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Fighting for control

Fire near Malta calms Monday

Crews estimate control in as few as five days

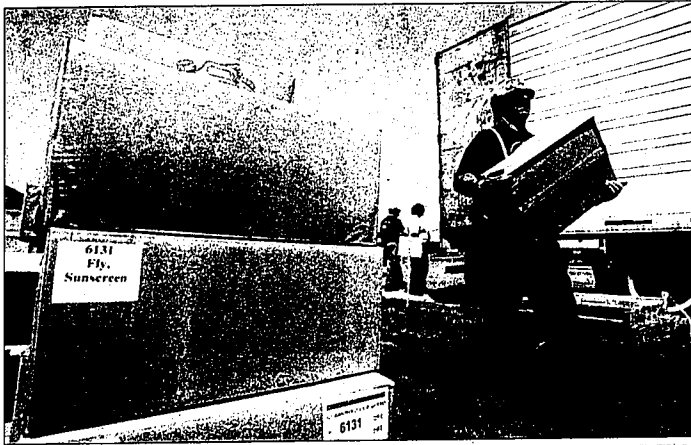
By Nate Poppo Times-News writer

MALTA — After growing by 15,000 acres since Sunday afternoon, the Black Pine 2 fire slowed Monday as it moved away from Interstate 84.

More than 100 firefighters, their engines and several aircraft are on the site of the fire, which has now burned about 45,000 acres 11 miles southeast of Malta — largely U.S. Forest Service land. A Type 2 fire team — more experienced firefighters who respond to larger fires — arrived in Malta on Monday and could take over management of the fire from the Type 3 crew as soon as Wednesday, Forest Service fire management officer Randy Richter said.

No injuries or lost homes have been reported in the Malta blaze. A southerly wind and the lack of thunderstorms Monday meant the fire became much easier to control, Richter said while poring over maps in firefighters' base camp at Raft River Elementary School. The flames turned south and arched up nearby mountains, he said, away from the highway and nearby towns. The fire, which was 5 percent contained Monday, could be fully contained by July 16, Forest Service fire information officer Julie

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Curt Asay of Buhl, of the U.S. Forest Service, unloads supplies Monday afternoon at Raft River Elementary School where a temporary tent city serves firefighters combatting the Black Pine 2 fire. Crews from the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and private contractors are battling the 45,000-acre fire south of Malta.

City becomes base camp for firefighters

Tent community offers modern comforts of home

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

MALTA — Picture a firefighter. Chances are you're not thinking of Curt Asay. He's a retired schoolteacher from Buhl with gray hair and big, dark sunglasses. He wears a T-shirt that stretches over his belly, and his pants are held up by rainbow suspenders. He's not your stereotypical fireman.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Forest Service employee is at most major southern Idaho wildfires — though he's not wielding a hose, flying a heli-

copter or shoveling soot. Asay carries boxes. He hands out water. He orders supplies.

Dozens of folks like Asay — in the rear with the gear, they say — keep frontliners cool and comfortable at most major southern Idaho wildfires, including the Black Pine 2 blaze that's burning near Malta.

These folks keep the people happy who keep you safe. And that requires a city-size support group.

Raft River Elementary School in Malta — about a dozen miles from Black Pine 2 — looked more like a war camp Monday than a place for children. Dozens of government-issue tents dotted the playground and football field. Helicopters swirled from scrubland behind the school. The school's library had become an infirmary. The



Firefighters at the Black Pine 2 fire use these tents at Raft River Elementary School.

office was a command center. A space behind the gym was the war room for the blaze's top generals.

Near the front parking lot, Asay unloaded batteries, water bottles and sports drinks from a supply trailer. A

crew from New Jersey helped him stack extra headlamps. Ten portable toilets lined the sidewalk. Rumor had it a shower truck was on its way. There were nearly as many

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Expect to sweat

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Today's projected high of 94 degrees won't break any records, but it's still above average — a trend expected to continue into next week.

The report for July 10 was for 2002 with a high of 95 degrees. The average temperature for a typical July in Twin Falls is 84 degrees, said Summit Lewis, meteorologist for the National Weather Service. Lewis said the average temperature will continue to rise through the end of the month.

IRAQ

Foreign minister: Civil war if no U.S. troops

By Basma Juhl Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's foreign minister warned on Monday that a quick American military withdrawal from the country could lead to a full-scale civil war, the collapse of the government and spillover conflicts across the region.

The White House said President Bush is not contemplating withdrawing forces from Iraq now despite an erosion of support among Republicans for his war policy.

But the administration also tried to lower expectations about a report due Sunday on whether the Iraq government is meeting political, economic and security benchmarks that Bush set in January when he announced a buildup of 21,500 U.S. combat forces.

Attacks in Baghdad killed 13 people as prominent Shiite and Sunni politicians called on Iraqi civilians to take up arms to defend themselves

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VIDEO

Go behind the scenes of the Black Pine 2 fire with a video report.



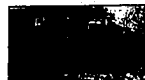
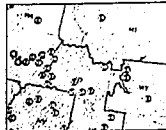
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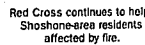


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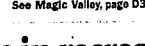
For a nationwide map of major fires, visit http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/fg\_fire2.php.



Fire destroys Wendell trailer, more than 100 acres.



Red Cross continues to help Shoshone-area residents affected by fire.



Idaho Power's progress on electrical repairs.

Inside:

Nevada wildfires continue to burn. See page A7



Rain helps quell South Dakota wildfire. See page A7

U.S. Forest Service sets fire restrictions in recreational areas

No more campfires outside developed sites

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Warm weather, wind and plenty of dry grass prompted the U.S. Forest Service Monday to restrict recreational fires in the

Sawtooth National Forest, according to a statement released by the service.

"Dry conditions and extreme fire behavior are the reason to put these restrictions into effect," said Randy Richter, a fire management officer with the Forest Service. "We are seeing fire behavior that is dangerous to the public but also to the firefighting personnel assigned to battle these fires."

Blazes that have sparked across southern Idaho since Friday have burned at least 100,000 acres and prompted the evacuation of residential areas in Shoshone and near Jerome.

The restriction bans campfires, barbecues and wood-burning stoves — except in developed campsites or other recreation spots marked on Forest Service maps.

Also, the restriction prohibits

smoking in most of the SNE. Recreationists will be allowed to smoke in developed recreation sites and vehicles, as well as areas three feet in diameter that have been cleared of burnable material.

Violators could be fined up to \$5,000 and could face up to six months in jail. If your violation starts a wildfire, you could be liable for costs associated with fighting the blaze and damage to property.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday

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Today: Sunny skies expected with warm temperatures. Highs in the lower 90s. Tonight: Mostly clear overnight with mild temperatures. Lows in the upper 50s. Tomorrow: A very warm day on tap with a few clouds possible. Highs in the middle 90s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Senior piano recital, performed by Jodi Crozier and Bethany Lott, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts building Recital Hall, Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 961-0146. Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance," presented by the Junior Musical Playhouse, 7:30 a.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$9 reserved seats and \$6 general admission, 734-4279.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave.E., 736-7237 or 736-9282. "Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theophosic Therapy basic training video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603. Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. St. Rupert, (208) 436-0987. The Mini-Cassia Lap-band Surgery Support Group, for anyone who has been banded, is willing to be banded or is considering the procedure, 6:30 p.m., the Heyburn Police Department conference room, 1800 J St., Heyburn, 431-9596. Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 a.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goodie Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0657, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Coalinga, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 738-4387. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151. Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 54-2102. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "More Than Meets the Eye/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m. "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 7 p.m. and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

LOOKING FOR A STORY

Will you be using the TCU?

If you are planning to stay at the Transitional Care Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center this month, the Times-News would like to hear from you. We are planning a story about the unit and want to interview a patient during his or her experience in recovery there. Please call reporter Ariel Hansen at 735-3376 or write to ariel.hansen@tcu.net.

COMING TOMORROW

Ideas and recipes for lavender.



Wednesday in Food & Home

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Edible landscaping becoming more popular TWIN FALLS — Whether bloom, herb or fruit, if it isn't edible the professional chef doesn't really want it around. The popularity of edible landscaping is a growing trend, said Jan Ann Robbings, master gardener and University of Idaho Extension educator in Jerome. SEE PAGE D1

Commissioners done with appeals process

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County commissioners finished their weeklong stint as the Board of Equalization on Monday. They had an entertaining, if not tiring, crop of more than 50 appeals for property assessments performed by County Assessor Gerry Bowden. SEE PAGE D3

Weather works in favor of firefighters near Elko

ELKO — Calmer weather enabled firefighters to gain an upper hand on two fires burning between Wells and Jackpot, the last major blazes in northeastern Nevada following a weekend frenzy. SEE PAGE A7

Communities band together during wildfire

SIOSHONE — At one point, the Red Cross had more volunteers in its shelter than displaced residents. Several churches in the area also stepped up to the challenge by opening their doors to evacuees during the Red Bridge Fire. SEE PAGE D3

OBITUARIES

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CORRECTIONS

Beet conference set for January

The Snake River Sugar Beet Conference listing in the Monday edition's "This week at CSI" calendar included the wrong date, due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News. The conference will be held Jan. 11, 2008. The Times-News regrets the error.

Spending figure includes services

The Monday article "Tax exemptions back on radar" incorrectly said that Valley House Homeless Shelter spends a third of its budget on office supplies; that amount last year actually included all taxable services and goods. Also, the facility's current budget is \$174,000. The \$130,000 figure in Monday's story referred to Valley House's previous operating budget, used to draft a tax-exemption bill during the 2007 legislative session. The Times-News regrets the error.

NEW ON THE WEB



Black Pine Fire

Go behind the scenes of the Black Pine Fire for a video report.

Red Cross update

Red Cross workers helped families and firefighters in the recent round of fires. Hear an interview with the local Red Cross director.

SURVEY:

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IDAHO/WEST



Richardson coming to Elko Friday

ELKO, Nev. — Presidential candidate Bill Richardson will make his first campaign appearance in Elko at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the old airport terminal off Mountain City Highway. SEE PAGE B6

West Nile sicknesses three in California

SAN FRANCISCO — West Nile virus is off to an early start in California this year, with reports of the disease in 26 counties, prompting health officials to call on the public to take aggressive preventive measures. SEE PAGE B6

Support for school vouchers slipping

SALT LAKE CITY — Months before a fall election, public aid for families sending kids to private schools is getting a thumbs-down. SEE PAGE B6



Clerics get more time to reason with radicals

ISLAMABAD — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Monday gave clerics more time to persuade defiant militants to lay down their arms and surrender a mosque they have defended against thousands of government troops, security officials said. SEE PAGE D6

Dozens of wildfires ravaging the West

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. — Fire crews hoped for small breaks from the weather to help fight blazes fueled by high temperatures, under-dry conditions and gusty winds across the Western region on Monday. SEE PAGE A7

U.N. to send nuclear inspectors to N. Kor.

VIENNA, Austria — Members of the U.N.'s nuclear agency on Monday approved sending experts to North Korea to supervise the shutdown of the North's plutonium-producing reactor, a diplomat said. SEE PAGE D6

SPORTS



Guerrero wins dry Home Run Derby

SAN FRANCISCO — With Barry Bonds sitting out, this derby was dry — and Vladimir Guerrero was San Francisco's home run king for a day.

The Los Angeles Angels slugger won the Home Run Derby on Monday night, hitting 17 homers and beating Toronto's Alex Iles 3-2 in the final round of the All-Star competition.

None of the eight batters managed a true "splash hit" over the right-field fence and into the waterfront park's iconic McCoy Cove. Dozens of eager fans wearing vests and carrying nets aimed the flotsam of kayaks and rafts ended up scrambling for just a handful of foul balls and ricochets during nearly six hours of batting practice and derby slugging. SEE PAGE B1

Haren stepping out of shadows as All-Star

SAN FRANCISCO — Dan Haren has always lacked the luster of his big-name teammates, quietly putting up big numbers and impressing opposing hitters.

With Barry Zito out of Oakland and the spotlight mostly his own this year, Haren has shown he has the stuff and the composure to be a No. 1 pitcher on any staff, including a star-studded one at the All-Star game.

Haren was picked Monday to start for the American League just across the bay from his home ballpark in Oakland. SEE PAGE B1

Magic Valley Ladies celebrate 60 years

JEROME — Traditionally, the 60th anniversary is celebrated with a diamond. For the Magic Valley Ladies championship trophy, there will be no diamond, though it will still be a crown jewel in the golf resume for whoever wins it this week.

With six decades of history behind it, the Magic Valley Ladies Golf Tournament has become the premier summer stroke-play event for area golfers. It will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the Jerome Country Club. SEE PAGE B1

Cowboys clobber Rebels in Legion ball

POCATELLO — The Cowboys played some killer baseball once again.

The Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Club's A squad went to Pocatello to face the Rebels and came back with a 21-2 Game 1 win, a 12-2 Game 2 win and probably the Rebels' hunch money had they wanted it. SEE PAGE B2

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# Fire

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Thomas said. "The potential for the fire to burn has been greatly reduced," Richter said. "Weather conditions are a lot more favorable."

Resources on the scene include five engines that came straight to Black Pine 2 from the Red Bridge Fire near Shoshone, now contained after it caused part of the town to evacuate. Curtis Johnson, center manager for the South Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center,

said the crews who were shifted were the last to arrive at the Shoshone fire. The weekend's fire have strained local agencies.

"We've only got so many resources, and we've got to get (crews) rest," Johnson said.

With Red Bridge under control, Black Pine 2 was the last major fire in south-central Idaho by Monday night. Crews were turning their attention to the U.S. Highway 93 Complex five miles southeast of Jackpot. Thomas said,

The complex, made up of two fires, has consumed 63,000 acres and is threatening structures.

Fire teams had worried that Black Pine 2 could merge with the Jim Sage fire, eight miles southwest of Malta. But with both fires less active Monday, Richter said, the odds of a merger were "pretty low" by Monday night. The Jim Sage fire has consumed 5,820 acres and was 40 percent contained Monday.

A new fire did spark Monday afternoon but stayed

small. Bureau of Land Management spokesman Brock Astle said. The fire at the Jim Brown Bridge north of Richfield burned about 150 acres and had the attention of seven BLM and Forest Service engine crews, two rural fire departments, four single-engine tanker aircraft and a helicopter. The hefty response aimed "to get that baby put out," Astle said.

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# Malta

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Fire personnel at the school as Malta residents in town — about 100 firefighters, 177 Malta residents.

"Yeah, it becomes a regular city," Asay said, taking a break from tent stacking. Exactly like a city — each resident with a job to do.

It's Heather McLean's chore to coordinate helicopters. She's a 21-year veteran of the U.S. Forest Service. Under a utility helmet and red bandana, she chatted with Jonathan Mark — an Iraq War

"There's a lot of standing around. There's a lot of goofing off, too. But then it can get pretty intense."

— Heather McLean, 21-year veteran of the U.S. Forest Service

"There's a lot of goofing off, too. But then it can get pretty intense."

Both he and his wife of ten years spent their share of time at wildfires, though neither spent last night on the playground. McLean slept at home in her bed in Burley. Mark slept in his hotel

room about 30 miles away.

Others weren't so lucky. By late afternoon, helmets and boots were stacked outside several tents. Frontline firefighters napped before 8 p.m., catered dinner.

Then a few hours of sleep again before returning to the blaze — and another day in their community away from home.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@tnc.net.

# Iraq

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after a weekend of violence that claimed more than 220 lives, including one of the deadliest attacks of the four-year Iraq conflict.

The burst of violence comes at a sensitive time. U.S. forces are waging offensives in Iraq and Baghdad aimed at uprooting militants and bringing calm to the capital.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said Iraqis "understand the huge pressure that will increase more and more in the United States" ahead of the progress report by the U.S. ambassador and top commander in Iraq.

"We have held discussion with members of Congress and explained to them the dangers of a quick pullout (from Iraq) and leaving a security vacuum," Zebari said. "The dangers could be a civil war, dividing the country, regional wars and the collapse of the state."

"In our estimations, until Iraqi forces are ready, there is a responsibility on the United States to stand with the (government) as the forces are being built," he said.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said that all of the additional troops had just gotten in place and that all of the benchmarks to be met at the beginning of something, Snow said. "You are hoping that you are going to be meeting benchmarks from that beginning state to what you see in two months."

Zebari, a Kurd from northern Iraq, also said Turkey has massed 140,000 soldiers at Iraq's northern border, where the rebel Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, has bases and launches attacks on Turkish forces.

"Turkey's fears are legitimate

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— Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari

but such things can be discussed," Zebari said. "The perfect solution is the withdrawal of the Turkish forces from the borders."

The Iraqis calls for the arming of civilians to fight insurgents reflected the growing frustration with Iraqi security forces' inability to prevent extremists' attacks — like Saturday's devastating suicide truck bombing in the Shiite town of Arbil, north of Baghdad, that killed more than 150 people, according to the latest toll from police and officials.

On Sunday, Arbil residents shouted insults at the governor of Salahuddin province, Hamad Imoud Shaghi, and the provincial police chief as they visited for funerals of the victims in the town with long-time tensions between Shaites and Sunnis, police and other officials said.

Shaghi had detained the Arbil police chief and put him under investigation for security failures. Shaghi told The Associated Press that 250 new police were sent to Arbil — a town of 26,000 that one lawmaker said had only 30 policemen before the attack.

Violence resumed in Baghdad, with a roadside bomb and two cars wired with explosives that killed eight around the capital and the discovery of a body with bullet

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Fifty miles north of the capital, a roadside bomb exploded near an Iraqi military bus, killing nine Iraqi soldiers and injuring 21, according to an officer with the Iraqi 4th Division who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to release the information.

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## Stocks of local interest

Stock	Price	Change
Con Agri	27.11	▼ .13
Oell Inc.	29.01	no change
Dellcorp	31.62	▲ .02
Lithia Mo.	25.28	▲ .61
Micron	13.42	▼ .03
Supervalu	46.03	▼ .34

## Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Aug. Oil	72.19	▼ .62
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	92.53	▼ .03
Aug. gold	662.5	▲ 7.7

For more, see page A5

## BSU may expand programs at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Boise State University is gathering information from students interested in earning a bachelor's or master's degree in social work at the College of Southern Idaho.

A survey has been provided as an opportunity for interested students to tell BSU about their interest. The survey is available at <http://www.boisestate.edu/sowork/> (Click on Magic Valley BSU-MSW program development survey).

For information, call Shari Stroud, Boise State's extended studies Twin Falls coordinator at 732-6284.

## Senate candidate to make cheese in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Larry Laifocco, a Democrat who is running for a U.S. Senate seat in Idaho, will bring his campaign today to Twin Falls.

As part of his "Working for Senate" campaign, Laifocco will go to work at 7 a.m. today at Glanbia Foods, 236 Washington St. S.

Laifocco has been working at a variety of jobs around Idaho. He has handled garbage in Orofin and worked alongside a certified nursing assistant in Pocatello. He spent Monday working with the staff of the Nez Perce County Court Services.

Glanbia Foods has three plants in the Magic Valley. The plant in Twin Falls employs about 800 people and processes more than 2.5 million pounds of milk daily.

## Program helps Idaho's specialty dairies

BOISE — Help is available to Idahoans who are interested in developing small-scale dairy processing operations. The program helps farms or the artisan cheeses they're already making.

Examples of artisan and farmstead dairy products include bottled milks, fermented milks, butter, ice cream and a wide variety of cheeses.

Through April 2009, participants may receive the assistance of a master cheesemaker through the Small Scale Dairy Processing Assistance Program. They may also work with the program's sales and marketing experts to improve market visibility and sales revenues.

Qualified individuals must live in Idaho or have a farm or business in the state. Applications are due by Sept. 14. For information, call Drew Dalgety at (208) 795-5333.

— staff reports

Despite challenges,  
Fairfield businesses  
GROWING

A common sight in Fairfield is Kenny Cox's 1953 Farmall Super M parked outside the Sandwicheid Inn while he drinks coffee.

## High Country Fusion a 'catalyst'

By Amy Ballard  
Times-news correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Skipples can catch all kinds of reasons for the start-up of businesses in Camas County.

Luckily, however, for the county's 1,088 residents, the world isn't filled with skipples and there is reason for optimism in Camas County. To wit:

- A coffee shop that sat vacant for two years has reopened.

The Wolkersien Building has a new roof and four commercial spaces.

- High Country Fusion has added 8,000 square feet and three new jobs.

"High Country Fusion is the kind of catalyst that will entice other businesses to put down roots here," co-owner David Hanks said. "We've increased the labor pool. We've increased the receptiveness of freight companies to come here. Along with the school, we helped bring high-speed Internet to the area."

The company employs 42 workers at its Fairfield branch. A significant portion of Camas County's workforce heads out of the area for work (the average commute is 29 minutes). But nine High Country employees are commuting from Gooding, Jerome, and the Wood River Valley.

An increase in business warranted a recent expansion of the plant a mile west of town on U.S. Highway 20. "Our market has changed," Hanks said. "We've streamlined our manufacturing, added equipment, removed bottlenecks, and made our repairs and shipping more efficient."

In his secondary job as mayor of Fairfield, Hanks has spearheaded many infrastructure improvements such as a water and sewer study currently underway. While the sewer system is barely adequate for the town of 600 people, a planned upgrade would allow for 5,000 people.

"We're ready to expand, but it's going to take working together with developers and businesses to make it happen," Hanks said.

In a county where the largest primary employer is agriculture (27 percent), followed by government (23 percent), private, non-farm businesses have a hard time surviving.

One of the most formidable challenges facing a new business can be installing power lines, since the cost falls to the buyer. In a business subdivi-

vision where power lines are not currently in place (such as the Mill Park Subdivision west of town), the cost to hook up to the nearest power line can sometimes be prohibitive.

Dan Olmstead, a spokesman for Idaho Power, said there is no formula or per-foot dollar amount that is used for the distance from existing power are just a few of the factors in play.

"One building in the Mill Park Subdivision, purchased this spring by Federal Constructors of Boise, currently has power. Another challenge facing businesses on a shoestring budget is paying employees. "It's really hard to have an employee and be in business in Fairfield," said Linda Thomas, owner and sole employee of the Sandwicheid Inn on Soldier Road.

Thomas saves on rent by living at the back of the 1913 building, which once housed half of Cook's grocery store. She keeps regular hours — 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with Monday and Tuesday being busiest since other restaurants are closed — but frequently opens the door at odd hours when someone needs a place to eat.

Bonny Peters, who with her husband owns the Prairie Kitchen, said the competition among local restaurants is tough. "The restaurant business is hard because there are so many places to eat here," she said.

Peters managed 10 caterers, some open seasonally including the Camas County Senior Center, which sells lunch three days a week and gives one breakfast a month. "That's pretty thin," Peters said, "but somehow they all survive. It's amazing."

Nancy Hallowell and Kelli Fox will try their hand at slinging coffee, reopening Billy's July 1 under the name plan Perfect Cup. The women plan

to serve coffee, tea, baked goods and specialty ice cream.

Rather than entering only to highway traffic, they hope to cultivate a presence among the locals. They tapped local vendors for everything from insurance to signage.

"We want to support the other businesses that are around us," Fox said.

Retail businesses in Fairfield are few and far between. Last summer, Dollard's Cycles opened in the Soldier Road building that housed the Specialty Shop for decades. Still selling bikes won't keep the doors open, though. Owner Dave Hartson, himself a professional mountain biker, repairs and tunes bikes for other riders who take advantage of the area's quiet streets and mountain trails.

Ron Chapman, owner of Valley Service at 219 E. Garnet, thinks of his business as "a farm hardware store." The shop has been around almost since the town was founded in 1913.

From auto and farm machinery parts to batteries, fencing, and animal feed, "It's got a little bit of everything in it," Chapman said.

Marilyn Dillard recently began an addition to the building that has housed First American Title since 2005. Originally the first bank in Soldier (now a dwindling township two miles north of Fairfield) the building was moved to 415 Soldier Road in 1920 when Dillard's grandfather T.A. Wokresten came to Fairfield with the Pocatello Title Co.

The three-chair salon and three retail spaces are scheduled for completion July 15. "I'll have everything I think it will be fun," Dillard said.

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Jake Wise, 15, fills out his ticket recently at the Sandwicheid Inn.

Negative news  
can be a problem  
for fish farmersBy Cindy Snyder  
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Consumer buying habits could hurt fish producers following a decision by the federal government to step up testing of fish products imported from China.

Shannon Amberg, a doctoral candidate at the University of Idaho, has studied news coverage and how it shaped public perception following the release of two studies regarding the U.S. farmed salmon industry. She shared her preliminary findings last month at the Idaho Aquaculture Association's annual meeting in Twin Falls.

Rather than weighing the ecological and health risks associated with eating farmed salmon, she said, her research indicates many people avoid farmed fish outright.

"Many believe farming severely degrades the environment and so the products are not as healthy," she said. About a third of the con-

sumers she interviewed in Idaho and Washington said farmed salmon could be advantageous if management practices became sound, Amberg said.

Other findings of her research included:

- 49 percent of participants said they favored the taste of wild salmon over farmed salmon.
- 24 percent said farmed salmon was bad for the environment.
- 24 percent said farmed salmon was healthier.

• 25 percent said they considered whether the fish was farm raised or wild and of those, 82 percent avoid farmed fish.

What does this mean for producers trying to market their product?

"You need to motivate people to get information and ensure your outreach information reflects the best possible science," Amberg said.

This story originally appeared in *Ag Weekly*.

Ford and power company  
to form plug-in partnership

Los Angeles Times

Southern California Edison Co. and Ford Motor Co. were expected to announce a partnership early this week that will include a multimillion-dollar test of plug-in hybrids.

Plug-ins are envisioned as the next-generation development of gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles such as the Toyota Prius.

Equipped with more powerful batteries that could be recharged overnight, plug-ins are designed to run for significant periods on electricity alone — greatly increasing their fuel economy.

In addition to saving gas, Ford and Edison said, increased use of plug-in vehicles would lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce American dependence on imported oil.

The partnership will explore how plug-in hybrids would operate on a day-to-day basis and how they would fit into the electricity grid.

Ford wants to investigate ways to bring down the cost of the vehicles, including by using an innovative technology that allows plug-in vehicles to return unused power to the grid during periods of peak demand.

"They understand the grid, and together we can figure out how to optimize the system," said Susan M. Cleschke, Ford's senior vice president for sustainability, environment and safety engineering.

Under the partnership, Ford will supply a batch of its Escape SUV hybrids to Edison to use. At a later date, it will provide plug-in versions of the vehicle to the Southern California utility

for testing.

"We're taking this beyond laboratory-scale work to a systematic evaluation of its impact" on the grid, said John Bryson, chief executive of Edison's parent company, Edison International.

Edison serves almost 5 million residential and business customers in the Los Angeles basin and parts of the coast and Central Valley. Its chief executive Alan Mulally, who was scheduled to meet with Edison executives in California on Monday, said earlier this year that he wanted his company to embrace "green" technologies. Ford was the first U.S. automaker to add a hybrid to its lineup when it introduced the hybrid version of the Escape.

The deal between Ford and Edison follows the June announcement by Google Inc. of a program to speed the development of plug-in hybrids. Google.org — the Internet giant's philanthropic arm — awarded \$110 million in grants and set aside \$10 million to research and development into the technology.

Google and Pacific Gas & Electric, California's largest utility, displayed plug-in vehicles at the Prius and Escape hybrids, as well as a vehicle equipped to feed electricity back to the power grid. The plug-in Priuses achieved average fuel economy of 70 to 75 miles per gallon.

Other automakers, including Toyota Motor Corp., General Motors Corp., and Nissan Motor Corp., are pursuing plug-in technology or all-electric vehicles. One stumbling block has been perfecting the lithium ion batteries needed for such vehicles.



John Bryson, left, chairman and CEO of Edison International stands with Alan Mulally, president and CEO of Ford Motor Company during a news conference in Rosemead, Calif., on Monday. Ford Motor Co. and Southern California Edison will team up to test rechargeable hybrid vehicles and hasten mass production of the new technology.

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EDITORIAL

# A new regional airport on the Northside?

Nearly 50 years ago, there was a bruising debate between Jerome and Twin Falls counties over which side of the Snake River should be the route of the planned Interstate 80 North (now I-84). U.S. Highway 30 was the northern east-west route across the north-east-west states back then, and it ran through Cassia and Twin Falls counties.

The federal Bureau of Public Roads eventually chose a route across Minidoka, Jerome and Gooding counties, but by that time the Northside-Southside argument had grown foud and personal. Amid the cross-fire name-calling over the freeway, the concept of building a regional airport in Jerome County was proposed.

Twin Falls County and the city of Twin Falls were appalled at the notion. The Magic Valley already had an airport, they argued, located seven miles south of Twin Falls and, at the time, attracting major air carriers. A Northside airport would put Joslin Field out of business.

Because Twin Falls County had a plurality of the population and of the money that would have been required for a regional airport to become reality back then, the idea never got off the ground. It's tentatively been resurrected three or four times since, with the same result.

But the world has changed, and now the concept of a regional airport doesn't seem so far-fetched — even to Twin Falls County commissioners, who agreed recently to discuss the scheme with Jerome County commissioners and representatives of Blaine County, which plans to build its own new airport just south of the junction of Idaho Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 20.

The Twin Falls airport simply isn't as viable as it was before the last Twin Falls-Boise flight left the runway at Joslin Field in 1997. Its problems have nothing to do with how the facility is run; it's simply cheaper and more convenient for many residents of south-central Idaho to drive to Boise or Salt Lake City.

Worse for Joslin Field, a substantial number of Magic Valley residents now think of "the airport" as a facility two hours northwest of Twin Falls or 2 1/2 hours south-east of Burley.

A regional airport in Jerome County would change all that if — and it's a big if — it could attract and keep major carriers. SkyWest, the only airline that now flies out of Twin Falls, would probably embrace a new, bigger, more centrally located airport in south-central Idaho, but it would be essential to attract another carrier — Alaska/Horizon, Big Sky or Southwest — to build three candidate routes — that would operate daily flights to Boise and beyond.

The notion of a regional airport in Jerome County has some appeal to Blaine County because a Jerome regional airport could handle larger aircraft and would probably experience fewer weather-related problems. For any of this to happen, though, Twin Falls will have to let go of its article of faith that the only possible regional airport in the Magic Valley has to be located in Twin Falls County.

Because the fact is that the lack of air service between Twin Falls and Boise in the past 10 years has cost Twin Falls — and its surrounding communities — and counties — potential investment. For some employers pondering all of the relocation advantages of the Magic Valley, the absence of an air connection to Boise is a deal-breaker. Does it make sense to set up shop hours away from the airport that your company uses?

And frankly, our elected leaders owe it to all of us — Southsiders and Northsiders — to consider an alternative to the noisome ordeal of driving to Boise or Salt Lake. A regional airport in Jerome County is still a long way off, if it ever happens. But the fact that Twin Falls County is at least joining the discussion is heartening.

**Our view:**  
It's time for the ancient Northside-Southside rivalry over building a new regional airport in Jerome County to fade away. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



# Hillary, her faith and election tactics

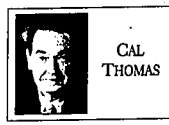
Some unknown author once said, "Everybody should believe in something. I believe I'll have another drink."

Democratic senator and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton took a less cynical and more substantive approach to faith in a recent interview with *The New York Times*. The quality and depth of one's relationship with God should be personal and beyond the judgment of others, unless one is running for president and chooses to talk about it as part of a campaign plan to win the election.

Democrats have been encouraged and coached by liberal evangelical Christian Jim Wallis of *Sojourners* magazine to talk about their faith in an attempt to capture a small slice of the religious vote that has mostly gone to conservative Republicans in the last several election cycles.

In a *Times* front-page story about Sen. Clinton's Methodist faith, there are pictures of her in Sunday school as a young girl, pictures of two ministers who "influenced" Hillary's faith on faith and social responsibility, and two pictures of her praying.

One of the ministers from her youth, Rev. Donald Jones, says of his messages then, "I wouldn't have focused so



much on personal salvation. I would have focused more on social responsibility." In theological circles this is known as "works salvation," the notion that one can do enough good deeds to earn God's approval and enter Heaven. Willie James, the Apostle, writes "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20), he means that works done as a result of saving faith for the purpose of leading others to that same faith — not for the sole objective of improving one's own circumstances on earth — find approval in God's sight, while works that are separated from a saving faith message are, as the prophet Isaiah says about such human righteousness, like "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

Even the *Times* suggests the designation of a strictly "social gospel": "Mrs. Clinton sometimes was a guest speaker at an adult Sunday school class, a class that some members complained normally resembled Rotary Club lectures

because it often addressed nonreligious topics." To paraphrase James, if faith without works is dead, so also are works without faith.

Liberal faith, which is to say a faith that discounts the authority of Scripture in favor of a constantly evolving, politicized relevancy to modern concerns — such as the environment, what kind of SUV Jesus would drive, larger government programs and other "do-good" pursuits — ultimately morphs into social and self-improvement efforts and jettisons the life-changing message of salvation, forgiveness of sins and a transformed life.

If the newspaper story is accurate, this is where Mrs. Clinton is on her faith: "In a brief quiz about her theological views, Mrs. Clinton said she believed in the resurrection of Jesus, though she described herself as less sure of the doctrine that being a Christian is the only way to salvation."

This is a politician speaking, not a person who believes in the central tenets of Christianity. The same book that tells of the Resurrection, also quotes Jesus as saying "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). One might ask, which

reporter did not, that if there are other ways to God than through Jesus, why did He bother to come to earth, allow Himself to be crucified and suffer rejection? He might have stayed in Heaven and told people about a spiritual GPS system that would get them there another way.

about the accuracy of Scripture, Sen. Clinton serves up theological mush: "The whole Bible gives you a glimpse of God and God's desire for a personal relationship (goes on for a while), but we can't possibly understand every way God is communicating with us. I've always felt that people who try to shoehorn in their cultural and time into the Bible might be actually missing the larger point."

This is precisely the point of liberal Christianity, to which Sen. Clinton subscribes. Sen. Clinton is entitled to whatever faith she wants to practice, but when she uses it as an election tactic, she can't possibly be allowed to alter classic Christian theology.

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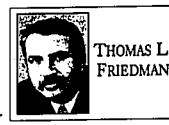
# Live bad, but offset that by going green

Over dinner with friends in London the other night, the conversation drifted to global warming and whether anything was really being done to reverse it. One guest, Sameh El-Shahhat, a furniture designer, heaped particular scorn on programs that enable people to offset their excessive carbon emissions by funding green projects elsewhere. "Who really checks that it's being done?" he asked. And how much difference does it really make?

But then he hit on an ingenious idea: If people really want to generate money to plant trees or finance green power, why not have them offset their real sins, not just their carbon excesses? We started to play with his idea: Imagine if you could offset the whole Ten Commandments.

No, really, think about it. Imagine if there were a Web site — I'd call it *GreenSinal.com* — where every time you thought you had violated one of the Ten Commandments, or you wanted to violate one of them but did not want to feel guilty about it, you could buy carbon credits to offset your sins. The motto of Britain's Conservative Party today is "Vote Blue, Go Green."

GreenSinal's motto could be: "Live Bad, Go Green." That would generate some income. Here's how it would work: One day, you're out in the



backyard mowing the lawn and suddenly you covet your neighbor's wife. Hey, it happens — that's why "thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife" is one of the Ten Commandments. No problem. You just go to *GreenSinal.com* and buy 100 trees in the Amazon or fund a project to capture methane from cow dung in India — and, presto, you're free and clear.

Obviously there would be a sliding scale. Taking God's name in vain or creating an idol might cost you only a few solar water heaters for a Chinese village, whereas bearing false witness or cheating would set you back a pilot sugar ethanol plant in Louisiana.

As for adultery, well, I think that's where the big money could be made. My guess is that we could achieve a carbon-neutral world by 2020 if we just set up a system for people to offset their adultery by reversing deforestation of tropical rain forests or funding mega wind and solar power systems in China and India. OK, OK, more seriously, I

raise this issue of carbon offsets because of the symptomatic of the larger problem we face in confronting climate change: everyone wants it to happen, but without pain or sacrifice. On balance, I think carbon offsetting is a good thing — my family has purchased offsets — if for no other reason than it directs resources toward clean technologies that might not have been funded and, therefore, moves us down the innovation curve faster.

But the danger, argues Michael Sandel, Harvard's noted political philosopher, "is that carbon offsets will become, at least for some, a painless mechanism to buy our way out of the more fundamental changes in habits, attitudes and way of life that are actually required to address the climate problem."

"If someone drives a Hummer and buys carbon offsets to save his conscience, that is better than doing the Hummer and doing nothing," added Sandel, author of *The Case Against Perfection: Ethics in the Age of Genetic Engineering*. "But it would be even better to trade in the Hummer for a hybrid. The risk is that carbon offsets will make Hummers seem responsible rather than irresponsible, and distract us, as a nation, from harder, bigger changes in our energy policy." People often refer to the

current climate buzz as "a green revolution," but the very term revolution suggests a fundamental break with past habits, attitudes and public policies. Yet when you suggest a carbon tax or a higher gasoline tax — initiatives that would redirect resources and change habits at the scale actually needed to impact global warming — what is the first thing you hear in Congress? "Impossible — you can't use the T-word."

A revolution without sacrifice where everyone is a winner? There's no such thing. Katherine Ellison wrote a wonderful piece on this topic for *Salon.com* in which she quoted Stephen Schneider, the Stanford University climatologist, as saying: "Voluntarism doesn't work. It's about as effective as voluntary speed limits. No cops, no judges, road camera. No rules, no fines, greenhouse gases. We're going to triple or quadruple the CO2 in the atmosphere with no policy. I don't believe offsets are just a diluted effort. But we'll have failed if that's all we do."

There's a saying at the Pentagon that "a vision without resources is a hallucination." For my money, the green revolution today is still a hallucination.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Speedway smokers deserve their freedoms

I would like to respond to Cheryl Zarr's comment on banning smoking at Magic Valley Speedway. I am a fan at Magic Valley Speedway; have been for several years and attend every weekend. I like to go for the enjoyment and a night out to mingle and visit

with friends, and after the race is over, visit with the racers. Maybe you should check out or even sit in the family section that is no smoking or drinking. It is in Section A, down by the start/finish line. We smokers need our freedom, too. **MARVO SAUER** Kimberly



# Firefighters gain upper hand near Elko

By Jeff Mullins  
For the Times-News

ELKO Nev. — Calmer weather enabled firefighters to gain an upper hand on two fires burning between Wells and Jackpot, the last major blazes in northeastern Nevada following a weekend fire spree.

The Highway 93 fires grew to about 63,000 acres Monday, an increase of 4,000 acres from Sunday night's estimate. A fire management team on the scene estimated containment at 45 percent.

"That's a good sign," said

Mike Brown, Bureau of Land Management spokesman. Three hundred personnel from assorted state and federal agencies are battling the blazes, which were started Friday and Saturday by lightning.

The West Basin Fires about five miles southeast of Jackpot is 54,500 acres and the Eccles Fire, about halfway between Wells and Jackpot, is about 8,500 acres.

Elko Interagency Dispatch manager Bill Roesch said a staging area was set up in the parking lot of Jackpot Elementary

School. The strategy has been to keep the West Basin Fire from advancing west into Jackpot or north into Idaho.

The fires are threatening the San Jacinto ranch, the California National Historic Trail, grazing land and habitat for mule deer and sage grouse. Also threatened are two precise burn zones from fires in 2000, on which millions of dollars were spent for rehabilitation.

Brown said about 40 crews were trapped against a fence when the Eccles fire broke out. Firefighters cut an opening

through the fence and a few cows escaped before the wind shifted and blew the fire another direction.

The Salmon Falls Grazing Association has expressed concerns regarding the loss of livestock, but details were not available.

Firefighters have been hampered by rough terrain that won't allow the construction of dozer lines or direct attack with engines.

About \$323,000 has been spent to fight the fire so far, and containment is estimated by Friday.



A dead cow lies near a fence outside Winnemucca, Nev., Sunday, in the wake of the Thomas Fire.

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# Dozens of wildfires ravaging the West

Rain falls on South Dakota fire that killed homeowner

By Joe Kafka  
Associated Press writer

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. — Fire crews hoped for small breaks from the weather to help fight blazes fueled by high temperatures, tinder-dry conditions and gusty winds across the Western region on Monday.

A Hot Springs, S.D., wildfire that killed a man and left more than 10 families homeless spread somewhat to the southwest of the tourist town Monday, but fire officials expected to gain on it in the next day or so.

"My best guess is that we'll make some good ground on the fire," said Joe Lowe, state wildland fire suppression coordinator.

He told night-shift firefighters to be on their toes, however, for a cold front that was expected to sweep through the area overnight. The weather change could bring winds that easily might fan the flames, Lowe said.

Light rain early Monday helped calm the blaze, and Lowe said that would depend on Monday night's progress. The lightning-sparked fire had spread through a 14-square-mile area of Fall River County by late Monday.

Among the evacuees taking shelter at a Hot Springs community center was Mary Goulet, who said she and her husband "didn't realize the seriousness until it was almost too late. She said she called 911 when fire surrounded the house.

"The flames burned our cars and we couldn't get out," she said. The firefighter in protective gear appeared at their door and led them to his fire truck, she said. It wasn't immediately clear whether their house survived.

Other fires blackened the landscape in California, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Colorado, Montana and Oregon, many of them also



Den Bender, with the La Plata County Sheriff's Office, looks over the remains of Tom Cottens house Sunday, near Durango Colo. A fast-moving wildfire destroyed a house and blackened 1,250 acres in southwest Colorado, but no injuries were reported, firefighters said Monday.

AP Video  
Firefighters work to contain wildfires burning across the West.

started by lightning and fueled by the dry conditions, rumbled worse by a heat wave that aizzed across the West last week.

In addition to the death in Utah, killed three people on June 29.

Wildfires kept Kiri Peak National Observatory, in southern Arizona, closed Monday, and three small communities in the northwest part of the state remained under evacuation orders as gusty winds and hot weather hampered firefighters' efforts.

At least nine fires larger than 100 acres were burning across the state, although most were in remote areas and not affecting people. Many were started by lightning strikes and fed by fuels that are tinder-dry from lack of rain and superheated by a persistent heat wave.

A fire, caused Friday evening by lightning strikes, grew from 3,500 acres to 8,755 acres Monday, said Jonetta Holt, a public information officer for the fire team battling the fire.

Crews in California's eastern Sierra Nevada gained ground against a fire that had charred at least 37,000 acres, or 58 square miles, in the Inyo National Forest.

That fire was 55 percent contained Monday after cool-

er temperatures and lighter wind allowed firefighters to make their first real progress, forestry officials said. Full containment was expected by Wednesday.

But a 12-square-mile wildfire burning in the Los Padres National Forest in southern California had expanded into dry brush and steep hills of the nearby San Rafael Wilderness Area, Santa Barbara County Fire Captain Eli Iskov said Monday.

"It's burning in areas that haven't even burned in recorded history," Iskov said. "The fuels are at historic lows in moisture, and now it's burning up like a formula that makes it very difficult to put out."

The fire threatened a historic wooden schoolhouse and two ranches, Iskov said. What is said to be the biggest wildfire in Utah history had charged across more than 300,000 acres, or 468 square miles, of extremely dry sagebrush, cheat grass and pinyon juniper in the central part of the state.

Firefighters won a small victory over that fire Monday, getting the blaze 10 percent contained thanks to low winds and increased resources. Fire managers expect to add another 10 crews to the firefighting effort, which had been hampered by gusty winds.

Mike Rutherford spent the day sifting through the remains of his Dog Valley Trading Post in Utah, an old log cabin where he sold American Indian crafts to travelers near historic Cave Fort. He had no insurance on his \$50,000 inventory.

"All we could find were some

handmade knives — well, the blades anyway — and some pottery," said Rutherford, 53. "Most of the things were pretty much dust."

At least six other fires were burning across Utah. A fire on the Utah-Arizona border more than doubled in size to 13,700 acres, or 21 square miles.

In north-central Washington, about 300 firefighters worked Monday to contain a wildfire that scorched about 4,500 acres, damaging several homes and outbuildings.

That fire was more than 50 percent contained, but residents of between 250 and 270 homes remained on notice that they might have to flee if the fire grows.

Forecasts for rising winds and temperatures that could fan the flames again continue to be a concern. Temperatures are expected to climb into the 90s and into triple digits in some parts of eastern Washington through the week, said Chuck Galtick, a spokesman for fire command headquarters.

PET OF THE WEEK  
"Norm" is a short hair buff and white neutered male adult who is purr-fect, and has been patiently waiting for a home since April 12.

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## 2007 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME

# Bonds not worried about summer agendas of Aaron, Selig

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds simply doesn't care. Bud Selig can be wherever he wants when Hank Aaron's home run record falls.

The commissioner still hasn't said whether he plans to be in the ballpark when and if Bonds hits No. 756. Selig's inclusion has drawn a lot of criticism. Oddly, he finds himself with an unusual ally in this matter — Bonds.

"Does it matter to me? I think it's just terrible the way it's gone down, that's all," the San Francisco slugger said Monday, a day before the All-Star game.

"That's up to Bud. It's not up to me. I'm going to do my thing anyway. I have to go out and play for my teammates. That's up to Bud. Bud is his own man. And I respect him. Whether Bud shows up or doesn't show up, I'm going to still play baseball that day," he said. Bonds has 751 homers, four short of matching Aaron. The Hammer has



Bonds

made it clear that he won't attend the milestone and Bonds doesn't blame him.

"No one can determine when that's going to happen, and Hank has a life,

too," Bonds said. "You could go weeks. You expect this man to just travel all over this continent for weeks?"

"It's just not fair to him. That's just all it's about. If you can predict what you're going to do and he can get there and like OK, burn, it's going to be this day and this time, that's a different scenario."

"Hank's a great ballplayer. He's the home run king. He will always be the home run king in our hearts. We respect him. We love him. Hank, if you want to stay home, stay home, brother," he said.

Bonds hit seven home runs in six rounds of batting practice Monday afternoon, splashing one into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence — where the boats already were out in force for the festivities. Bonds opted to skip Monday night's Home Run Derby.

After Bonds finished hitting, a public-service announcement appeared on the center-field scoreboard and



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audio was broadcast over the stadium sound system.

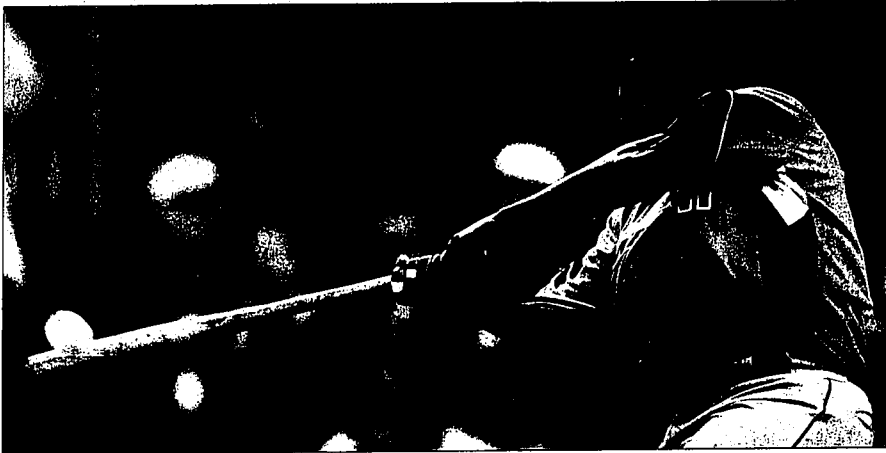
"Sports are great for kids," it said. "Steroids aren't."

Revered in his own ballpark, Bonds is

usually booed on the road, with fans suggesting his accomplishments are tainted because of steroids allegations. The 42-year-old Bonds will start in left field Tuesday night. He earned the spot in fan voting and it was his 14th All-Star selection and first in three years.

Asked what the key has been to his success at his age, Bonds stayed to the

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Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero hits in the third round of the All-Star Home Run Baseball Derby in San Francisco, Monday. Guerrero won the competition with three home runs in the final round.

# Guerrero wins Home Run Derby

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — With Barry Bonds sitting out, this derby was dry — and Vladimir Guerrero was San Francisco's home run king for a day.

The Los Angeles Angels slugger won the Home Run Derby on Monday night, hitting 17 homers and beating Toronto's Alex Rios 3-2 in the final round of the All-Star competition.

None of the eight batters managed a true "splash hit" over the right-field fence and into the waterfront park's iconic McCovey Cove. Dozens of eager fans wearing vests and carrying nets amid the flouja of kayaks and rafts ended up scrambling for just a handful of foul balls and nickels during nearly six hours of batting practice and derby slugging.

But the four semifinalists sent balls into every corner of a park that's usually a nightmare for any hitter not named Bonds.

Guerrero, who managed just two homers in his only previous derby appearance back in 2000, also produced the contest's most fearsome shot: a 503-

### 2007 Home Run Derby

Player	Career	Season	Round 1	Semis	Finals	Totals
Vladimir Guerrero, Los Angeles Angels	352	17	5	12	2	17
Alex Rios, Toronto Blue Jays	45	17	5	8	3	19
Matt Holliday, Colorado Rockies	82	15	5	6	—	13
Albert Pujols, St. Louis Cardinals	266	16	4*	9	—	13
Justin Morneau, Minnesota Twins	103	24	4*	—	—	4
Prince Fielder, Milwaukee Brewers	59	29	3	—	—	3
Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies	103	24	3	—	—	3
Magglio Ordonez, Detroit Tigers	232	13	2	—	—	2

footed to left that fell just short of the oversized baseball mitt loomng over the outfield bleachers — a target that still hasn't been hit during a game in the park's 8-year history.

"The first time I came in 2000, I swung at every pitch, so you learn," Guerrero said through an interpreter. "I came back this year with a different philosophy. I was going to try to take a pitch between, to rest a little bit."

Guerrero was all business in the final, homering on his first pitch before finishing it with three swings to spare. Guerrero casually discarded his bat and didn't even watch as his final shot settled in the left-field stands, celebrating with his cousin from the Dominican Republic.

Rios, added to the derby field on Sunday, had a remarkable 12-homer binge in the second round, but lost his swing in the final, finishing with 19.

# Haren goes above the radar with All-Star start for AL

By Josh Dubow  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Dan Haren has always lacked the luster of his big-name teammates, quietly putting up big numbers and impressing opposing hitters.

With Barry Zito out of Oakland and the spotlight mostly his own this year, Haren has shown he has the stuff and the composure to be a No. 1 pitcher on any staff, including a star-studded one at the All-Star game.

Haren was picked Monday to start for the American League just across the bay from his home ballpark in Oakland.

"I had been always kind of under the radar," Haren said Monday. "Now that I'm in the limelight so to speak, at least for the next couple of days, I'm just going to try to have as much fun as I can rather than putting so much pressure on myself and have this be a rough couple of days."

Haren will be on center stage Tuesday night, facing a power-packed National League lineup featuring Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr. and Prince Fielder. Opposing him on the mound will be San Diego's Jake Peavy, another young pitcher just starting to come into his own.

Haren is 10-3 with an AL-leading 2.30 ERA. He certainly had the credentials to earn the All-Star start, but there was plenty of competition for AL manager Jim Leyland to sift through, including his own no-hit stud Justin Verlander of Detroit.

Two-time Cy Young winner Johan Santana, C.C. Sabathia, Josh Beckett and John Lackey also are on the staff.

"I felt that Danny's numbers certainly should give him the right to start this game," Leyland said. "And I would be lying if I said that it wasn't a nice extra touch since he pitches right across the Bay here in this area. Truthfully, if this game was in Cleveland, it would probably be Sabathia and if it was in Detroit it would be Verlander. So there was a little added incentive for me."

Haren certainly earned this start with his performance on the mound. After losing his first two starts — despite allowing one earned run in 13 innings — Haren reeled off 10 straight wins before losing to Seattle on Friday. Despite that loss, he still took a league-leading 2.30 ERA into the break.

He has helped the A's survive the free agent departure of Zito and another injury-plagued season for



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# M.V. Ladies celebrate 60 years

By Bradley Gair  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Traditionally, the 60th anniversary is celebrated with a diamond. For the Magic Valley Ladies championship trophy there will be no diamond, though it will still be a crown jewel in the golf resume for whoever wins it this week.

With six decades of history behind it, the Magic Valley Ladies Golf Tournament has become the premier summer stroke-play event for area golfers. It will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the Jerome Country Club.

The location rotates between eight area courses, so when tournament chairman Janet Cantor found out that Jerome would get to host the diamond edition, she knew that it had to be a special one.

"We went back through archives and looked up information," she said. "It's pretty exciting that the Magic Valley Ladies kept it going for so long."

There'll be extras such as a first-day derby and a luncheon to honor current and past players as part of the event. For the tournament itself, Cantor is making sure that a lot of the tradition is upheld, such as the stroke-play format of 36 holes.

"I have scrambles. There's a scramble somewhere every week," 24-time champion Virginia Urdhjem said. According to Urdhjem, who put together the last year's event at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, the tournament has been on down times recently because of players shying away from stroke play, but that the format is experiencing a resurgence.

"Golf has changed. Unfortunately, a lot of women like to play in tournaments where they have help like best-ball. They don't have to depend upon themselves," she added. Needless to say, Urdhjem is happy that the new play is here to stay.

Her first championship came at Buhl in 1960, and it's something she'll never forget.

"The first day, I almost had heat stroke," she said. "I was eight (strokes) out, but I came back on the second day."

It was the first of seven in a row as she dominated the tournament from 1960-66. Her most recent win in 2005 also came at Buhl, and she's now looking to No. 25.

"I don't know who all is playing. It's hard at my age to play against these kids that hit far, but I have a good short game. When I'm playing my game, I can compete," she added. "It's the tournament to win."

Then there are golfers like Shauna Robinson. She has a championship (1988 in Rupert) and numerous top five finishes, but it's not the tournament she remembers most.

"A couple of years ago, it was over at Gooding," she said. "I was paired in the same four fours as my daughter (Lynn)." Lynn shot 73 on the first day

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## 60th Magic Valley Ladies Golf Tournament

At Jerome Country Club play begins Wednesday and wraps up on Thursday. Past champions include Rosemary Anderson, Doris Ellingham, Diane Guiles, Jennifer Hedberg, Jennifer Hedberg, Oleta Roberts, Jenn Robinson, Shauna Robinson, Virginia Urdhjem.

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 Prince Fielder, Milwaukee  
 Justin Morneau, Minnesota  
 Derrek Jeter, New York  
 Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle

SPORTS

France finally steps out of fathers shadow

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Brian France walked through the FanZone at Daytona International Speedway with his handlers on security. The NASCAR chairman seemed like just another face in the crowd.

JENNA FRYER IN THE PITTS

Few recognized the sport's most influential man, who was back at the track after a month away following the June 4 death of his father, former chairman Bill France Jr. France hardly eased into his new role as CEO of NASCAR, and at a time when sponsors are hard to come by, he's trying to create the perfect corporate model.

There's always been a perception that France spent his first three years as chairman riling from afar, thus creating a disconnect from the day-to-day decisions of the family business. That has been ostensibly unaware of what was going on may have proved that has sometimes been the case, but once France saw the crew chief flinching their at-track presence, he quickly corrected his oversight by cracking down.

France was firmly out from, finally free from the shadow of his late father. France Jr. was tough to please, and every decision his son made was most certainly scrutinized. It made for awkward moments — from his seat in the crowd, Bill grabbed a microphone to interrupt Brian's presentation during a 2003 news conference, and probably hindered Brian's transition into the top job.

Now able to rule without restraint, France is clear to continue his quest to make NASCAR more corporate than country. Simply put, he wants the sport on the playing field with the other major league sports. This makeover requires France to trample on tradition and change the risk of alienating NASCAR's longtime fans. But in taking off the restrictor plate and shaking things up, France has the opportunity to raise his status and put himself in the same league as some of the top leaders in professional sports.

After all, his emphasis on going up the sport by stomping out its culture of cheating is no different from what's going on in every other professional league.

POCATELLO — The Cowboys played some killer baseball once again. The Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Class AA squad went to Pocatello to face the Rebels and came back with a 21-2 Game 1 win, a 12-2 Game 2 win and probably the Rebels' lunch money had they wanted it.

The pitching staff was key again as Jacob Coats and Chance Elam mowed down one batter after another. Coats threw a one-hitter with seven strikeouts across five innings while Elam struck out six with four hits allowed across all seven innings.

It all started on the mound. Twin Falls head coach Tim Stadlmeier said, "It's encouraging, especially in this month (before the district tournament)." At the plate, Nick Yergensen hit a three-run homer during the fifth inning of Game 1, Connor Watkins hit 4-for-1, Bo Falding hit 6-for-7, Remington Pullin hit 5-for-6 and Tyler Anderson went 6-for-6 across the doubleheader.

The 20-7 Cowboys (13-1 A-1) travels to Idaho Falls to face Madison tonight and will return home to Skip Walker Field for a Friday doubleheader against the Idaho Falls Rebels.

OK with France, who has the power to make this a very new NASCAR. He credits his grandfather and father for building the sport, but knows its stakes are so much bigger and the stakes are so much higher. It's why he pushed to move races from traditional Southern markets area to California, Phoenix, Kansas City and Chicago. And he pulled the trigger on the Chase for the championship, the manufactured 10-race title event which was first introduced in the Chase didn't satisfy him. He didn't hesitate to tinker with the format and expand the field.

He brought on a new series sponsor, the new fuel provider and is willing to sever ties with longtime regional partners. France has also been at the helm during the introduction of the Car of Tomorrow, which is designed to cut costs, improve safety and foster better racing. Some of his ideas are radical, but they have sourced on this new NASCAR. But what France has done is on the same plane as when Selig introduced the wild card and interleague play to baseball. The moves were met at the time, but few would argue baseball isn't better for them.

Time will tell if France can do the same for NASCAR. France has plenty of time to leave his stamp on NASCAR, and his work shouldn't be limited to this focus on cheating. He wants to explore alternate markets and the possibility of a race in China. He must find a way to stabilize sinking TV ratings and make sure the COT succeeds. And he should look into establishing a retired driver fund to help NASCAR's earliest stars. This is France's time now, a chance to show this isn't his Dad's NASCAR anymore. It's his time to shine, so it just might become clear the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated Press.

Ladies

Continued from page B1 and came back strong on the second with a 65. "It was phenomenal to watch her. What made it special is that early in the round she was in the top 10 to me and said, 'Mom, I love my contact lens,'" Shauna recalled. Jenni — a former Twin Falls Bruins golfer who helped the team win a state championship under Paul Stover — soldered on and tied with Jennifer Liedberg. Jenni eventually lost to Liedberg in a playoff, but

Shauna wasn't that disappointed. "Any tournament when I get to play Jenni as part of the field is extra special," Shauna said. Jenni is all grown up now, but Shauna still knows if she can convince her to stay in the area and keep playing. Even if Jenni doesn't, she's got the 2004 championship that came in Rupert. Just like mom's. This year's field will boast approximately 80 ladies. The 2006 champion, Mandi Liedberg, will play and will not defend her title.

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Times-News

POCATELLO — The Cowboys played some killer baseball once again. The Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Class AA squad went to Pocatello to face the Rebels and came back with a 21-2 Game 1 win, a 12-2 Game 2 win and probably the Rebels' lunch money had they wanted it.

The pitching staff was key again as Jacob Coats and Chance Elam mowed down one batter after another. Coats threw a one-hitter with seven strikeouts across five innings while Elam struck out six with four hits allowed across all seven innings.

It all started on the mound. Twin Falls head coach Tim Stadlmeier said, "It's encouraging, especially in this month (before the district tournament)." At the plate, Nick Yergensen hit a three-run homer during the fifth inning of Game 1, Connor Watkins hit 4-for-1, Bo Falding hit 6-for-7, Remington Pullin hit 5-for-6 and Tyler Anderson went 6-for-6 across the doubleheader.

The 20-7 Cowboys (13-1 A-1) travels to Idaho Falls to face Madison tonight and will return home to Skip Walker Field for a Friday doubleheader against the Idaho Falls Rebels.

Bonds

Continued from page B1 point. "Talent. I have it. I've always had it. I feel good, and I feel happy." As Bonds spoke, he held a personal memento in his left hand to post the session on his Web site, www.barrybonds.com. Bonds had a big bash with hip-hop mogul Jay-Z planned for Monday night regardless of whether he'd been picked for the Bonds spent much of the day socializing and signing autographs, visiting with the son of AL manager Jim Leyland. Bonds' first skipper in Los Angeles? The seven-time NL MVP also signed one of his jerseys worn by 8-year-old Darren Buster, son of former Giants manager Dusty Baker.

"It's a dream. You dream about going to a World Series," Bonds said. "I had that opportunity and unfortunately we lost. I've seen all-Star games in everyone else's

Haren

Continued from page B1 Hired Harden, becoming the latest star pitcher for the A's. The last Oakland pitcher to start in the All-Star was Mark Mulder in 2004. Just five months later Mulder was traded to St. Louis in a deal that sent back a 24-year-old pitcher who had made only 19 career starts. "Dave Duncan and I have been together a long time and have been friends for a long time and it's probably the closest I've ever come to having a disruptive relationship, because he was very adamant that Dan be a part of St. Louis's future," NL manager Tony La Russa said of his pitching coach on the Cardinals. In Oakland, many questioned the departures of Mulder and Tim Lincecum in the same week. Harden helped

Koopman said. "I want to win right through districts and state."

The Tigers appear to be headed in that direction with this time against Blackfoot, 14-2 in five innings and 9-4. As usual, Jerome had numerous extra-base hits and RBIs to expand the score while taking advantage of Blackfoot errors. Nathan Bobrovsky contributed a pair of doubles and a pair of RBIs. Tucker Thompson homered for two runs in the third and Mike Cummins batted in three as well. Thompson also threw eight strikeouts.

Game 2 seemed mundane for a layman, but on the surface, Kenny Koopman was a home run short of adding for the cycle but added some RBIs for good measure. The Tigers (22-1 Area C) host Upper Valley Thursday, a contest in which Koopman is avidly awaiting.

Game 1 Jerome 14, Idaho Falls 2. Two innings pitched: 200.2-14.8. Pitchers: Nathan Thompson and Tucker Thompson and Jeremy W. Thompson. — Dan Fuchs, Twin Falls Daily News. — Chuck L. Yergensen, Twin Falls Daily News. — Ken Koopman, Thompson, Tucker, Mike Cummins. — J. J. Garcia, Keny Koopman, Fran Stitzer. — Jerome, Koopman.

Burley buries Rockies

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats showed improvement in their Monday sweep of the Idaho Falls Rockies in American Legion Baseball Class A play. The Bobcats run-ruled the Rockies 12-2 in five innings and then 11-6 in a full contest. Catcher Stephen Beck led the team at the plate with a 6-for-7 performance through the doubleheader. Pitcher Marcus Hoskins picked up a win and a save with eight strikeouts across two games.

In both games, Burley would have a breakout inning at the plate to secure a wide lead. But while the runs aren't, the pace is not relaxed, according to head coach Matt Peterson.

"What happened a couple of times was that we jumped on a lot of runs and then coasted until we needed to get back," he said. "We need to do more with building momentum through the game."

Yet he's still happy with the young squad's progress through the summer seasons. The 4-21 Bobcats host Highland Wednesday. Game 1 Burley 12, Idaho Falls Rockies 2. Two innings pitched: 90.2-13.2. Pitchers: Matt Peterson, Stephen Beck, Steve Wrenn (C) and Stephen Beck. W. Houston (R). — Dan Fuchs, Twin Falls Daily News. — Burley, Beck, Wrenn, Beck.

Amateur golf

Lutz, Leyse win senior titles JEROME — Bob Lutz shot a two-day gross total of 140 to win the overall men's championship last weekend at the 2007 Jerome County Club Senior Club Championships. Sally Leyse won the overall women's championship with a total of 156.

2007 Jerome County Senior Club Championships

At Jerome County Club. Men's titles: 140 (3). Overall men's champion — Bob Lutz (142). Overall women's champion — Sally Leyse (152). Men's 55+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 60+ champion — Jerry Lutz (152). Men's 65+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 70+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 75+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 80+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 85+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 90+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 95+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Men's 100+ champion — Bob Lutz (152). Women's titles: 156 (3). Overall women's champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 55+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 60+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 65+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 70+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 75+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 80+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 85+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 90+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 95+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). Women's 100+ champion — Sally Leyse (156). — Dan Fuchs, Twin Falls Daily News.

World Series of Poker top prize set at \$8.23M

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Top prize at the 2007 World Series of Poker will be about \$8.23 million based on the 6,358 players who have entered the no-limit Texas Hold 'em main event over the tournament's four starting days, organizers said Monday.

The total is short of last year's record 8,773 participants and \$12 million top prize. But it comes nine months after

President Bush signed a law cracking down on Internet gambling, which is blamed for shrinking the number of entrants who would have qualified in online tournaments.

The field is still massive, and several pros, including 2004 champion Greg Rayor, are expected to experience this at home. "I've pretty much had the opportunity to experience it with one of the greatest baseball players to ever live in Willie Mays, and I had to be with him my entire life. I've lived a dream my whole entire life regardless of what anybody says."

Bonds has been hitting about one homer a week recently after connecting for 11 homers by early May. He has 17 this year and only six since getting his 745th off the Mets' Tom Glavine on May 9. Bonds has drawn 91 walks, with 30 intentional free passes. "I'm going to answer this question

\$10,000 buy-in tournaments' first three days, 1,698 bought in.

For the poker-playing world, the main event at the World Series is the year's pinnacle event, where the cards can be cruel and only the skilled, as well as the lucky, survive. Unofficially, 1,789 players began play at noon local time Monday for the fourth starting day of the tournament.

even though it hasn't been asked: I will not intentionally walk Barry Bonds in the All-Star game," Leyland said. NL manager Tony La Russa of the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals will bat Bonds in the second spot, rather than his usual cleanup slot. "The Giants completed a three-game series in St. Louis on Sunday at Busch Stadium, and La Russa discussed his plan with Bonds there. "I was really worried about not having a chance to talk to him and he would find out from somebody that he's hitting second to tell him myself," La Russa said. "I usually don't talk to the visiting guys too much but I was talking to Bruce (Giants manager Bobby) during BP and I saw Barry and had a conversation with him. I let him know, as I mentioned, you know, damage in that second spot is something that I've always thought made sense."

Becker, Simis take member-guest title

GOODING — The team of Nick Becker and Tod Simis won the Gooding County Club Member-Guest Invitational last weekend with a final total of 131. Harold Stroud and Kevin Lancaster followed with a hint at 132. Dave Yaver, Jeff Lacroix, Steve Retherford and Claude Hinkle won "The Derby," a 10-team elimination-by-hole competition.

Gooding County Club Men's Member-Guest Invitational

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Late Saturday Racing

Jackson wins at Gooding GOODING — Jerry Jackson won the Pro Class race Saturday at the High Desert Speedway in Gooding.

Dusty Howdsen won the Street Class and Jeremy Quinn won the Bike/Snowmobile/Four-wheeler Class.

High Desert Speedway Saturday's results

Pro Class — J. Jerry Jackson, 2nd J. Ben Baker, 3rd J. Ben Baker, 4th J. Ben Baker, 5th J. Ben Baker, 6th J. Ben Baker, 7th J. Ben Baker, 8th J. Ben Baker, 9th J. Ben Baker, 10th J. Ben Baker. — Dan Fuchs, Twin Falls Daily News.

# SCOREBOARD

## AUTO RACING

**NASCAR Next Cup Series**  
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1. Matt Kenseth, 270.0  
2. Jeff Burton, 270.0  
3. Tony Stewart, 270.0  
4. Jimmie Johnson, 270.0  
5. Kevin Harvick, 270.0  
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 270.0  
7. Ryan Newman, 270.0  
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11. Robby Gordon, 270.0  
12. Scott Speed, 270.0  
13. Brian Vickers, 270.0  
14. Mike Wallace, 270.0  
15. David Reardon, 270.0  
16. Travis Kvapil, 270.0  
17. Jeff Green, 270.0  
18. Mike Bliss, 270.0  
19. Jason Leffler, 270.0  
20. Tony Stewart, 270.0

## LOCAL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
Twin Falls AA at Madison City, Idaho  
Madison H.S., 4 p.m.  
Midnight at Highland, 8:30 p.m.  
Idaho Falls Rangers at Kimberly, Idaho, 3 p.m.

## GAME PLAN

**VERSUS - Tour de France,** stage 3, Waregem, Belgium to Major League Baseball  
**COMIC CON** - Chicago at Houston 6 p.m.  
**FOX - All Star Game**, San Francisco  
**WBA BASKETBALL**  
ESPN2 - Chicago at Detroit 7 p.m.  
ESPN2 - Indiana at Houston 8:30 a.m.

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# Day of triumph for Belgium at Tour de France

Ghent, Belgium — The Tour de France veered into Belgium on Monday, and Gert Stegmann responded with a victory before his home fans in a country passionate about its cycling.



Christophe Le Mevel of France leads the pack while riding under heavy rain during the second stage of the 94th Tour de France cycling race between Dunkirk, France, and Ghent, Belgium, Monday.

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## Morris Peterson interested in Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — NBA free agent Morris Peterson is interested in the Utah Jazz.

## Riley hopeful about Heat's chances on landing Mo Williams

ORLANDO, Fla. — In his player biography, Milwaukee Bucks guard Mo Williams says Miami is his favorite NBA city. Heat coach Pat Riley hopes to find out in the coming days if that's the case.

## Twins Chamber holds golf scramble

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# Sports Shorts

## National and Magic Valley briefs

### Dan Patrick leaving ESPN after 18 years

NEW YORK — Dan Patrick is leaving ESPN after 18 years, insisting there is no acrimony but saying he was beginning to take his job for granted.

The former SportsCenter anchor announced his decision on his radio show Monday and said his final show will be Aug. 17. Patrick said he hoped to continue working in radio but wasn't sure if he would do any more television.

"It's been home, but I think I was starting to take it for granted, and I did not want to do that," Patrick said on the air. "I did not think that was fair to these great people."

Patrick said ESPN never tried to talk him out of his decision. He originally planned to make the announcement last week, but they asked him to reconsider.

"If there was animosity, I wouldn't be doing radio shows after this one today," he said.

### MAGIC VALLEY Jerome Rec offers softball tournament

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will host its annual Summer Sizzle Softball Tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15.

Lower and upper divisions will be offered. The entry fee is \$100 per team, and this fee will include a three-game guarantee and a double-elimination tournament.

Team roster, waiver and entry fee will be due by noon on Wednesday, July 11. For more information, contact Jerome Recreation District at 824-3389.

### Robert Stuart hosts football camp

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School will host a free football camp for players entering grades 8-9 on July 10-11. The event runs from 6-8 p.m. each day. For more information...

### Football league announces meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Flag Football League will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 at the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Office's upstairs meeting room.

Some of the issues for discussion include tickets, fees, officials, game schedules and the length of the season. Player input is vital for the league. All teams wishing to participate should send a representative to the meeting.

Call 736-2865 for more information.

### M.V. Ladies Golf Tournament nears

JEROME — The Magic Valley Ladies Golf Tournament will be held July 11-12 at Jerome Country Club. This is the 60th year of the tournament. The cost is \$50, plus \$20 for cart. Entries can be sent to P.O. Box 484, Jerome, ID 83338.

### Twin Falls Triathlon announced

TWIN FALLS — The annual Twin Falls Triathlon will be held Saturday, July 14, at Dirckes Lake Park. The team and individual events begin at 8 a.m. and will consist of a half-mile swim, a 17.2-mile bike ride and a 5.25-mile run.

The cost is \$69 per team before July 6 and \$75 the day of the race. For individuals, the cost is \$30 before July 6 and \$35 on the day of the race. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley.

For more information, contact Don Hall at 736-7011 or Jeff Giest at 736-7655.

### Jerome Chamber holds golf scramble

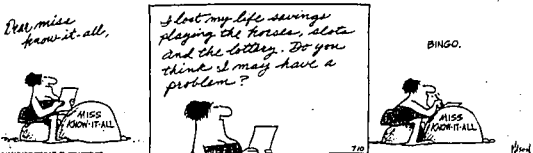
JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2007 Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 14, at Jerome Country Club. The cost is \$330 per six-person team and includes lunch after the event.

For more information, call Jerome County Club at 824-3381. For more information on the scramble, call the chamber at 324-2711.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

# COMICS

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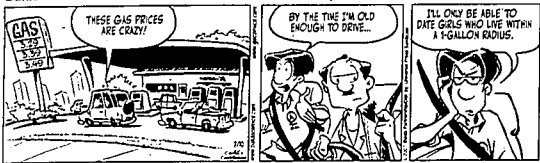
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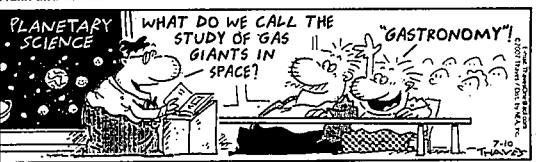
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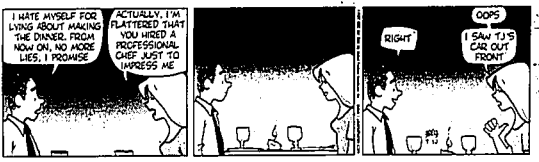
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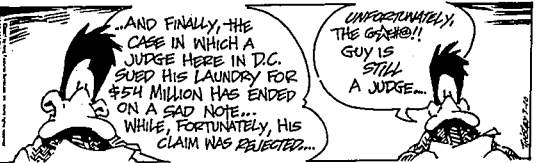
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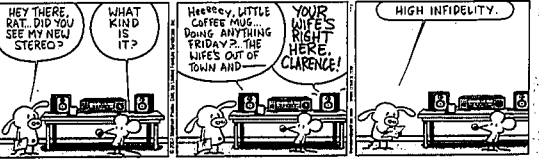
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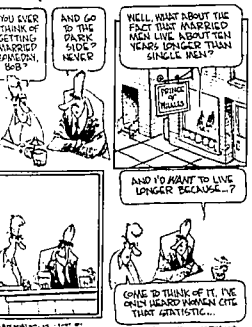
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## Scorpio, it's not worth it to be stubborn

**IF JULY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** This will be a year for innovation. Doing things the same old way will be nearly intolerable, and new modalities will be like a breath of fresh air. You will have an inclination for humanitarian activities but won't necessarily like what you see. Don't let a hard charge at major success divert too much of yourself from a relationship late in the year. Find ways to maintain a balance. That said, you could accomplish much. Finances could be a bit up and down, though the year should end on an upswing.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The next few days may test your mettle. Have faith in yourself and in your goals and dreams. Your aims will continue to be advanced bit by bit — much faster progress is coming soon.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Confidence will see you through almost any situation. You have high energy and strong enough momentum to surmount any temporary obstacles or momentary lack of faith.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your powers of persuasion have returned more to nor-

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mal today, so don't push your ideas quite so relentlessly self you actually find yourself second in command. A gentle approach is best.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It would be easy to be misunderstood today, and that is usually not terribly pleasant. Staying more in the background will help the day pass without incident.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Keep your thinking inside the box for now; better safe than sorry. A rein on your sense of humor would be a wise idea, too, as you could accidentally go further than you intend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** This is not the time to make sweeping changes, and any mistakes made now could be particularly difficult to undo. Keep a low profile and stick like glue to the status quo.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** These aren't the best days for new beginnings, though you yourself may be favorably disposed.

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COMICS

# Bridesmaid's wedding garb doesn't have to be a dress

**Beetle Bailey**



**By Mort Walker**



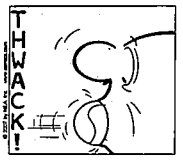
**Blondie**

**By Dean Young & Stan Drake**



**The Born Loser**

**By Art Sansom & Chip**



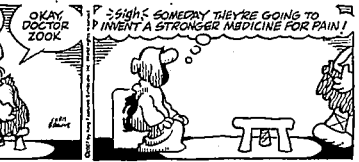
**Garfield**

**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 Ketcham**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

**By Bill Keane**



hose and shoes to be in two of my best friends' weddings, as well as my brother's. I would like to encourage "Never" to remind herself that it's just a few hours in a lifetime on an occasion that will mean a lot to so many.

— DRESS REGISTER WITH NO REGRETS

abled from a birth defect. Her left leg has no muscle and is about a third the size of the normal one. The tendon is short and she walks with a noticeable limp. Her left foot is also a size smaller than the right, and she cannot wear high heels. Because of this she has not worn a dress since she was a little girl. She is also extremely shy.

However, when her brother's fiancée invited her to be a bridesmaid she didn't hesitate to accept the honor. Seeing how she put aside her feelings to walk down the aisle brimming with love for her brother is what made me proud.

Please tell "Never" to get over herself. The wedding isn't about her, and she shouldn't insult the couple by asking if she can do something else. She should choose NOT to be a miserable bridesmaid and bless their day.

— PROUD MOM IN S.E.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have two occasions when I get into a dress no matter what, weddings and funerals. It's her brother's wedding, and they should not be catering to a bridesmaid. It is an honor to be a part of someone's wedding, especially a sibling's.

She should get over it for one day and wear the dress out of respect for her brother and the occasion. I did it for my best friend. Having to wear a dress you would prefer not to is just part of being a bridesmaid. She should step out of her comfort zone for an hour or two, smile, and let them have the wedding they want. Everyone will be watching the bride anyway.

— JESSICA IN TEXAS

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend had the same issues as "Never" the bridesmaid. I bought her a beautiful black satin tuxedo jumpsuit with white satin lapels. It was classic and lovely. Ten years later, she still wears it for formal occasions. You can't do that with most bridesmaids' dresses.

— WENDY'S BEST FRIEND

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, am uncomfortable in dresses. I didn't even wear one for my own wedding. However, I have never regretted setting my feelings aside, hiding my misery and putting on a dress.

— MISSING MY BRIDESMAID

**DEAR ABBY:** My wedding was 20 years ago, and my husband's sister (who also didn't like dresses) was part of my wedding. She was not thrilled at the thought of wearing a bridesmaid's dress, but wore one anyway because she loved her brother (and me). She passed away last September, and we treat the memory we have of our sister — not only in our hearts, but also in our wedding album.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 10, the 191st day of 2007. There are 174 days left in the year.

**Today's highlight:** On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the battle of Britain began as Nazi forces started attacking southern England by air.

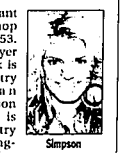
**On this date:** In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, taking the oath of office following the death of President Zachary Taylor. In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification. In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established. In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong. In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule. In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-fashioned Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke. In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. Ten years ago, President Bill Clinton, visiting Poland, told cheering Poles in Warsaw that "never again will your fate be decided by others" following his successful drive to bring Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into NATO by 1999. Scientists in London said DNA from a Neanderthal skeleton supported a theory

that all humanity descended from an "African Eve" 100,000 to 200,000 years ago. Five years ago: A unified Senate approved harsh new penalties for corporate fraud, and document-shredding as part of an accounting oversight bill. The House approved, Oct. 13, a measure to allow airline pilots to carry guns in the cockpit to defend their planes against terrorists. (President George W. Bush later signed the measure into law.) One year ago: A Manhattan town house was leveled by an explosion; authorities say a suicidal doctor set off the blast to avoid selling it in a divorce settlement. (The doctor, Nicholas Bartha, died five days later.) A section of ceiling in Boston's Big Dig tunnel collapsed, killing a passenger. A Pakistani passenger plane crashed, killing all 45 people on board. Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev was killed when a nuclear-laden truck in his convoy exploded.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 86. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 86. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 84. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 80. Actor William Smithers is 80. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 76. Director Paul Passer is 74. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 68. Singer Mavis Staples is 68. Actor Mills Watson is 67. Actor Robert Pine is 66. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 64. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 62. Actor Ron Glass is 62. Actress Sue Lyon is 61. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 60. Country folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 56. Rock singer
- Nell Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 53. Banjo player Beth Fleck is 49. Country musician Shaw Wilson (Balsam Pop) is 47. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 42. Rock musician Peter Dinklage (Porcupine Tree) is 42. Country singer Gary LeVox (Rascal Flatts) is 37. Actress Sofia Vergara is 35. Actor Adrian Grenier is 31. Actor Thomas Nicholas is 27. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 27.



## THOUGHT

"Statesmen think they make history; but history makes itself and drags the statesmen along."

— Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935)

## Cherry-pit-spitting champ holds off competition

EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — The Krause family can retain its bragging rights, but its claim to be a cherry-pit-spitting dynasty may be under siege by a 17-year-old girl. Rick "Pellet Gun" Krause renowned as winner of the International Cherry Spitting Championship, held Saturday at the Tree-Mendus Fruit Cherry Orchard in Michigan, with a spit of 69 feet, 14 1/2 inches. But Krause, 58, needed all

three attempts in the championship round to outdistance his grandson, Jennings, who finished second in the otherwise all-male championship event with 52 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Jennings, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., used his determination and focused spitting form to win the women's division after edging out five-time women's champion Maureen Beck of Rick's wife, with a spit of 47 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Jennings, a student and part-time cashier, had competed in previous years' events but was not considered by organizers of the 34th annual event as a likely title contender. Six-time winner Brian "Young Gun" Krause, Rick's son, took third place with a spit of 49 feet, 6 1/2 inches. The 29-year-old from Dimondale holds the Guinness World Record after a 1997 spit of 53 feet, 6 1/2 inches in 2003.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Some showers will be in the area with longer periods. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tonight: Smoke still around otherwise clear. Lows in the low 60s.
Tomorrow: Temperatures will become hot with sunny skies. Highs in the middle to upper 90s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Showers expected with warm temperatures. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear overnight with mild temperatures. Lows in the upper 50s.
Tomorrow: A very warm day on top with a few clouds possible. Highs in the middle 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Today Highs 78 to 90. Tonight's Lows 59 to 68.
BOISE: Highs in the 70s to 80s. Lows in the 50s.
TWIN FALLS: Highs in the 80s to 90s. Lows in the 60s.

North and South: Highs in the 80s to 90s. Lows in the 60s.
East: Highs in the 80s to 90s. Lows in the 60s.

Idaho Falls: Highs in the 80s to 90s. Lows in the 60s.
Rupert: Highs in the 80s to 90s. Lows in the 60s.

Small town officials on front of large problem
Mexican law enforcement faces uphill battle in war on drugs

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Life is short. You should live it up. You should love it. You should love it. You should love it."
- Regg Middlekauff, 1962, Esquire and Fuel

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
Map of the United States showing weather fronts and conditions.

West Nile virus sickens three in California

By Richard C. Paddock
Los Angeles Times
SAN FRANCISCO — West Nile virus is off to an early start in California this year, with reports of the disease in 26 counties, prompting health officials to call on the public to take aggressive preventive measures.

covered in New York in 1999. Since then it has spread to 47 other states, Mexico and Canada.
Health officials say new hotspots for the disease pop up each year in areas where people and animals have not developed immunity to the virus or learned to take preventive measures, including draining standing water and putting screens on windows and doors.

Richardson rally set for Friday in Elko

By Doug McMurdo
For the Times-Herald
ELKO, Nev. — Presidential candidate Bill Richardson will make his first campaign appearance in Elko at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the old airport terminal off Mountain City Highway.
Richardson, the Democratic governor of New Mexico, will speak at about 2 p.m.

Small-town officials on front of large problem

By Hector Ibar and
Los Angeles Times
NACO, Mexico — The message came on police emergency radio: An army of drug traffickers with machine guns mounted on their pickup trucks was headed toward this town of 5,000 people on the Arizona-Mexico border.
Like a sheriff in a Western, police chief and part-time schoolteacher Juan Bracamontes gritted his teeth and assembled his 15 officers, who had nothing better than 30-caliber revolvers to face off against the enemy.

"On the one side, organized crime is killing police officers, and on the other side, the government is investigating and firing them."
— Jose Arturo Yanez, a researcher at the Professional Police Training Institute in Mexico City
Security officials have resigned or been fired en masse in at least 18 states in nearly every region of Mexico.
Dozens have walked away from their jobs. A few have fled in the face of arrest warrants. Others, such as Orlando Valencia of Cananea, disappear from families seeking their arrest on suspicion of aiding drug traffickers in their escape after the attack on Cananea.

Utah poll finds school voucher support trailing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Months before a fall election, public aid for families sending kids to private schools is getting a thumbs-down.
A poll for the Deseret Morning News found 45 percent of residents said they were "very likely" to vote against vouchers and 12 percent were "somewhat likely," the newspaper reported Monday.
The voucher program, the broadest in the country, would give families \$500 to \$3,000, depending on income, for each child sent to private school. Children already in private school wouldn't be eligible, except students from low-income families.
Opponents collected petition signatures to suspend the law and put it up for a statewide vote Nov. 6.
"I am very gratified with those results. They sound very good, but I know there is a way and then there is going to be a great deal of effort and money used to try and convince people to vote otherwise," said Kim Buntingham, a voucher opponent and chairman of the Utah State Board of Education.
The poll found 24 percent were "very likely" to vote for vouchers and 12 percent were "somewhat likely" to support the law. Six percent didn't know.
The poll of 14 Utah residents was conducted June 26-28 by Dan Jones & Associates and has an error margin of 3 percentage points.
We do have quite a bit of education to do in the community," said Leah Barker, spokeswoman for a pro-voucher group, Parents for Choice in Education.
"This is why our plan revolves mostly around grassroots efforts and really taking the time to explain the true merits of the voucher program," she said.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was informed by the Bureau of Fisheries that there is a need to protect migrating adult Kokanee salmon from harvest and assessment in the Deadwood river from the IDFG Kokanee trap to the slack water of Deadwood Reservoir. These fish are vital to the statewide fisheries needs.

Department to the authority under Idaho Code Section 36, 106(e)(6), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director hereby closes fishing in the Deadwood River from a posted area 100 yards upstream of the fish trap and well downstream to the slack water of Deadwood Reservoir beginning August 8, 2007. The closure will end October 15, 2007 at midnight, Mountain Daylight Time.

Copies of Order 07-28 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters, 600 South Walnut, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

Issue This 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
/s/Carl Green, Director

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### INVITATION TO BID

ALL sealed Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M., on July 23, 2007. ALL Sealed Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M., on July 24, 2007 at the Idaho Transportation Department, Business and Support Management - Purchasing Unit located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish all materials, equipment and labor to Crush and Haul Aggregate for Anti-Skid Type 5 Modified, per the specifications contained in requisition number D-042400.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on some Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. Surety will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the contract.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 5th day of July

TINA KLANTZ, COPES

PURCHASING AGENT

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### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND** Black Lab cross, young male. Round NE Jerome. Needs a good home. Call 208-1091

**FOUND** Female Yellow Lab with light blue collar. Between Harrison and Jackson St. PUP act 208-737-9499 or 208-698-9898

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**FOUND** something in the Burley area. Call 208-678-2960.

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**LOST** American Tortoise. Lost Wed. July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1018 Main St. Family pet, special care is needed. Call 208-934-8179

**LOST** Australian Border Collie mix, black & white, approx. 1 1/2 yrs. My name is "Sue" and I am lost at the Burley High School in Fairfield. Call 208-720-1313

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**LOST** dog, Terrier, male, collar & vet number and look like Benji. 15 years old and deaf. In the Richland area. Call 208-720-1379

**LOST** New straw hat, across from O'Leary School. Would person seen, picking it up, please call. Sentimental valuables. Call 208-438-5562

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Courier/Delivery Driver Twin Falls area. Need experienced and mature individual with clean driving record. 21+ yrs old, truck/trucklet for day shift. Vehicle and uniform provided. \$9.00/hour start. Contact: Action Couriers for application 200-318-7600 or [www.actioncouriers.com](http://www.actioncouriers.com)

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Driver wanted for weekly dedicated route to California. Company paid retirement, health/ life insurance, vacation. 2 yrs OTR experience required. Apply in person at Dennis L. Clark Inc. Truck Lane & Birch St. Burli, ID, 208-543-5473

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**DRIVER**  
Local Hay Hauling. Must have CDL with double endorsements. Call 208-280-1845

**DRIVER**  
Local milk haulers. 401k, medical, 4 on 2 off. Call 208-324-3515

**DRIVER**  
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## WHAT THEY TASTE LIKE

Here are a few commonly found edible flowers and their flavors:

- Carnation:** Spicy, peppery, clove-like
- English daisy:** Tangy, leafy
- Marigold:** Spicy to bitter
- Pansy:** Very mild, sweet to tart
- Rose:** Sweet, aromatic flavor
- Snapdragons:** Bland to bitter
- Violet:** Sweet, like nectar

## Edible landscaping becoming more popular

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — A delphinium may produce lovely blooms, but you won't find one in LuAnn Sites-Kraft's flower bed or berm.

Whether bloom, herb or ivy, if it isn't edible the professional chef doesn't really want it around. More often than not her flowers wind up gracing an entree or spicing up a salad.

"If someone picks it up off their plate it has to be edible," she said. "There are so many wonderful flowers that are edible. Here at home we are really embracing edible landscaping."



Carasiums make colorful and tasty additions to a meal. They taste peppery, almost like cloves.

Marigolds can be easily substituted in a flower arrangement for saffron and is a wonderful garnish when sprinkled on butter. The depth of a day lily bloom is easily filled with ranch dressing (once you remove the stamen) — a surprisingly fresh way to serve the dip alongside a relish tray or chips, she said.

"My favorite edible flower is the nasturtium. It is kind of spicy like a radish but very elegant looking, the leaves can go right into a salad," Sites-Kraft said. "The possibilities are endless."

The popularity of edible landscaping is a growing trend, said JoAnn Robbins, master gardener and University of Idaho Extension educator in Jerome.

"Why wouldn't people love the idea? It is so simple. Instead of growing petunias in a planter, trade it with a tomato. The plants look absolutely amazing and you can eat them, too," Robbins said.

Not all plants or flowers are edible. In fact, some plants like azaleas, buttercups or periwinkles are poisonous, so do some research before planting



Chef LuAnn Sites-Kraft, of Twin Falls, poses in front of a planter filled with edibles, including nasturtiums, snapdragons and calendula.

or serving, Robbins said. "The idea of edible landscaping is catching in the private sector as well."

Instead of cosmos and ornamental grass filling planters along the drive-thru at Caffe Mocha in Twin Falls, they are now growing cherry tomatoes.

"Customers love them, they drive through and snag them all the time," said barista Crystal Nell. "They are just as easy to take care of but we

now have the added benefit of eating them as well."

"The trend of growing what you can eat goes hand-in-hand with more people becoming aware of their environmental impact and wanting eco-friendly landscapes."

"You can't spray what you're going to eat so there is that organic appeal to it," Sites-Kraft said.

Having been recently hired as the chef for the Ascension

Monastery in Jerome, Sites-Kraft hopes to incorporate edible landscaping there, as well. "The idea is to be self-sustaining with what you grow. You don't have to choose between having beautiful flowers or edible ones, you can have both," she said.

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached at [blairkoch@gmail.com](mailto:blairkoch@gmail.com) or 316-2607.



Crystal Nell, barista at Caffe Mocha in Twin Falls, waters the tomato plants they grow instead of ornamental grass or cosmos; giving customers not only something pleasing to the eye but the palate as well.

### Words of caution

- Things to consider before using flowers as an edible garnish or ingredient:
- Flowers are only edible if they are either grown organically or treated with organic pesticides like those used on fruits and vegetables.
- Consider potential allergies
- Do not eat flowers from the side of the road, as they may be contaminated by emissions from cars and sprays.
- Remove pistils and stamens from flowers before eating; eat only the petals
- Do not ingest large quantities

of any blossom until you have tested the effects of a single bud

- Although a flower may be edible, some diners may not like its taste
- The safest method is to grow flowers yourself so that you know what has affected them

Source: LuAnn Sites-Kraft, chef for Ascension Monastery

### Learn more

For more information on edible landscaping contact the University of Idaho Extension office at 324-7578.

## About edible flowers

### The Washington Post

They usually show up in salads, but edible flowers also can be cooked. Peppery, sweet, tangy, pungent, spicy or mild flavor can be added with a single handful of nasturtiums, pansies, pot marigolds (calendula), zucchini, broccoli and cauliflower blossoms, and squash or pumpkin flowers, to name a few.

There are caveats. Remove flower stems, anthers and pistils, as they may taste bitter. (Flowers sold in clamshell

packs usually do not include those.) To avoid stomach upset or possibly serious allergic reaction, try small amounts of one or two types at a time. In general, do not eat specimens from nurseries, garden centers and florists. Make sure the flowers you eat are pesticide- and insect-free — and nontoxic.

For more information, plus lists of edible and inedible flowers, go to <http://attra.net>, and type "edible flowers" into the search box.

## Bring flowers to your plate

By Bonnie S. Benwick  
The Washington Post

Edible flowers have tickled American palates since the 18th century, when cookbooks included recipes for pickled and candied blossoms.

In this dish, San Francisco cook Vianna La Place calls for nasturtium petals to add peppery crunch to simply prepared eggs. In her new cookbook for gardeners/cooks, she writes:

"Flowers of plants contain essences that are powerful agents of health and healing although their beauty and scents might seem reward enough." It's important to be sure about which flowers to use.

In the few minutes it takes to finish the frittata, complete this light supper by tossing together a salad of spring greens with olive oil, red wine vinegar and sea salt, or bake some sweet potato fries. Adapted from La

Place's "My Italian Garden" (Broadway Books, 2007).

### FRIITTATA FIORITA

4 servings

6 to 8 large eggs

Sea salt

1 cup packed assorted edible flowers and herbs, including nasturtium petals, oregano or

Please see FIORITA, Page D2

This frittata recipe uses the peppery crunch of nasturtium petals to spice up eggs.



BLAIR KOCH

# COUNTRY ROADS

Jacob Miller, who graduated from Olympus High School this year, left, and Caleb Berch, a student at Olympus High School, tend to the horses at Wheeler Historic Farm in Murray, Utah. Students attend a class at the farm during the school year and were hired back to work the summer taking care of the farm.



## Students receive real experience in agriculture as potential career

By Roxana Orellana  
The Salt Lake Tribune

MURRAY, Utah — Riding horses and feeding hungry calves heats sitting at home or in a classroom for 18-year-old Sarah Robinson.

"You get to be outside," said the senior at Kearns High School. "What's better than riding horses and not sitting in a classroom?"

For high school students spending part of their school day or summer working at Wheeler Historic Farm, the sounds, smells and sights of a farm are part of the agricultural world they've chosen to experience.

"It's great. I get to come out here and learn how to take care of animals," said Jacob Miller, a 2007 Olympus High School graduate. "You learn how to keep them calm, work with machinery and do simple repairs."

Every school year, students from Granite district high schools have the option to leave the classroom and spend two hours at Wheeler Historic Farm as part of the 30-year-old Granite Technical Institute's Career and Technical Agriculture/Animal Science Program.

A total of 35 students enrolled this past school year.

"It gave me an understanding of what careers are available in agriculture," Miller said. After taking the year-long course his senior year, Miller applied to be a summer intern at the farm.

He said the class was not only a change of pace from the classroom but created interest in an agricultural career.

The program is a collabora-



Sarah Robinson, a Kearns High School student, left, and Jessica Sleeter, of Olympus High School, plant pumpkin seeds at Wheeler Historic Farm in Murray, Utah.

tion between the district and Wheeler Farm, 6351 S. 900 East, Murray. The land, owned by Salt Lake County, sits within the South Cottonwood Regional Park surrounded by trees, residential streets and Little Cottonwood Creek.

As part of the program, students learn all the tasks involved in running a farm. That includes feeding and caring for such farm animals as pigs, cows and horses, planting corn and pumpkins seeds by hand and running machinery.

The ranch is a model of a 19th-century farm and is run as such.

John Peterson, who has

been teaching the program since it began, said it gives students a head start on a career and helps build confidence. They learn by doing while using their hands.

"Agriculture is the largest industry in the U.S.," Peterson said. "While they might not all be farming jobs on a farm, it gives them experience with other types of jobs."

During the school year, students receive credit for the class. Summer interns are paid for their work.

The summer crew, who work from mid-June to just before the school year begins, start the day at 7:30 a.m. and finish around 2:30

On the Web:

www.wheelerfarm.com

p.m. "I like getting out and working outside in the fresh air," said Caleb Berch, a junior at Olympus High. "It's also nice to be around other people who share the same interest."

Berch said the course and summer job teach a good work ethic, and helped him realize he does not want a desk job.

Aside from warm sunny mornings and playful animals, the program is not all fun and games, according to the students. The program also includes lessons on genetics and breeding, horsemanship and animal grooming. "You're working constantly in the heat," said Jessica Sleeter, a senior at Cypress High School. In winter, it's the opposite.

And the hay they bale is heavier than it looks. "I've learned a lot. Definitely to be nice to people and self-respect," Sleeter said. "A lot of things I wouldn't have if I wasn't here."

### NOSE TO NOSE



A pair of foals greet each other as a third one takes it easy in a field near Stoughton, Wis., recently.

## Choose edible weeds carefully

Newsday

If you can't be absolutely certain you are correctly identifying a weed before eating it, pass it up. Better to find a substitute than to visit the emergency room—or worse. Never eat any part of a plant unless you are sure that the specific part is edible. Many plants, even some commonly consumed ones, have only one edible part. For instance, did you know tomatoes leaves are toxic?

Unless specifically noted for use in salads, be sure to cook weeds. Avoid picking

weeds that grow in an area where animal droppings are found. Do not eat weeds found growing in areas that have been treated with pesticides or herbicides.

Don't pick weeds from the side of the road, where exhaust fumes from cars are readily absorbed into nearby plants.

And unless you are a weed scientist, don't rely on yourself. Bring along an illustrated reference book, like the 2000 book "Handbook of Edible Weeds," by James A. Duke (CRC Press, \$94.99) on your hunt.

## Shave and a leaf-cut

The Washington Post

Broadleaf evergreens can be trimmed to look tidy after spring growth, but shearing can create an artificial appear-

ance. To keep a natural look, lightly prune branches to their union with others. Don't slice through leaves; that will leave an unsightly brown edge. Remove them entirely.

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## Florita

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rosemary leaves, washed and patted dry, plus more for garnish.

1/2 cup freshly grated Grafta Romano cheese (may substitute Parmesan)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Position an oven rack 4 to 5 inches from the broiler and preheat the broiler.

Break the eggs into a medium bowl and beat lightly with

a fork. Add the salt and cheese, mixing well.

Melt the butter in a large, ovenproof sauté pan or skillet over medium heat. Add the egg mixture and sprinkle the blossoms on top. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook the fritatta slowly, stirring the eggs with a spatula until large curds form. Stop stirring and cook for 2 to 4 minutes, until the fritatta is firm beneath but not cooked through on the top.

Transfer the part to the broiler and broil for a few minutes, until the top is just set and slightly puffed but not browned. (Or bake in a 400-degree oven for 4 minutes to set the top.)

Transfer to the stovetop to cool in the pan for 1 to 2 minutes so that the edges of the fritatta pull away a bit from the pan. Place a serving platter over the top of the pan and invert the fritatta onto it. Garnish with fresh flowers and serve immediately.

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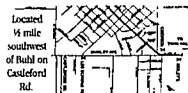
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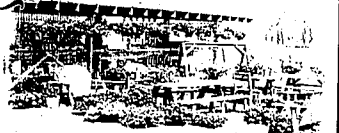
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## T.F. mayor president of state group

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's not Mr. Smith, and he's not going to Washington.

But Lance Clow is now President. Clow, the mayor of Twin Falls, was recently elected as president of the Association of Idaho Cities, the nonpartisan and nonprofit organization made up of and operated by Idaho's 200 cities.

In the year-long position, Clow will preside over board meetings, help draft policy and work with state legislators.

Clow, a city of Twin Falls councilman since 1994, has been active in AIC for most of that time. He called it an "honor" to be president.

"I'm excited to serve the state in that capacity," he said.

Clow said water will obviously be a high priority but that most issues facing IAC are regional. He said he looks forward to working with cities through a "door-to-door" network of communications.

Clow was elected June 15 during the 68th AIC Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene. About 340 delegates representing Idaho cities attended.

AIC Executive Director Ken Harwood said he looks forward to Clow's presidency.

"Lance is a strong leader, is passionate about public service and has a love of Idaho and its communities," he said.

AIC was formed in 1947. It influences policies and provides education, training and technical assistance to strengthen the ability of city elected-officials and staff to serve their communities.

## Businesses temporarily without water

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Several businesses were without water Monday afternoon after a building contractor broke a section of a water-line connected to a nearby fire hydrant.

Magic Valley Mall and other businesses on Pole Line Road East near Lifegrow Boulevard had their water temporarily turned off while city workers repaired the broken waterline. No homes were affected, city officials said.

"We had to shut that line down to make the repair," Mike Schroeder, superintendent of the city water department, said Monday afternoon. "We had water restored to most businesses within about an hour of when it (the line) broke, and we will have all water restored before the end of the day."

## Twin Falls commissioners finish hearing appraisal appeals

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One man carried a bag of dirt. Another had photographs of termites.

An angry gentleman shouted at a county official. The Twin Falls County commissioners finished their weeklong stint as the Board of Equalization on Monday. They had an entertaining, if not tiring, crop more than 90 appeals for property assessments performed by County Assessor, Gerry Bowden.

"They all start to blend

# WENDELL WILDFIRE Fast moving fire



Marsha Rietzark, a resident of Wendell, uses a garden hose to keep the fire at bay Monday afternoon south of Interstate 84.

## Fire destroys home and burns 100 acres

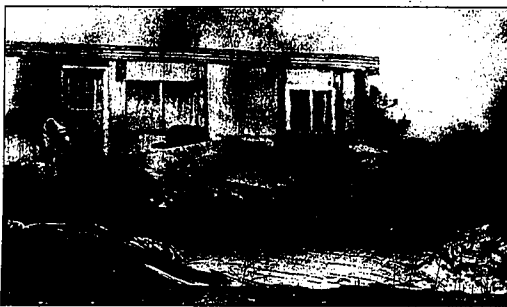
By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

WENDELL — An uninhabited mobile home caught fire at around 2:30 p.m. Monday, incinerating it and causing a fire that burned more than 100 acres before fire crews contained it, authorities said Monday evening.

"Nobody is hurt," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. "I think there were a couple calves. It went through the pen and got the calves."

Wendell and Jerome Rural Fire Departments responded to the fire at 3320 S. 2000 E., which is south of Wendell. The crews fought the contained fire into the evening, according to the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

"Fire crews could not be reached Monday evening.



An uninhabited mobile home burns Monday afternoon south of Wendell. The fire later burned more than 100 acres near the structure.

## Idaho Power restores all service in Magic Valley

### System not back to full capacity though

Times-News

SHOSHONE — Workers finished fixing one of two damaged electrical transmission lines at the Midpoint

Substation on Monday, bringing Idaho Power Co. closer to full operating power.

All homes in Magic Valley are back online after Friday's firestorm damaged more than 40 power poles, but Idaho Power still needs to repair about 30 of the support structures for the lines, which will

probably take until next week, said Lynette Berriochon, company spokeswoman.

Rocky terrain that needs blasting for pole installation has slowed repairs, according to an Idaho Power press release. Meanwhile, the substation near Shoshone will operate at about two-thirds

capacity. Idaho Power asks customers to continue conserving energy by turning the thermostat up a few degrees, turning off lights and unused appliances and closing curtains, especially during the peak operating hours of 4 to 8 p.m.

## Fairfield to become Idaho's capital for a day on July 17

Times-News

FAIRFIELD — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced Monday that Fairfield will be Idaho's "Capital for a Day" on July 17.

Residents can meet with the governor and other state officials from 9 a.m. to noon at the Camas Senior Center, 131 Willow Ave. W. in Fairfield.

State and local leaders will attend a lunch from noon to 1:15 p.m. there. The public session with state leaders will continue from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

State officials who will attend include Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould; Idaho Rural Partnership Executive Director Dale Dixon; Adjutant Gen. Lawrence Lafrenz of the Idaho National Guard; Col. Jerry Russell, director of the Idaho State Police; Debbie Field, director of the state Office of Drug Policy; Nick Smith, deputy state superintendent of public instruction for district support; Allen Merritt, Southern Region manager for the Idaho Department of Water Resources; Idaho Fish

and Game Commission member Wayne Wright of Twin Falls; Dave Parrish, Magic Valley Region supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; and Tim Duffner, South-Central Area supervisor for the Idaho Department of Lands.

"Camas County is a special place, and Fairfield is in a unique location," Otter said.

Only one family expected to stay overnight — but ended up going back home at about midnight Friday.

The shelter stayed open, however, to feed firefighters with all the extra food, Beem said many of them hadn't eaten since lunch Friday and didn't go to the shelter until early Saturday. The shelter served breakfast, thanks to food donations from Wal-Mart.

While Beem said she appreciated the outpouring of support in the face of emergency, the Red Cross can still use more trained volunteers and more donations. Beem said she worried the shelter wouldn't have had the manpower to stay open if it was needed for several days. The nonprofit will take about a \$1,000 hit for the service, even with all the food donations, she said.

Reports of displaced Shoshone residents are also coming in, leaving the possibility of the Red Cross spending more to help.

To donate, call the local Red Cross office at 735-6464.

Times-News staff writer Nick Coltrin can be reached at 735-3371 or ncoltrin@magicvalley.com.

## SHOSHONE

### Red Cross volunteers turn out in force

By Nick Coltrin  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — When wild-fire closed in on southern Shoshone last week, firefighters and emergency personnel weren't alone in racing to the scene. An unprecedented number of Red Cross volunteers headed out to prepare for the worst.

"At one point, the Red Cross had more volunteers in its shelter than displaced residents, said Whitney Beem, director of the south-central Idaho office.

Beem didn't have exact numbers because as people flowed in and out of the shelter all night, but she said about 20 volunteers and as many evacuees came in.

"It was an outpouring of support," she said.

"There's a fire almost every day in Idaho, but you don't see it in the newspaper every day. But this Shoshone fire, you saw it in the paper and you saw it on TV."

"People learned we're setting up a shelter and they came to help, and it's not necessarily the same people who respond to the smaller fires."

Many volunteers first heard the call for help at about 7 p.m. Friday and didn't leave Shoshone until early the next morning.

Individuals weren't the only ones to show support. Several churches in the area prepared to open their doors to evacuees that night, though the Red Cross eventually set up cots inside Shoshone's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Red Cross volunteer Ken Woods said people of several faiths — at least Episcopal, Baptists, Mormons and Catholics showed up — stayed for long hours.

Paul Paulos, who owns a shop, helped make 100 sandwiches and brought them to the shelter by about 11 p.m. Friday. El Sombrero workers brought about 130 burritos to the shelter. Beem said Wal-Mart donated 40 cases of water.

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Watch the interview

Red Cross volunteers helped families and firefighters. Go to [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com) to hear an interview with the local Red Cross director.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

**Helen L. (Garrison) Kelleher**

TWIN FALLS — Helen Kelleher, 63, of Twin Falls, went home to our Lord on July 8, 2007, after a short battle with cancer.

Helen was born Jan. 30, 1944, to Samuel and Della (Luhman) Kelleher, raised south of Twin Falls. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1962. She later married Win Kelleher. After a while, they moved to Blackfoot. After five years, she moved with her children back to Twin Falls.

Mom so loved all of her grandchildren. She spent many hours helping with the grandsons. She loved going to the hills and being out in the fresh air with her family. The grandchildren were the light of her life. She was interested in the stars and the universe. In her later years, she liked to work crossword puzzles.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by one son, Steven M. (Betty) Kelleher of Kimberly; one daughter, Michelle L. (John) Clijmer of Twin Falls;

two brothers, Ralph (Terry) Garrison and Jerry (Garrison) Garrison, both of Twin Falls; two sisters, Marie (Walter) Lagoda of Twin Falls and Lula (Lavern) Huft of Washington; and her grandchildren, Christopher (Crisa) Garrison, James Daniel of Boise, Brad (Sarah) Kerr of Abilene, Texas, Brad stationed in Iraq as TSgt of the USAF; Michael Kerr of Boise; and Joseph Kelleher of Kimberly.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to Hospice Visions Inc. and their hospice home, the Visions of Louisa. We give thanks to the caregivers, Terelda, Maria, Rachael, Madeline and Cindy Anton, RNs. Donations can be made in Helen's name to help support this very loving family caregiver and the Visions at Home. Donations may be sent to Hospice Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

**Milo Lynn Price**

LINDON, Utah — After a valiant battle with cancer, Milo was called home July 8, 2007.



He was born Aug. 28, 1928, in Sugar City, Idaho, to Joe and Wilford Price. The ninth of 10 children, he raised on a farm, he learned the joy of hard work.

Milo was a loving husband and father, who knew and fulfilled his purpose in life. He served two missions in Denmark for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1951, he married Jeanine Drake from Orderville, Utah. They had three children: Temple, Eternal sweethearts, Milo and Jeanine raised their children, Vicki Gardiner (deceased), Diane Gardiner, Rebecca Hancock (Darrell Hancock), Kevin Price (Kelly Sturckell), and Milo Quinn Price. He is survived by siblings, Austin Price, Golda Hope,

Loretta Johnson, Anthon Price, Loreta Price and Neva Oswald; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren call Milo "Grandpa."

After an early career in television repair, Milo worked as an electronic organ repairman in Twin Falls and eastern Idaho. Milo once owned and operated the Music Center in Twin Falls. Among his many callings in the LDS church, he served as executive secretary for five regional representatives. Milo loved solving problems, revealed in exploring nature and personalized the values of self-discipline and obedience to truth.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Lindon LDS West Stake Center, 250 W. 600 S. in Lindon, Utah. A viewing will be from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 13, at Fiddling Memorial Park Cemetery in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.olpinfamilymortuary.com.

SERVICES

Jesus Sandoval of Jerome, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Shannon (Shane) Christopher Mangum of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl; viewing from 9 to 9:50 a.m. today (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Hilda June McCallister of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Deacon Pete E. Rodriguez of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the old Burley High School gymnasium; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church and one hour before the service Wednesday at the school. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Shirley "Shir" Hitt of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Idaho LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Kent Bailey of Pangulitch, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at noon Wednesday at the Pangulitch LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 149 N. 400 E. in Pangulitch, Utah; friends may call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Magley Mortuary in Richfield, Salina and Mantit, Utah).

Lucille E. Yuarre of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.; friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

V. Belle Hart Capps of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Demary Funeral Services, Gooding. Chapel, interment service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing for family and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel.

Geraldine Oliver of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Opal L. Stewart of Fairfield, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield.

**Betty Lou Mohlman**

RUPERT — Betty Lou Mohlman, 78, of Rupert, passed away Monday, July 9, 2007, in Twin Falls, Idaho.



She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert and enjoyed embroidery, quilting, gardening and her grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her children, Judy Mohlman of Rupert, Donna Mohlman of Twin Falls, Harold (Kelly) Mohlman of Rupert, Ted Mohlman of Chandler, Ariz., Alan (Valerie) Mohlman of Rupert, Keith Mohlman of Rupert and Chris (Bill) Kelly of Boise; grandchildren, Tammy Torres, Jamie (Jennifer) Mohlman, Janice

Mohlman, Krystal (Kris) Farnsworth, Britin Mohlman and Sever Mohlman; six great-grandchildren, Kacie, Amanda, Xavier, Mason, Trinity and Madison; brothers, Ernie Bohlen and Earl Bohlen; and sisters, Lucille Johnson, Gladys Juraneck, Norma (John) Watson, Wilma (Paul) Stephens and Diane (David) Hooley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell H. Mohlman; her parents; one brother, Glen; and one sister, Verna.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with Pastor David Poovey officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church. They also would like to express their appreciation to the staff of St. Luke's Transitional Care Unit and the staff and her friends at Alterra.

**Robert 'Bob' Clyde Wills**

TWIN FALLS — Robert (Bob) Clyde Wills, age 80, passed away peacefully at Bridgeview Estates of Parkinson's disease on July 7, 2007.



Bob was born Dec. 12, 1926, in Sioux Falls, S.D. He was the third son of Myrtle Zobel Wills and Ernest James Wills Sr. He had four brothers, one sister, one half-sister, one step-sister and one step-brother. Bob married to Gregory, S.D., shortly after his birth, and then to Gooding, Idaho, in 1937, where he graduated high school with his brother-in-law, "Hank" Wills in 1939. He attended 2 1/2 years at Idaho State University before joining the United States Air Force, 6th Combat Cargo in 1943 as a sergeant. Bob married the love of his life, Georgia Grove, in May 1948, and together they had two sons and one daughter.

After his 1946 military discharge, Bob, his father, E.J., and his brother Hank started the Wills Motor Company here in Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1965, he began as a builder-developer and continued actively working until he was 84 years old. Over the years, Bob was very involved in community affairs and served as Jaycee president, Twin Falls Home Builders president, on the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Board, and was the Junior Chamber of Commerce president. He was a member of the Elk Club, the Bluebonnet Country Club and the First United Methodist Church.

Bob played as hard as he worked. He loved to golf, ski and hunt. His favorite airplane flew into his 70s. He was one of four founding members

of the "Ole Blue Invitational" golf tournament, which has run for 30 years, made yearly salmon fishing trips to Alaska with good friends.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Georgia Wills, his children, Wesley A. Wills of Ketchum, Idaho, Cheryl W. (Jeff) Morse of Newport Beach, Calif., and Bradford J. (Vicki) Wills of Sun Clemente, Calif.; grandchildren, Scott (Kivill) Morse of Vaula, Greece, Elizabeth Morse of New York City, Katherine Morse of Ketchum, Idaho, Joshua Gustafson of Ketchum, Idaho, Nicholas Morse of Vaula, Greece, brothers, Henry E. (Rose) Wills and Ernest I. Wills (sisters, Margaret (Roger) Vincent and Myrna (Mike) Barriatta of Boise, Idaho; step-sister, Jean Schmidt of Fairbanks, Alaska; sister-in-law, Lorayne Wills; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Opal Wills; brothers, Lowell Wills and Wesley J. Wills; and stepbrother, Charles Ross.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Bridgeview Estates and Bob's loving personal caregivers.

A celebration of Bob's life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 12, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Jackson Ave. E. in Twin Falls, Idaho, with military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association. In lieu of plants and flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation or to the charity of your choice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to: Aretta Johnson, Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**Stephen Arind Sutherland**

TWIN FALLS — Stephen A. Sutherland slipped from us suddenly on July 3, 2007, at home with loving family at his side.



Steve was born in Stockton, Calif., on Oct. 7, 1924, to proud parents Harold and Elsa Sutherland.

He and his brother, Arliss, attended schools in Stockton. Steve served his country during World War II in the Army Air Corps as bombardier on a B-24 in the European Theater of Operations.

After being discharged from the Army in 1945, Steve attended Oregon State College in Corvallis, Ore. He graduated from Oregon State in 1949 and was hired as a big game biologist by the Nevada Fish and Game in Elko, Nev., where he worked until 1951.

Steve married Billie Jean Fryar on Dec. 20, 1947; they have spent the last 59 years

together raising three sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Steve Sutherland worked for State Farm Insurance for 25 years in Elko, Nev., retiring from the company in 1985.

While living in Elko, Steve and Jean raised their family and enjoyed outdoor activities such as rock hounding, hunting and fishing.

Steve proudly served the community as an Elko County commissioner from 1968 to 1972.

After retiring, Steve and Jean moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they enjoyed golfing, gardening and playing bridge with their numerous friends.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Jean; brother, Arliss of Indio, Calif.; sons, Stephen of Reno, Nev., Kelly of Elko, Nev., and Jeff of Bandon, Ore.; six grandchildren; one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Steve requested there be no ceremony in his memory; he will be returning to northeast Nevada to his favorite hunting spot.

**William L. 'Bill' Sahlberg**

KING CITY, Ore. — William L. "Bill" Sahlberg, 63, of King City, Ore., died from the Army Air Force during World War II. Survivors include his sons, Tom and William Jr.; and daughter, Marna Rae, all of Spokane, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Robert Sahlberg of Marysville, Wash.

At his request, no service was held.

Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Spokane Music Lodge.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Aretta Johnson**

TWIN FALLS — Aretta Johnson, 53, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, July 8, 2007, at her home in Twin Falls.

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

**Jerry Thompson**

OAKLEY — Jerry Thompson, 77, of Oakley, died Monday, July 9, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

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

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**Crozier, Lott's senior recital today**

**Times-News**

TWIN FALLS — Jodi Crozier and Bethany Lott will hold a senior piano recital at 7 p.m. today in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building. Recital tickets are \$5. The recital is open to the public.

Bethany and Jodi are recent graduates of Jerome High

School and have studied for two years. Throughout high school, both were involved in choir and drama and were officers for the Jerome Advanced Speech team.

Bethany is the daughter of Ron and Karen Crozier. In high school, Jodi enjoyed art and small engines class and was

on the girls' soccer team. She plans to study engineering in this fall at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Bethany is the daughter of Stan and Cathy Lott. She studied cello for five years, was in Key Club and enjoyed drawing and painting. She plans to study visual arts at Brigham Young University this fall.

**Camas Prairie Pioneer picnic set for Sunday**

**Times-News**

FAIRFIELD — The annual Camas Prairie Pioneer Association picnic will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at 4-H Park. Table service and entertainment will be provided, including a hot dish or dessert and a lawn chair.

Special guests include the Old Time Fiddlers Association. The public is invited.

**Twin Falls man gets teaching honor**

**Times-News**

SALT LAKE CITY — A Twin Falls native was one of six of Utah's top teachers and was named an Outstanding Young Volunteer on May 22 to receive the 2007 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Education pre-

sented by the Utah PTA and KUED Public Television.

Twin Falls' Daren Lentz, a math teacher in Logan, Utah, was the youngest teacher selected this year. He is also the only teacher ever nominated by a student to win the award.

Lentz is a 1992 graduate of Twin Falls High School. His parents are Karen and Dave Lentz of Twin Falls.

Recipients received a golden apple statue and \$1,000 cash.



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# Justifying your actions

## Scientists' findings play role in politics, Middle East conflict

By Shankar Vedantam  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Psychologists once conducted a simple experiment with far-reaching implications: They asked people to describe an instance in their lives when they had hurt someone and another instance when they had been hurt by someone else. The incidents that people described were similar whether they saw themselves in the role of victim or perpetrator — they were familiar betrayals, lies and acts of unkindness.

When people described events in which they were the perpetrators of wrongdoing, they invariably said their actions had caused only brief pain to others. Many said the hurtful acts were justified or could not have been prevented.

When people reported the same kinds of incidents as victims, however, they invariably described the actions as inexplicable, unjust and immoral. Victims never felt that the wrongdoing was unavoidable. And they reported that the pain lasted a long time.

The most interesting aspect of social psychologist Roy Baumeister's study was that the same people dealing with the same kinds of hurt perceive hurtful actions in entirely different ways, depending on whether they are the ones causing the hurt or the ones being hurt.

These differing perceptions are a central cause of conflict in our personal, professional and political lives. For Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson, they explain even the most intractable conflict: why President Bush commuted the prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff who was recently convicted of perjury and obstruction of justice in a case involving the outing of a CIA agent.

The different perceptions of victims and perpetrators in Baumeister's experiment are a result of a phenomenon known as cognitive dissonance, Tavris and Aronson argue in a new book titled "Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me)." When we do something that hurts others, there is a part of us that recognizes our action as despicable. But that causes internal conflict — into dissonance — with our belief that we are good people. The solution? We reinterpret our hurtful actions to minimize our responsibility and downplay the pain we have caused.

When we are victims, on the other hand, it would feel dissonant to empathize with our wrongdoers. No, it is much easier to see their actions as inexplicable and immoral.

The important thing to remember, and the reason this has bearing on Bush's

actions in the Libby case, Tavris and Aronson say, is that the process happens at an entirely subconscious level. People don't consciously tell themselves to minimize the consequences of their hurtful actions or to maximize the culpability of those who have done them wrong — that, in fact, would defile the point of the mental juggling act. The people in Baumeister's experiment did not realize they were acting in contrary ways, depending on whether they were victims or perpetrators.

Bush's handling of the Libby case, and the way the nation as a whole has dealt with the war, reeks of cognitive dissonance, Tavris and Aronson say.

"Republicans and Democrats have both been very busy reducing dissonance over the Iraq decision," said Tavris, an independent researcher who works in Los Angeles. "The Republicans who were most in support of the war continue to believe that weapons of mass destruction have been found and al-Qaida was in Iraq and Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden were in cahoots. They reduce their dissonance by rejecting evidence they were wrong."

"Half of all Democrats supported the war," she added. "They have reduced dissonance by conveniently forgetting they once supported the war. ... That is the way memory works and the way the brain works. We ignore, forget or distort information that suggests we might be wrong. We rewrite our memories to confirm what we believe."

Aronson, who works at the University of California at Santa Cruz, said that while self-justification is a universal human trait — and in some cases quite helpful for retaining our sanity — the Bush administration has taken the trait to such an extreme that it prompted the two researchers to write a book about the phenomenon.

Aronson said the bias toward self-justification explains the administration's shifting rationale for the Iraq war and why Bush could not have allowed Libby to go to prison: "If Scooter Libby, working with the blessing of the vice president, lied about what he did in order to protect higher-ups, he is a good guy, he is loyal. It is an exquisite example of self-justification because the good guys are defined as those who are loyal to the cause even if the cause is wrong."

For Bush to have allowed Libby to go to jail, he would have had to live with the idea that someone who he thought was a good and loyal soldier was being punished for being a good and loyal soldier — a fairly extreme form of cognitive dissonance.

# New flooding brings misery to Texas

By Paul J. Weber  
Associated Press writer



Texas copes with deluge: See magjcalvalley.com

DALLAS — A new round of flooding swamped parts of Texas, leading officials in one county to declare a fresh disaster area in the hard-hit Plains.

Smith County officials made a disaster declaration Sunday night, asking for state and federal aid. They say flooding has caused about \$200-million worth of damage to their eastern Texas county.

"We still have areas that are dangerous," county Commissioner Bill McGinnis told KLVF of Tyler. "We have barricaded those off. We beg

people not to go around those barricades because it is just so extremely dangerous to do that."

The search for a 26-year-old man missing since his raft capsized on the rain-swollen Trinity River near Fort Worth resumed Monday morning, said Kent Worley, spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department.

Teams had shifted their search from a rescue mission

to a recovery, Worley said. "The water has gone down, but it's still fairly swift. It's still fairly rapid," he said.

In central Texas, some homes in low-lying areas were flooded in Ilco, about 100 miles southwest of Dallas. No injuries were reported, but some major roads into the town were closed.

"We have really got some major flooding," Ilco Mayor Laverne Tooley said Sunday evening. "It just did not let up."

Rivers in Kansas and Oklahoma have been receding from record flood crests, revealing millions of dollars in damage to thousands of

homes and businesses, in addition to the 1,000 or so damaged in central and northern Texas.

At least 17 deaths, most in Texas, have been blamed on storms and flooding that have plagued the southern Plains since early June.

In Miami, Okla., one of the hardest-hit areas, City Manager Mike Spurgens said officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency told him that 647 structures in the Ottawa County town had been affected by flooding from the Neosho River and far Creek, including 236 commercial buildings destroyed.

# NAACP delegates symbolically bury N-word

By Corey Williams  
Associated Press writer



DETROIT — The NAACP is putting to rest a long-standing expression of racism by symbolically burying the N-word in a ceremony similar to one six decades ago.

Delegates from across the country gathered Monday morning during the group's annual convention at Detroit's Cobo Center and marched about a quarter-mile to Hart Plaza for the ceremony and rally. Along the way, two Percheron horses pulled a plow box adorned with a bouquet of fake black roses.

The N-word has been used as a slur against blacks for more than a century. It remains a symbol of racism, but also is used by blacks when referring to other blacks, especially in comedy routines and rap and hip-hop music.

Public discussion on the word's use increased last year following a tirade by 'Seinfeld' actor Michael Richards, who used it repeatedly during a Los

Angeles comedy routine and later issued a public apology.

The issue about racially insensitive remarks heated up earlier this year after talk show host Don Imus described black members of the Rutgers University women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos" on April 4.

NAACP National Board Chairman Julian Bond repeated the call during the opening address Sunday night for the 99th annual convention, which runs through Thursday. "While we are happy to have sent a certain rally cowboy back to his ranch, we ought to hold ourselves to the same

# Army's recruiting goal lags for second straight month

By Josh White  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army fell short of its active-duty recruiting goal for June by about 15 percent, defense officials said Monday, the second consecutive month the service's enlistment effort has faltered amid the American public's growing discontent over the war in Iraq.

Army officials confirmed Monday that the service missed its June target — the first time its recruiters have missed their monthly mark twice in a row since they were hit hard in 2005 — but declined

to discuss specific numbers before a scheduled release Tuesday. Three defense officials said the Army fell short by about 1,400 soldiers, well shy of its goal of 8,400 for June.

Because recruiters consistently exceeded their targets throughout the first half of fiscal 2007, the Army still remains above its year-to-date goal by about 700 recruits.

The summer months of July, August and September are traditionally the best months for military recruiters, and this year the Army hopes to take in more than a third of its expected 80,000 new recruits in that period.

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# AROUND THE WORLD

## WASHINGTON

### Congress to battle Bush over Libby's commutation

Congressmen returning from their Independence Day break are ready for battle with the "White House," with Democrats decrying President Bush's commutation of former aide L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's prison sentence and fighting Bush's latest claim of executive privilege.

Both events occurred around Congress' vacation, inflaming an intense battle between Democrats and Bush over his use of executive power.

Several Democrat-led investigations are playing out this week as they head toward contempt of Congress citations and whether side yields, federal court:

• Monday is the deadline for the White House to explain why Bush is refusing to comply with congressional subpoenas for e-mails and other documents on his aides' involvement in the firings of eight federal prosecutors last winter. The White House is not expected to comply with the deadline.

• In a pair of hearings, Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee will look at Bush's commutation last week of Libby's prison sentence for obstruction of justice in the CIA leak case. The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to hear from former White House political director Sara Taylor about the prosecutor firings, according to Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

## LONDON

### Interpol chief: Britain not sharing information from terror probe

The head of Interpol said Monday that Britain's anti-terrorist efforts are "in the wrong century," pointing out that authorities in London had not shared any information from the investigation of three failed car bomb attacks and had not made good use of a passport database.

"We have received not one name, not one fingerprint, not one telephone number, not one address, nothing from the UK, about the recent thwarted terrorist attacks," Ronald Noble, Interpol's secretary general, said in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"My view is that the U.K.'s anti-terrorist effort is in the

wrong century," Noble said. Detectives on three continents are working to piece together details of the failed attacks on two London nightspots and the airport in Glasgow, Scotland.

Police in Australia on Monday were granted more time to question an Iranian doctor arrested in Brisbane in connection with the British attacks.

## NEW YORK

### Obama's campaign hits snags despite fundraising

For Barack Obama, the millions of dollars he's raised can't quite paper over the nagging doubts and growing pains.

The Democratic presidential hopeful recently reported raising \$32.5 million over three months, a staggering haul that shifted focus from the question of whether the 45-year-old political phenom is ready for prime time. The first-term Illinois senator continues to draw large crowds — as he did in Iowa last week — and his message of hope and unity has captivated many voters weary of political polarization. The campaign has already attracted more than 259,000 contributors — a jaw-dropping figure.

But in the weeks before his cash totals were disclosed, the Obama campaign hit a series of rough patches that seemed to highlight his relative inexperience on the national stage.

Critics dismissed as somewhat lackluster Obama's performance in three nationally televised debates. One was a civil rights forum in which Obama, the field's only black contender, was expected to shine.

### City sounds off on noise pollution

The get New Yorkers to stop smoking in public buildings, bars and restaurants, and the city's dining spots soon will be free of trans fats. But can Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg deliver on his vow to make the

## NO MORE PUBLIC APPEARANCES FOR KNUT



In this file photo, Knut, a polar bear cub, plays with keeper Thomas Doerflinger at the Zoo in Berlin, Germany, April 8. The zoo said Monday that it has ended seven-month-old Knut's twice-daily public appearances with Doerflinger.

### Big Apple less noisy?

Last week, a noise-control ordinance went into effect, aiming to crack down on some of the worst offenders in the cacophony of everyday urban life: The targets include ice cream trucks, whose tinkling, irritating jingles play over and over; nightclub operators, whose rowdy music blears in otherwise quiet neighborhoods; and dogs barking at all hours.

The goal of the new law was to give the city that never sleeps "much-deserved peace and quiet," Bloomberg said when he signed the law 18 months ago. Under the new ordinance, the fines for violating noise levels have been increased, ranging from less than \$100 for a barking dog to thousands of dollars for repeat nightclub offenders. To give the law some teeth, the city's Department of Environmental Protection is assigning 45 agents to screen chronic complaints about noise, especially in clubs and homes. They'll be armed with some tough new guidelines: Nightclubs may not blast music that is "plainly audible

(defined as 7 decibels) more than 15 feet from their front doors.

## PAKISTAN

### Clerics get more time to reason with radicals

ISLAMABAD — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Monday gave clerics more time to persuade defiant militants to lay down their arms and surrender a mosque they have defended against thousands of government troops, security officials said.

The decision came at a high-level meeting grappling with how to crack the weeklong armed resistance at the Lal Masjid, or Red Mosque, in the heart of the capital. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, said among the mediators would be Tawfiq Usmani, a former teacher of the besieged mosque's senior cleric, Abdul Rashid Ghazi.

Some clerics, including Usmani, have attempted with-

out success to persuade Ghazi to end the siege peacefully since the crisis erupted. The government claims the mosque is being defended by wanted terrorists.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Gov. orders a partial government shutdown

HARRISBURG — Gov. Ed Rendell late Sunday ordered a partial shutdown of government services shut down and placed about a third of the state work force on indefinite unpaid furlough after frantic last-minute negotiations failed to break a budget stalemate.

A judge, however, ordered that the state's five slots parlors remain open, at least temporarily.

Rendell, appearing outside his Capitol office, said the shutdown would go forward but added that he was optimistic that he and legislators could come to an agreement within a day.

"Let me say to our hard-working and dedicated state employees, I'm sorry we're here. We worked as hard as we could today to get this done," Rendell said. But, he said, negotiations and serious consideration of his priorities.

which he maintains must be passed along with a state spending plan, began too late.

## AUSTRIA

### U.N. to send nuclear inspectors to N. Korea

VIENNA, Austria — Members of the U.N.'s nuclear agency on Monday approved sending experts to North Korea to supervise the shutdown of the North's plutonium-producing reactor, a diplomat said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors approved the mission at a special session, according to a diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.


The session focused on an IAEA report compiled by the agency's deputy director general, Olli Heinonen, after a visit late last month to the North's plutonium-producing Yongbyon facility.

The return of the IAEA experts would effectively start the process of ending the North's nuclear program, which — if carried through — would eliminate it as a weapons threat.

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