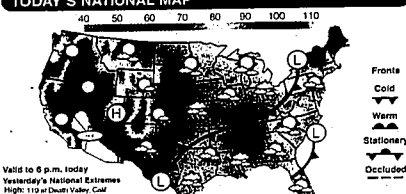
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Aingli retains America's Cup

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — The landlocked Swiss are masters of the ocean. Once again...



Swiss Defender Aingli, left, leads Emirates Team New Zealand during the seventh race of the 32nd America's Cup off the coast of Valencia, Spain Tuesday.

The Aingli team from Switzerland — a country more often associated with Alpine skiing and winter snowscapes — successfully defended the coveted America's Cup on Tuesday...

That diversity up to a lot of Kiwi fans because many of Aingli's sailors came from New Zealand. Aingli hired six of the key sailors in the Kiwis' 2000 defense...

about the early days. Bertarelli said he hopes to turn sailing into a sport that can be self-sustaining through sponsorship...

Tiger Woods played Open while wife was in hospital

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — There was the slightest crack in Tiger Woods' voice when he did a TV interview after walking off the 18th green at the U.S. Open...

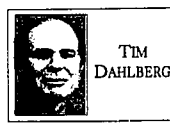
cluding his private life. Woods was scant on details. Asked to give a timeline of the night of his daughter's birth...

Now we know why. Woods revealed Tuesday that his wife, Elin, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday of the U.S. Open...

The subject of Woods' late father, a former Green Beret who served two tours in Vietnam, came up frequently as Woods spoke about his newborn son...

A chance to make a statement in the Summer of Bonds

Willie Mays was patrolling center field for the Giants, while 100,000 drug-fried youths were playing games of a different sort on the streets of San Francisco...



break one of the most hallowed records in the game sometime this season. Historians, though, may mark the date as the first day of July when Bonds managed to come from very behind to win a spot in the All-Star game...

season stuffed the ballot box ending a homestead that endured over the weekend or there was a sentimental groundsweeper everywhere to get him in the starting lineup...

this season and surely would have gotten in anyway, so it doesn't much matter. Manager Terry La Russa, who never saw Mark McGwire do anything wrong either, would have picked him and the Giants did need at least one player on the roster...

seems increasingly likely. And it's certainly not his state outside the front gate, it never will be. That belongs to his godfather, who will be honored in a pre-game ceremony...

Felipe of course, will be in San Francisco to preside over the All-Star festivities. If he was serious about putting an end to the steroid era, he could make use of the occasion by announcing one and for all that the steroid era has ended...

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All-American



EATS

Patriotic food for the Fourth of July



by Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On Independence Day, grills across the country are fired up for a traditional American barbecue.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, strawberry shortcake — all foods that appear often on Fourth of July tables.

"When we do stuff around the Fourth of July, we do really all-American stuff like ribs, but we

throw our little kick into it," said Jane Rice, owner of the Elv Tsch Inn in Hagerman. "Picnics and barbecues, that's to me what Fourth of July is all about: being outside and barbecuing food and being with everybody, and later on starting fireworks together."

On a day that celebrates the independence of our nation, we celebrate the recipe that built America — an entree of family, a side of friendship and a dash of patriotism. As a symbol of that patriotism, it's tempting to use red, white and blue in Fourth of July dishes.

One hitch, though. "In cooking school, they told us there's no such thing as blue food," said Randy McCarron, owner of the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls.

There are bluish foods, sure: blue potatoes, blue corn, blueberries, even little blue crawdads.

The crowd-pleasers turn red when you cook them, though, and those other foods are actually more purple than blue.

If you're craving a true blue culinary experience, it's time to grab the blue food coloring. Try blue spaghetti (either toss with the food coloring or use the coloring to dye the water you boil the pasta in), blue whipped cream (add food coloring to the whipping cream before you beat it), blue frosting or blue milk.

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Above, it's a day for red, white and blue. Try these blue Jell-O stars topped with whipped cream and strawberries for a fun treat you can make with your kids.

Below, for a patriotic dessert that's a little more sophisticated than Jell-O, this blueberry cheesecake from the Garden Cafe is sure to please. See recipe at right.



Buying local is patriotic

When area chefs were asked how they express patriotism through food, they all shared one answer: Buy local. "What Jake and I try to do is use as many local, fresh ingredients as we can from local farmers," which is an All-American thing," said Jane Rice of the Elv Tsch Inn in Hagerman. "We're supporting everybody around us in our community, and that's ... important and patriotic."

Randy McCarron of the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls agreed, noting that the beef, trout, potatoes and huckleberries used in the cafe are among many Idaho products he prefers. "I would do Idaho over anything else, but Idaho can only produce so much," McCarron said. "You want to support those around you and it comes back to you, like the golden rule."

Because the Garden Cafe's cuisine is global, taking inspiration from Asia, Europe, Mexico and Canada, McCarron does buy internationally produced ingredients.

Greg Clinton, executive chef at the Blue Lakes Country Club, said his French background makes him par-

tial to European foods; but he also uses the power of the purse to express patriotic sentiments.

"I like to buy from local companies, to keep the money in the area, and I definitely look for American products," Clinton said.

BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKE

Serves 12
Recipe courtesy Randy McCarron, owner of the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls.

- Cheesecake
- 2 1/4 pounds cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest

- Topping**
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup water
- 3 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 1/2 tablespoons orange liqueur

For cheesecake: Preheat oven to 325. Mix cream cheese, flour and sugar together until smooth. Add eggs one at a time. Add vanilla and beat until smooth. Toss blueberries in 2 tablespoons flour and fold in mixture with lemon zest. Bake for 60 minutes.

For topping: Combine sugar, salt and cornstarch in a saucepan. Add water and one cup blueberries. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly until very thick — about 15 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in butter, lemon juice and orange liqueur. Let cool and add remaining blueberries.

Refrigerate one hour, then top cheesecake.

For the Fourth of July, McCarron adds whipped cream and whole strawberries to complete the red, white and blue look.

NUTRITION — Per serving: 538 calories; 34g fat (55.7% calories from fat); 9g protein; 51g carbohydrate; 1g dietary fiber; 176mg cholesterol; 343mg sodium.

Fusion: A blend of global flavors

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — America is a melting pot of cultures, and each culture brings unique cooking techniques and flavors. Throw those into a culinary melting pot, and you get fusion cuisine.

Fusion at its best allows ingredients from all over the world to be cooked with a wide variety of techniques and served together in harmony on a plate.

Randy King, Chef at Albion College of Idaho and Bon Appetit Management Company, will lead a class in fusion cuisine at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls. "World Fusion Food" runs from 7 to 9 p.m. July 10, at

Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

On the menu: Fried wontons with ahi, angel hair wrapped crispy prawns, Moroccan spiced beef and miso-cured salmon.

King has cooked in kitchens throughout the Northwest, and has been executive chef at Millford's Fish House and Oyster Bar in Spokane, Wash., Richard's Restaurant in Hyde Park, N.Y., and Crane Creek Country Club in Boise.



King

Using lavender in the kitchen

Times-News

BOHLE — Lavender. Fields of long, even rows of waving purple are pleasing to the eye, and the calming scent is pleasing to the nose. But lavender can also be pleasing to the taste buds.

At the Valley View Lavender Farm festival in Bohle this weekend, food made with lavender will be available to bring the fragrant herb to a level not often considered.

Next week in Food & Home, we will offer a selection of recipes and cooking tips to help you transplant lavender from field to plate. When you visit the festival, ask the staff to point you toward the varieties of lavender that are best for cooking. Watch for these varieties from other Magic Valley sources, as well.

With a little imagination and an adventurous spirit, lavender can be a culinary delight. For those who would rather keep lavender off their plates, also watch for a tip or two to create decorative treasures. Learn more in next week's Food & Home.



FOOD & HOME

Super snow cones

It's summertime and the hot weather is just calling out for some cool relief. What better way than with a snow cone?

The shaved ice, the summer-sweet flavors — it's enough to make kids and adults alike ask for more.

At the Hollister Farmers' Market, Elizabeth Bates is satisfying that need.

Each week, she has several flavors to choose from. Some are syrups she orders from St. Louis, some are juices she buys at area stores, and others are pressed from Magic Valley fruit.

"The sweet, dark cherries ripe now pack a wallop when combined with the chilly snow," Bates said.

"When the fruit is in season, I try to run them through the juicing machine," she said. "If we juice it in our commercially approved kitchen and then they're refrigerated properly, that's OK."

Later in the season, ask for fragrant peach and tart apple juices, fresh from area orchards.

Bates gets a lot of requests for flavors that aren't native to the valley, including watermelon and mango/strawberry. At home, her family's favorites are Blue Hawaiian and Tiger's Blood — a mix of strawberry and coconut.

For the Texas native, her love of the frosty refreshment goes back to childhood.

"I'm from Houston, and I just always enjoyed them growing up," she said.

—Ariel Hansen

Where to buy

Though Elizabeth Bates used to sell the snow cones from an umbrella stand in Kimberly, now the only place you can buy her signature treat is at the Hollister market. She said her clientele is about half kids and half adults, many who stop at the market during the drive between Boise and Jackpot.

She charges 80 cents for a small cone, about 10 ounces, and \$1.60 for a large cone, about 16 ounces. Bates also sells landscape plants, hanging baskets and vegetables — prices vary.

Find her booth at the Hollister Farmer's Market: 1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays, at the city park on Main Street, next to Twin Stop. The market is expected to be open weekly until mid-October.

This feature will appear weekly in Food & Home this summer. To nominate an individual who produces food in Magic Valley for sale to local consumers, send an e-mail to: ariel.hansen@lec.net with "Local foods" in the subject line. Or call 735-3376.



Tips for tasty strawberry pie

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Q: Strawberry season hasn't yet arrived here, but I am planning ahead. What type of recipe do you recommend for a fresh strawberry pie? My pies have tended to be too watery, but I don't like a glaze thickened to the point that it seems rubbery. I would appreciate any tips.

A: Pastry chef and cookbook author Blinn Klivans told us what she likes to do: "I melt strawberry jelly and gently toss the cleaned, halved strawberries in the jelly — about 1/2 cup for a 9-inch pie. Any extra jelly glaze can be left in the bowl. I hate the strawberries to make the pie easier to slice. Serve cold and within about six hours."

LOCAL FOODS

Fun food colors

When red + white = blue

By Robert L. Wolfe
Special to The Washington Post

Q: This morning when I was loading dirty dishes into the sink, I poured last night's unseasoned red wine in a Maytag (Chambourette) onto some fried egg white and it turned blue! For fun, I then mixed a little of the wine with raw egg white, and it showed only a hint of blue. I am dying to know the chemistry between the wine and the eggs.

A: Surprising as that may have been, there is a simple answer. Red wine is a chemist's call an acid-base indicator. It was the wine, not the egg white, that changed color.

You've heard people talk about a "litmus test" to determine whether a politician is on the "right" or "wrong" side of an issue. Litmus, a dye obtained from a lichen, turns red under acidic conditions and blue under basic (often called alkali) conditions. Thus, by its color the litmus indicates which of those two opposing chemical types a substance belongs to. (The rumor that litmus turns red in Republican states and blue in Democratic states is without foundation.)

Similarly, the colors of many foods, including grapes, cherries, berries, plums, eggplant and cabbage, are due to pigments called anthocyanins, many of which behave as acid-base indicators. Red wines are acidic enough so that their anthocyanins are in their acidic form, which is — surprised? — red.

But if you were to add an alkaline substance such as baking soda to red wine (not recommended), it would turn pinkish — red.

The anthocyanins in red cabbage can be prevented from changing from acid red to alkaline purple during cooking by adding vinegar, wine or sour apples, as is com-

monly done in German kitchens.

Raw egg white (albumin) is slightly alkaline, so it can change wine's anthocyanins to their alkaline color, which is a purplish blue. When cooked, egg whites become even more alkaline. That's why you saw darker blue on the cooked whites than in the raw ones.

My wife tells me that when she was a little girl she used to make fried egg and jelly sandwiches, and that after a while, the dark red jellies or jams always turned the egg white blue. So I hurried to the kitchen, fried an egg, placed it on a slice of bread and topped it with black raspberry jam. Sure enough, wherever the egg white was in contact with the jam, the jam's stain slowly turned an unappetizing, muddy, purplish blue color.

The egg white, by the way, doesn't have enough alkalinity to react with the whole blob of jam, just the layer on its surface. Nor is it alkaline enough to affect the color of larger quantities of wine, such as with wine-poached eggs.

Q: I prepared some meatballs by mixing ground beef, an egg, oregano, thyme, fresh bread crumbs and red onion. Next day, I threw a few into a ragu and topped some spaghetti with it. The following day, I took the meatballs out of the fridge and all the onions hugging their outsides were green! I have never seen onions turn green after two days in the fridge. Is there a logical explanation?

A: Of course. It's just another case of an acid-base indicator.

The anthocyanins in red onions are pale red in an acidic environment and green in an alkaline environment. As your meatballs "aged," their proteins began to decompose slightly, liberating small amounts of alkaline amines, which turned your onions green.

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First, you must select the kind of equipment you would like. These may include swings, slides, ladders, monkey bars, firemen's poles, swinging bridges and more. As you begin to compose a list of the equipment you would like, you can begin looking into what playground systems are offered custom-made. You will find systems made of everything from steel to plastic, so keep in mind who is going to be the primary user. If your young children are going to be using it, you may be okay with one of the portable systems made of durable plastic. These do not have any sharp corners or hard surfaces that could hurt a child. As your children get a bit older, you may want to consider a wooden or steel system.

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If you are making a tree house in conjunction with your system, you may want to consult a professional architect or obtain some approved plans. Tree houses, while fun, can be structurally unsound if not constructed properly. Always exercise great care in the construction of a tree house.

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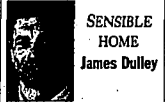
Constructing a cool patio

DEAR JIM: I want the children to spend more time outdoors in our yard.

We have a patio, but it is awfully warm in the sun. How can we design a deck adjacent to the house so it will not get uncomfortably hot?

— Jeff C.

Dear Jeff: A concrete or paver patio is ideal during spring and fall because it absorbs the sun's heat. During summer though, its high thermal mass keeps it uncomfortably warm, often well past the children's bedtime. It also radiates heat up to your house walls making your air conditioner run harder.



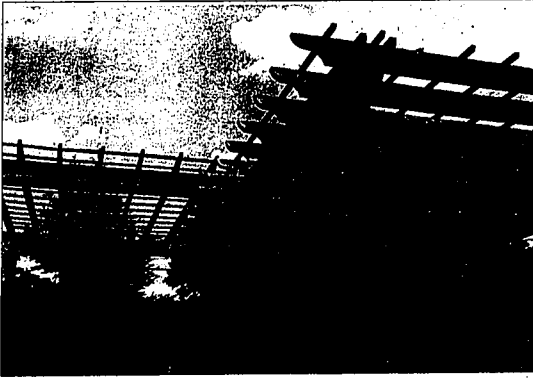
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James Dullea

Proper deck design accomplishes several goals. It provides a reasonably cool, comfortable location for outdoor activities. If it is properly located, it can shade your patio and make it more comfortable. It can also shade your house walls and windows to keep your house cooler.

There are many deck designs from which to choose, but you should select one which meets the criteria of a "solar deck" design. This requires the deck has some sort of roof, full or partial, and at least one wall on the most sunny side. With these two features, both your deck and your house stay cooler and your air conditioner runs less.

The key to designing an efficient sun-blocking deck wall is building it so natural breezes still pass through it. The specific wall design depends upon your location (latitude) and the orientation of your house and deck to the sun.

In northern locations, the sun is not as high in the sky as



Building a roof or pergola over the deck using the same tilted louver concept is also effective and provides the most shading.

in southern ones. Also, the sun is highest in the sky from south at noon and is lower when shining from east and west. Check local sun position charts or just make a cardboard mini-model to test the sun angles.

Design the wall with eight-inch wide lumber used as louvers. Tilt them and space them accordingly so they block the intense sun from striking your deck and house. Building a roof or pergola over the deck using the same tilted louver concept is also effective and provides the most shading. Use no-maintenance alternative lumber materials for the roof and its louvers.

Installing roll-up solar screening is another option if building a wall is too difficult. This screening is durable and is available in various weave densities depending upon how much sun you desire to block. Hanging some planters from the deck roof also helps

to cool the air naturally around the deck.

Another option is building a screened gazebo kit. It can be free-standing or be attached to the sunny side of the deck. This is attractive, its roof blocks the sun and its screening stops insects. Many easy-to-assemble gazebo kits are available.

The following companies offer gazebo kits: Old World Gazebos, (877) 442-9267, www.gazebos.com; Vixen Hill, (800) 423-2766, www.vixen-hill.com; and alternative lumber materials: MasterMark, (800) 535-4838, www.master-mark.com; TimberTech, (800) 307-7780, www.timbertech.com; and Trex, (800) 269-8739, www.trex.com.

DEAR JIM: We live on a corner lot and get quite a bit of road noise through our old patio door. I am trying to decide whether to replace it

with another sliding one or double swinging doors. Which is quieter?

— Jen S.

Dear Jen: Over the long haul, you are probably better off with swinging doors. If blocking road noise is your major concern, these doors close with a compression seal or even a magnetic seal, so they remain very airtight. Most noise comes in from leaky seals, but the glass type and window size also affect noise transmission. Choose doors with the least amount of glass you really need and with inert gas in the gap between the glass panes.

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The Washington Post

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Great design within reach

By Kathleen Horn
The Washington Post

Decorating books can be overwhelming. So often there is a gap between what's shown on the pages and what we can realistically accomplish in our own spaces. Decorator and author Annie Kelly's "Rooms to Inspire: Decorating With America's Best Designers" (Rizzoli, \$50) makes quality decorating seem attainable.

Kelly points out how interest in decorating has exploded in recent years: round-the-clock home TV shows and multiplying design blogs are proof. At the same time, access to

design ideas and products has become democratized, with abundant online sources for goods once closely held by the design trade. Kelly's subjects find lamps on eBay, pick up incense burners on Amazon and turn road debris into style statements.

The book tours the homes of 13 trendsetters through photos taken by Kelly's husband, Tim Street-Porter. The homes run a stylistic gamut from small New York apartments to Hollywood villas. The owners include professional decorators and well-known tastemakers such as Simon Doonan, creative director for Barneys New York, and

his partner, designer Jonathan Adler.

Details reveal living spaces that are not staged vignettes but real-life digs that suggest there are no cookie-cutter rules for personal style. Consider, for example, the library of Doonan and Adler's New York home, where somber chocolate walls are accented by a bust of Michael Jackson, a crowd-unglittered chair from the 1960s and a pillow portrait of their dog.

Readers may be motivated to punch up their living spaces by making the most of objects they have and enjoy, unfettered by stringent rules.



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FOOD & HOME

Partying with Pavlova

It's a dessert with an unexpected, rustic elegance

By Amy Scattergood
Los Angeles Times

The signals of summer are everywhere. Clamshells of ripe berries at the market, the low hum of baseball on the radio, barbecues and white linen shirts and the promise of dinners outside.

Now imagine a dessert perfectly matched to this unfolding season, one with vertical aspirations and pockets of light — an edible basket of fruit called a Pavlova. Assembled from a meringue cloud, pillowed with cream and spilling over with an abundance of fruit, a Pavlova is also a disarmingly easy dessert. Simple to make, quick to assemble, a perfect vehicle for a whole season of berries and cherries and apricots and peaches. It's a dessert with an unexpected, rustic elegance.



Cherries roasted with a little Armagnac and almond oil make a dramatic Pavlova topping. The peaches and apricots that are on their way will be wonderful, too.

Piled high on a tray or even a wooden board and carried out as the coda to a late spring patio dinner, it makes the kind of impression a "book doors about."

There's also something inherently funny — even slightly perverse — about naming an oversized, rustic dessert topped with a tumble of fruit for a waltzlike Russian ballet dancer. That's part of the Pavlova's charm, of course. Invented in either Australia or New Zealand (both lay zealous claim to it) in the early 20th century, the meringue dish was named to honor the leg-actress Anna Pavlova, who toured both countries in the 1920s. Fresh strawberries, kiviis and passion fruit combined to top the original.



Barry Pavlova with vanilla whipped cream and pistachios.

Now the national dessert of both countries, the Pavlova has come down to us as a kind of edible symbol, not only of balletic art, but of colonial ingenuity. Unlike its ornate counterpart, the Pavlova is composed of a free-form meringue upon which whipped cream and fresh fruit are piled with total abandon. That's it. No piping bags, no careful composition. The fresh cream is mounded almost recklessly, the berries strewn like a handful of petals newly gathered from the garden.

meringue has stiff peaks, then sprinkle the cornstarch over it and add white wine vinegar and a little vanilla. A few more whisks and the meringue is done.

Then just mound the meringue onto a parchment-lined cookie-sheet, spooning the meringue up slightly higher on the sides than in the center so that it's a little concave, and put into a 350-degree oven. Immediately turn the oven down to 300 degrees, then cook the meringue for an hour and a half. It will rise to impressive proportions, blooming and then forming cracks and fissures as it cooks — it's like a cool geologic experiment viewed with time-lapse photography.

When the meringue is done, turn the oven off, prop open the door and leave it alone. No worry if the meringue falls: Unlike a soufflé it should settle a bit, and the resulting dips and valleys create a perfect base for the filling. Left undisturbed, a few hours later your Pavlova shell is cool and dry and ready for assembly.

Meringues are light, easy and kind of miraculous — but they should be served as soon as they're piled with their luxurious fillings because they'll soon get soggy.

As soon as your guests are ready for dessert, top a cooled Pavlova shell with unsweetened heavy cream (the meringue is sweet enough flavored with a vanilla bean or a hint of cinnamon and start piping on the glorious fruit.

Use whatever fruit looks good at the market, or a combination of your favorites. To highlight the flavor of fresh berries, toss them with a little sugar, may be a little grated orange or lemon zest, a splash of liqueur or Banyuls vinegar. The acid gives a little zing, which balances the sweetness as it brings out the

spun from sugar and light and ready for whatever your imagination — and your fruit bowl — can fill it with.

PAVLOVA SHELL

Serves 10 to 12
Total time: 25 minutes, plus baking and cooling time.
* This recipe is adapted from one by Jenni Barnett.

- 8 egg whites, at room temperature
- Pinch of salt
- 2 1/2 cups superfine sugar
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Draw an 8-inch circle on a sheet of parchment paper and line a baking sheet with the parchment.

In a standing mixer fitted with a whisk or using a hand-held mixer, beat the egg whites and salt on medium-high speed until peaks form, about 3 minutes.

With the machine on medium speed, whisk in the sugar a little at a time, then turn the machine back to high to fully incorporate.

Add the cornstarch and whisk to blend, then add the vinegar and, when incorporated, whisk in the vanilla.

Pile the meringue onto the parchment paper, using a spatula to spread the meringue around the circle and piling the sides slightly higher than the middle. Put into the oven and immediately reduce the temperature to 300 degrees.

Bake the meringue for 1 1/2 hours, then turn the oven off and prop open the door. Let the meringue cool down completely. It can be stored uncovered for several hours.

NUTRITION — Each serving: 184 calories; 2 grams protein; 64 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 0 fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 49 milligrams sodium.

ROASTED CHERRY PAVLOVA WITH CINNAMON WHIPPED CREAM

Serves 10 to 12
Total time: About 20 minutes, plus cooling time

- 1 pint whipping cream, chilled
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 pounds fresh cherries, stemmed but not pitted

- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 6 tablespoons Armagnac or Cognac
- 1/2 tablespoons almond oil
- 1/2 vanilla beans, split lengthwise
- 1 Pavlova shell

- 1/2 pint blueberries
- 1/2 pint blackberries
- 1/2 pint raspberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon Banyuls vinegar
- 1 pint whipping cream, chilled
- 1 vanilla bean, split
- 1 Pavlova shell

Place the cold cream and the cinnamon into a large bowl (if using a standing mixer, place the ingredients into the bowl of the standing mixer). Using a whisk attachment, a hand-held mixer or a balloon whisk, whip the cream until soft peaks form. Chill until ready for assembly.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the cherries, sugar, Armagnac or Cognac and almond oil. Scrape seeds from the vanilla bean into the mixture and combine. Pour the mixture into a medium baking dish and bake until the cherries are slightly soft, about 8 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly before assembling the Pavlova.

When ready to assemble, place the cooled Pavlova shell onto a large platter. Mound the whipped cream in the center, then spoon the macerated cherries over the cream. Cut into slices at the table.

NUTRITION — Each of 12 servings: 371 calories; 4 grams protein; 68 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 20 grams fat; 10 grams saturated fat; 51 milligrams cholesterol; 64 milligrams sodium.

BERRY PAVLOVA WITH VANILLA WHIPPED CREAM AND PISTACHIOS

Serves 10 to 12
Total time: About 20 minutes, plus macerating time for the berries

- 1 1/4 cup shelled pistachios
- 2 pints strawberries

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the pistachios on a baking sheet and toast until just lightly golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Set aside.

Carefully rinse the strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. Hull and halve the strawberries. Place berries into a bowl with the sugar and vinegar. Set aside to macerate for 30 minutes. Pour the cold whipping cream into a large bowl (or the bowl of a standing mixer if using). Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the cream. Using a standing mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, a hand-held mixer or a balloon whisk, whip the cream until soft peaks form, about 2 minutes. Chill until ready for assembly.

When ready to assemble, place the cooled Pavlova shell onto a large platter. Mound the whipped cream in the center, then spoon the macerated berries over the cream. Crush the pistachios slightly (using a rolling pin or heavy pot); sprinkle the pistachios over top. Cut into slices at the table.

NOTE: Banyuls vinegar is available at some specialty and gourmet food stores. You can also use balsamic vinegar.

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To take the theme further, consider making blue Jell-O stars topped with white whipped cream and a red strawberry.

A few tips gleaned from experience: Use less water than the Jell-O recipe calls for, so the stars will hold their shape. Place a cookie sheet with tall sides in the refrigerator first, then slowly pour in the Jell-O (if you don't, as you move the tray into the fridge, you'll get blue liquid all over, and it's not a lot of fun to clean up).

If your stars aren't staying firm, make a new batch

instead of lightly freezing the Jell-O — freezing seems like a good idea, but it permanently changes the texture of the gelatin.

For a less-in-your-face blue, McCarron suggests topping a dish with a blue flower. Some flowers are a natural azure, while others can be turned blue by adding food coloring to their water — the capillaries will suck the dye up with

the water, turning white petals blue. McCarron has also dipped white roses into blue-dyed water, rinsing the petals. If they're more than decorative, be sure the flowers haven't been sprayed, he added.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

IF I HEAR ONE MORE JOKES ABOUT BEING SLOW...

HEY THERE, FOKEY.

ZIP!

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

HMM... YOU GOT A LETTER TODAY?

REALLY? WHAT'S IT SAY?

IT'S AN INVITATION TO TRENDS' BIRTHDAY PARTY!

OH YEAH! HE TOLD ME ABOUT THAT!

THERE'S GONNA BE ROCK CLIMBING, LASER TAG, GO-CARTS AND A HUGE WATER BALLOON FIGHT!

(B.Y.O.B.) BRING YOUR OWN BAND-AIDS

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ST. PUS BEARDS?

NOPE.

NO.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I'M REALLY APPEASING WHEN SHE CALLS IN REINFORCEMENTS LIKE THAT.

SORRY.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

YOU KNOW THE WORLD ISN'T ALWAYS BLACK AND WHITE... FOR INSTANCE, ON SUNDAYS...

COMIC MOMS

Dilbert By Scott Adams

MAYBE I SHOULD INVITE SOME FRIENDS OVER FOR A BARBECUE.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.

GOOD POINT. MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE SOME FRIENDS FIRST.

EXACTLY.

DO YOU LIKE MEAT?

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

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SIR, WHAT IF YOU PREFER SMOULDER AND ACQUAINTANCE TO THE BURNING OF AMERICA?

AS A LAWYER, I'D PREFER TO LIVE UNDER A LITIGATION AND BE SURE TO TRY MY BEST.

AND IF YOU CONVICT...

I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO BE CONVICTED AND ENJOY THE LIFE INSIDE THE WALLS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troiso

Did Mr. Dusty sleep well last night? I see you found gift Luumilla leave for you.

What is it?

I woke up to find under my pillow a bottle of glue with Esmerelda's picture on it!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

OKAY, WE'RE HERE CONGA LINE!

WHERE ARE THE GONGS?

SOMEWHERE IN THE GONGS. CAN'T TAKE!

IS ANYTHING AWAY?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DR. HOOPER OBSTETRICS. PUSH

DR. HARVEY DENTISTRY. PULL

Luann By Greg Evans

SO WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL YOU WERE KISSING? I'M VERY JEALOUS.

TIFFANY-SHERATON-HELOUSET-PALL... WHATEVER IS MISS CHAMBER COMMERCE. I GAVE HER A TOUR.

MUST'VE BEEN SOME TOUR.

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! SHE'S A FRIEND OF MY SISTER AND SHE HIT ON ME TO MAKE LUANN JEALOUS.

WHAT? YOU'RE JEALOUS?

I'M JUST GIVING YOU A HARD TIME. LUANN TOLD ME ALL ABOUT TIFFANY'S SCHEME.

YOU ARE A MEAN, HEARTLESS WOMAN, TONI DAVYONA!

GOOD SCOUT!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Mallard's Essential Summer Reading List:

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...

HAPPY FOURTH!

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Hold me like my problem, go away.

Hold me like my problem, go away.

Hold me like my problem, go away.

Pickles By Brian Crane

GRAMMA SURE CAN KNOT FAST. I WONDER HOW SHE DOES IT?

EARL, DON'T SET YOUR DRINK DOWN THERE WITHOUT A COASTER.

I DON'T SEE ONE.

OH, HOLD ON A SECOND.

WAIT! WAIT! WAIT!

THERE YOU GO, NOW SEE THAT YOU USE IT!

I THINK OF IT AS HER SUPER POWER.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

STAND UP ROSE, AND I'll SHOW YOU MY GARDENING TECHNIQUE!

YOU HAVE A GARDENING TECHNIQUE? THIS I HAVE TO SEE.

OHOOOHC

KEEPING THE GARDENER HAPPY IS AN EXCELLENT GARDENING TECHNIQUE!

Tattoos AND BODY PIERCING

EAR EXTENSIONS!

Aquarius walks to beat of different drummer

IF JULY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you have a fine year ahead in which to improve your life on many levels and to form ties with others who are committed to your success. Being appreciated and respected for your heightened and trustworthy ideals is a strong focal point as August and September roll into view. This could be a good time to make a job change or enter into partnerships with like-minded individuals. Don't put key plans into motion during February when you might trust too much to luck; wait for April and May when you can use knowledge more wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Share the sandbox and pull with your friends. The sandcastle you built by yourself probably has room for improvement. Social events center on group activities where you can meet new faces.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): No strings are attached today. An independent demeanor might be a deterrent to those who wish to be closer. Remain flexible so that an extra group or change in plans won't throw you off balance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something more exciting than swat flies and tally up the bug count. Buy a bug zapper or

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

experiment with the latest cookout gadgets. If new technology or show off your originality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A dazzling display of fireworks might be just what the doctor ordered. They will remind you that some matters are just once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Your safe assumptions might be challenged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Politics and harmonious social gatherings don't mix well. Support the troops by getting into the holiday spirit, but don't be too outspoken. Today is a fine time for celebrating, not angling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Display your patriotism. In the great tradition of the pioneers, you are able to show your self-reliance in numerous ways. Watch the tendency to spend money on wild and crazy fads.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Play it footloose and fancy free. Everyone wants to be close to you, but you can be discriminating about whom you choose to pair up with. Don't mistake friendliness for the look of love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Meeting new people in public places could set off some private amorous fireworks. Your favorite sweetie could be highly entertaining and amusing, but more unpredictable than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wave the red, white and blue. You are ready to dive into the pool of the social whirl with an enthusiastic spirit. Experiment with new pleasures or enjoy unconventional entertainments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Bend a bit. A loved one could call upon you to give in on an important issue. Unexpected expenses could make this a costly holiday. Just remember that memories are priceless.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is a tendency to keep loved ones at arm's length and friends at an even greater distance. You are walking to the beat of a different drummer and could get out of step with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your striking ideas could create a best seller if put in book form. It is a good idea to remain content with entertaining family, friends and passing strangers with your creative mental gymnastics.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

HOW TO TELL THE WINOS AREN'T INVOLVED WITH THE FIREWORKS COMPETITION...

YOU GO FIRST

Strange Brew By John Deering

STICK MAN THEATER

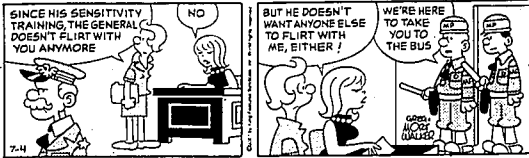
JULY 4th PRESENTATION

NEEDS SPECIAL SEATING

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



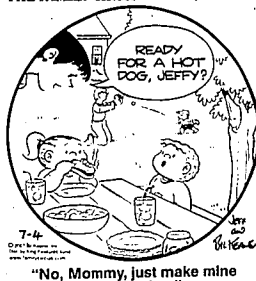
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Twin years to break away from her identical sister



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 12-year-old identical twin daughters, "Alicia" and "Amanda," have always dressed alike and enjoyed being completely identical. However, Alicia has recently decided that she wants to be an individual and dress differently.

Unfortunately, Amanda disagrees. Because they have all matching outfits and share a room, Amanda just waits until Alicia gets dressed and puts on the same outfit. This results in arguments every morning.

Amanda suggested what I thought was a fair compromise: They would dress alike on alternate days. However, Alicia insists that if she wants to dress differently, she should be able to do so every day. What would you recommend?

TWINN' MOM

IN BELLEVUE, WASH. DEAR TWINN' MOM: Let me share a page from my family album. My mother, Pauline Escher, and my aunt, Esther Pauline, were identical twins. They dressed in identical outfits and shared the same bed until their double wedding. They looked so much alike that when they would double date, they would switch dates in the middle of the evening and no one was the wiser.

My mother loved being an identical twin and regarded "twinning" as an asset. My aunt, on the other hand, yearned to be regarded as an

individual. I had always viewed twinning through my mother's rose-colored glasses until I read an eye-opening article my aunt had written for *Twins* magazine. In it, she expressed how important she felt it was for siblings who, by chance, had been born together be allowed to develop as the individuals they actually were.

In other words, although your daughters came in "one package," they were not joined in the hip physically or as personalities. If Alicia wishes to develop her individuality, she should certainly be allowed to do so. And consider this: Amanda may be so invested in her twinning that she is falling to do that — which is unhealthy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Bob" for almost 10 years. We recently moved 2,000 miles away from our families. My sister, "Lara," has been living in her second bedroom because she has been down on her luck for a while.

Bob's mother and sister plan

to visit us soon. Bob says Lara will be in the way of their visit. Bob thinks we should put Lara in a hotel room when they come. When he said it, it caught me by surprise.

I am very hurt by this. I haven't mentioned anything to Bob or said anything to Bob about how I feel. But I think he is being cruel and insensitive. Help!

—TORN BETWEEN FAMILIES

DEAR TORN: You and Bob need to talk. You have a bigger problem brewing than hurt feelings about your sister's visit. You and Bob need to reach an understanding about how long Lara will be occupying your guest room — period. Bob would like to entertain his family as well as yours on a more equal basis. That is neither cruel nor insensitive. As things stand, it would be impractical to move your sister to a hotel — particularly if all her belongings are in your guest room. Therefore, during this visit, Bob's mother and sister should stay in a hotel. However, there should be a definite move-out date for your sister. Far is fair.

CONFIDENTIAL TO PAULINE PHILLIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS: Happy 89th birthday to the sweetest mother in the world. The most beautiful fireworks display in the sky tonight will be for you.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The-Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 4, the 185th day of 2007. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's highlight:

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

In 1807, 200 years ago, soldier-statesman Giuseppe Garibaldi, who played a key role in Italy's unification during the 19th century, was born in Nice.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the U.S., James Monroe, died

in New York City.

In 1872, the 30th president of the U.S., Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt.

In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton declared, "Lafayette, we are here!"

In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

In 1976, Israel commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was convicted by a French court of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life in prison (he died in September 1991).

Ten years ago: NASA's

Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the Red Planet. CBS newsmen Chael Khatib died in New York City at age 62.

Five years ago: A gunman opened fire at Israel's El Al airline ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport; three people were killed, including the gunman, Benjamin O. Davis Jr., leader of the famed all-black Tuskegee Army during World War II and the first black general in the Air Force, died in Washington at age 89. Winnifred Quick Vain Torgerson, who survived the Titanic sinking, died in East Lansing, Mich., at age 98.

One year ago: Discovery lifted off in the first Independence Day shuttle launch. "Woo" reached the United States that North Korea had test-fired several missiles, including a long-range device that failed within seconds because of the time differential. It was July 5 at the launch site.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Gloria Stuart is 97. Conductor Mitch Miller is 96. Advice columnist Pauline Phillips (the original "Dear Abby") is 89. Actress Eve Marie Saint is 83. Actress Gina Lollobrigida is 80. Playwright Neil Simon is 80. Baseball team owner George Steinbrenner is 77. Country singer Billy Filleau is 70. Singer Bill Withers is 69. Actor Ed Bernard is 68. Actress Karolyn Grimes is 67. Broadcast journalist Geraldine Rivera is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ralph Johnson (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 56. Rock musician Domingo Ortiz (Widespread

Panel) is 55. Singer John White is 52. Born musician Kirk Pennigill (INXS) is 49. Country musician Redd Foxx is 47. Rock D.J. Zonka (Big Audio Dynamite) is 45. Tennis Hall of Famer Pan Srivastava is 45. Rock musician Matt Malley (Counting Crows) is 44. Actress Jenica Bergere is 33. Singer Stephen "Ste" McNally (BBMak) is 29.



THOUGHT

"All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions."

—Adlai E. Stevenson, American diplomat and politician (1900-1965)

Woman finds \$20,000 in bank deposit tube in Arizona, returns it to teller

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. (AP) — A woman who works as a makeup artist and deli clerk found \$20,000 at a bank's drive-up depository, then calmly walked into the bank and turned over the cash.

Hedy Hatch said her mind raced in the seconds after she found the two \$10,000 bundles in a plastic deposit tube on June 25.

"Am I in the middle of a bank robbery ... a drug bust,

is someone going to pick up the money?" Hatch said.

"Oh, my gosh. What do I do?"

Hatch, who owns a permanent makeup business in Lake Havasu City and also works at an Albertsons grocery store, said the bank teller she approached was just as confused about what to do.

She looked at the like, "What is this?" Hatch said. Hatch said she filed a

police report in the days after turning over the cash, and hasn't been told by the bank whether the rightful owner has ever surfaced.

Bank employees declined to comment. Hatch said she was "shaken for five hours" after the discovery. But she has no second thoughts about turning in the cash and laughed while recalling the scenario.

"It's not enough money to move to Mexico," she said.

FOOD & HOME

Choosing the colors of your dreams

By Nancy Schoffner
The Hartford Courant

She may be right. Even in a spring drizzle, interior designer Elaine Ryan's house on a green wooded hillside in Woodbury could be the "yellowest house in Connecticut." It's the intense yellow of the skin of a yellow squash — a color she positively loves.

Step inside Ryan's home, and the foyer and dining room look as if they were painted ripe papaya — not just the walls but the ceilings, too. The kitchen and family room are painted the luscious color of cantaloupe. The master bedroom is celery green. The powder room is garnet red infused with amethyst. The sunroom features white latticework over muted-yellow walls.

Ryan practices what she preaches in her new book, "Color Your Life: How to Design Your Home With Colors From Your Heart" (St. Martin's Press, 209 pages), an unusual decorating guide that urges people to trust their intuition about the colors they love and design their homes with colors that resonate personally.

Rather than defaulting to beige, Ryan says, people should tap their memories and dreams for the colors that give them joy. The colors people love can be influenced by their mother's favorite colors and their feelings of connectedness to the natural world.

"My whole thesis is that God created a beautiful environment for us, and it's incumbent on us to bring it inside our home," Ryan says. "Why stand at the window of your beige house, looking outside longingly?"

A native New Yorker who spent many years in Arizona, Ryan first became interested in color and people's relationship to it in the 1970s.

As a designer in New York, she says, "all my clients wanted beige. People wanted only touches and splashes of color — in pillows and in artwork. . . . People want to use color, but they don't know how. . . . The American public has been conditioned to believe we will make a mistake."

Years later, and "suddenly single," Ryan says, "all the color drained from me. I walked around in a kind of blue. Color is a restorative element, and I knew that I had to get better. I couldn't go on drained of color."

She prayed for insight and "commanded" her subconscious mind to reveal to her conscious mind the color she loved best.

"It was a red, a rosy pink red."

She painted her bedroom the color in her dream and found she reconnected to her sensual side.

Paint samples and color wheels are a waste, she says, because every color has thousands of tones and people still can end up with colors that don't harmonize.

Over the course of eight years, using paints and crayons, Ryan developed a color matching system, zeroing in on 64 colors across the spectrum, which she split into two sets.



Celery is the color scheme in Elaine Ryan's master bedroom.



The entryway and adjoining dining room in Ryan's home in Woodbury, Conn., are painted in what she calls 'ripe papaya.'

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— Elaine Ryan, interior designer

All the colors in each set harmonize with one another — in a sense, they are all "neutral" to each other. A pop-out set of color bars is included with her book, and she lists the corresponding names and numbers of paints from paint retailers.

"You cannot make a mistake," she says. "This will make you your own color expert."

Ryan recalls decorating a restaurant for a client who wanted to get customers in and out quickly. She chose bright primary colors, which tend to make people feel impatient, she says, definitely not colors she would recommend for a home.

In her book, she details the steps of her "supermarket test," aimed at helping people

Rediscover the colors they love. "We find that the colors that we wear are the colors we choose for our home, and the colors we choose for our home are the colors we choose in the supermarket," says Ryan. "I'm not telling anyone anything that they don't already know."

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About Achiote powder

The Washington Post

Al-choe-OH-tay powder is made from achiote seeds, which are also referred to as annatto seeds (from the annatto tree). A deep brick red

in color, it has a profoundly rich flavor like dried chili pepper, but without the heat. Achiote powder is available at Latin American markets and on the international aisle of some larger grocery stores.

Lavender in the kitchen

If you go to the Lavender Festival in Bullitt this weekend, bring some back to your kitchen — we'll provide the ideas and recipes.

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The written comment deadline is July 25, 2007, unless otherwise listed.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed.

** Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 02 - IDAHO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

PO Box 790, Boise, Idaho 83701-0790

**02-0403-0701, Rules Governing Animal Industries (Temp & Prop) Updates incorporation by reference sections, adds sections to list reportable and notifiable diseases by name, and makes minor corrections.

**02-0248-0701, Rules Governing Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations, and Livestock Trader Lots (Temp & Prop) New chapter establishes facility, recordkeeping, and movement requirements for livestock dealers, buying stations, and livestock trader lots.

02-0602-0701, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law. Updates the incorporation by reference to the 2008 AAFCO publication for the registration of animal feeds.

02-0641-0701, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001. Updates the incorporation by reference to the 2008 AAFCO publication for the registration of soil and plant amendments.

IDAPA 08 - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037

08-0204-0701, Rules Governing Throughgrades (Temp & Prop) Updates the incorporation by reference to the ISAT Achievement Standards with a new set of standards in math, reading, language usage, and science in grades 3-8 and 10.

IDAPA 15 - OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

IDAHO COMMISSION ON AGING

3330 Americana Terrace, Ste. 120, Boise, ID 83706

15-0102-0701, Rules Governing Area Agency Adult Protection Programs. Expands the definition of "AP (Adult Protection) Worker" to include other qualified individuals with relevant education and experience.

IDAPA 16 - DEPT. OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

**16-0310-0701, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits. Adds language to the rule requiring that all person providing HCBS to vulnerable adults to complete a criminal history background check; removes requirement for a physician's order for Personal Care Services per SB 1339.

**16-0317-0701, Medicare/Medicaid Coordinated Plan Benefit. New chapter implements HCR 49 and the corresponding benefit package approved by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services as part of Idaho's Medicaid Modernization plan.

IDAPA 30 - IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720

30-0101-0701, Rules of the Idaho State Library Governing the Use of State Library Materials and Services. Chapter repeal.

30-0101-0702, Rules of the Idaho Commission for Libraries Governing the Use of Commission Services. Chapter rewrite changes agency name, establishes procedures for conducting Commission business, provides location and mailing information, defines terms, sets out the requirements for certain grant programs, and establishes criteria for requests for exception from proposed library districts.

30-0102-0701, Rules of the Idaho State Library Governing Participation in State Library-Administered Libraries. Chapter repeal.

IDAPA 33 - IDAHO REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720

**33-0101-0701, Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission. (Temp & Prop) Changes comply with SB 1109 by establishing certain fees in rule that were previously set in statute.

**33-0101-0702, Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission. (Temp & Prop) Enacts SB 1109 by prohibiting real estate education providers from offering, for licensing credit, any course that is below the Commission's minimum teaching standards.

Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings Are Being Held on the Following Dockets: (500 July Bulletin for dates, times, and locations)

Bureau of Occupational Licenses

24-2401-0701, Rules of the Idaho Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners - Comment by: 7/25/07.

Department of Environmental Quality

58-0107-0701, Rules Regulating Underground Storage Tank Systems - Comment by: 7/27/07.

58-0111-0701, Ground Water Quality Rule - Comment by: 7/27/07.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, July 4, 2007, Volume 07-7 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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Speedway 'magic'

"Sometimes we jump up and down, but we just try to cheer a lot for Dad."

— Brandon Greco, 12, son of Magic Valley Speedway driver Mike Greco



Ashley Greco, 8, sits with her mother, Misty, and her brother Brandon at the Magic Valley Speedway NASCAR race as night falls on the Magic Valley, June 23. Her father, Mike Greco, was set to race later in the evening in the featured event, the Pepsi Primer Race.

No typical fans at Magic Valley Speedway

"That was a funny race. That had to be the best novelty race I've seen in a long time."

— Mark Hansen of Fairfield, at left



Mark Hansen of Fairfield and his father, Mark Hansen, share a laugh as they watch Magic Valley Speedway races circle the track in a fun race June 23 in Twin Falls.

By Linda Sittman
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Lots of loud noise, the smell of burning rubber, food, beer, vocal crowds and, if you're lucky, a good wreck. It may not sound like quality entertainment to everyone, but to the fans at Magic Valley Speedway, there's no better way to spend a Saturday evening.

Over the years MVS has changed in many ways: in others, not at all. The classes of cars running the Saturday-night events have evolved, and the format is different than when the track was in its infancy.

But young fans still take a break to play and roll down the grassy hill behind the scoring tower.

while adults keep tabs of the action on the track. Some of the fans who used to come as kids now bring their own children to the events. Some are new drivers. One of the drivers liked it so much, he bought the speedway.

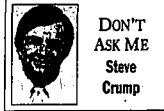
As much as the drivers love racing, it's the fans who make it worthwhile for any competitor. When races are over, the pits are opened so fans can analyze the night and kids can seek autographs from favorite drivers. There are no typical fans at racetracks these days, but what they do have in common is they enjoy the competition and the excitement of motor sports.

See page RACES, Page D3

Go online for more
See a slideshow from Times-News photographer Meagan Thompson.
Maglevalley.com

Mr. Washington understood our limitations

George Washington may have been first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. But his most enduring contribution to the nation's future was asking a woman, Betsy Ross, to design the flag. Can you imagine how our national standard would have turned out had some guy done it?



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Picture yourself standing next to Francis Scott Key on the deck of the HMS *Tonnant* as the British ship-of-the-line bombarded Baltimore on Sept. 14, 1812, during the War of 1812.

History tells us that Key, an American lawyer who was on board the *Tonnant* to negotiate a prisoner exchange, was so moved by the spectacle of the stars and stripes flying over Fort Mifflin that he wrote our national anthem on the spot.

But what might he have written if instead of red, white and blue, that flag was camo, hunter orange and John Deere green.

Could have happened. According to historians, Washington tried to coax Ross into a few design elements of his own devising, including six-pointed stars.

Six-pointed stars? Nobody this side of preschool cuts out six-pointed stars. Washington also, equally-sized stars — each representing one of the original states — should be arranged in a circle "so that no colony would be viewed above another."

Excuse me? How are you supposed to tell one identical star from another? That's such a guy thing to do, isn't it? Washington probably arranged his snuff boxes by the day of the week on which he acquired each of them.

Sill, we got off lucky. Ross was evidently under considerable pressure to put a *flag*.

Reminds me of our national flag. In 1776, the most popular rebel banner was one designed by a politician from South Carolina named Christopher Gadsden. It was a yellow flag bearing the image of a black, coiled snake above a motto that read "Don't Tread on Me."

Benjamin Franklin, in no less, was a big fan.

"After viewing, sir, in thinking this a strong picture of the temper and conduct of America," he wrote.

Yes, Ben, you were wrong. Call me fussy, but I don't think a canny yellow banner with a picture of a pit viper is quite the thing. Might Key instead have written "... o'er the land of the chicken-hearted and the home of the snake-bit?" Fortunately, Betsy Ross put her buckled shoe-shod foot down. We got prim horizontal stripes and five-pointed stars, not wildlife. (Remember that Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey, not the eagle, America's symbol.)

Cast your mind forward 200 years, to a sun-kissed afternoon on which 50,000 swelling fans fill a baseball stadium. All eyes turn toward the flagpole in center field, where a brilliant yellow banner festooned with a picture of a turkey Lurkey, flutters in the April breeze.

Then over the public-address system, the announcer — his voice *basso profundo* — proclaims:

"Ladies and gentlemen, please rise and join in singing our National Gobble."

Times-News columnist Steve Crump reminds you that a man designed The Pet Rock, girldies, Cheez Doodles, mud flaps, the federal income tax, the Nixon Administration, and the AMC Gobbler.

Former elk rancher announces Senate bid

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Residents here may know Rex Rammell as the eastern Idaho rancher who fought then-Gov. Jim Risch over 160 domesticated elk that escaped the Chief Joseph private hunting preserve.

Now, he has another identity: candidate for the U.S. Senate seat occupied by Larry Craig. Rammell stopped in Twin Falls Tuesday to announce his Republican candidacy for the position, which could open up in the 2008 election. Craig, currently serving a third term,

has said he will make a decision about re-election later this summer. If he doesn't defend his seat, Rammell could end up facing Risch, who has shown interest in the job.

Democrat Larry LaHocco was the only official candidate in the race before Tuesday. Republican candidate Robert Vasquez of Caldwell dropped out of the race in April. That's an idea Rammell rel-

ishes. In fact, he said his campaign wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Risch's order to hunt down Rammell's escaped elk in an effort to prevent disease and interbreeding.

"It would like to go head-to-head with Jim," he said. "We're so different in so many ways."

Rammell's actions during the conflict resulted in two arrests and acquittals after confrontations with wildlife officials and hunters. Rammell said lawyers are currently deciding on the proper venue for his \$1.3 million lawsuit against the state, claiming Risch and others acted maliciously. He said the con-

troversy has only helped his chances of getting elected, providing him with widespread support. Rammell eventually sold his domestic elk hunting ranch.

"I'm actually quite a celebrity in eastern Idaho," he said.

Rammell described himself as an "old-school" Republican and said the U.S. seems to have lost its direction, especially when it comes to spending. If elected, he said, he'll focus on easing federal control of education, land use and other areas.

This is not Rammell's first time running for office. He failed in a 2004 bid for a state

representative seat, losing to the incumbent, but said this race will be less about hometown politics than ability to serve.

"The U.S. Senate's an important position, and (voters) want somebody who will do a good job," he said.

For now, his fledgling campaign rests on Craig's decision. If Craig joins the race, Rammell said he may change his mind about running.

"I'll just have to reconsider my decision at that point," he said.

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



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MAGIC VALLEY/OBITUARIES

Authorities fight fire in SNRA

STANLEY — The Bureau of Land Management is fighting a 20-acre fire in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area that authorities believe was human-caused.

The fire was discovered Sunday and is expected to be contained by Saturday. A 13-person crew and one BLM helicopter have been assigned to the fire, located about a mile southwest of Mount Emily.

Drawing is today for playhouse raffle.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley chapter of the Wishing Star Foundation will hold its raffle drawing for the assembled playhouse worth \$4,500 at 1 p.m. today at Sportsman's

Warehouse at 1940 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls. Tickets for the raffle are still available for \$5 each or five for \$20. All proceeds go to the Wishing Star Foundation.

John F. Avila

JEROME — On July 3, 2007, John F. Avila went to be with God in the comfort of his beautiful home surrounded by all his angels.



John was born Feb. 8, 1950, in Terceira, Acares Portugal. At the age of 13, he and his family came to Ontario, Calif. He met the love of his life, Susie Toste, in 1977, and they were married July 19, 1980. On May 4, 1982, their pride and joy was born, a beautiful son, Brian John. The love of three was a happy one; they enjoyed life to the fullest. Best friends forever! In 1989, John decided to move to Jerome, Idaho, where he wanted a different lifestyle for his family other than the California race. John enjoyed every free minute he had after work, and for John, it did not take much to make him a happy man. Simple things were enough for him. John did not let cancer get in his way until the very end.

John was an avid sportsman. He loved to succeed, golf, hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends! At a young age, John began playing soccer and was not afraid to win! His passion for golf is like no other; he loved to hunt in the Country Club, where he has been a member for several years and, if possible, would golf every day! He leaves many golf buddies and will be missed by all!

Hunting — well, we would start preparing for October's hunting season in April. Every year was a good hunt year for John; never did anyone have a good one. Best of all was in 2004 when he, son Brian and nephew Joey went Elk Hunting and the first half hour of the opening day, both father and son had their elk! "The best hunt ever" to this day; neither one of them could believe how it happened and how God helped them get the elk to camp in areas that were almost impossible to get to. Fishing, if anyone was going to catch a fish, it would be John. John had the joy of going fishing to St. Johns Fishing Lodge in British Columbia in 2004 and, in 2005, he was excited to take his son Brian John, Brian, Al and Joey had a wonderful time, pictures to prove the smiles from ear to ear!

Oh, and camping, what a joy camping was for John with his family and friends in his 300 Wilderness trailer that he would treasure forever. There was always a time and place for camping no matter where

it might be or what the weather permitted. Sitting by the campfire with his nephews and friends sharing hunting stories was a highlight of the evening. First to wake up in the morning and get the campfire started to brew the coffee while whistling and singing to wake everyone up to start the time together. Meal time was a happy time for John as he shared the cooking with other family members at the cook stoves. Packing up was also not a problem; let's get out of John's chair will always be set up around camp and John will be in our hearts forever!

John is survived by the love of his life for 27 years, Susie his son and best friend, Brian his angels that were there for him at fun times and always at his side during the duration of his illness. His sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Barbara and Al Rocha of Wendell, Idaho, and Mary Lou and George Alves of Jerome, Idaho; his mother-in-law, Teresa Toste of Jerome, Idaho; and brother-in-law, Frank and Terry Toste of Moreno Valley, Calif. He is also survived by his mother, Maria Avila of Ontario, Calif.; his sisters, Maria and Lisa Sandoz; and Olemeiro Mendonca from Terceira, Acares Portugal; Ilda and Luis Cardozo; Ana and Jaime Sousa of Clino, Calif.; a brother, Joe and Nevin, word for the U.S. Forest Service in Wells, Nev.; John's godchildren, Joey Sr. and Jason Rocha of Wendell, Idaho; Kevin Avila of Ontario, Calif.; and Lucas Mendonca of Terceira, Acares Portugal; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and, of course, his buddies, "Max" and "Hercules." John was preceded in death by his father, Jose Avila; and father-in-law, Frank Toste.

Susie and Brian want to thank all of our family and friends that have been with us through John's fight of cancer. We have no words that can express your thoughtfulness of calls, cards, prayers and tears. The staff at MIST in Twin Falls did not forget! The Hospice Nurses and aides are very special, and we thank them for the loving gentle care they gave John. John, you will always and forever be with us in our hearts! Ad never forget that we want to go with you and will someday! Love you forever, Susie and Brian. A funeral Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 7, and a rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 6, at the Jerome Catholic Church, with Father Tom Wackerle officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Howe-Rubertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Buhl and Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Buhl Cemetery.

Stephen Ellis Outley of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS Tab. 10th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the Buhl Cemetery.

Mary I. Grisham of Kahlottus, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the home of Terry and Susie Hatch, 304 Eighth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Volunteers needed for photography department at Cassia County Fair

BURLEY — Volunteers are needed to help at the Cassia County Fair in the photography department. Applicants should be able to organize and direct other people. Part of their duties will be to help enter all of the photography, organize it for judging and help the judge during judging. A lead volunteer and two

assistants will be needed to help with the entries and put ribbons on entries after judging is finished. Hours will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13; for entries and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14 for judging. For more information, call Peggy Oliver, open class coordinator for the Cassia County Fair, at 677-2504.

Johnny L Barnes

BUHL — Johnny L. Barnes, 75, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Sunday July 1, 2007, at home with his loving family by his side.



Johnny was born Jan. 14, 1932, in Castleford, Idaho, to Alvin and Winnie Barnes. He is a 1954 graduate of Castleford schools, where he graduated in 1950. In the early part of his life, Johnny spent time farming with his dad. He met and married the love of his life and best friend, Barbara Birdwell, in January of 1953. He served in the U.S. Army receiving an honorary discharge due to a hardship in the family. He returned to farm with his dad and once again Johnny and his family moved to Buhl in 1957, where he was employed at the M & O and Cain's furniture store. In 1958, he was employed by the Buhl Co-Op supply and worked 40

continuous years of service. He then went part time for five more years. He loved spending time camping, fishing and being with all his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Barbara, a son, Dennis (Brenda) Barnes of Buhl; daughters, Vickie (Warren) Williams of Bakersfield, Calif., and Diane Carter of Burley. He has nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; sisters, Marie Lawson and Midge Wiggins; and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, at the First Christian Church in Buhl. Burial services will follow at the West End Cemetery. A viewing will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 6, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or your choice of any organization you prefer.

Alford Eugene 'Gene' Robinson

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. — Alford Eugene "Gene" Robinson, 81, passed away on July 1, 2007, in his home in West Richland, Wash.

Gene was born Nov. 22, 1925, to Willet "Slim" and Velma Robinson in Trenton, Mo. Gene served in the United States Army, worked on several ranches throughout Idaho and Nevada, worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Wells, Nev., and Challis, Idaho, and retired from the Big Wood Canal Company in Richfield, Idaho. He was survived by his wife, Ellen; Mattlin (Karl) of Richland, Wash.; son, Lanny Morrison (Pam) of Ruby Valley, Nev.; brothers, Carl Robinson and Vic Robinson, both of Richfield, Idaho; and Loren Robinson of Filer, Idaho; and

sisters, Bonita Casper of Superior, Mont., and Leona Goodenough of Ogden, Utah. He has 17 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews that he enjoyed teasing. Gene is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Udell and Nevt Robinson; sister, Louise Robinson Kingsford; and daughter, Teresa.

He had a love of animals, especially good-looking quarter horses; he thought every child should have a pet to take care of. He enjoyed sitting in his backyard watching birds. Gene always had a good story to tell. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, and he will be missed by all.

The memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Saturday, July 7, at the Sharp Ranch in Ruby Valley, Nev. For directions, call (775) 779-2324.

DEATH NOTICES

Justin R. Addey

JEROME — Justin Ray Addey, 19, of Jerome, died Saturday, June 30, 2007, in Jerome.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 6, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Zema P. Byrns

WENDELL — Zema Pauline Byrns, 90, of Wendell, died Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, at Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel. Interment will be in the Wendell Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Ralph Hill

HEYBURN — Ralph Hill, 88, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Delilah Guest

KIMBERLY — Delilah "Doc" Guest, 56, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Stephen A. Sutherland

TWIN FALLS — Stephen Arind Sutherland, 82, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at his home.

At his request, no service is planned. Cremation will be performed and the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Eugene Federico

TWIN FALLS — Eugene "Gene" Federico, 68, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at his home.

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Hosna Jackson Bradbury Sr. of Lawman and formerly of Jerome, private funeral for family and friends at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome Cemetery; celebration of life from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the club in Twin Falls (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Gary S. Mazza of Victorville, Calif., graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Kern Hesperia Mortuary in California and White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Wanda Louise Harste of Capitola, Calif., and formerly of

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Races

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Remember the wreckage

Jerry Auten of Twin Falls has rarely missed a racing night at Magic Valley Speedway since its opening season 22 years ago. He comes to socialize and likes to sit in the same area each night with a group of 10 to 40 friends. He can recall some of the "better" nights — as far as wrecks are concerned.

"Natalie Wheeler rolling over a few times in the front straightaway," Auten recalled. "And I remember when Darrin Fairbanks was racing — he got T-boned in the stretch between turns two and three. That's when the lights went out after someone hit the pole

and they had the temporary lighting up and it wasn't enough. I can remember a lot of good wrecks. That's why I sit in turn four: That's where most of the wrecks happen."

A more recent newcomer to the track is M.B. Bessire, who forges the metal stands and stations his lawn chair next to a few friends on the mezzanine at the start-finish line.

Attending the races since 2002, Bessire has taken an interest in not just the drivers, but also portions of the track that needed improvement. "I built that staircase right there," he said, pointing toward the flag stand. Chief starter Bill Detamore "used to have to climb up a ladder to get up there."

After all, Bessire has had

plenty of time to observe at the speedway, arriving at the track just minutes after the front gates open.

"I get here about five after 4," he said. "I've only missed two races — I just love coming out here. I'm not much of a TV person; I like to see it (the racing) in person."

Bessire admitted that Grand Nationals driver Louis Lopez is one of his favorites, but added: "I like watching them all. I really do."

Not only mules are fans at the track; the number of female race fans has steadily increased.

A new fan base

Lisa Sandau soaked up the sun on a hot Saturday afternoon while the cars and trucks on the track for practice gave a breeze of relief as they sped by, just a few feet away in turn four.

"I've gone to Meridian and Salt Lake — by far this is better because you can sit so close," Sandau said, speaking loudly because the revving motors and squealing tires made it tough to hear from her spot in the stands.

"It's fun getting the tire pieces hit on you and in your drink and your food," she added, peering into her cup. "And you like the wrecks and how crazy they can get."

Sandau is one of the newer



Magic Valley Speedway racers prepare their cars on June 23 for the next race.

Photo by NEALAN DODDSON/QuestNet

fans of MVS — getting her first taste just last year — but Sandau is already partial to one driver.

"I've known Alan Larson (of Intermountain Pro Truck Series) for quite some time. So I enjoy watching him and his son (Kevan). Alan gave us a ride last year in the truck, and it was so cool. This wall gets so close — you're going so fast it's just like an amusement ride."

Sandau may have been a willing passenger on the track, but driving out there in

a pack of cars is a different story.

"I wish I had enough guts to go out there and do it," she said. Yet she is willing to volunteer her teenager, "I'd love to get my son out there in that teen racing."

But for now, Sandau is perfectly happy as a fan.

"I don't care if I know them — I really don't know all the classes and all the drivers, but you get to meet people. It's kind of fun to figure out who's going to do well."

At that moment one of the

drivers in the Hornet division got a little loose coming out of the corner and narrowly avoided running into the wall close to Sandau's spot.

"See, I just love that," she said, smiling and nodding at the near miss.



Drivers round the track during the Hornets race June 23 at Magic Valley Speedway. Tickets are \$12 to \$25 for adults, depending on the night.

Army reservist from Shoshone proud to deploy to Middle East

By Aimee Durand
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — What started out as a way to earn money for college has become a call to service for one Shoshone man.

David Allen, 19, originally joined the Army Reserve for the college fund it provided, but quickly found a sense of pride about his training.

"I have more responsibility, and people look up to

me," he said.

Allen leaves today for Kuwait where he will catch up with the rest of his unit that deployed last August for Iraq. He is part of a rear detachment unit in the 321st Combat Engineer Brigade, Alpha Company.

Already, Allen has learned things about life that come only with maturity and service. His growth as a young man has been noted by many — and

not just by his grandmother

C h e r y l Johnson, who he fondly remembers of charging his hair from 2 feet to 6 feet on her wall.

F r i e n d Melinda Johnson recalled a time when Allen visited her at



Allen

work. Her coworkers had thanked Allen for serving the country. It was as if a switch went on with him, Johnson said. He all of a sudden knew why he was serving — it was for people like these, she said.

"We are proud of him for doing what he is doing," said his step-dad Hugh Royal. His mother Lori Royal echoed the same sentiments.

"He is a class act and will make a positive difference with

everyone he meets," said family friend Pat Pacheco.

Allen left June 22 on a round-about flight to Portland, Ore., Atlanta and Fort Benning, Ga. From there, he leaves for Kuwait.

He is prepared for a 199-day stint, but said it would not surprise him if his service is extended.

"I am honored that he is serving our country," Melinda Johnson said.

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Patient Safety Companion Program Volunteers Needed!

Being alone in the hospital can, at times, be a lonely experience. But a program at St. Luke's Magic Valley offers companionship and helps ensure the safest care for patients. Patient Safety Companions help patients pass the time or relieve families that aren't able to stay with their loved one in the hospital. These volunteers may read to the patient, help them write letters, or just visit — while serving as a liaison between the patient and caregivers. The ideal volunteer is compassionate, enjoys being with people, and communicates well with others. For more information, call 737-2006.

Birth/Parenting

Big Kids Klub

Help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. Pre-registration required; call 732-3148. \$10/one child, \$15/two or more children. Saturday, July 7, 10-11:30am St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

Infant Safety and CPR Class

New parents, grandparents, and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if baby is choking. No registration required. FREE Thursday, July 12, and Tuesday, July 17, 6:30-9pm St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby 660 Shoshone Street East

Prepared Childbirth Course

A series of five classes designed to prepare expectant mothers and their support person for labor and childbirth. Pre-registration required; call 732-3148. \$50 Wednesdays, July 18 - August 15, 6:30-9pm St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby 660 Shoshone Street East

Healthy Living/Screenings

Parkinson Disease Exercise Group

The program uses "soft" exercise to help delay the progression of symptoms and provide for a more active and comfortable life. Call 737-2126 for information. FREE Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 5, 10, and 12 11 am-noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension 371 Eastlund Drive North

Squeaky Joints Arthritis Aquatics Class

People with arthritis and related conditions are invited to attend. Call 734-2336 for information. \$3 per session or \$30 for a 12-session pass. Mondays and Fridays, July 6, 9, 13, and 16; 9-10am YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust Street

Weight Management for Diabetes

A registered and licensed dietitian and certified ADA consultant in weight management conducts the classes. Pre-registration is required; call 736-6218 or email heathert@nmvmc.org. \$65 Tuesdays, July 10 - September 11, 7-8:30pm St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lower Level Conference Room, 660 Shoshone Street East

Diabetes Education Classes

A series of three classes on diet therapy, medication administration, foot care, and more. Pre-registration required; call 736-6218. Fee is billed to insurance. Wednesdays, July 11 and 25, 10 am-noon Dr. Emery's office, 526-D Shoup Avenue West

Heartsaver CPR

This class offers infant, child, and adult CPR, as well as basic safety and first aid. Pre-registration required; call 737-2007. \$25 Thursday, July 12, 6-10pm St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

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Officials discuss Fairfield's proposed area of impact

By Amy Ballard
Times-news correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Fairfield city and Camas County officials met last week to discuss the city's proposed area of impact. Negotiations for expanding the Area of City Impact (ACI) began several months ago. During public hearings in March, changes to the county's land use zoning map and subdivision ordinance were considered, but were met with resistance from the city. The process. The county adopted its own proposed changes, but set a building moratorium to allow time to consider the

city's concerns. The moratorium expires at the end of September.

Mayor David Hanks presented a detailed proposal for expanding the impact radius from one to two miles surrounding Fairfield. Recent city annexations, decrease in available lots, and the need for proactive planning necessitated the discussion, he said.

The city's proposal addressed economic development, jurisdiction, infrastructure, current and future growth, land use, boundaries, ordinances and conflict resolution. The platted township of Soldier, would become part of

the city of Fairfield. The city's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance would apply to land within the ACI as presently.

County officials expressed concern that ceding jurisdiction to the city would inadequately protect the county's interest. The city's projections for growth also met with incredulity.

"This place hasn't grown by 150 people in the past 50 years," said Ed Smith, county planning and zoning commissioner and local realtor. Commissioner Bill Davis agreed. "For the growth that we're seeing, it seems large."

He said, however, that the proposed road connections and water and sewer plans looked sensible. Perhaps the proposal could be treated as a master plan to be implemented slowly, he said.

Some county officials expressed interest in a moratorium on the ACI that proposed to the south and east to encourage westward growth.

During a public comment session, Jim Chambers of the Royal Fork Restaurant Corporation warned of the hazards of expecting the county to enforce city ordinances. Compelling residents of the ACI to abide by city ordinances

might hinder growth. Chambers said, however, the city is "on the right track" in seeking to protect the area of impact of infrastructure. Negotiations between city and county now could prevent law-

suits later. The county commissioners will discuss the proposal at their next meeting. After a consensus is reached, the county will again meet with city officials.

Spark from unknown source blamed for INL flash fire

BOISE (AP) — A flash fire that caused minor burns to a chemist at the Idaho National Laboratory started when a spark produced by a tool, static electricity or friction ignited a sample of red phosphorus, a team of lab investigators said Tuesday.

The red phosphorus was being used to test a machine capable of identifying unknown or concealed explosives.

The June 12 flash fire led to the temporary shutdown of a lab inside the Reactor Technology Complex and a pending review of safety

guidelines for handling red phosphorus, an element used in a variety of more ordinary products from matchbook strikers to signal flares and pharmaceutical grade methamphetamine.

"Red phosphorus was not being rescheduled at this time," said John Walsh, INL spokesman. "Under some conditions, obviously, it can flash, but it's certainly safe enough that in the right conditions, it can be handled and worked with without these kinds of problems."

The fire, confined to a fume hood and doused by INL fire-

fighters, was still hot enough to burn through two sets of protective gloves worn by the chemist, Walsh said. The employee was treated, released the same day and returned to work the next day, he said. Thirty-six other workers also were taken to the onsite medical facility for precautionary monitoring.

The fire occurred as the chemist was transferring about two pounds of fine powder red phosphorus into a steel container. INL officials initially reported the chemist was handling about an ounce of the material.

Scientists at the 890-square-mile federal nuclear reserve in southeastern Idaho are still studying new safety measures for using red phosphorus, including using grounding devices and boosting humidity levels in labs to lessen the likelihood of fires caused by static electricity, Walsh said.

The facility is also home to the Advanced Test Reactor, originally designed to test fuel for nuclear submarines, and is the site where electricity generated by a nuclear reactor was used for the first time to light a city, nearby Arco, in 1955.

Twelve want spot on Idaho Supreme Court

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Twelve people have applied to fill Justice Linda Copple Trout's spot on the state's highest court, including some familiar names from the last round of Idaho Supreme Court judge applications.

Six of the applicants — McCall attorney and Adams County Prosecutor Myra Gabbert, 4th District Judges Joel Horton and Kathryn Sticklen, Boise lawyers Debora Kristensen and Gardner Smith Jr., and Deputy Attorney General Mitchell Tornyanski — applied earlier this year for the seat being vacated by retiring Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder. Of those applicants, only Horton made the short list of four nominees sent to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, and the governor selected Boise attorney Warren Jones for the post.

Schroeder retires at the end of the month, and with Trout set to retire Aug. 31, Otter will soon get to appoint another justice.

Note of the applicants is from eastern Idaho, though Otter said after the last

appointment that he hoped the state would be geographically represented in the applicant pool.

Instead, most of those applying are from Boise.

Four private attorneys — Kristensen, John Nagel, William Mauk and Skinner — work in Boise, as does state attorney Tornyanski.

Kristensen works with Boise firm Givens Pursley specializing in media law and is a former Idaho State Bar president. Nagel handles commercial, environmental and insurance law as well as arbitration with the firm Eliam and Burke.

Mauk, a prominent defense lawyer with the firm Mauk and Burgoyne, ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat against Republican Sen. Mike Crapo in 1998.

Skinner specializes in workers' compensation, trial and appellate law with the firm Cantrell, Skinner, Sullivan and King. Tornyanski covers inter-governmental and fiscal law.

for the Idaho attorney general's office in Boise.

Five judges are vying for Trout's spot on the bench, including Horton and Sticklen. Fourth District Judge Darla Williamson applied, as did 3rd District Judge Juana Kerlick and Idaho Court of Appeals Judge Sergio Gutierrez.

Sticklen is the vice president of the Idaho District Judges Association. In addition to handling a felony and high-dollar civil case calendar, Williamson is the administrative judge for the 4th District. Kerlick serves the 3rd District in Caldwell. And Gutierrez, of Boise, was appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals in 2002 by then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Only two applicants are from elsewhere in the state: Gabbert lives and works as a private attorney in McCall as well as serving as the Adams County prosecutor, and Kenneth B. Howard is a civil trial lawyer in Coeur d'Alene.

North Idaho College picks its first female president

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The North Idaho College trustees have appointed Priscilla Bell, the interim leader on campus since February, to be the school's next president.

Bell, 57, is the eighth president and the first woman to lead the 74-year-old Coeur d'Alene community college.

"What a good thing to be able to test drive a candidate, and she got to test drive us, and she still wants to stay," trustee Judy Meyer said.

Bell joined NIC as its interim president after Michael Burke left for San Jose City College. She started at a community colleges in student services, working at Tacoma Community College from 1978 to 1995 before becoming president of Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, N.Y. In 2000, she was named president of Highline Community College in Des Moines, Wash.

Bell's career at Highline Community College ended last year after her contract was terminated over what she and board members described as philosophical differences.

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