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# DANGEROUS DRIVER

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — The news flashed scenes of the gruesome wreckage. You never got to see what led up to the alcohol-fueled fatal crash.

Unless you're Dino D'Amato. D'Amato on May 3 tried to save the life of a woman who was driving on Interstate 84 with a blood alcohol content of .459 — just under six times the legal limit for driving. He trailed Edith Corsorz, of Idaho Falls, as she sped, swerved and nearly swiped vehicles for an approximately 30-mile stretch from the Jerome onramp to beyond the Hansen exit. Corsorz died behind the wheel — slamming into a truckload of irrigation pipe — but not before she risked the lives of dozens more.

"Somebody is gonna get it," D'Amato told an emergency dispatcher from his cell phone at mile marker 198, several

miles west of Burley. A 911 taped recording of calls he made to Southern Idaho Regional Communications was made available June 29 after the *Times-News* filed a public records request May 29 to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

By mile marker 179, as if answering his own prophecy, D'Amato stared at the crinkled Nissan Altima from afar and told a dispatcher: "I knew this was going to happen."

In Corsorz's drunken state, she was already like a ghost before she died. Not the fine student described by a former high school teacher. Not the morning jogger known well by neighbors. Not the cook aspiring to enter the field of medicine, as her family described in her obituary.

When D'Amato, 46, saw the 33-year-old's eyes through their vehicles' win-



After speeding, swerving and nearly swiping cars and tractor-trailer rigs along westbound I-84 on May 3, Edith Corsorz, the driver of a Nissan Altima, crashed fatally into the back of a truck carrying irrigation pipe.



Listen to Dino D'Amato and a second caller's May 3 cell phone calls to 911 leading up to a drunken driver's fatal crash.  
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Dino D'Amato of Boise sits in his company van, which he routinely drives through Magic Valley.

downs before the crash, he was swept back to 23 years ago. D'Amato decided that year to turn sober and drank his last drink. So when D'Amato shot a reproachful look at Corsorz, she had no doubt she saw him, but he also knew he wasn't getting through to her. Two months later, he still trembles at the thought.

"My greatest fear is that she was going to kill somebody," D'Amato said later. "She was getting closer and closer to the vehicles each time."

## 1 Spotted at the Burley onramp

That May afternoon, Dino D'Amato noticed a tan Nissan Altima entering the interstate. Instead of merging gradually, it took a swipe at his van, he said. "There is a vehicle in front of me going close to 90 or 100 mph, swinging in and out of every vehicle I'm passing, heading into the curve," D'Amato told 911. "He's like trying to hit the front of all the semis and everything."

At that point, SIRCORN spread the word. "Hey, I got a reckless to pass on you," the dispatcher said. "Westbound from (mile marker) 198. High rate of speed and it's cutting semis off."

That deployed Idaho State Police Trooper Sgt. Keith Thompson, and Jerome County deputies.

Thompson was working other alone that day or with one other patrol officer, he recalled. A deputy would eventually respond before Thompson, but both agencies — stilled by limited staffing — would travel long distances and would miss the race. Thompson would lead the investigation after Corsorz's crash.

## 2 Mile Marker 188: A plea for action

"It's pretty scary," reported a second caller, who told a dispatcher she lives in McCall. Corsorz blasted past mile post 181, and nearly shot off the asphalt, D'Amato said. Ahead of her, also traveling westbound but much slower, was Fred Johnson, carrying a load of irrigation pipe that hung several feet over the rear edge of the truck. Corsorz's Altima slammed into the pipe. It gored the windshield of the Altima and exited through the back.

"Oh, my God — she wrecked," yelled D'Amato on his cell phone. "Oh God, you better get an ambulance. Yep, she's got pipes coming through the window. If that didn't go through her head, it's like she committed suicide or something. Where are you guys?"

It's uncertain what state a .459 blood alcohol content put Corsorz in or whether her aim that afternoon was to take her own life. But more than risking her own life, Corsorz placed every driver and passenger traveling that section of interstate directly into harm's way. At that level of inebriation, it's difficult to say whether she understood the potential harm she brought.

Before police arrived at the scene, a man began accusing D'Amato of causing the accident by racing Corsorz. Bewildered, crying and screaming at the top of his lungs, D'Amato felt the full weight and pressure of the past 20 minutes.

## Dispatch tape documents failed rescue effort on I-84

"It almost went off the road again," D'Amato told 911, the dispatcher with tension building in his voice. "Oh, Jesus. If you got somebody off from Twin Falls they might be able to get on this. This person is swinging in and out — oh, almost hit the guard rail. If you get somebody out from Twin they can stop this. This has been happening since Burley."

## 3 Mile Marker 174: Laying the trap

D'Amato pleaded for police he did not know were still far from intervening. "It's a woman," said D'Amato, peering into the Altima as he caught up. "She's pulling over." D'Amato pulled off the interstate beside the Altima and fixed Corsorz with a glare. She dropped her head, covered her face with her hands and began rubbing her forehead. Corsorz looked over at him, staring blankly. "I'm looking at her right now," D'Amato said. "I got you, sweetie." To D'Amato's terror, she started creeping back onto the road. "She's not even concerned I'm here," he said. "Oh, this is insane."

A dispatcher radioed an officer. "OK," the officer said. "I'll be stationed at (the mile marker) 174," which is just before the Twin Falls freeway exit.

At that location, the officer would never see the crash happen. If the officer had continued eastbound, however, he might not have been able to traverse the median or find an overpass in time to catch up to the pursuit.

"We were trying to get to him the quickest we could," ISP Capt. Kendrick Wills said this week. "You can't just cross the median anywhere. We would have to go clear down to a crossing."

That makes sense to D'Amato now. But at the time, he was growing frustrated. "I was wondering when I was on the phone for so long; I don't understand — why are they waiting? What could they do with someone going 95 mph?"

Police may stop a suspect's vehicle if a citizen is willing to sign a citation saying he watched the suspect commit an illegal act. Police may not, however, physically overtake a vehicle until they observe firsthand the driver's dangerous conduct and determine no alternative exists.

"We try to weigh the danger of getting this person stopped and the danger this person poses to the public," Wills said. Thompson said he reached milepost 173 when he heard about the crash.

"It was the highest BAC I have ever seen in my career," Thompson, a patrol officer since 1998, said this week. "If you weren't a normal drinker — and I'm not — I would probably be passed out."

Call the county coroner, a voice said. The recording ends there.

"My greatest fear is that she was going to kill somebody."

— Dino D'Amato

## Hospital announces new CEO

Administrator from Wisconsin hospital to replace Kee

**TWIN FALLS** — Mark Schwartz, formerly the chief executive officer for Aurora Medical Center in Hartford, Wis., will be the new CEO for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the hospital announced Wednesday.

A committee made up of board and foundation members, administrators and physicians from the Twin Falls hospital selected Schwartz from six finalists in a national search. He will start work in August and replace John Kee, the current CEO who is moving to a position in the St. Luke's Health System improving the health care delivery system.

According to a St. Luke's spokeswoman, Schwartz has worked in various positions in the health care industry.

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## City, residents look into foundation

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The city of Twin Falls and about two dozen area residents met with an endowment group recently to explore creating a local branch for project fundraising, those involved told the *Times-News*.

Officials from the Boise-based philanthropic Idaho Community Foundation met June 28 with a group consisting of city officials, business people and long-time area residents to discuss forming a local leg of the foundation.

Community foundations are essentially public charities that receive tax exemptions and serve as fundraising bases for grants and other special causes. Similar local philanthropic entities are run by the County of Southern Idaho, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Twin Falls School District.

ICF officials said a local foundation would allow the community to create a specific endowment fund for

Find out who's involved. See page A3

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## Prison firms hire lobbyists to spur Idaho privatization

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — As overcrowding in Idaho prisons intensifies, so have lobbying efforts and campaign donations by private companies aiming to win new contracts — both to house more inmates beyond state borders and to build a proposed 2,200-bed for-profit lockup.

The GEO Group, a Florida-based prison operator in 15 states, entered Idaho politics in 2005, when it hired its first lobbyist, according to a review of lobbying and campaign finance records by The Associated Press.

A year later, it divvied up \$8,000 among three campaigns: Gov. Cl. "Butch" Otter got \$5,000, Lt. Gov. Jim Risch got \$2,500, and former state Rep. Debbie Field, who lost her House race

last November, received \$500. Field also served as Otter's campaign manager and was later appointed by the new governor as Idaho's drug czar.

Since 2006, GEO has won contracts worth \$8 million annually to house more than 400 Idaho inmates in Texas, including at two prisons where problems became so severe that Idaho

Transgender inmate sues state for estrogen therapy.

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See a list of lawmakers who received money from Corrections Corp. of America.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 100, Low 63).

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Today: Warmth and little cloud cover will prevail today. Highs in the 90s. Tonight: Temperatures will hold for the overnight with mostly clear skies. Lows in the 60s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Splitfire Grill: a musical by James Valica and Fred Alley, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for students...

Combined-band concert, Air National Guard of the Northwest, 6:00 p.m. Air Force Band, 7:30 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls Municipal Band, 8 to 9:30 p.m., and combined band concert, 8:30 to 9 p.m., in the band shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 735-2500, ext. 3854...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

BUSINESS

Magic Valley AdvantEDGE Federation meeting and lunch, with guest speaker Bob Latham, Sr., noon, Outback Steakhouse, 510 West 5th Street, \$15 membership and \$25 non-member (choice of steak, chicken or salmon), 735-9823 (by 10 a.m. today). "How to Run Your Business So You Can Leave It in Style," a workshop by Wyatt Peterson on "exit planning," 10 a.m. to noon, Premier Insurance, 157 River Vista Plaza, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3974 if planning to attend.

CLUBS

Pinochle Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775)755-2356. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Fallville City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Solder Road, 764-2333. Mullanigh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E., 734-9490. Mileads City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823. 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 Eastwind Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, exercise program designed for Medicare beneficiaries' health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for insured members of YMCA members and \$55 per class for non-insured, 733-4364. "Advanced Theopathic Counseling," Dr. Sharon Custar, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Volcano and Main, 734-6557, 324-7237 or 326-7222. A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210. "Overcoming Co-dependency," 7:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "More Than Meets the Eye/Live Sky Tour," 2 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@magicvalley.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.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Gooding's Basques celebrate a rich heritage on Sunday

GOODING — Five percent of Gooding's 3,282 residents profess Basque ancestry, according to the Census Bureau.

That works out to just 171 people. But boy, can they throw a big party. The Gooding Basque Association will host its 26th annual Basque Festival on Sunday. The event annually attracts about 1,000 people to the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

TODAY IN TNT

Buhl begins demolition of old high school

BUHL — Crews began demolition work on the old Buhl High School about two days after the school district signed a contract to tear it down.

The building, constructed in 1920, and added onto in the 1950s, should be completely demolished within two months.

County set to prepare second safehouse

TWIN FALLS — They might have to get rid of the chicken coop out back. But Twin Falls County officials say the future site of a second county safe house for struggling teenagers shouldn't be too difficult to remodel.

Fire chief praises Mini-Cassia firefighters

BURLEY — Burley Fire Department Chief Bruce Alcock on Tuesday praised Mini-Cassia's volunteer firefighters for their quick response to last week's fires five miles west of Burley.

Area hospital announces next CEO

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Man tried to prevent accident by calling police

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He trailed the woman as she sped, swerved and nearly spilled vehicles for almost 30 miles — just minutes before she was killed in a collision.

OBITUARIES

- Triena Cilmer, 46; Richard Valdez, 73; Betty Lou Rudolph, 81; Jerry Lee Williams, 63; Jerry Thompson, 77; Billy G. Schmidt, 77.

IDAHO/WEST



More crews arrive to battle Idaho blazes

BOISE — Six large fire crews burning in Idaho have scorched about 168 square miles, the Boise-based National Interagency Fire Center reported.

With fires igniting around the West in the last week, the fire center on Monday upped its preparations to level 4, an increase of two levels since Friday and one step below the fire center's highest level.

Idaho astronaut preparing for space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour arrived at its launch pad early Wednesday for a flight to deliver Idaho teacher-artist-astronaut Barbara Morgan and six crewmates to the international space station.

It's been a newly five-year wait for Endeavour, and the shuttle has nothing on Morgan: She's been waiting 22 years.

Inmate sues state for estrogen therapy

BOISE — An Idaho inmate who contends herself a woman trapped in a man's body — and who castrated herself while in prison — is suing the state in federal court to get female hormone therapy for what she describes as gender identity disorder.

Jennifer Spencer, who is biologically male and castrated herself using a disposable razor blade in her prison cell, claims the Idaho Department of Correction and its health care providers are violating her constitutional rights and subjecting her to cruel and unusual punishment by failing to diagnose gender identity disorder and treat her with the female hormone estrogen.

Hundreds of heat-wave deaths unreported

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The heat wave that scorched California a year ago may have contributed to hundreds more deaths than the state has officially reported, an Associated Press investigation suggests.

Bush orders Miers to defy subpoena

WASHINGTON — President Bush ordered his former White House counsel Harriet Miers to defy a congressional subpoena and refuse to testify Thursday before a House panel investigating U.S. attorney firings.

87-year-old Utah man hitchhiked to Pa.

CLINTON, Utah — An 87-year-old Utah man was discovered 2,000 miles away Wednesday in Pennsylvania, less than 48 hours after he was reported missing, police said.

NATION/WORLD



China bans antifreeze chemical in toothpaste

BEIJING — China banned diethylene glycol — a thickening agent in antifreeze — from use in toothpaste Wednesday, one of its most significant concessions yet as it struggles to regain international confidence in the country's beleaguered exports.

Commandos cleared the warren-like Red Mosque complex of rebel fighters Wednesday, ending a fierce eight-day siege and street battles that left more than 100 dead.

At least 106 dead at Red Mosque

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Commandos cleared the warren-like Red Mosque complex of rebel fighters Wednesday, ending a fierce eight-day siege and street battles that left more than 100 dead.

Military documents left unprotected online

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Detailed schematics of a military detainee holding facility in southern Iraq, Geographical surveys and aerial photographs of two military airfields outside Baghdad. Plans for a new fuel farm at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

Theravada Buddhism calls it "need-to-know" information that would pose a direct threat to U.S. troops if it were to fall into the hands of terrorists. It's material so sensitive that officials refused to release the documents when asked.

GOP gets nowhere on Iraq course change

WASHINGTON — Nervous Republicans beseeched the White House without success Wednesday for a quick change in course on Iraq as congressional Democrats insisted on high-profile votes calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops by spring.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush ordered his former White House counsel Harriet Miers to defy a congressional subpoena and refuse to testify Thursday before a House panel investigating U.S. attorney firings.

"Ms. Miers has absolute immunity from compelled congressional testimony as to matters occurring while she was a senior adviser to the president," White House Counsel Fred Fielding wrote in a letter to Miers' lawyer, George T. Manning.

SPORTS



Class A Cowboys split with Upper Valley

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys didn't fare well in their first game against Upper Valley Wednesday, losing Game 1 of a doubleheader 10-0.

A calm mindset and some tomfoolery on the mound led to a Game 2 victory, 13-8, to at least make it a split.

Oklahoma football penalized by NCAA

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma must erase its wins from the 2005 season and will lose two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years, the NCAA said Wednesday.

The penalties stem from a case involving two players, including the Sooners' starting quarterback, who were kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they had not performed at a Norman car dealership. The NCAA said Oklahoma was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of the players.

MLB's second-half will be a shootout

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds likely will take down the lammer's home run record soon. The fates of the surprising Milwaukee Brewers, the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees are far murkier.

With baseball still buzzing about Ichiro Suzuki's spirit around the All-Star bases, the talk turned to the dash to October.

"Now the fun starts," San Diego outfielder Brian Giles said.

Can Beckham bend his charisma to fit U.S.?

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods has it. So does Arnold Schwarzenegger and George Clooney. Michael Mantle certainly had it. And Mike Johnson still does.

Navid Beckham had it in his native England. But is it transferable to America?

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

Advertisement for MagicValley.com featuring Noel Morfin, 2006 Queen Rosa Paz and some of the pageant participants in a video interview.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table showing lottery results for Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Includes prizes and winning numbers.

Times-News ONLINE advertisement listing various news categories and contact information.

# Former first lady Lady Bird Johnson dies at 94

By Kelley Shannon - Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Lady Bird Johnson, the former first lady who championed conservation and worked tenaciously for the political career of her husband, former President Lyndon B. Johnson, died Wednesday, a family spokeswoman said. She was 94.

Lady Bird Johnson returned home late last month after a week at Seton Medical Center, where she'd been admitted for a low-grade fever. Her husband died in 1973.

She died at her Austin home of natural causes about 4:18 p.m. CDT, said Elizabeth Christian, the spokeswoman. She said she was surrounded by family and friends.

She was hospitalized with a stroke in 2002 that left her with difficulty speaking. But even after that she continued to make public appearances and in May attended an event at the LBJ Library and Museum featuring historian Robert Dallek.

The daughter of a Texas rancher, Johnson spent 34 years in Washington, as the wife of a congressional secretary, U.S. representative, senator, vice president and president. The couple had two daughters, Lynda Bird, born in 1944, and Luci Baines,

born in 1947. The couple returned to Texas after the presidency, and Lady Bird Johnson lived for more than 30 years in and near Austin.

"I think we all love seeing those we love loved well, and Austin has loved my mother very well. This community has been so caring," Luci Baines Johnson said in an interview with The Associated Press in 2001.

"People often ask me about living in her shadow, following in the footsteps of somebody like Lady Bird Johnson," she said. "My mother made her own unique imprint on this land." Former President George Bush once recalled that when he was a freshman Republican congressman from Texas in the 1960s, Lady Bird Johnson and the president welcomed him to Washington with kindness, despite their political differences.

He said she exemplified "the grace and the elegance and the decency and sincerity that you would hope for in the White House."

As first lady, she was perhaps best known as the determined environmentalist who wanted roadside billboards and junkyards replaced with trees and wildflowers. She raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to beautify Washington.

## CEO

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industry, everything from volunteer work to consulting and his administrative positions. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Arizona in 1976 and a master's in health care administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1981.

In Wisconsin, he oversaw a nonprofit hospital that spe-

cialized in cancer care, orthopedics, rehabilitation and sleep disorders, and which featured a complementary medicine division integrating herbal medicine and acupuncture.

Schwartz's experience was what earned him the job, according to Jeff Harris, chairman of the Twin Falls hospital's board of directors. "We're very happy to be wel-

coming Mark to the Magic Valley and to St. Luke's," Harris said. "Mark's credentials and experience made him the clear choice to lead our community hospital and we feel he will be an exceptional addition to our team."

Schwartz said he is eager to start his new job, which among other things will see the transition of the hospital to a new building.

"I am extremely excited to be joining such a strong, progressive and growing hospital," he stated in a press release. "The people I've met here so far have made an impression on me and my family. It's clear to us that this is a community we can become a part of."

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## City

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the city of Twin Falls. If created, the community fund would be eligible for an extra \$5,000 boost if community representatives act quickly, according to Hilarie Engle, the donor relations development officer for the ICE.

"The money would help support public projects including parks, trails and the arts, said Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. He cited modeling efforts after those that helped fund a skatepark built six years ago in Harmon Park. The foundation would not cover city services like streets or water.

"It gives an opportunity for

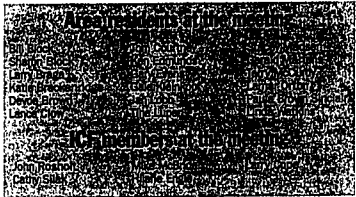
people who want to make a gift and want to make it specific, but not feel like their giving is to the city," said Clow.

He said another meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2.

If the foundation is created it will have a board of directors made up of residents, said city of Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans. He said he would likely oversee finances at least in the beginning.

Evans said that an unused \$10,000 donation made several years ago for city trails would be added to the endowment.

"I think a lot of people are excited about it," said Evans.



Engle said the feelings at the meeting were somewhat mixed, reflecting the varied interests of the large group. "Some people were very interested and others a little skeptical," she said.

Still, the resistance might be the result of how the foundation would be structured.

Funds raised in Twin Falls would be administered by ICE in Boise, but used in Twin Falls — a policy that Engle spoke favorably of.

"They don't have to worry about where the money is invested," she said. "No one has to take this as a full-time job."

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## Prisons

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demanded inmates be relocated.

Corrections Corp. of America, a Tennessee company whose 85,000-inmate private prison system includes 1,500 inmates at a prison south of Boise, gave nearly \$32,000 for the 2006 election to 30 Republican candidates, including \$10,000 to Otrer and \$5,000 to the state Republican Party.

CCA and GEO each hired two lobbyists for the 2007 Idaho Legislature.

Just one Democrat, Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, \$300. The GOP dominates Idaho politics, with 51 of 70 seats in the House and 28 of 35 seats in the Senate.

Kevin Owen, a CCA spokesman, said his company makes political contributions to candidates that support "public-private partnerships." That's what we're in the business of, and that's reflective of our participation in the political process," Owen said, adding his company has run private prisons for nearly 25 years, including in Idaho, in a professional manner where standards can exceed a state's own. "It has been a positive working relationship between the Idaho Department of Correction and CCA."

GEO spokesman Pablo Paez didn't return phone calls seeking comment.

Overcrowding in U.S. prisons, plus a federal push to incarcerate more terrorists and illegal aliens, has benefited private prisons that now oversee 140,000 inmates. Companies like GEO and CCA spent \$3.3 million between 2000 and 2004 on election campaigns in 44 states to ensure they profit from this private prison boom, according to a 2006 study by the National Institute for Money in State Politics, in Helena, Mont.

Private prisons have become a hot topic here, because of the problems at GEO's Texas prisons where Idaho inmates are looked up to cause overcrowding at home.

Counties in southern Idaho are also exploring ways to provide the state with full space with the help of private companies. On Tuesday, officials from

Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties discussed hiring Rocky Mountain Corrections of Alline City to study the possibility of a four-county jail. Officials said the regional jail could house county and state inmates.

Abuse by guards at the Newton County Correctional Center in eastern Texas prompted Idaho officials to demand inmates be relocated in 2006 to the Dickens County Correctional Center. Now, Idaho officials have called Dickens "filthy" and "beyond repair," prompting a move to another GEO Texas prison.

"The way the contractor makes the most money is by providing the least amount of service," said Robert Perkins, a University of Hawaii professor who is writing a book on Texas prisons, including private run facilities. "It's an inherently problematic area of government to privatize."

Still, Idaho, with about 7,000 inmates, now has 256 more inmates in-state than it has capacity for — even with about 430 already in Texas. Efforts to develop sentencing alternatives to ease an expected 7 percent annual increase in inmate numbers through 2010 will take time, so Department of Correction Director Brent Reinks said alternatives are limited to moving inmates elsewhere.

## Lawmaker donations

In 2006, Corrections Corp. of America dished out nearly \$32,000 to GOP lawmakers in Idaho, and \$300 to one Democrat, Rep. Margaret Henbest, of Boise. Here are the lawmakers, candidates and parties that received CCA money in the 2006 election cycle, according to Idaho campaign finance records (Magic Valley lawmakers in bold):

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# Senate Republicans get nowhere with Bush on change of course in Iraq

By David Espo  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Nervous Senate Republicans searched the White House without apparent success Wednesday for a quick change in course on Iraq as congressional Democrats insisted on high-profile votes calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops by spring.

Prospects for a less-sweeping, bipartisan challenge to President Bush suffered a setback when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the leading proposal has "less teeth than a toothless tiger."

Taken together, the events pointed toward a 10-day period

of politically charged maneuvering in the Senate in which Democrats push for a withdrawal, the White House's allies resist and a small but growing collection of Republicans — most of them facing re-election in 2008 — is caught in the middle.

"I'm hopeful they (White House officials) change their minds," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said after a meeting that National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley held with several Republicans in the Capitol.

There was no evidence of that — and the House GOP leader, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, was hitting in his criticism of Republicans who have parted company with Bush on

the war. "Wimps," he called them in closed-door comments confirmed by an aide.

Bush, one day after ruling out talk of any shift in strategy before fall, met at the White House with Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. Both lawmakers emerged saying that the administration's troop buildup had produced progress and deserved a chance to work, at least until Nov. David Petraeus, the top commander in Iraq, produces a widely anticipated report on the war in September.

The White House owes Congress an interim report later this week on the progress that the Iraq government has made toward meeting a series

of political, military and economic goals.

One senior U.S. official said the report will judge that the Iraqi government has partially met some objectives, failed to achieve others, and completed action on a few requirements for upgrading its military.

In a do-or-die assessment, the nation's top intelligence analysts told Congress during the day that the troop increase had not created conditions that would allow the country's various groups to reconcile their deep differences.

"They (the violence forces) have not yet been reduced significantly," Tom Fingar told the House Armed Services Committee.

There were signs of crumbling Republican support for the president's war policy at every turn — although Sen. Kyl, R-Ariz., said that so far, not enough to ally administration critics to prevail.

GOP officials said Sens. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, and McCain had engaged in a brief but spirited debate Tuesday at a closed-door meeting attended by Vice President Dick Cheney. These officials said Voinovich dismissed the warnings that al-Qaida terrorism, adding that left to their own, the Sunnis and Shiites in Iraq would both turn on the outsiders and drive them from the country.

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these officials, and painted a stark picture of the ramifications. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the conversations were supposed to be private.

Sen. Gordon Smith of Oregon became the first Republican to declare on the Senate floor that he will vote for Democratic-drafted legislation that orders a troop withdrawal to begin within 120 days, to be concluded by April 30, 2008.

Sens. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., have also said they will vote for the measure, and Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said she has not ruled out joining them.

## U.S. intelligence report warns al-Qaida has largely regained strength

By Katherine Shrader and Matthew Lee  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence analysts have concluded al-Qaida has rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, The Associated Press has learned.

The conclusion suggests that the group that launched the most devastating terror attack on the United States has been able to rebuild despite nearly six years of bombings, war and other tactics aimed at crippling it.

Still, numerous government officials say they know of no specific, credible threat of a new attack.

A counterterrorism official familiar with a five-page summary of the new government threat assessment called it a stark appraisal that will be discussed at the White House on Thursday as part of a broader meeting on an

upcoming National Intelligence Estimate. The official and others spoke on condition of anonymity because the secret report remains classified.

Counterterrorism analysts produced the document, titled "Al-Qaida better positioned to strike the West." The document pays special heed to the terrorist group's safe haven in Pakistan and makes a range of observations about the threat posed to the United States and its allies, officials said.

Al-Qaida is "considerably operationally stronger than a year ago" and has "regrouped to an extent not seen since 2001," the official said, paraphrasing the report's conclu-

sions. "They are showing greater and greater ability to plan attacks in Europe and the United States."

The group also has created "the most robust training program since 2001, with an interest in using European operatives," the official quoted the report as saying.

At the same time, the official said, the report speaks of "significant gaps in intelligence" so U.S. authorities may be ignorant of potential or planned attacks.

John Krings, who heads the CIA's analysis directorate, echoed the concerns about al-Qaida's resurgence during testimony and conversations with reporters at a House Armed Services Committee hearing on Wednesday.

"They seem to be fairly well settled into the safe haven and the ungoverned spaces of Pakistan," Krings testified. "We see more training. We see more money. We see more communications. We see that activity rising."

## Bush orders former counsel Miers to defy House committee's subpoena

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush ordered his former White House counsel Harriet Miers to defy a congressional subpoena and refuse to testify Thursday before a House panel investigating U.S. attorney firing.

"Ms. Miers has absolute immunity from compelled congressional testimony as to matters occurring while she was a senior adviser to the president," White House Counsel Fred Fielding wrote in a letter to Miers' lawyer, George T. Manning.

Manning, in turn, notified committee chairman John

Coyers, D-Mich., that Miers would not show up Thursday to answer questions on the White House route in the firings of eight federal prosecutors over the winter.

Coyers, who had previously said he would consider pursuing criminal contempt citations against anyone who defied his committee's subpoenas, revealed the letters after former White House political director Sara Taylor testified Wednesday before the Senate judiciary committee.

Taylor said she knew of no involvement by the president in the firings of the U.S. attorneys.

She linked senators by refus-

ing to answer many questions from a panel investigating whether the firings were politically motivated. She said she was bound by Bush's position that White House conversations were protected by executive privilege.

Coyers said of Miers, Bush's former White House lawyer, "As a former public official and officer of the court, Ms. Miers should be especially aware of the need to respect legal process, and we expect her to appear before the committee tomorrow as scheduled."

Fielding said the Justice Department had advised the White House that Miers had absolute immunity.

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EDITORIAL

**Wanted: Fresh ideas for solving our water crisis**

If you talk with farmers in small-town cafes and church parking lots across the Magic Valley during the hot, tense summer of 2007, it's striking how often you hear two names mentioned: Laird Noh and Bruce Newcomb.

They're Magic Valley legislators now retired — Noh to his Twin Falls County sheep operation, Newcomb to Boise State University, where he's a contributing faculty member in political science and public affairs.

Noh, who's from Kimberly, chaired the Idaho Senate Resources and Environment Committee for years before he left the Legislature in 2004.

Newcomb, a rancher from Burley, was speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives for eight years before he decided not to run for re-election in 2006.

And in the current crisis over potential curtailment of groundwater rights because of shrinkage of the Snake River Plain Aquifer, a significant number of farmers and dairymen — both groundwater pumpers and surface-water users — wish Noh and Newcomb were still in the game.

It's not hard to see why. Noh, the acknowledged expert on Idaho water law and policy for many years, and Newcomb, the master legislative broker, represented clarity to Idaho's agricultural community. And his clarity has been in short supply recently.

After the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators and the Idaho Dairymen's Association came up with enough water earlier this month to give to surface-water users, Idaho Department of Water Resources director Dave Tutthill called off a planned curtailment of hundreds of groundwater rights. But it's only a reprieve; everybody involved believes the water crisis will return with a vengeance next summer, raising the specter of a regional recession in the Magic Valley if and when a curtailment actually happens.

The pumpers and the surface-water users have a six-month window during which to work toward a solution before lenders start making decisions about whether or not to fund Magic Valley farm operations based on the prospects for water. At this point, there's not a high degree of confidence that the two sides will achieve a meeting of the minds.

Hence the nostalgia for Noh and Newcomb. As legislators, neither would have been part of the negotiations, but everybody involved in southern Idaho agriculture or who is affected by it respects their opinions.

When Noh chaired the Resources and Conservation Committee, irrigators felt the senator had their backs. Noh's knowledge of water in the West is comprehensive, but his great gift is being able to anticipate consequences — and opportunities — with an increasingly scarce commodity.

Newcomb's asset is that he understands exactly what Otto von Bismarck meant when the 19th century German chancellor said, "Politics is the art of the possible." The former speaker could call two feuding lawmakers into his office and, seven times out of 10, come out with a compromise.

That's because Newcomb, like Noh, always regarded ideology and ego as the twin albatrosses around the neck of good government. Their conceit was that voters didn't send people to the Legislature to score debating points; they sent them there to get things done.

Noh and Newcomb are both Republicans, but they're Trumanites by temperament. It was President Harry S. Truman, after all, who said, "It's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

Our point is not that Noh or Newcomb should — or would wish to — get involved in helping resolve Idaho's most serious water crisis to date. The point is that what's missing from the current equation is leadership.

Somebody — Gov. Butch Otter or the Legislature, individually or collectively — needs to step up and assume that role, and soon.

Otter, Idaho's great communicator, would be our first choice. But perhaps because of his libertarian political instincts, he seems reluctant to get further involved.

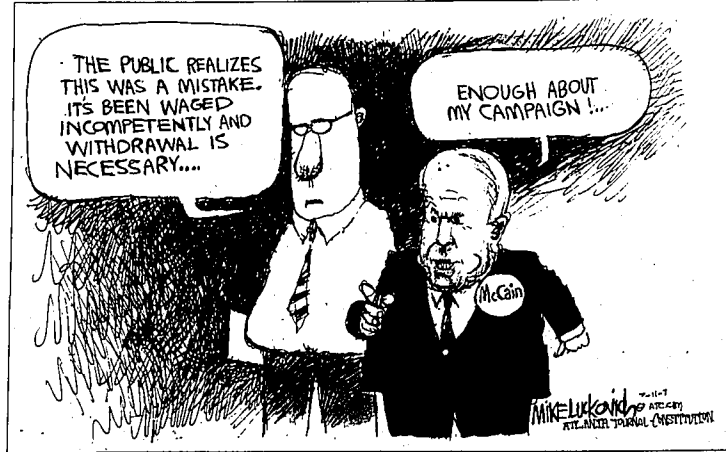
Too many senior legislators shrug their shoulders at the pumps-vs.-surface-water users standoff and say they can do nothing. We disagree.

The Legislature has historical clout in water issues in Idaho. It was lawmakers, after all, who implemented the Swan Falls Agreement of 1984 and established and funds the state water resources department. Tutthill has the right to shut down pumps precisely because the Legislature gave it to him.

Somewhere in state government, someone — inside or outside the Legislature — has the combination of ideas and personality that could move this dispute off dead center.

It's time for him or her to speak up.

**Our view:** What's missing from the ongoing crisis over potential curtailment of Snake River Plain Aquifer groundwater rights? In a word, leadership. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



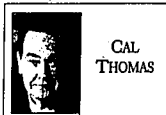
**'All we are saying is ...'**

**"A**ll we are saying is give peace a chance," says John Lennon's anti-war protest song.

But though President Bush's recent remarks to the Greater Cleveland Partnership may have borrowed a page from Lennon's songbook, they sang quite a different tune to a pro-war beat. All Bush is saying is give Gen. David Petraeus a chance.

The president said, "I welcome a good, honest debate about the consequences of failure, the consequences of success in this war. But I believe that it's in this nation's interests to give the commander a chance to fully implement his operations. ... I believe Congress ought to wait for Gen. Petraeus to come back and give his assessment of the strategy that he's putting in place before they make any decisions."

That is a reasonable request; especially since the progress report was originally slated for September. There has been progress against the enemy, as Sen. John McCain reported from his latest trip to Iraq. But the political season has begun, and between Democratic politicians who are conducting their own insurgency against a weakened president — a president



they have helped weaken by their non-support of the war effort, and a few Republican politicians whose only interest seems to be not the establishment of a stable Iraq, but the preservation of their jobs — reasonableness has become a casualty of this struggle.

The president said, "We can accomplish it and win this fight in Iraq. ... We must, for the sake of our children and our grandchildren." The president said that after Gen. Petraeus gives his report "then we can work together on a way forward."

That, too, is a reasonable request, but in a day when the hot air in Washington rivals the near-triple digit temperatures on the thermometer, asking politicians to do reasonable things and to embrace victory, rather than defeat, is like hoping for snow in July.

There ought to be no question that declaring defeat in Iraq will encourage every terrorist organization and nation state that means us harm. Defeat will not be the end of

it; it will be the beginning of the end of us. We've won political victory politicians might achieve by sustaining themselves in office will be lost to terrorists who will make sure that those who think they are secure in their congressional seats will face the ultimate insecurity in their homes and offices. Remember, the 9/11 airplane hijackers would have destroyed the Capitol Building were it not for the surge of the brave passengers on United flight 93.

Why is this so difficult for them to understand? It isn't difficult and it pains me to say it, but too many politicians would mortgage the nation's future in exchange for a few more years in office.

At the risk of repetition, it is not enough for the president to plead for patience and understanding. He must do more — much more — and he must do it immediately. He needs to open a second front — a surge — in the propaganda battle. He should directly challenge those who want to give-up to provide him with a specific plan to win the wider war against terrorists should the defeats prevail and Iraq devolve into chaos and become a base for launching new terrorist acts throughout the world. They don't have such a plan and a challenge from the president would

expose their empty and self-serving rhetoric.

Simultaneously, the president should bring to Washington Iraqis who are grateful for their liberation and who want to thank America for its sacrifice. Let them tell their stories of murder, rape and torture under Saddam Hussein and then let the mostly Democratic congressional leadership and those Republicans with terminal cold feet face them and tell them they'd be better off dead, or in prison.

The president expects our troops to be more aggressive, so he needs to demonstrate more aggressiveness at home.

The president was correct when he reminded the dwindling numbers listening: "I wish I could report that this ... threat, this struggle is going to end shortly. It's not. That doesn't mean we have to have kinetic action all the time. But it does mean America must not lose faith in our values and lose sight of our purpose. And that's going to be the challenge facing this country."

It's up to him to ensure that we don't lose faith.

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**Romney and all the presidents' dogs**

**A**s a bit of color in a recent profile, The Boston Globe revealed that in 1983, current GOP presidential aspirant Mitt Romney hosted a "kennel" containing the beloved family dog Seamus atop the roof of the family Chevrolet station wagon for a 12-hour summer drive to the family manse at Lake Huron in Canada.

Seamus did not appreciate the accommodations and soon was expressing his concern with a gastrointestinal discharge, as is an Irish setter's wont. Amid groans of disgust from his five sons, Romney pulled over and washed off the dog, thereby demonstrating what the hometown paper described as characteristic "emotion-free crisis management."

Other publications quickly trotted out the family rights activists, who thought the story revealed something else entirely about the former governor of Massachusetts. His status Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals hypothesized that Seamus' traveling penthouse might have been illegal. The more aggressive Petco for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wondered whether Romney was missing what neurologists term a mirror neuron, a condition that prevents basic compassion.

Amid the hullabaloo, the

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candidate's wife. Ann, posted on the family blog that "Mitt and I love our dogs" and, moreover — Seamus' scintillating protest notwithstanding — the dog loved that kennel. "Every time he saw it, he jumped up on the tailgate, walked in and lay down," she wrote. "It was just like the kennel he curled up in at home."

Last anyone think her husband callous, Mrs. Romney offered that the whole family cried when their Weimaraner Maddy died last year. As for Seamus, he "lived to a ripe old age, basking in the affection of a large family."

But what about Romney's hounds to the current president's Scottish terrier Barney. Americans seem to like presidents with pets, and presidents generally have embraced the humanizing effect the creatures can bring. Calvin Coolidge once said, "Any man who does not like dogs and want them about his house does not deserve to be in the White House."

But the history of politicians and pets can be a complicated one. Not every president has embraced animals the way that, say, President Clinton loved his chocolate

Lab, Buddy — seemingly his only friend during the dark days of impeachment.

"Harry Truman may be famously quoted as saying, 'If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.' But when a cocker spaniel puppy named Feller arrived as an anonymous gift in December 1947, Truman announced he didn't want to keep the dog, causing a minor controversy and upsetting dog lovers across the country. "Feller the unwanted dog," as he came to be known, ended up on an Ohio farm.

Hands down, no politician has an odder pet story than one of our presidential aspirants and former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. As a student at Harvard Medical School in the 1970s, Frist regularly would visit local animal shelters, adopt cats, promise to care for them and then conduct scientific experiments on them.

What a treasure trove of opposition research it must have seemed to the 1994 campaign of then-Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., to read Frist's autobiography, in which the cardiothoracic surgeon described his thinking at the time as "not going to let a few sentiments about cats, furry little creatures and in the way of his career."

But even with this rather

distasteful treatment of his adopted cats used against him by his opponent, Frist won that race — overwhelmingly.

"Feller the unwanted dog" is an obscure passage of Truman historiography; Johnson survived Beagle-gate. And the Romney controversy as of now seems nothing more than an old media indulgence during these, um, dog days of summer.

Americans love pets, but when it comes to pet abuse, we seem to take a "don't ask, don't tell" approach, respecting the sanctity of family life and extending the boundaries to include the doghouse in the backyard.

Who among us can fairly judge what complicated understandings a man may arrive at with his dog?

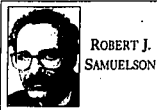
I've been asked if I'd like Romney a less-promising candidate for having hosted Seamus atop the family car. I don't, though I do think the tale says something about him — perhaps that he's a bit old school. It will be up to voters to judge whether Seamus' unpleasant trip to Canada matters more than the fact that other canines, such as Barack Obama and Rudy Giuliani, don't own any pets. Now that's just weird.

Jake Tapper is senior political correspondent for ABC News.

OPINION

# The problem with prosperity

**WASHINGTON** — Ponder now the happiness gap. In 1974, economist Richard Easterlin pointed out that beyond a certain point — presumably when people's basic needs for food, shelter, public order and work are met — greater wealth does not generate more emotional happiness. The America of 2007 is far richer than the America of 1977. Life expectancy is 78 years, up from 74 years. Homes are bigger and crammed with more paraphernalia (microwave ovens, personal computers, flat-panel TVs). But happiness is stuck.



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In 1977, 35 percent of Americans rated themselves "very happy," 53.2 percent "pretty happy" and 11 percent "not too happy," reports the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. In 2006, the figures are similar: 32.4 percent "very happy," 55.9 percent "pretty happy" and 11.7 percent "not too happy." Likewise, in most advanced countries, self-reported happiness has been flat for decades.

Lordes of scholars are now asking why. Consider Cornell University economist Robert Frank's new book, "Falling Behind." He argues that rising affluence condemns us to self-defeating consumption contests. People want ever-bigger homes, because their friends have ever-bigger homes. But the extra pleasure of owning these grander homes is muted, because (yes) all our friends have them too. Meanwhile, the added debt to buy the house may make us more anxious, and we may regret sacrificing some leisure — working harder to buy the bigger home.

Greater individual wealth does not bring greater collective welfare. Moving further out into suburbia for a bigger home increases traffic congestion and commutes. Roads get more clogged, pollution worsens. We engage in "behaviors that are smart for one, dumb for all," Frank writes.

Supporting this seems convincing. The trouble is that the ignores history. The behavior he describes isn't new. A mobile society like ours is inherently stressful. People rise and fall. Americans have always been acquisitive and nink-conscious.

The psychology of prosperity — striving, taking risks — feeds on ambition and insecurity. Our system often seems an insane rat race. But over time, it has created huge gains in material well-being. Air conditioning may not have made people in the South and elsewhere happier.

But it surely has made them more comfortable. True, there's an economic disconnect today. Despite obvious prosperity, including 8 million new jobs since mid-2003, consumer confidence is

subdued. But the explanation, I think, lies neither in Frank's elaborate theory nor in his reversal of popular culpits — higher gasoline prices and the housing slump. Instead, I'd cite two underlying causes. First, economic insecurity has increased. Companies are quicker to fire. Median job tenure for men aged 45 to 54 dropped from about 13 years in 1983 to eight years in 2006, reports economist Rob Valletta of the San Francisco Fed. People have more cause to worry — and they do.

Second, Americans compare the present with the immediate past. The economic boom of the late 1990s conditioned people to expect a bright future. Clearly, that hasn't arrived. People are disappointed, because reality doesn't match the promise.

Still, even the 1990s economic boom didn't produce a happiness boom: the survey figures barely budged. Between the richest and poorest Americans, happiness gaps have always been large. But a major difference in the middle class involve modest or nonexistent differences in happiness. The old adage is true: Money can't buy happiness.

We ultimately get satisfaction from our relations with family and friends, the love we give or receive, the meaning we find in work, service, religion or hobbies. The strongest survey finding is that married people are happier than singles, says Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center. An estimated 42.5 percent of married couples say they are "very happy," compared with 18 percent of the divorced.

The popularity of happiness research suggests that economists and other social scientists think they can devise public policies to elevate the nation's feel-good quotient. This is an illusion. Happiness depends heavily on individual character and national culture. Some people will complain no matter how great their fortune; others will smile through the worst of times. In international comparisons, the United States ranks lower in happiness than some smaller nations (Denmark, Ireland, Sweden) but much higher than many large countries with paternalistic welfare states (France, Germany, Italy). Governments can provide health care. But they cannot outlaw despair or mandate optimism.

It's novelists and philosophers, not social scientists, who provide a deeper understanding of happiness. For better or worse, there are limits to re-engineering the human spirit.

# Terrorism's silver lining



KATHLEEN PARKER

**WASHINGTON** — Where there's a terrorist, there's a business opportunity.

If you're new to that concept, no worries. There's still plenty of money to be made in the homeland security industry.

You've heard of IEDs — those nasty roadside bombs that have killed too many American sons and daughters. Well, here's worse news — or maybe good news for your investment portfolio: IEDs may be coming to America. And this means that counter-IED technology will be the newest market in the homeland security. Thrilling, isn't it?

So goes the newest prediction from Homeland Security Research Corp. IEDs, a Washington-based consultancy group that caters to businesses and governments. Some of its clients include the U.S. House of Representatives, NATO, the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute and the governments of Japan and Sweden, as well as such corporations as Boeing, DuPont, Panasonic and Cisco, just to name a few. You can be a client, too, but it'll cost you. You know what they say: It takes money to make money. If you want a peek at

the just-released report on the future of IED markets, you'll have to pony up \$5,950.

For that, you'll get 279 pages, 84 figures and 144 tables explaining that, even if things improve in the Middle East, the problem of IEDs will continue. Indeed, we're likely to see them increasingly migrate to civilian areas — an event for which the U.S. and Western Europe are "catastrophically underprepared," according to the folks at IHSRC.

But that's OK because technology is in the works and, in central benefits, there's money to be made. Our present technological weakness will be the driving force behind a thriving counter-IED market that the IHSRC predicts will attain a CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 8 percent to 12 percent in the next two decades. The business of homeland security is nothing new, in fact, some market observers

wonder if the boom is already past. Venture capitalists who had hoped to make big gains in the markets created by terrorism began expressing doubts about sustainability of earnings growth at least a year ago.

But then, there's always something new around the corner. With each new terrorist innovation comes a new market. IHSRC predicts a robust business in homeland security, figuring the U.S. market share will reach \$115 billion by 2011. Civitas Group, another Washington-based investment firm specializing in security, puts the U.S. share of the global homeland security market at \$140 billion during the next five years.

In another report, the IHSRC analyzed the 110th Congress, evaluating legislative and political agendas of the new Democratic majority, committee leadership and so on, to forecast which security markets and technology sectors would be affected. The envelope please: Oh, sorry, that'll be \$1,350. But here's a teaser: Approximately \$30 billion will shift or be added in Homeland Security markets over the next five years as a result of the Democratic takeover of Congress.

The beautiful thing about the capitalist-driven marketplace is that needs are met with speed, innovation and entrepreneurship. The ugly thing is that sometimes what drives the market is also what aims to kill us. We loathe terrorism because of their cowardice, brutality, narcissism and utter disregard for civilization. Yet, in trying to thwart them, we become invested in their success.

The sustainability of our investments depends on the sustainability of terror — or at least the fear of terror. Without a major terrorist attack, markets can expect an infusion of \$176 billion by 2015, according to IHSRC. But with a major attack in the U.S., Europe or Japan, the global security market could increase to \$740 billion.

Maybe this, and not global warming, is how the world ends — terrorism and capitalism colliding in an explosion of irony. Capitalism, the only system that respects the individual, and terrorism — an instrument of pathological individualism — are locked in a circular co-dependency without a foreseeable cure.

The cynic's question isn't, "Are the terrorists winning?" It's, "Can we afford to defeat them?"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**YMCA officer racks up list of accomplishments**

Karen Jachimovsk should be praised for her accomplishments as chief executive officer of the Twin Falls YMCA. She brought this YMCA back into the "Y" fold by realigning us with the rules, regulations, safety practices, etc. of the YMCA of the USA. She was also able to pay off a long-standing debt owed to them which now puts us in "good standing."

Karen and her dedicated staff have continually done a remarkable job. Under her leadership, we have improved our finances, promoted the "Y" put together a talented, committed board, increased membership, improved the appearance of the present facility, worked with many local organizations, purchased an additional facility, etc. Karen helped the board put together a handbook and established appropriate management practices to allow her staff to know what to do and how to be successful if they choose to do what needs to be done. She can be tough, but that is how she has been able to turn this YMCA around. Karen works many long hours, and she never asks more of her staff than she asks of herself. She is always available to staff, board or the public. She has taught her staff and board many useful skills to help us be successful. Karen has the ability to make you feel like you did more that you actually did. I have never worked with a more organized, dynamic individual. I know of no one that could replicate her. It was an honor to read applications and interviewing those who applied for this job. Karen Jachimovsk is one of a kind, and this community should be grateful that she is giving her time and talents, not

only to her job but also to several community organizations. Please give her the respect she deserves.  
**LUREE WELCH**  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Luree Welch is a past president of the board of directors of the YMCA of Twin Falls, Inc.)

**Idaho's high temperatures way too much for Alaskan**

You Idahoans are way tougher than we Alaskans. How on earth, or Idaho, do you survive this inferno you call "summer"? I survived six weeks in which the temperatures never rose above minus 55, when oil is the viscosity of cold porridge! I spent more than 20 years at sea in Alaskan waters, from the Inside Passage to the Arctic Ocean. I've been swamped by 50-foot seas, icebound and clobered by house-sized ice cubes, and I've inhaled subzero hurricane winds.

I even survived an icy marriage, and that was no leisurely canoe trip across your local fish pond! Throughout my life experiences, I don't ever recall me whining. Others may say I do, but what do they know? Bunch of hand-jubbers, anyway! I took my mate on a casual stroll down your Rock Creek Canyon, and I ended up crying and tizzy-fitting like a baby! I swear, this I no Alaskan tilt tale, but I witnessed shades scream-

ing to find shade! Delusional from heat stroke? How would I know? My only experience with heat centers around the manipulation of that dial thing on the thermostat.

I love on earth, or Alaska, am I supposed to describe "hot" to my fellow Alaskans? It's not frozen and it's a proven vaccine for frostbite! It's when you take your dogs for a "casual stroll," your cranium begins to over-heat, boiling, expanding your brain until your head explodes like a melon? Not that we

Alaskans are melon heads! One hundred-plus degrees! Are you kidding me? If you're the strength of my resolve, I'd be whining! Nevertheless, you're a great bunch of folks and you live amongst some of the most majestic landscapes I've ever seen! You go, Idaho, but please turn your thermostat to the extreme counterclockwise position!  
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Idaho teacher-turned astronaut preparing for space

Launch slated for August

By Mike Schneider Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour arrived at its launch pad early Wednesday for a flight to deliver Idaho teacher-turned-astronaut Barbara Morgan and six crewmates to the international space station.

It's been a nearly five-year wait for Endeavour, and the shuttle has nothing on Morgan. She's been waiting 22 years.

In 1985, Morgan was picked as Christa McAuliffe's backup to become the first teacher in space under a special NASA program. Then the shuttle Challenger carrying McAuliffe broke apart shortly after liftoff



Morgan

talk from space to students at three schools, if the mission is extended.

Talking to students and teachers Wednesday morning, Morgan said she was most looking forward to seeing McCall — where she taught elementary students — from space.

She said the Endeavour crew was training hard during their

last few weeks before launch.

"There's a ton of work to be done," Morgan said during the forum at Johnson Space Center. The shuttle crew will deliver a new truss segment, 5,000 pounds of cargo and fix a gyro-scope which helps control the station's position. It also plans four spacewalks if the mission is extended to 14 days.

"It has a little bit of everything," said Matt Abbott, lead shuttle flight director.

Endeavour's 3.4-mile journey aboard the massive crawler-transporter from the Vehicle Assembly Building took seven hours, getting the shuttle to its launch pad shortly after 3 a.m. It was a day late because the weather had nixed plans to move it early Tuesday.

Its launch is scheduled for Aug. 7 as NASA's second shuttle flight this year.

The last time Endeavour was at the launch pad was in November 2002, before its launch on a construction mission to the space station. It was the last shuttle flight before the Columbia disaster killed seven astronauts and grounded the space shuttle program for 2 1/2 years.

Inmate who castrated self in prison sues for estrogen therapy

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — An Idaho inmate who considers herself a man trapped in a man's body — and who castrated herself while in prison — is suing the state in federal court to get female hormone therapy for what she describes as gender identity disorder.

Jennifer Spencer, who is biologically male and castrated herself using a disposable razor blade in her prison cell, claims the Idaho Department of Correction and its health care providers are violating her constitutional rights and subjecting her to cruel and unusual punishment by failing to diagnose gender identity disorder and treat her with the female hormone estrogen.

But the state's attorneys contend that prison doctors did not find conclusive evidence that Spencer, who is in her 20s, has the disorder, and that after her castration, doctors did offer her treatment with the male hormone testosterone, which she refused.

A trial in the case likely won't happen for months. But U.S. District Judge Mikel Williams said Wednesday that he would decide soon whether the state must provide treatment with estrogen pending trial.

The case began in May 2000, when Spencer — then still using her given name of Randall Gammert — was sentenced to prison for possession of a stolen car. She was sent to a boot camp prison program at Cottonwood, but after an escape attempt, she was ordered to serve her full sentence for possession of stolen property as well as time for the escape, a total of 10 years.

According to her lawsuit, filed last week, Spencer claims she lived full time as a woman and took birth control pills before she was incarcerated, in an attempt to develop the secondary sex characteristics of a woman. But she apparently didn't tell Idaho Department of Correction officials that she believed she had gender identity disorder until September 2003, when she learned the state had a policy detailing treatment options for transgender inmates.

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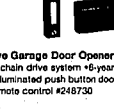
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## Barry Bonds ready for fresh start in MLB's second half

By **Jaele McCauley**  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds knows he's going to enjoy his home run chase much more if the San Francisco Giants start winning regularly.

For now, the slugger refuses to think about how he'll feel as he closes in on Hank Aaron's mark of 755. He's four away from tying Aaron, heading into a three-game home series against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers starting Friday night.

Bonds acknowledges it still could take several weeks, or even more than a month, that means it might take until after his 43rd birthday on July 24. "I'm really not there yet. I think when you get to 54, I'll really feel it," Bonds said during the All-Star festivities. "Then it just depends how many games

are left. But I'm not quitting, so I might make you wait 'til next year. You know I'm drama, so why not make it more drama?" Oh, the drama will certainly

### All eyes on first

Meniers among second-place teams looking to make noise in the second half

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San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, center, watches batting practice with Matt Holliday of the Colorado Rockies and Carlos Beltran, right, of the New York Mets before the start of the MLB All-Star Game in San Francisco, Tuesday.

Most of Bonds' recent milestone home runs have come in the warm confines of San Francisco's waterfront ballpark,

where fans cheered him at every chance during Tuesday's All-Star game. He is beloved in the Bay Area

despite the steroid suspicions. Everybody expects he'll break Aaron's record at pitcher-friendly AT&T Park, too.

"You think I have that kind of time to do that?" Bonds said. "This ballpark isn't that easy. They ain't going to throw the ball back."

Bonds, in his 22nd major league season and 15th with San Francisco, played in 78 of the Giants' first 96 games. He's been healthy except for a short bout of shin splints and side lined him for two games at Arizona last month and some normal soreness in his legs.

This is a far cry from the past two seasons. He appeared in 130 games in 2005 and only 14 the previous year following three operations on his troublesome right knee.

"I'm surprised at myself right now, too," Bonds said. "To only miss eight or nine games right

now throughout the season is pretty good, and I don't feel drained and tired."

First-year Giants manager Bruce Bochy — who watched Bonds hit many homers off his Padres in 12 seasons as San Diego skipper — called Bonds' play the biggest bright spot of a disappointing first half.

"It would have been a surprise (to say he'd play 76 games)," Bochy said. "He's played a lot. His knees have felt good for the most part, and his legs. That's why he's been out there. I've been able to play Barry a lot. We can't just count on Barry."

San Francisco is in last place in the NL West at 38-44, 10½ games behind the first-place Padres. The Giants haven't made the playoffs since 2003, one year after falling in seven

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CLASS A AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

# Cowboys salvage split

## Twin Falls tops Upper Valley for first time in years

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cowboys didn't fare well in their first game against Upper Valley Wednesday, losing Game 1 of a doubleheader 10-0. But a calm mindset and some tomfoolery on the mound led to a Game 2 victory, 13-6, to at least make it a split.

Twin Falls committed three errors and accounted for only four hits during the shutout. Zed Sneed ran into trouble as he faced down an Upper Valley lineup — the meat of which includes college freshmen — that Kunz called one of the best in the state along with Jerome.

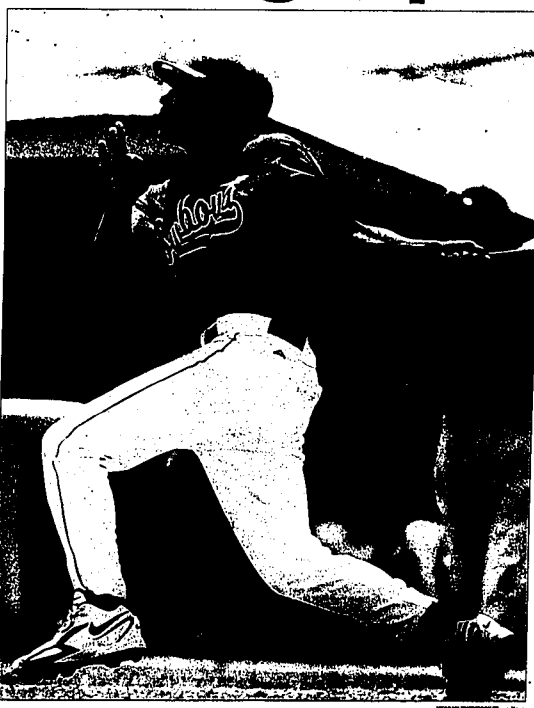
But the Cowboys weren't about to give in. "After watching Game 1, we came up with a little strategy," Cowboys head coach Devin Kunz said. For Game 2, Heath Stewart was the answer.

"The Nos. 3-5 batters, we had (Stewart) throw knuckleballs," Kunz said. "Nobody even likes to play catch with him when he's throwing knuckleballs. The thing is, the slower he throws, the more it moves. It's really effective."

Apparently so, as Upper Valley mustered only four runs during the innings that Stewart served those knucklers up. With a lot of run support from guys like Ryan Peterson, who had a big two-RBI triple in the sixth, and Sneed's solo home run, the Cowboys grabbed a 13-4 lead. When Upper Valley scored another four runs during the top of the seventh, Twin Falls didn't panic.

"I'm really proud of the kids," Kunz said. "I think this is the first time since 2002 — or at least since I've been here — that we've beat Upper Valley."

The Cowboys broke the 20-win mark to put themselves at 20-12 (115-8 Area C). They travel to Burley today for a doubleheader.



Twin Falls Cowboys batter Michael Williams watches the ball after hitting it to left-center field Wednesday afternoon during American Legion Baseball play against Upper Valley in Twin Falls.

**Game 1**  
Upper Valley 10, Twin Falls 0  
Twin Falls 000-020-0-0-0-0  
Pitcher and catcher: Left Sneed, Brodie Hall (7) and Mike Darns. W. Fairy L. Sneed. Extra base hits none.

**Game 2**  
Twin Falls 13, Upper Valley 6  
Upper Valley 010-211-4-4-0-0  
Twin Falls 000-000-0-0-0-0  
Darns, Miller (7) and Fairy: Heath Stewart and Nick Darns. W. Sneed. L. Miller. Extra base hits: 2 by Sneed, 1 by Miller, 1 by Darns. Brodie Hall, 2 by Twin Falls. Ryan Peterson, 1H — Twin Falls, Sneed.

## NCAA punishes Sooners football

By **Murray Evans**  
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma must erase its wins from the 2005 season and will lose two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years, the NCAA said Wednesday.

The penalties stem from a case involving two players, including the Sooners' starting quarterback, who were kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they did not perform at a Norman car dealership. The NCAA said Oklahoma was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of the players.

Oklahoma President David Boren said the university will appeal the NCAA's "failure to monitor" finding and the ruling that Oklahoma must erase the wins from the 2005 season. Oklahoma has 15 days to notify the NCAA in writing of any such appeal.

The Sooners went 8-4 and beat Oregon in the Holiday Bowl to end the 2005 season. Records from that season involving quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn must be erased, the NCAA said, and coach Bob Stoops' career record will be amended to reflect the erased wins, dropping it from 86-19 in eight seasons to 78-19.

Oklahoma also will have two years of probation added to an earlier penalty, extending the Sooners' probation to May 23, 2010. Those sanctions are in addition to those already self-imposed by Oklahoma, which has banned athletes from working at the car dealership until at least the academic year and moved to prevent the athletes' supervisor at the dealership, Brad McFae, from being involved with the university's athletics program until at least August 2011.

Oklahoma also will reduce the number of football coaches who are allowed to recruit off campus this fall. The Sooners also dismissed Bomar, Quinn and walk-on Jermaine Hardison from the team.

Paul Dee, the athletic director at Miami and the interim chairman of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, said Oklahoma will be allowed to keep the money it received for playing in the 2005 Holiday Bowl, because the NCAA does not regulate bowl games.

"Although this case centered on a few violations involving three student-athletes, the committee finds this case to be significant and serious for several reasons," the NCAA report said, noting the length of time of the violations and the fact that Oklahoma had appeared before the committee in April 2006 regarding violations in its men's basketball program.

On Aug. 3 — the day before the Sooners began preseason practice — Stoops dismissed Bomar and Quinn from the team after the university determined they had been paid for work not performed at the Big Red Sports and Imports.

That led to an NCAA investigation, which found that Bomar, Quinn and Hardison had been paid for time they did not work at the car dealership and that Hardison had received payment for time he did not participating in a scrimmage and spring game.

The players and McFae engaged "in a deliberate scheme to deceive both the employer's payroll system and the university's employment monitoring system," the report said. It violated NCAA rules of which they were real aware," the report stated.

The committee found that Oklahoma "demonstrated a failure to monitor" the employment of several athletes, including some football players who worked at Imports.

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## Can Beckham bend his charisma to fit the U.S.?

By **John Rogers**  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods has it. So does Arnold Schwarzenegger and George Clooney. Mickey Mantle certainly had it. And Magic Johnson still does.

It's charisma, and you can't manufacture it, bottle it or buy it. It seems you're just born with it.

David Beckham had it in his native England. But is it transferable to America? And, if it is, does he have enough of it to outshine other mega-celebrities in L.A. and lift the fortunes of an entire sport that Americans never have embraced in the professional level? Pete, perhaps the best soccer player the game has ever known and a charismatic figure, couldn't do it.

He arrived in the United States in 1972 amid much hoopla. Three

years later, after he led the New York Cosmos to a North American Soccer League championship, Americans saluted his effort and talent. Then they got back to watching baseball, football and basketball.

Time will tell with Beckham, who makes his American debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy at a practice Monday. But there are reasons the 32-year-old midfielder could succeed that have nothing to do with soccer: He's handsome, he's got a superstar wife (Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham) who seeks and attracts attention, and he's got endorsements that will put his image in front of more Americans regardless of whether they ever watch him play.

He's already had his name in Hollywood lights. The 2002 movie "Bend It Like Beckham" put his name on Americans' lips even if they weren't sure who he was and

what he bends. The movie and Beckham's fame make him recognizable to many Americans who don't follow soccer. He's British, a USC English professor and expert in pop culture trends, says that increases the chances Beckham's charisma will become a "radiating force" in the U.S.

Dr. Joyce Brothers, the celebrity psychologist, sees other things working in Beckham's favor: an athletic body, "gorgeous face" and likable personality. "We've reached a point now where women will say they like looking at attractive men," Brothers says. "If he gets along with all the guys and he makes all the women swoon, then he's got it all."

Still, charisma is more than just looks and personality. Though few seem capable of defining it, let alone explaining why some people have it and others don't.

We know Michael Jordan had it. So did Mandie while his teammate, Roger Maris, never did, even though it was he — not Mandie — who broke Babe Ruth's single-season home run record.

Muhammad Ali, even as a frail, 65-year-old version of the brush, young boxer he once was, still has it.

When it's strong enough, Brandy says, you who don't care about what you do still will care about you.

But that's difficult to maintain, particularly for athletes. Hollywood actors have publicity machines behind them and their careers can be carefully managed to ensure the persona that brought them fame never fades.

Athletes also get help but, ultimately, they have to perform and all the managing in the world won't

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SPORTS

Thor Hushovd wins fourth stage of Tour de France

JOIGNY, France (AP) — Fabian Cancellara says he knows his days in the Tour de France's yellow jersey are numbered as the race heads toward the Alps.

The Swiss time-trial ace kept the prized race leader's shirt after Wednesday's four-stage, mostly flat 119.9-mile ride from Villers-Cotterets to Joigny won by Thor Hushovd of Norway.

No rider has threatened Cancellara's lead since he won Saturday's prologue and extended his margin with a daring win in stage three Tuesday, but others are stronger climbers.

"For me, when I get into the mountains, it's sure that it's finished," Cancellara said of his rival.

Hushovd, who won the green jersey awarded to the Tour's best sprinter in 2005, overcame stomach pain to earn his fifth Tour stage win with a final

sprint, finishing ahead of South Africa's Oscar Freire of Spain in third.

"Everything took place superbly well," said Hushovd, who took first in 4 hours, 37 minutes, 47 seconds. "I'm too happy."

"I was sure my form wasn't too bad."

The Norwegian climbed off-road to second place and gained bonus points for the victory that put him 29 seconds back of Cancellara. Andreas Kloden of Germany, who was runner-up to Lance Armstrong in 2004, is third, 33 seconds behind.

Riders break out of the flats on Thursday with a 113.4-mile trek from the Burgundy town of Chablis to Autun featuring eight medium-grade climbs.

"Someone's really going to have some guts to go for it tomorrow," said Cancellara's CSC teammate Christian



Thor Hushovd of Norway reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the fourth stage of the 94th Tour de France between Villers-Cotterets and Joigny, France, Wednesday.

Vandeveld of the U.S. "People are going to be biding their time thinking about the (Alps)."

In the Alpine stages, the favorites could try to make their move and chisel out precious minutes on their rivals. Few can be ruled out yet: 160 riders are within two minutes

of Cancellara.

Kazakhstan's Alexandre Vinokourov is widely seen as the top contender, though Kloeppen, U.S. rider Levi Leipheimer, Australia's Cadel Evans, Russian Denis Menchov and Spaniards Alejandro Valverde and Oscar Perea are all strong possibilities.

Two riders dropped out after crashing early in Wednesday's stage: Xavier Zardeto of Spain broke his right collarbone, and France's Remy di Gregorio broke his right elbow.

A total of four riders have pulled out, leaving 185 riders left.

The Tour, in its 94th edition, is taking place as cycling has suffered huge blows over the last year because of doping allegations involving some of the sport's biggest names.

World's title contenders like Italy's Ivan Basso and American Tyler Hamilton have been forced to sit out over dop-

ing probes, and few experts believe that the peloton — or rider pack — is fully clean.

The 2006 chumpion, Floyd Landis, is also out, and awaiting an arbitration panel's verdict whether he can keep the title after testing positive for synthetic testosterone in Stage 17 last year.

The International Cycling Union, or UCI, has publicly sought to crack down.

All Tour riders signed a new UCI anti-doping charter in April after the UCI's start, saying they are not involved in doping and promising to submit DNA samples to authorities for a new probe called Operation Puerto, which erupted in May 2006.

Cyclists also had to agree to pay a year's salary on top of a two-year ban on competing.

The UCI this week said it wants team managers and staff to sign a similar pledge by Aug. 1 — three days after the Tour ends.

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MLB union seeks to keep secret players named by steroids dealer

SAN FRANCISCO — Major League Baseball union is fighting to keep secret up to 23 players named as customers by an indicted steroids dealer, according to recent court filings.

A federal judge in Long Island ruled Tuesday that the MLB Players Association can formally join with the U.S. Department of Justice in opposing two newspaper demands that the players' names be made public. The names appeared in a search warrant used by federal investigators to raid Kirk Radomski's home in 2005.

Radomski, a former New York Mets clubhouse worker, pleaded guilty in April to two felony steroids distribution charges.

The Albany Times Union and San Francisco Chronicle, which are owned by the Hearst Corp., filed a motion in a Long Island federal court asking for the players' names, which are redacted in public documents.

MLB All-Star ratings decline

NEW YORK — Television ratings for Major League Baseball's All-Star game fell almost 10 percent from last year.

The American League's 5-4 victory in San Francisco on Tuesday night drew an 8.4 rating and 15 share on Fox, averaging 12.5 million viewers.

Last year's game received a 9.3/16 with an average of 14.4 million viewers.

The total number of viewers for the game increased, up to 31.4 million from 31.2 million in 2006.

RehabAuthority scramble planned

TWIN FALLS — The inaugural RehabAuthority Physical Therapy Golf Scramble will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls. The four-person scramble will include long drive, putting and closest to the pin contests along with dinner, prizes and other contests. All proceeds will go to the Crisis Center of Magic Valley.

The cost is \$320 per team, which includes range balls, green fees and cart rental, drink vouchers and dinner. Hole sponsorships are also available. To register, or for more information, call 736-2574 or contact Bryan Wright at 421-6551 or bryan@rehabauthority.com.

Wake in the Snake news

BURLEY — Idaho Water Sports presents the Wake in the Snake Saturday, July 14, at the Burley Golf Course Marina. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a mandatory rider's meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$35. Cash prizes will be awarded in the Outlaw division: first \$100, second \$70 and third \$50. There will be prizes for all riders. Entry for the double-up contest is \$5, winner takes all. A parent waiver is required for all riders under 18.

Food will be sold on site and the event is free of charge for spectators. The boat ramp and river at the golf course will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the event and no spectator boats will be allowed on the course.

St. Nicholas golf scramble news

RUPERT — The 10th Annual St. Nicholas Nighttime Golf Scramble and Barbecue will be held at the Rupert Country Club starting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1. The format is a four-person gully-in-the-dark ball scramble. The cost is \$40 per person with cart rentals \$20 or \$10 per carting coach.

Dinner tickets for the 7:30 p.m. barbecue are available for \$5.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second place team scores, longest putt, longest drive, and closest to the pin contests. A hole-in-one wins a Hawaiian vacation and a chance to win \$1 million.

Registrations are due Friday, July 27. For more information, call Tim Ferrigat at 436-0899 or 436-3535, Ext. 202.

Filer High hosts hoops camp

FILER — Filer High School boys basketball will hold a camp for all boys entering grades 9-12 on July 15-16 at the high school gymnasium. The camp runs from 6-9 p.m., each night. For more information, contact head coach Jay Silver at 404-3050.

Filer High hosts football camp

FILER — Filer High School football will host a padded football camp for all students entering grades 9-12 from 6-9 p.m., July 23-24. Gear will be handed out at 2 p.m., July 23 at the high school gymnasium.

For more information, call Jaxon Schweikert at 308-6356 or Jay Silver at 404-3050.

T.F. Club Volleyball hosts camp

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Club Volleyball will host a day camp for Idaho State University students and N&H members from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, July 20 at Twin Falls High School's Iban Gymnasium. The camp is open to players entering the seventh grade or higher, or players having one year of club experience.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: Hot and temperatures will be in the 90s, probably in the 100s. Tonight: Mostly clear with a light breeze. High: 100. Low: 63.

Tomorrow: Another hot day expected with a few clouds possible. High: again near 100.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

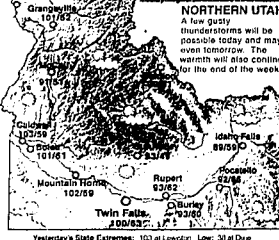
Today: Warm and little cloud cover will prevail today. High: in the 90s. Tonight: Temperatures will hold for the overnight with mostly clear skies. Lows in the 60s. Tomorrow: Conditions will remain warm with partly cloudy skies. High: in the lower 90s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.** Today, the heat will continue and a little more moisture will move into the area. Watch out for a few dry thunderstorms today, and maybe even tomorrow. Be advised the fire danger is still very high.

**BOISE** Today will have scorching hot temperatures with abundant sunshine. The heat will maintain for the end of the week, and for the start of the weekend. Cooling will begin on the weekend.

**NORTHERN UTAH** A new gust of thunderstorms will be possible today and maybe even tomorrow. The warmth will also continue for the end of the week.



**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Yesterday's Weather
						City: HI 100, LO 63 Burley: 93, 52 Coeur d'Alene: 97, 61 Juntura: 96, 57 Lowell: 99, 67 Mesa: 95, 48 Newburg: 92, 56 Staley: 89, 41
Sunny and remaining hot	Temperatures slow to decrease, clear	Hot for the end of the week	The heat continues, a few clouds	A touch cooler, still warm	Partly cloudy with warm	
High 100	Low 63	100/62	97/60	96/61	95/59	

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
64 Month to Date	0.01"	Yesterday's Minimum: 10%	Yesterday 29.55 in	Friday: Sunrise: 6:12 AM, Sunset: 8:19 PM	Grass, Nettle, Plantain
Record High: 101 in 2003	Year to Date: 7.95"	Today's Maximum: 10%	Sunday: Sunrise: 6:14 AM, Sunset: 8:14 PM	*Source: National Weather Service	

**Temperature & Precipitation Valid through 5 pm yesterday**

**Moons Phases**

July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug 5
New Moon	Full Moon	Full Moon	Last Qtr.

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Friday	Moonrise: 4:53 AM	Moonset: 8:13 PM
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**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	92-101	97-104	93-102
Idaho Falls	87-95	90-98	85-93
Shoshone	87-95	90-98	85-93
Blackfoot	87-95	90-98	85-93
Chubbuck	87-95	90-98	85-93
Hammond	87-95	90-98	85-93
Mountain View	87-95	90-98	85-93
Payson	87-95	90-98	85-93
Starbuck	87-95	90-98	85-93
Timber Lake	87-95	90-98	85-93
Wilder	87-95	90-98	85-93
Yellowstone	87-95	90-98	85-93

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	62-75	67-81	Portland, ME	55-68	61-68
Albuquerque, NM	75-90	78-91	Raleigh, NC	74-88	78-91
Anchorage, AK	50-60	55-65	San Diego, CA	72-85	75-88
Asheville, NC	68-82	71-84	San Francisco, CA	62-75	65-78
Austin, TX	85-98	88-101	Seattle, WA	55-68	61-68
Bakersfield, CA	82-95	85-98	Spokane, WA	65-78	71-84
Baltimore, MD	68-82	71-84	St. Louis, MO	75-88	78-91
Baton Rouge, LA	85-98	88-101	St. Paul, MN	65-78	71-84
Birmingham, AL	82-95	85-98	Tampa, FL	82-95	85-98
Boise, ID	92-101	97-104	Tucson, AZ	75-88	78-91
Butte, MT	65-78	68-81	Wash. DC	68-82	71-84
Charleston, SC	75-88	78-91	Wichita, KS	75-88	78-91
Chicago, IL	75-88	78-91	Winnipeg, MB	55-68	61-68
Chico, GA	82-95	85-98	Yakima, WA	65-78	71-84
Cincinnati, OH	75-88	78-91	Yellowstone, WY	65-78	71-84
Cleveland, OH	75-88	78-91			
Columbus, GA	82-95	85-98			
Dallas, TX	85-98	88-101			
Dayton, OH	75-88	78-91			
Denver, CO	75-88	78-91			
Des Moines, IA	75-88	78-91			
Detroit, MI	75-88	78-91			
El Paso, TX	82-95	85-98			
Evansville, IN	75-88	78-91			
Fort Worth, TX	85-98	88-101			
Grand Rapids, MI	75-88	78-91			
Hartford, CT	75-88	78-91			
Houston, TX	85-98	88-101			
Indianapolis, IN	75-88	78-91			
Jacksonville, FL	82-95	85-98			
Jacksonport, AR	75-88	78-91			
Juneau, AK	50-60	55-65			
Las Vegas, NV	85-98	88-101			
Little Rock, AR	82-95	85-98			
Los Angeles, CA	75-88	78-91			
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Madison, WI	75-88	78-91			
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Manchester, NH	62-75	65-78			
Memphis, TN	82-95	85-98			
Meriden, CT	75-88	78-91			
Miami, FL	82-95	85-98			
Minneapolis, MN	65-78	71-84			
Mobile, AL	82-95	85-98			
Montgomery, AL	82-95	85-98			
Murfreesboro, TN	82-95	85-98			
Nashville, TN	82-95	85-98			
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Omaha, NE	75-88	78-91			

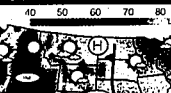
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**WORLD FORECAST**

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London	65-78	68-81	Los Angeles	75-88	78-91
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Moscow	55-68	61-68	Los Angeles	75-88	78-91
New Delhi	85-98	88-101	Los Angeles	75-88	78-91
Paris	65-78	68-81	Los Angeles	75-88	78-91
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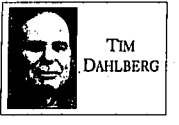
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**Amid ruins of shattered football leagues, it's try, try again**

Stadiums across the country are littered with the carcasses of pro football leagues, not quite ready for prime time. Still, almost without fail, someone comes along every decade or so with yet another plan to cash in on America's passion for its favorite sport. Their acronyms live on, though the leagues have long since died.

If you remember the 70s, you can't forget the NFL, which tried to buy its way to success, only to succumb after just one World Bowl in 1974. Or the USFL, which went the other way with a more frontal approach before it, too, finally folded.

The legacy of the more recent NFL, meanwhile, was summed up neatly on the back of one player's name tag. "The Hate Mc" wasn't just Rod Smart's nickname. It could have been used as the slogan for those who couldn't



stand watching the strange blend of pro wrestling and football aired for one awfully long season on NBC.

With every new league, there's a new concept. Has to be, because it would be economic suicide to try to compete with the juggernaut that is the NFL on Sundays during football season.

It's been economic suicide regardless. No one has cashed in since AFL owners hit the bonanza four decades ago, and most of the millions spent on football dreams since then could have been better invested in Florida swamp land deals.

The failures of the past, though, aren't stopping others from trying.

Duke Mavicks owner Mark Cuban may be one. He is intrigued enough by the prospect of more football, that he is studying the idea of a league that would play on Fridays and compete with the NFL for players drafted lower than the second round.

"It's a pretty simple concept," Cuban said in an e-mail last month to The Associated Press. "We think there is more demand for pro football than supply."

So does Gene Corrigan. But the new league his group is trying to launch may have the best gimmick yet.

"I wouldn't have stayed with this if I had been for the college degree requirement," Corrigan said.

Corrigan likes that rule for good reason. For seven years,

he was athletic director at Notre Dame, and he is the former commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference. He saw an awful lot of players leave college without degrees to pursue their goal of playing in the NFL, mostly with little success.

"Those who didn't make it were left with limited job skills, and their football prospects reduced to playing with semipro teams."

"All kids think they are going to play in the NFL," Corrigan said. "Not many do."

The All-American Football League hasn't played a game yet. It may never play one, though Corrigan, league financier Marcus Katz and the rest of the board of directors hope to make a decision in September to go forward with a spring schedule.

The league would be based mainly in the South, with six to eight teams consisting of

players who went to college in that area. A team in Orlando, for example, would use mostly former Florida, Florida State and Miami players.

If tryouts last week were any indication, getting players won't be a problem. Katz said 2,000 players wanted to try out, and that 300 were accepted and showed up in Orlando.

Among them was Todd DeLamelleure, a linemarker at Duke and Rutgers who now works as a firefighter in Charleston, S.C.

"The last few years I've always liked to get some type of opportunity," DeLamelleure said. "The fact that it's going to try and draw on college traditions where there's a lot of loyalty should get a fan base right away."

The concept sounds good, but until the average fan plunks down actual money to

watch, that's all it is. And while television craves sports content, there's not a network around ready to pay a new league for rights.

Besides, who really needs a league full of goody-goody college graduates who don't hang around strip clubs after the game? How else are they going to get any media attention if they don't preen after making tackles, wear more jewelry than Mr. T, and run dogfighting rings?

How about a real league, with ready-made stars like Pacman Jones, Tank Johnson and Chris Henry there for the taking? The All-Outlaw League wouldn't have many rules, but one of them would be that players could only be on teams in the same state as the prison they just left.

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**Sooners**  
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During the investigation, the university disputed the allegations, arguing that the NCAA should applaud, not penalize, its efforts to root out violations and noted that NCAA president Byles Brand told one news outlet that the Sooners "acted with integrity in taking swift and decisive action" in the case.

Dee said Wednesday that Oklahoma should be praised for quickly dismissing the players from the team, calling that action "very influential on the committee."

Still, the committee said that Oklahoma should have undertaken more extensive efforts to monitor the players' employment, because the dealership apparently was the largest employer of Oklahoma athletes.

Born disagreed, saying in a statement that "any mistakes made by the athletic department compliance staff while compliance would not have prevented the intentional wrongdoing by the student athletes

and the employer involved."

Stoops said he "strongly supported" Born's decision to appeal.

"Our current team is focused on the upcoming season," Stoops said. "The university is dealing with a matter that relates to the 2005 season. This group of players and those that will join our program later have no reason to be concerned about our goals or the direction of our program. Those things remain unchanged."

Both Bornar and Quinn told a season of eligibility. Bornar has been ordered by the NCAA to pay back more than \$7,400 in extra benefits to charity, while Quinn was told to pay back more than \$8,100. Both players transferred to Division I-AA schools — Bornar to Sam Houston State and Quinn to Montana — where they can resume their careers this season.

Through Sam Houston State athletic department spokesman Paul Hildings, Bornar declined comment Wednesday.

When reached on his cell phone, Quinn said he did not pay any attention to the infractions committee's ruling on Oklahoma, calling it "dumb" and referring to it with an expletive.

"I have no idea," Quinn said.

"I don't know," Quinn said.

Oklahoma officials also appeared before the Committee on Infractions in April 2006 following an investigation into hundreds of improper recruiting phone calls by former basketball coach Kelvin Sampson's staff.

Oklahoma escaped major sanctions in that case, as the infractions committee also found the university guilty of a "failure to monitor," a less severe ruling than "lack of institutional control," which had been recommended by the NCAA enforcement staff.

The committee mostly accepted the university's self-imposed sanctions, which included reductions in scholarships, recruiting calls and trips and visits to the school by prospective recruits.

**Beckham**  
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Still, Carter believes Beckham likely will deliver enough of a boost that his team will fill stadiums around the country and its star player's image will sell plenty of T-shirts, shorts and other merchandise.

But it's more than that, says Laura Bahr, a Los Angeles actress and screenwriter.

"It's this star quality. Some people have it and some don't," she says. "It's about this ability to connect with people on various levels."

Like so many other Gen Xers, Bahr grew up playing soccer but abandoned it in adulthood. Beckham has her interested again. She'll be cheering for the Galaxy this year.

"With a face like his, how couldn't I," Bahr giggles.

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## Commissioners tour safe house building

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They might have to get rid of the chicken coop out back. But Twin Falls County officials say the future site of a second county safe house for struggling teenagers shouldn't be too difficult to remodel.

"We can do this for little to nothing," Commissioner Terry Kramer said Wednesday as he toured the building, located at Rose Street and Shoup Avenue.

Commissioners took time Wednesday to visit the home and decide what remodeling was possible before the building is used by the nonprofit Safe Place program. Acquired as part of the county's 2006 deal selling the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Health System, the house will eventually be home to as many as 12 teens from a wide variety of backgrounds — including some whose parents have histories of drug or sex abuse. The two-floor, three-bedroom home will be

remodeled to include more bedrooms, an updated heating and air-conditioning system and a staff office.

The commissioners surveyed the home with Stotts and architect Tom Nelworth of Hummel Architects, which is handling the remodel. Their reactions ranged from satisfaction at the ease of moving the front door to the left, to displeasure with some aspects of the home's current layout.

"I hate this island," said Kramer, gesturing at a large center

island in the kitchen. The remodeled kitchen will likely include a molded table along with to seat all 12 teens.

Part of the reason for the visit, Kramer said, was to see if any large items needed to be placed on the budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, which starts in October. Commissioners had previously said the changes will cost about \$65,000, but Kramer said Wednesday he wasn't sure what the cost would be.

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Safe House Director Val Stotts listens as Twin Falls County commissioners Tom Mikessell, right, and Terry Kramer, center, talk over building options for the new house located on Shoup Avenue in Twin Falls.

## FIRST PITCH



Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn throws the first pitch for the opening ceremonies of the Cal Ripken State Tournament at Harmon Park in Twin Falls.

## Malta fire expands by 13,000 acres

Firefighters prepare for possible storms near Malta and Jackpot, Nev.

By Nick Coltrin  
Times-News writer

MALTA — The Black Pine 2 fire to the south of Malta grew by about 13,000 acres Wednesday afternoon. Erratic winds helped push the flames through the area's many canyons.

Jill Cobb, a spokeswoman for the National Incident Management Team, said the fire's jump to 65,000 acres brought in an additional 131 firefighters, bringing the total to 362, and an extra heavy helicopter.

She said firefighters will use bulldozers to dig a containment line about a 1½ miles north of the Idaho-Utah border to join with a line to the west of the blaze. From there, firefighters would wait for the fire to come to them.

Cobb said incident commanders didn't want to risk the safety of any firefighters by putting them into heavily wooded canyons.

"It's not something you want to put a firefighter into," Cobb said, adding they have a perfect safety record if they want to keep.

**Total acres:**  
Black Pine Fire in Malta: about 65,000  
Highway 93 Complex near Jackpot, Nev.: about 81,800

**Prevention:** The Black Pine incident team asks the public to be extremely careful when traveling or recreating in wild lands.  
**Campfire restrictions** have also gone into effect through most of the state with campfires permitted only in developed campsites and smoking restricted to inside buildings or cars and areas cleared of vegetation.

**Inside:**  
Fire chief commends Mini-Casella volunteer firefighters for efforts last week.  
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**Weather working against firefighters** in California, Utah and Nevada.  
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**More crews arriving to help battle Idaho blazes.**  
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Cobb said the fire is at about 40 percent contained, but incident commanders didn't want to put a date on

full containment. Too much unpredictable weather is forecast for the area, she said.

The fire ignited July 6 when lightning struck private land in the area. The other large fires near southern Idaho stayed close to the same as they were Tuesday. The U.S. Highway 93 Complex to the east of Jackpot, Nev., consists of two fires and more than 81,800 acres.

Firefighters spent Wednesday keeping the West Basin Fire on the north, and the Eccles Ranch fire below it, from joining. The two came within 700 yards of each other Tuesday when winds helped the West Basin blaze carve out a seven-mile path through the area.

More than 500 firefighters are working on the scene. Calm winds and a strong line let incident commanders put helicopters on standby as well, said Don Carpenter, another National Incident Management Team spokesman.

"They weren't needed on the line," he said. "That was a good thing to hear. It made us feel pretty enthusiastic."

The helicopters and firefighters will remain on standby due to a dry lightning storm forecast for the area. Incident commanders put the complex at 70 percent containment with expected full containment by Friday evening.

## School coming down

Buhl School District moves forward with building demolition

If you go

The Buhl School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Buhl High School Library. For more information call 543-6436.

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Crews began demolition work on the old Buhl High School about two days after the school district signed a contract to tear it down.

The building, constructed in 1920 and added onto in the 1950s, should be completely demolished within two months, said Shaun Gafford, who is in charge of the project.

"It will go pretty quick," Gafford said. "We got the contract signed the end of last week and have already made significant progress."

The gymnasium at the school will not be torn down. A copy of the contract was not readily available, but district officials explained that the project should cost less than the total \$671,289 bid that was presented to the school board.

"They are going to downsize the project some so it shouldn't cost the entire \$671,000," said Board Clerk Lynn Busmann.

District trustees made the decision to award the demolition bid to Gafford Construction during a special board meeting held June 5, however, not all trustees were aware of the progress.

"As a school board member I'm frankly embarrassed that I didn't know a contract had been signed," said Trustee Jackie Frey. "Now, I know that I missed that special meeting, but there was no talk about the demolition during June's regular meeting so I didn't know that we, as a board, were ready to move forward."

According to unofficial meeting minutes from June 5, Trustees Pam McClain and Frey were absent with

Trustees Ken McDonald, Jay Anderson and Grant Lovelays in attendance.

"I was party to the board collecting information about the costs of demolition but I thought we needed to look at that on our 10 year plan," Frey said. "It threw me a little to find out that we went ahead and signed off on a contract. There are a list of issues that need to be taken care of at the elementary and I think those should be a priority."

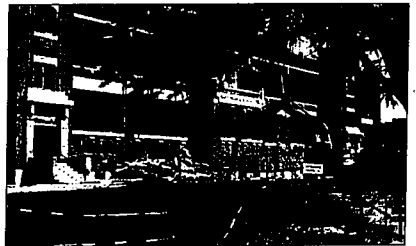
However McDonald and McClain said that tearing the building down has long been a top priority and they both support using money from the district's plant facilities fund to cover the costs.

"We have money in the budget to take care of this building," McDonald said. "Right now it is nothing but a liability for the district."

In the meantime, McDonald explained that costs are being investigated for improvements at Poppewell Elementary School, including rest room renovations, replacing part of the school's roof, lighting and blackout in the playground as well as replacing student chairs and cafeteria tables and benches.

District Business Manager Brian Bridwell said the board will have a better idea where the money will come from after it decides on the scope of improvements that need to be made.

"There is still money in the plant facilities fund that could be used," Bridwell said. "Depending on how much the board decides to do they could try and pass a levy for funds, if it is needed. Right now they are just investigating what they want to do and what the costs will be to do it."



Gafford Construction of Boise was recently awarded a contract to demolish the old Buhl High School. Here, an excavator removes windows and debris from the building on Tuesday.

## State parks begin new fire limits

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BOISE — A string of wildfires throughout southern Idaho has sparked new restrictions that took effect Wednesday at Idaho State Parks.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation announced that Stage I fire restrictions went into effect Wednesday. Stage I restrictions prohibit the building, maintaining and attending of fires within undeveloped recreation sites, without an owner-provided fire

structure. Stage I restrictions also prohibit smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable materials.

"Although a majority of Idaho State Parks offer developed campsites with fire rings provided, and therefore (the campsites) aren't affected by the campfire restrictions," said Jennifer Wernex a spokeswoman for Idaho Parks and

Recreation. "There are still many parks in the system that offer dispersed or primitive campsites, without fire rings. The building of campfires is not permitted in those camping areas under current restrictions. Stage I restrictions on smoking apply to all state parks."

For additional information about Idaho State Parks and Recreation Programs or to make reservations, visit [www.parksandrecreation.idah.gov](http://www.parksandrecreation.idah.gov).

## Jerome County drops fight for \$800

Prosecutor says county understaffed

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County has stopped pursuing a private citizen over approximately \$800 in court record fees that county commissioners said he owes.

A 5th District judge ruled Lee Halper of Jerome did not owe the money.

Two of the three present county commissioners had voted the bounty was worth a legal battle. They had the county prosecutor appeal the judge's decision to the Idaho Supreme Court.

But this month, Jerome County Prosecutor Mike Seib withdrew the appeal before leaving the state for at least one week. Jerome County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said they called him off the case in June.

"We decided his time was

better spent addressing other issues besides that one," said Jerome County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell. "You have to pick your battles, (and) we didn't feel it was worth it since he (the prosecutor) is understaffed."

Before Seib withdrew his appeal, the case was headed to the Idaho Supreme Court where it would likely have been heard in 2008.

The case stemmed from Halper's claim that the

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# OBITUARIES

## Trena Climer

**JEROME** — Trena Climer, 67, of Jerome, passed away 8: 00 p.m. in Twin Falls after a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 23, 1940, in Jerome, Idaho, the daughter of Willis and Margaret Henderson.

Trena is survived by her parents, Willis and Margaret Henderson of Jerome; and her children, Clint Henderson of



Twin Falls; Athena Jacobson of Boise; and Bradley Climer of Jerome. She is also survived by her brother, Willis (Lisa) Henderson of Crook Creek; her sister, Tonya (Joseph) Taylor of Jerome; and her grandchildren, Michael Henderson, Octayvia Jacobson and Corben Jacobson.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 13, at 2554 Rock Creek Road, Hansen, Idaho.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

## Betty Lou Rudolph

**TWIN FALLS** — Betty Lou Rudolph, 91, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 28, 1925, in Sazo, Mo., the daughter of L.C. and Laura Burch. She moved to Salmon,

Idaho, at an early age and was an accomplished seamstress. She was later married on Aug. 29, 1974, in Wendell, Idaho, to Walter Rudolph. Betty enjoyed and was an accomplished singer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, and along with her husband, a member of the Model A Ford Club of America.

She is survived by her husband, Walt Rudolph of Twin Falls; four daughters, LaRae (Karl) Campbell of Jerome,



Idaho, Glenna (Larry) Brewer of Denver, Colo., Delia (Gree) Richardson of Kuna, Idaho, and Laura (Tim) Tracy of Gooding, Idaho; three stepchildren, Dianne (Bill) McCormick of Boise, Sharon Rudolph of Sacramento, Calif., and Rod (Becky) Rudolph of Hazelton, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; one sister, Ann, Edward Gunning of Deer Park, Wash.; and one brother, Roy Burch of Glens Falls, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Lucille Depew; and two brothers, Dallas and Devon Burch.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at White A Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church, 910 Sheoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

## Jerry Thompson

**OAKLEY** — Jerry Thompson, 77, of Oakley, Idaho, passed away July 9, 2007, after a short but with lung cancer.

Jerry was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Hazelton, Idaho, to Raymond and Cynthia Thompson. His death was preceded by his parents, four sisters and six brothers.

He married the love of his life (Elsie) Mae Fairchild on April 15, 1948.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Mae; and four children, Cynthia (Synth) Thompson and Ray Thompson of Oakley, Ray Thompson (Cyn) of Las Vegas, Nev., Kerry Thompson (Maryann) of Elko, Nev., and Lola Thompson (Walker) of California; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and



nine step-great-grandchildren.

Jerry was a journeyman line-man with the IBEW for more than 50 years. He enjoyed working and giving his beautiful projects to friends and family.

A graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel.

## Richard Valdez

**BURLEY** — Our beloved brother, Richard Valdez, 73, passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at his home. He went to sleep and God took him home.

He was born in Del Norte, Colo., to Antonio and Mary Valdez. He

was the oldest of 15 children. He and his family moved to Idaho and eventually planted their roots in Burley.

He joined the Army in 1953. He was stationed in Hanford, Wash. Upon his discharge, he returned to Burley. He worked for Anderson Brothers and other farmers in the Burley area. He loved fishing and he liked to sneak off to Jackpot. He loved his family and he had his favorite nieces and nephews. He married Ada Lopez and they later divorced. They remained friends.

Richard is survived by his eight brothers and three sisters, Gertrude Cordova (Albert), Lucy Wickel, (Leslie), Catherine Flanier, (Herb), Albert Valdez, Raymond (Blyn) Valdez, Toribio (Carlo) Valdez, Eugene (Connie) Valdez, Charlie Valdez, Jose Valdez, Jr., Michael Valdez and Rosa Valdez. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Melissa; his parents, Antonio and Mary Valdez; his sister, Genevieve Duran; and brothers to Idaho, Charlie Duran.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, July 13, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of the rosary Thursday and one hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise, with military graveside rites. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.



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## Billy G. Schmidt

**BURLEY** — Billy G. Schmidt, a 77-year-old life-long resident of Burley, went to be with our heavenly father on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 31, 1930, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Harry J. and Katie A. Larsen.

Billy received his education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1949. Billy met the love of his life, lifelong companion and best friend, Birdine M. Borz in 1948, and they were married Dec. 8, 1952. To union were born three children, Tom, Ken and Carol. Billy worked with the city of Burley, the El Paso Natural Gas Pipe Line and the state of Idaho Department of Transportation, where he worked until his retirement in 1978. Following retirement, Billy and Birdine traveled to Arizona and soon became "snow birds," where they spent the next 22 winters.

Billy learned early on that hard work and perseverance would be required of him throughout his life. At the age of 3, he encountered polio. This was the beginning of health challenges he faced until his passing. Even though

he was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Virgil "Jim" Schmidt of Pocatello; and two sisters, Lavonne McCluskey of Twin Falls and Katharine Busch of Boise, he was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Schmidt; and one sister, Phyllis Johnson.

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He is survived by his wife of 54 wonderful years, Birdine of Burley; his children, Tom (Carol) Schmidt of Jerome, Ken (Lynne) Schmidt of Burley and Jean (Stan) Cole of Pauls; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Virgil "Jim" Schmidt of Pocatello; and two sisters, Lavonne McCluskey of Twin Falls and Katharine Busch of Boise. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Schmidt; and one sister, Phyllis Johnson.

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# Burley chief praises volunteer firefighters

By Sven Berg  
For the Times-Herald

**BURLEY** — Burley Fire Department Chief Bruce Allcott on Tuesday praised Mini-Cassia's volunteer firefighters for their quick response to last week's fire five miles west of Burley near U.S. Highway 30. He said 60 firefighters from around the area responded Friday when the wind fanned embers from Thursday's fire. About half were volunteers from Burley, West End, Declo and Heyburn fire departments. Many of them stayed on site until 7 a.m., Saturday.

"I've heard doing this for a lot of years and I'm just impressed with the response we got and the help we got and hopefully some day we will turn the favor," Allcott said. The long day the field was especially difficult for volunteers, he said, because many went straight to work Saturday without sleep. "That's a huge commitment and the community here really benefits from that," he said. "It's a real sacrifice." Allcott

said recruiting and keeping volunteer firefighters on staff is becoming increasingly difficult, partly because employers of potential volunteers are less willing to allow them to leave work at a moment's notice. But he said a robust volunteer force helps the entire community when emergencies arise.

Volunteers allow fire departments to limit their number of full-time firefighters, which lowers the department's payroll and taxes in its area. "If you have a fire at your business, you want the fire department to show up," he said. "The thing I think people don't realize is how much we rely on volunteer firefighters." Allcott estimated the cost of fighting Friday's fire at \$150,000, not including costs incurred by medical and law enforcement groups.

But he said the cost in property would have been much higher had Mini-Cassia's various fire departments not responded as quickly as they did. "Without the great response and the help, there would have been a lot more property damage," he said.

# GOODING COUNTY COURT NEWS

## District and Magistrate Court for the week of June 25

Mario Martinez-Lucy, 21. Gooding. Burglary. Grand theft. Sentencing Aug. 14.  
Simon Sebastian-Gutierrez, 28. Gooding. Driving under the influence: Failure to purchase driver's license. Sentencing Aug. 14.  
Randall Ray Lewis, 51. Gooding. 2 counts possession of a controlled substance; Possession of drug paraphernalia. Sentencing Aug. 14.  
Dale Lee Walker, 26. Gooding. Possession of a controlled substance; Resisting/obstructing officers; Driving without privileges. Sentence: 7 years prison, 180 days mandatory, 3 years indeterminate. Fines: \$97,500 court costs plus \$1,000. Restitution of \$847.34.  
Amanda Rene Norris, 19. Lewd conduct with a child under 16 years of age; Criminal no contact order issued Dec. 18, 2006. Sentence: 8 years prison, 4 years mandatory, 4 years indeterminate. Civil judgement of \$3,000. Restitution of \$535. Supervised probation, 7 years. Wade Randall Osterhout, 21. Burley. Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; Possession of drug paraphernalia; Providing false information to officers; Driving without privileges. Sentencing Aug. 14.  
Tory Allen Severe, 29. Gooding. Lewd conduct with a child under 16 years of age; Criminal no contact order issued April 24, 2007. Sentencing Sept. 21.  
Rosario Abila, 49. Gooding. Failure to purchase driver's license. Failed to appear. Warrant issued.  
Eric Steven Adams, 31. Wendell. Driving without privileges. Case dismissed. 2nd offense driving without privileges - amend to first offense. Sentencing set July 16.  
Drew Banister, 19. Bliss. Parole violation. Status hearing July 16.  
Russell D Braughton, 46. Medford. Ore. Leaving the scene of an accident. Pretrial July 16.  
Teofilo C Camayo, 52. Wendell. Open container. Pleads guilty. Sentence: 1 day jail. Fines: \$72.50 court costs.  
Pedro Canchola, 20. Gooding. Reckless driving. Court trial July 16.  
Miguel Angel Castro, 30. Gooding. Parole violation. Failed to appear. Warrant issued.  
Jorge Mora Ceballos, 30. Wendell. Driving under the influence: Failure to purchase driver's license. Pleads not guilty. Pretrial July 16.  
Jesus Cobarubias, 20. Bliss. Driving under the influence: Minor consumption; Failure to purchase driver's license. Sentence: 180 days jail, suspended 178 days. Driver's license suspended 180 days, 30 days absolute. Fines: \$1,000 plus \$87.50 court costs, suspend \$600.  
Lewis Michael Coyne, 17. Gooding. Minor consumption. Pleads guilty. Referred to Youth Court.  
Jose Jesus Hernandez Leon, 20. Gooding. Driving without privileges. Pretrial July 16. Minor consumption; Resisting/obstructing officers. Court trial July 16.  
Willetto B Meza-Hinojo, 35. Gooding. Inattentive driving. Pretrial July 16.  
Juan C Huerta, 35. Brunau. Exceed trout limit by more than 1. Fines: \$100 plus \$80 court costs plus \$25 fee for fish.  
Kaleb Edward Lancaster, 18. Jerome. Driving under the influence: Open container. Sentence: 180 days jail, suspended 178 days. Driver's license suspended 180 days, 30 days absolute. Fines: \$1,000 plus \$87.50 court costs, suspend \$600. Probation - 1 month supervised; 12 months unsupervised.  
Sherry L Fisher, 46. Hagerman. Driving under the influence: Open container. Evidentiary hearing July 16.  
Diane Flores, 42. Buhl. Battery; Resisting/obstructing officers; Criminal no contact order issued June 25, 2007. Pretrial July 16.  
Juan B Perez-Garcia, 31. Nampa. Failure to purchase driver's license. Status hearing July 29.  
Rodrigo Hernandez Garcia, 22. Wendell. Driving without privileges - amend to invalid driver's license; 3rd offense no insurance - amend to no insurance. Sentence: 22 days jail. Fines uncollectible.  
Jose Juarez-Gil, 23. Hammett. Reckless driving. Arraignment July 2.  
Michael B Glenn, 20. Hammett. Parole violation. Evidentiary hearing July 16.  
Marco Rodriguez Gonzalez, 23. Gooding. Driving without privileges; No insurance. Sentence: 23 days jail. Driver's license suspended 180 days. Fines uncollectible.  
Tyler Gwin, 19. Buhl. Driving without privileges. Failed to appear. Warrant issued.  
Jamie Alan Holland, 33. Gooding. Driving under the influence: Injury to a child; Open container. Motion to suppress hearing - motion to suppress denied.  
Steven Lawrence, 25. Gooding. Failure to purchase driver's license. Failed to appear. Warrant issued.  
Cesar Hernandez-Leon, 17. Gooding. Minor consumption. Referred to Youth Court.  
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Rebecca S Mann, 38. Gooding. Driving under the influence. Pretrial July 16.  
Byrant T Mathes, 44. Ogden, Utah. Parole violation. Restitution hearing set for July 23.  
Jamie Jr Mejia, 26. Gooding. Open container. Fines: \$100 plus \$72.50 court costs.  
Brian Keith Mendoza, 33. Wendell. 2nd offense driving under the influence: Open container - dismissed. Sentence: 365 days jail, suspended 335 days. Fines: \$2,000 plus \$87.50 court costs, suspend \$2,000. Probation - 1 month supervised; 24 months unsupervised.  
Elizabeth Ann Moore, 53. Arimo. Reckless driving - amend to inattentive driving. Fines: \$100 plus \$72.50 court costs.  
Magistrate B Newberry, 36. Gooding. Vicious dog at large; No dog license. Court trial July 16.  
Juliette B Noble, 37. Hagerman. Domestic battery. Pleads not guilty. Pretrial July 16.  
Jose Luis Pena, 43. Wendell. Domestic battery - amend to battery; Criminal no contact order issued June 18. Pleads guilty. Sentencing July 9.  
Joshua K Peterson, 25. Jerome. Malignous injury to property. Pleads guilty. Status hearing July 23.  
Matthew Steven Pullan, 19. Gooding. Inattentive driving. Court trial July 16.  
Rowdy Ralls, 21. Wendell. 2 counts possession of a controlled substance; Possession of drug paraphernalia. Court trial July 16.  
George A Rich, 60. Wendell. Driving without privileges. Court trial July 16.  
Jesse Hays Roberts, 29. West Valley Riverston, Utah. 2 counts battery. Court trial July 23.  
Luis A Garcia-Rodriguez, 19. Wendell. Driving without privileges - amend to invalid driver's license. Sentence: 2 days jail. Fines: \$72.50 court costs.  
Santia D Ruelas, 23. Wendell. Driving without privileges; No insurance. Pretrial July 16.  
Jodi Karner Slayley, 22. Gooding. Driving without privileges. Sentence: 180 days jail, suspended 178 days. Sentence: \$500 plus \$87.50 court costs, suspend \$300. Driver's license suspended 180 days. Probation - 1 month supervised; 12 months unsupervised.  
Corissa A Stephanidis, 28. Boise. Attempt to obtain controlled substance by misrepresentation. Sentence: 365 days jail, suspend 363 days. Fines: \$500 plus \$82.50 court costs, suspend \$400. Probation - 1 month supervised; 12 months unsupervised.  
Roy Dean Taylor, 25. Fillet. Excessive driving under the influence. Pleads not guilty. Pretrial July 16.  
Thomas John Ulrich, 20. Gooding. Minor consumption. Pretrial July 23.

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For more information, contact Eric Rector of the Blaine County Recreation District, 208-788-2117 or erector@berd.org.

# Spraying starts today on Blaine County trails

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**HAILEY** — The Blaine County Recreation District will begin its pest management plan to control noxious weeds along the Wood River Trail and the Harriman Trail with spot applications of federal-, state- and county-approved herbicides.

The Wood River Trail, from the south end of Bellevue to the Ketchum city limits, will be sprayed starting early today and the Harriman Trail (from Murphy's Bridge to Baker Creek) begin early Friday. Environmental Resources is scheduled to do the spraying for the Ketchum, Dalton and toadflax, thistle, puncture vine, and koechia. The project will be rescheduled if windy or rainy weather conditions occur.

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# Fight

Continued from page C1 county's court records office had changed him about \$1,000 more transcripts than he had requested. Halper, who said the amount he owes is closer to \$200, refused to pay.

Fifth District Judge John Butler ruled the case be closed, and he canceled a second case in which Halper wanted additional transcripts. Selb, acting on behalf of commissioners, appealed the judge's decision to the Idaho Supreme Court.

(Tuesday) saying I would like the relevant portions of the record and transcripts that I paid for," Halper said. The original issue was and still is the county's screw-up on not producing ... an accurate record and transcripts.

"And I guess if they won't provide it, I'll have to sue." The Jerome County prosecutor's office currently has only two prosecutors. That's half the staff it had in 2006.

Selb has been seeking a qualified attorney to join the office but so far has found only entry level applicants. Howell said.

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# Garden tour Saturday

The Oregon Trail Botanical and Garden Foundation presents the 2007 Arts-in-the-Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The event will feature six local gardens and artists and entertainment at each venue. Gardens featured at the event include Caboose Gardens, near the Burley Airport; Steven and Claudette Bray, 844 Springcreek Road, Burley; Mayor Jay and Kathy Darrington, 211 Second St. West, Declo; Richard and Cloene Mouton, 899 E. 100 S., Declo; Alma and Joan Turner, 899 E. 100 S., Declo; and Senator Denton and Vignere Darrington, 302 S. Highway 77, Declo.

Tours can begin at any of the participating locations and tickets can be purchased at any location that day as well.

Tickets are \$6 and are available the morning of the event at the Oregon Trail Botanical Gardens at the caboose or in advance at the Declo Country Store or by calling Bonnie Fronk at 678-9345. Proceeds will go Oregon Trail markers and beautification projects in Mini-Cassia.

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# Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Pageant Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The 56th annual Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Admission is \$12 for premium seating, \$8 for general admission, and children under six are free. Tickets are available at the door.

Twelve contestants will compete for this year's title and the chance to represent the Magic Valley at the Miss Idaho Pageant next June.

Contestants include: Lacey Jane Arbaugh, daughter of James and Thonda Arbaugh of Jerome, has completed a year at the College of Southern Idaho and plans to pursue a degree in interior design and architecture through the University of Idaho. Her hobbies include photography, dancing, jewelry making, camping, hiking, swimming, fishing and motor-cycle riding. She will perform an uptown jazz dance and her sponsor is Farmers National Bank.

Nicole Bulcher, daughter of Mark and Marlean Bulcher of Twin Falls, is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She finished her second year at the University of Idaho and plans to receive a double major degree in History and Justice. Her goal is to become a constitutional lawyer. Her hobbies include jazz, tap, hip hop and lyrical dance, reading, photography, camping, silviculture, shooting, traveling, reading and politics. She will perform a tap dance and her sponsor is Java Jungle.

Sadie Marie Champlin, daughter of Gary and Cindy Champlin of Kimberly, is a 2007 graduate of Kimberly High School and plans to attend the University of Idaho to study dance and secondary education. Her hobbies include wakeboarding, water skiing, and jogging. She also works on the ski patrol at Soldier Mountain. She will be performing a self-choreo-



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graphed modern ballet routine and her sponsor is Oasis Stop 'N' Go.

Chiquita Conchita Aguilar-Hernandez, daughter of Lupe and Christine Aguilar-Hernandez of Twin Falls, is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and currently attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is working on a degree in Veterinary Technology and Animal Science. Her hobbies include singing, swimming, horseback riding, training animals and biking. She will be performing a song and her sponsor is Buds and Blooms.

Deldre Edmunds, daughter of Ken and Irene Edmunds of Twin Falls, is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah to pursue a degree in broadcast journalism. Her hobbies include performing and teaching dance, singing, swimming, movies, and biking. She will be performing a song and dance and her sponsor is Magic Valley Business Systems and Red Door Realty.

Danielle Essma, daughter of George and Marlene Essma of Twin Falls, plans to graduate from Twin Falls High School in

2008 and will serve as student body president. Her goals are to complete a full year Rotary Exchange in Germany and then attend the University of Oregon to receive her doctorate degree in studio art and dance. Her hobbies include dancing, exercise, journaling, knitting, hiking, cooking and jewelry. She also enjoys painting and art and teaches dance. She will be performing a lyrical dance number and her sponsor is Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Timber Essma, daughter of George and Marlene Essma of Twin Falls, is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and has completed her first year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She plans to graduate with a degree in exercise science. Her hobbies include ballet, jazz, lyrical, modern, tap, hula and hip hop dancing, running, biking, hiking, knitting, journaling, cooking and singing. She will perform a poine dance from a classical ballet.

All German, daughter of Don and Theresa German of Jerome, is a 2006 graduate of Jerome High School. She plans to go to Treasure Valley Community College and then

major in nursing at Albertson College. She was first team, all conference in volleyball for 2005-2006, and second team, all conference in 2006 and also plays volleyball in college. Her hobbies include sports, horseback riding, singing, camping, swimming, and running. She will perform a vocal performance and her sponsor is Con Paulos and Jerome Cheese.

Jessie Hartley, daughter of Lary and Cheri Hartley of Twin Falls, is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and has completed her second year at the University of Idaho where she is working on a degree in Biology and Mathematics. She plans to earn her master's degree in Marine Biology from San Diego State University. Her interests include dancing, singing, snowboarding, kayaking, tennis, camping and reading. During the summer she works as a lifeguard and teaches swimming lessons. She will

perform a self-choreographed jazz/lyrical dance and her sponsor is Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties.

Kami Rochelle Rust, daughter of Ben and Teresa Rust of Teton, is a 2005 graduate of Valley High School. She continued her education at Walla Walla Community College. She plans to complete her pre-med degree and become a pathologist and a certified massage therapist. She has modeled for six years and enjoys golf, volleyball, and singing. She will perform a song and her sponsor is Wilson Bates.

Jamie Ann Thomas, daughter of Rick and Anna Marie Novacek, is a graduate of Kimberly High School and plans to attend the University of Idaho majoring in pre-veterinary science. She plans to

receive her bachelor degree and then obtain her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Washington State University. Her interests include cheerleading, scriptbook, theater, and community service. She will perform a monologue and her sponsor is Ameriprise Financial.

Kelal Jaelynn Vincent, daughter of Roger and Kelly Vincent, is a 2007 graduate of Filer High School. Her goal is to attend the University of Idaho, majoring in food and nutrition and she would like to become a licensed nutritionist and dietitian. Her interests include family, basketball, cheerleading, track, volleyball, snowboarding, wakeboarding and church youth group. She will perform a hip hop dance solo and her sponsor is Wills Toyota.

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**July 9 arraignments**  
Antonio Aguilar-Lopez, 20, Pasco, Wash., possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 20; \$50,000 bond.  
Philo L. Durfee, 49, Nampa; notice a minor over the internet.

attempted lewd conduct with a minor under 16; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for July 20; \$30,000 bond.  
Marjorie J. Ficus, 73, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 31.

posted bond.  
Marco A. Palomo, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 31; released on own recognizance.

Anne M. Hughes, 34, Twin Falls; battery on a law enforcement officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 31; \$1,000 bond.

## Twin Falls woman celebrates 100th birthday at open house

FILER — Marguerite Wells of Twin Falls will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house at 6 p.m. Friday at the home of her granddaughter, Iris Boyd, 4023A Highway 93, Filer.

Wells was born July 13, 1907, in Holton, Kan., and has lived in the Magic Valley for 50 years. She married Ira Wells (deceased) in Twin Falls and together they farmed, ran a motel, and also ran a gas station in Stanley for 50 years. Wells used an exercise machine everyday until she was 89.

Children include Irene Burr of Twin Falls, Dale Wells (deceased), and Nell Wells of Sagle. She has five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

The event is being hosted by her granddaughter, Iris Boyd. For more information, or for directions, call Iris at 326-5276.

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# U.S. expects stepped-up attacks by al-Qaida in Iraq

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske  
Los-Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. military leaders said Wednesday that they expected the militant group al-Qaida in Iraq to "lash out" soon in response to the continuing American troop surge with "spectacular attacks" designed to aggravate sectarian tensions.

Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner said al-Qaida in Iraq, which U.S. officials say is linked to Afghanistan-based al-Qaida, is the principal threat to U.S. and Iraqi security forces in Iraq and "the main accelerant

in sectarian violence" despite the group's small size and mostly foreign membership.

The U.S. military is concentrating on a series of offensives to root out al-Qaida in Iraq from strongholds in Baghdad and a surrounding belt of cities such as Baqouba, 30 miles northeast of the capital. But Bergner said U.S. troops were also staging simultaneous operations in cities such as Mosul to the north and Irbid to the west to prevent displaced al-Qaida in Iraq fighters from resurfacing. He said U.S. forces killed or captured 26 al-Qaida in

Iraq leaders during May and June.

Bergner said U.S. forces were better able to attack al-Qaida in Iraq because of an additional 28,500 troops ordered into the country this year by President Bush, new alliances with local groups such as the Anbar Salvation Council and new support from average Iraqis.

He said the U.S. military had received 23,000 tips so far this year from Iraqis, about five times the number received by this time last year.

"Over the past two months, our collective efforts against

the al-Qaida leadership have begun to disrupt their networks and safe havens," Bergner said at an afternoon news conference in the fortified Green Zone.

Bergner said that al-Qaida sent 60 to 80 foreign fighters into Iraq each month, the vast majority through Syria, and that those foreign fighters were enlisted by al-Qaida in Iraq for 80 percent to 90 percent of suicide bombings in Iraq. Bergner said foreign "facilitators" had formed a link between al-Qaida in Iraq and al-Qaida, recruiting and smuggling equipment and

fighters into Iraq.

In one instance earlier Wednesday, Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Abdul Karsum Khalaf said, police had detained an Iraqi driver attempting to cross the Syrian border in a Mercedes-Benz sedan loaded with 200 suicide bomb vests packed with explosives.

Bergner noted that the second in command of al-Qaida, Ayman al-Zawahiri, recently released a video pleading for more foreign fighters in Iraq. "Al-Qaida senior leadership does provide direction to al-Qaida in Iraq. They do establish

focus, they do establish and provide resources and support the network," Bergner said.

"Their numbers are relatively small, but their effect is very, very devastating to the Iraqi people because they are employed frequently as these suicide bombers." This latest accusation of the connection between the strife in Iraq and the Sept. 11 attackers comes as domestic American support for the war is waning on the eve of a preliminary progress report to Congress by U.S. military leaders, due this week.

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# California may have had hundreds more heat-wave deaths last July than reported

By Don Thompson  
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The heat wave that scorched California a year ago may have contributed to hundreds more deaths than the state has officially reported, an Associated Press investigation suggests.

As recently as last month, state officials reported that the two-week ordeal of triple-digit temperatures that began on July 14, 2006, killed 143 people.

But statistics compiled by the AP from each of California's 58 counties show the number of deaths last July was 450 higher than the average over the previous six years — a spike many health officials attribute to the health heat.

Dr. Kevin Reilly, the state Health Department's deputy director for prevention services, said that without examining each case individually, he cannot say for certain whether the 300 or so additional deaths identified by the AP were heat-related. But he admitted the state's count is probably too low.

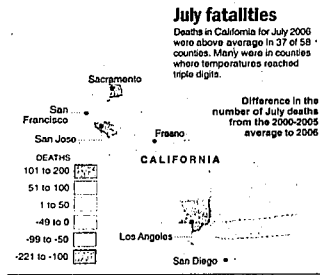
"Is this underreported? Almost certainly," he said. Frank McCarron, chief deputy director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, said state and county health officials alike clearly need to track heat-related deaths more accurately if they hope to save more lives.

"This is something we're going to really try to tighten up," he said.

That could be especially important because many scientists predict California will experience prolonged heat waves for years to come.

There is no evidence of a deliberate undercount of fatalities by California authorities.

Instead, local health officials



say they often have difficulty determining whether a death was caused by heat instead of old age or a pre-existing condition, such as heart or respiratory disease — illnesses that can be aggravated by extreme temperatures. Coroners commonly attribute a death to one of these underlying conditions without noting whether heat was a factor.

California coroners typically list deaths as heat-related when there are obvious connections, such as an elderly or disabled person found dead in a stifling room or farmworkers who collapsed in the fields. Beyond that, settling on a cause of death is largely a judgment call.

Other states and cities have had similar disagreements over heat-wave death tolls in part because there is no fixed, nationwide standard for deciding whether a death was heat-related.

For example, a 1995 heat wave in Chicago was blamed by the Cook County medical examiner's office for more than 700 deaths. Mayor Richard Daley criticized the count as too high, but the

numbers ultimately were backed up by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. California's McCarron said officials need to do a better job of investigating deaths that may be heat-related. Also, he said the state should do more to track early warning signs — a spike in ambulance calls, hospital admissions or livestock deaths — and then warn medical examiners to look more closely at whether human deaths were caused by the heat.

He and other public health officials said authorities need an accurate accounting of how many victims died, how and where in order to form an effective plan for saving people from extreme heat.

During scorching heat, California, like other states and cities, opens air-conditioned cooling centers and urges local governments to check on shut-ins and the elderly. A state emergency plan developed after last year's heat wave says social workers and National Guardsmen should take people to cooling centers.

# Elements hampering wildfire efforts

By Sudhin Thanawala  
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Crews hoping for wet weather to help combat lightning-sparked wildfires in California faced a new threat Wednesday: too much rain.

Flash flood warnings were posted for much of the eastern Sierra Nevada as the National Weather Service predicted a 40 percent chance of rain over a cluster of wildfires in Plumas National Forest.

Fire officials worried that crews battling a 22,000-acre blaze about 125 miles north-east of Sacramento could face mudslides on burned-over slopes.

That blaze was only about 20 percent contained late Tuesday, after afternoon lightning sparked some new spot fires on the parched terrain, fire information officer Jill Poulsen said. Residents of the nearby communities of Janesville and Milford were urged to prepare to evacuate, though no order had been issued, Poulsen said.

Elsewhere in the Sierra, crews in the Inyo National Forest were busy trying to control new spot fires and gained little on a 35,000-acre wildfire, roughly 55 square miles, which was about 80 percent contained Tuesday, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Nancy Upham.

"We were hit with these thunderstorms, so there were a lot of winds in the area," Upham said. "It did not jump the containment lines at all, but clearly we were not able to extend them any further."

The Inyo fire, sparked by lightning on Friday, has destroyed six homes in an area north of Mount Whitney. Eleven firefighters have been injured.

They were among large wildfires were active in 12 Western states, according to the National Interagency Coordination Center. Five of the top priority



Firefighters watch the progress of the Bull's Canyon Fire as it burns toward U.S. 395 north of Reno, Nev., Tuesday. The fire reversed its direction before reaching the highway, but it was shut down for several hours. The lightning-caused fire was reported to be at least 500 acres.

wildfires are in Utah, where crews are fighting the biggest fire in state history, which had spread across 514 square miles by early Wednesday, authorities said. The fire about 120 miles south of Salt Lake City was 30 percent contained Wednesday.

Utah fire teams also were on alert for a storm front expected to deliver Wednesday that could deliver more high wind and dry lightning.

Nevada's largest blaze — near the Idaho line — had grown to about 124 square miles Wednesday and was 40 percent contained. Elko Interagency Dispatch Center

Manager Bill Roach said. Heavy rain fell in western Nevada, dousing a handful of lightning fires around Reno, authorities said.

The weather was cool and cloudy in the southwest corner of South Dakota, where crews expected to make significant progress on a wildfire near Hot Springs that killed a homeowner and destroyed 30 houses. The blaze had covered more than 15 square miles and was 40 percent contained Wednesday after a night of temperatures in the 40s. Residents who were evacuated Saturday had been allowed to return to their homes.

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# More crews arriving to help battle Idaho blazes

By Keith Rikler  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Six large fires burning in Idaho have scorched about 160 square miles, the Boise-based National Interagency Fire Center reported Wednesday, and more firefighters are heading to the state.

With fires igniting around the West in the last week, the fire center on Monday upped its preparedness to level 4, an increase of two levels since Friday and one step below the fire center's highest level.

"We got that lightning on Saturday and the whole West

sort of took off," said Rose Davis, a spokeswoman at the center.

That has left some fire managers in Idaho scrambling for resources.

"Right now it's hard to get resources because there are so many fires going on in the West," said Jessica Gardetto, public information officer with the BLM based in Boise. "Everybody is asking for resources."

The Tongue Complex Fire, a combination of three fires, has burned about 28 square miles of sage and grassland about 45 miles south of Silver City. It's burning through

juniper, sagebrush and grass, and it's about 5 percent contained.

Gardetto said about 14 firefighters were on the fire, much of it burning in a wilderness study area. She said it was a low priority to receive more resources as few structures are in the area, though the fire has destroyed two historic cabins. It's in a really steep, remote country," Gardetto said.

The nearby Boulder Creek Fire, caused by lightning, has grown to about 10 square miles, but Gardetto said more firefighters were on their way and expected there would be about 200 available soon. The

fire was about 50 percent contained.

"That one we have gotten more resources," she said, "It's threatening a lot more private homes. It just has much more potential. The one we really are aggressively suppressing."

New was the Basin Fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest about 7 miles northeast of Stanley. The 150-acre blaze was 10 percent contained.

As a precaution, Salmon River Electric temporarily cut power for a short time to the town early Wednesday morning when it appeared the fire might reach power lines, but that didn't happen.



A Meridan firefighter puts out flames on the East side of Highway 16 around the Firebird Speedway near Eagle on Tuesday. A handful of homes were spared only a camera and a few out buildings were destroyed in a wildfire.

# Spokane County jailer stays on job after facing cigarette charges

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A jailer charged with delivering untaxed cigarettes in a large smuggling case that involves Indian reservations in Washington and Idaho may remain on the job, a federal magistrate has ruled.

Joseph D. Dunsmoor, 30, a Spokane County jail guard since March 15, 2006, pleaded innocent with other defendants in the case Monday in U.S. District Court. He is charged with conspiracy to traffic in contraband cigarettes and could face a maximum penalty of

five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

At the urging of defense lawyer Christina L. Hunt, U.S. Magistrate Cynthia Imbrogno spared Dunsmoor from a typical ban on carrying a weapon while awaiting trial.

"As far as I'm concerned, as long as it is within the scope of employment, that's OK," Imbrogno ruled.

Hunt would not say which of the two offices, Dunsmoor and Spokane County officials initially denied that he worked for that county, but on Tuesday

Spokane wholesalers accused of selling at least 4 million cartons of taxed cigarettes to smoke shops on the reservation in north Idaho. Operators of those businesses, in turn, are accused of shipping the cigarettes to Washington state for sale to non-Indians at prices far lower than at off-reservation outlets.

Dunsmoor is accused in the indictment of delivering cigarettes to an unspecified location and unloading them into the vehicle of a retailer in Washington state.

sheriff's Sgt. Dave Reagan confirmed his employment, saying the earlier statement was an error.

Dunsmoor's employment status was under review, Reagan added. The charges stem from a state and federal investigation that began in 1999 and culminated in raids on smoke shops on the Coeur d'Alene reservation in 2003, three years before Dunsmoor went to work as a corrections deputy.

Government lawyers are seeking \$84 million from two

# State considers raising rates for N. Idaho cabin lease holders

BOISE (AP) — Some people who lease state lands for cabins on northern Idaho's Priest Lake are objecting to a plan to seek market-value lease rates for two new prime lakefront lots, saying it could lead to higher rates for everyone.

The Idaho Land Board is required by law to get the most money it can from endowment land, which Idaho received when it became a state. Much of the money generated by the land supports public education.

"It doesn't mean this is going to be absolutely set the template for all the leases in the future, but it could," Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, one of five Land Board members, said at a board meeting Tuesday.

Priest Lake averaged \$5,600 a year in lease rents, state officials say, is below market value.

The state will auction off the lot to obtain a lease for each of the two lots. The last time Priest Lake leases were auctioned by the state they went for more than \$50,000, said Craig Thompson, commercial program manager for the Idaho Department of Lands. He said it wasn't clear what the two new leases might go for with the jump in the annual lease cost.

Existing Priest Lake leaseholders wrote to the Land Board to protest the increase to 5 percent.

Ysursa, a Land Board member, said increasing rents to 5 percent couldn't be ruled out. He also is chairman of a Land Board subcommittee that will consider whether rents should be changed when all Priest Lake cabin sites come up for new leases in 2010.

"It merits looking at a phase-in, as far as I'm concerned, to jump it 100 percent," he said. "But that's for the whole board to decide."

U.S. Forest Service lots in Priest Lake already rent for 5 percent of the appraised value, and Montana and Wyoming charge 5 percent for cottage sites on state-owned land.

# John Okelberry to Celebrate 80th Birthday

John was born July 11, 1927, in Twin Falls. He grew up in the Murtaugh area, where his parents owned and operated a blacksmith and mechanic shop.

John attended school in Murtaugh. He married his sweetheart, Beverly Olson, on December 29, 1945.

In 1956 John and his father, Leonard, began drilling wells and farming the fertile north-side soil. John built his own home on the farm, and moved his family to Hazelton in 1964, where he still resides.

An open house will be held on Saturday, July 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at his residence, 1935 East 1200 South, Hazelton. This event will be hosted by his children: Alan and Mark of Hazelton, and Patsy Barnes of Topeka, Kansas.



# Police: Utah man, 87, says he hitchhiked to Pennsylvania

CLINTON, Utah (AP) — An 87-year-old Utah man was discovered about 2,000 miles away Wednesday in Pennsylvania, less than 48 hours after he was reported missing, police said.

How did Andrew Hentz do it?

"He mentioned he had hitchhiked," Clinton police Detective Matt Fawbush said.

"I wish I knew how he traveled that far. It's mind-boggling."

He was examined at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa., and released, according to the hospital.

Hentz lives alone in a retirement apartment in Clinton, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. A daughter reported him missing Monday around 2 p.m. MDT.

"We received information from the family he may be seeking transportation back to Pennsylvania where he's from," Fawbush said. "We had checked bus depots, airports. Pretty much nothing as far as leads and tips."

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**WESTERN COLLECTIBLES & TACK**  
10 gal milk cans (some in excellent shape w/lids) 1 man saw - sabbantized tubes - several potato baskets sold w/ wheel horse drawn from wagon - 3 leg forge - pop belly stove - pitcher pump - ketores - lamp - chicken fork - Horse drawn walk behind plow - wood wagon wheels - set of harnesses - 7 horse collars - different sizes - single & double trees - sawbuck pack saddles w/paddles; both bus & canvas w/leather head stabs w/saddle bags - 6 silver - leather halters - bridles - packing gear - tapadeses straps - hackamore - (2) Stewart horse chair clips - vet supplies - horse blankets - leather punch

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Maple dinette set: 2 leaves, 4 chairs - green velvet queen hide-bed upholstered chair - love seat - wicker rocking chair - baby crib - various wall hangings - kitchen clocks - nice pottery - vase - child's cord table & chairs - table lamp - child chest of drawers - cold pack cabinet - storage cabinet - candle holders - several Wilson cake pans - sewing machine - candleholders - stoneware bean pots/piercer ceramic pieces - party pack - picture - frame frames

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# China bans antifreeze chemical in toothpaste

By Audra Ang  
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — China banned diethylene glycol — a thickening agent in antifreeze — from use in toothpaste Wednesday, one of its most significant concessions yet as it struggles to regain international confidence in the country's beleaguered exports.

Chinese-made toothpaste containing the toxic substance, which can cause kidney failure, paralysis and death, has been yanked from sale in North and South America, Europe and Asia in recent weeks.

Diethylene glycol is used as a low-cost substitute for glycerin, a sweetener commonly found in drugs, food, toothpaste and

other products. Although there have been no reports of health problems stemming from the toothpaste, dozens of people in Panama died last year after taking medicine contaminated with the chemical imported from China. It was passed off as harmless glycerin.

"From today onwards, toothpaste manufacturers are not allowed to use diethylene glycol as an ingredient," the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a notice posted late Wednesday on its Web site.

"Long-term use of toothpaste containing DEG in amounts less than 15.6 percent will not have a negative health impact on

humans," the administration said. "Currently there's no evidence to show that the use of DEG in toothpaste directly causes cases of poisoning in people. ... Consumers should not be concerned."

The announcement is the latest in a string of moves by China to clarify murky regulations, tighten enforcement and clean up graft — factors underpinning its poor food safety record — as it fights to prove it is not a danger to the global supply chain.

In recent weeks, importers of Chinese goods, especially the United States, have grown extremely wary as the list of products tainted with deadly toxins and dangerously high levels of chemicals grows daily,

from frozen fish to juice to toys.

Also Wednesday, the government ordered small, loosely regulated food producers to clean up their act and announced stricter rules for approving new drugs, a day after the former head of its Food and drug agency was accused for accepting bribes in exchange for letting fake medicine into the domestic market.

China's small-scale food producers have been accused of unsanitary production conditions, using tainted or substandard ingredients and failing to register with authorities. While their products generally are sold only in local areas, their continued existence helps explain why China is facing a food crisis.



A Chinese woman and a dog walks out from a home factory processing flour products in Xiamen, China, June 22. Chinese authorities announced last month that they had closed 180 food factories since December after inspectors found formaldehyde, illegal dyes and industrial wax being used to make candy, pickles, crackers and seafood. AP photo

## At least 106 dead at Red Mosque; Pakistan army says commandos cleared out all militants

By Sadaqat Jan  
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Commandos cleared the warren-like Red Mosque complex of rebel fighters Wednesday, ending a three-eight-day siege and street battles that left more than 100 dead.

Hours later, deputy al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called for Pakistani Muslims to wage the holy war against the government of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in retaliation for the assault on the mosque.

"Rigged ejections will not save you, politics will not save you, and bargaining, bootlicking negotiations with the criminals, and political maneuverers will not save you," a bespectacled and white-clad al-Zawahiri said in a new video, which was subtitled in English.

"Musharraf and his hunting dogs have rubbed your honor in the dirt in the service of the Crusaders and the Jews," he said.

The video was released by al-Qaida's multimedia branch, as-Sahab. Its authenticity could not immediately be confirmed, but two U.S.-based terrorism monitoring groups also reported it.

After the assault, the Pakistani government warned it would not tolerate militancy in any of Pakistan's thousands of religious schools.

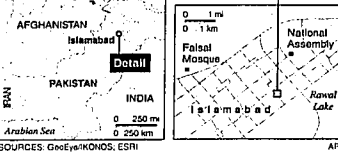
Officials searching the mosque after the assault found no corpses of women and children, although seven or eight of the bodies had been burned beyond recognition, apparently by the militants' gasoline bombs, said Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad, a military spokesman.

At least 106 people were killed overall since the violence began at the Red Mosque. They included 10 soldiers, one police ranger and several civilians who died in the crossfire in the initial street fighting last week.

Among the dead was the mosque's pro-Taliban cleric, Abdul Rashid Ghazi.

### Troops launch attack after talks fail

Pakistani troops stormed Islamabad's Red Mosque on Tuesday, a week after fighting between security forces and supporters of hardline clerics erupted. Included among the dead was the mosque's pro-Taliban cleric Abdul Rashid Ghazi.



## 4 men jailed for life in failed 2005 London transit bombings

By Jill Lawless  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — A judge on Wednesday sentenced four men he described as al-Qaida-inspired plotters to life in prison for trying to bomb London's transit system in July 2005, two weeks after suicide bombers killed 52 commuters.

Muhammad Ibrahim, 28; Yassin Omar, 26; Ramzi Mohammed, 25; and Hussain Osman, 28, must spend at least 40 years in jail before becoming eligible for parole, said Judge Adrian Fulford. A jury on Monday found them guilty of conspiracy to murder in a plot to detonate explosives-filled knapsacks on three subway trains and a bus.

The bombs failed to explode, and no one was injured.

The judge said that if the bombs had gone off, "at least 50

people would have died, hundreds of people would have been wounded, thousands would have had their lives permanently damaged, disabled or otherwise, whether they were Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, agnostic or atheist."

He said that the July 7 and July 21 plots "were both part of an al-Qaida-inspired and controlled sequence of attacks."

Two other suspects, Manfo Kwaku Asiedu, 34, and Adeel Yahya, 24, will be retried because the jury failed to reach a verdict.

Police believe the transit system was not the group's original target, but was chosen following the attacks two weeks earlier. The original target is unknown. Police also suspect, but could not prove, that there were links between the two groups of bombers.

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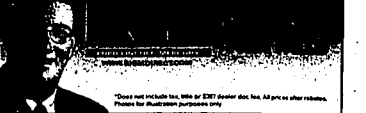
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## Helping dreams come true Hispanic Heritage queen pageant largest ever

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Young women participating in the Hispanic Heritage queen pageant are seeking more than a crown. They seek scholarship help to realize a dream of higher education.

This year, a record 16 girls are participating in the 2007 Hispanic Heritage Pageant/Scholarship Pageant, which is held in conjunction with the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, a celebration of music, food and culture at Twin Falls City Park in August. This year's pageant—the sixth one—will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. July 28 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. The pageant is open to girls between the ages of 17 to 21, who have a desire to continue their education and who have a vision for improving the lives

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of the Latino population in their community, coordinators say.

Winners in several categories are eligible to earn up to \$5,000 in scholarships and cash awards to help further their education. Unlike other pageants, contestants may be married, or single, and mothers, which makes it very unique, said pageant founder Noel Morfin, who along with wife, Dana, coordinate the annual event. Several of the contestants are in college and are seeking scholarship help. Judging will take place in the categories of talent, presence and poise, physical fitness,



Most Noel Morfin, 2006 Queen Rosa Paz and some of the pageant participants in a video interview at MagCivaleym.com.

interview, spontaneous questions and a one-page personal essay.

Morfin says one of the things that he enjoys about the pageant is the girls sharing their Hispanic heritage with the community.

"The enjoyable thing is getting to know different girls and listening to what their goals and dreams are, feeling you can maybe help those dreams in its early foundations by having a pageant," Morfin said.

The 2006 queen, Rosa Paz said that she loved the whole experience, not only wearing

the crown, but getting involved after the pageant.

"I think the main thing I really enjoyed was helping out in the community. I got to do a lot of things to help out, like the after-school program, just getting to meet a lot of great people," she said.

To raise money for scholarships, a Mexican dinner will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. Cost for the dinner will be \$5 for per person and \$20 for a family. The menu includes enchiladas, rice, beans, green salad, drinks and a dessert.

Tickets will be available at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church. A car wash will also be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 21 at Snake River Tire, 1275 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

## Crossing the line to learn

### U.S. school district cracks down on students living in Mexico

By Nicholas Riccardi  
Los Angeles Times

SAN LUIS, Ariz. — Robert Villarreal, standing at his post behind the customs officers at the border crossing station, knew he was being watched. A slim teenage boy wearing a green T-shirt was furtively peering at him from behind a pillar on the Mexican side.

"I know who it is before he even comes in," Villarreal said, ducking into an alcove. Minutes later, perhaps Villarreal had helped the boy and another teen breezed through customs. Villarreal sprang out of hiding and called the teens by name. "If you hide like that," he said, "you're just going to make things worse."

Villarreal is not a border agent. He is a school attendance officer whose assignment is to catch students who live in Mexico but attend public school in the U.S.

Children who are U.S. citizens or legal immigrants but live in Mexico cross every morning to receive a better education for free in Arizona, breaking the law that requires them to live within district boundaries. Many of their parents, who have ties in both countries, not living in the district is the educational equivalent of jaywalking.

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## CSI Foundation sets up 'first generation' scholarship

TWIN FALLS — The Board of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation has established the New Hope Scholarship for first-generation students.

According to the board, two accounts will generate earnings to provide \$100,000 in scholarships to this group of students.

The foundation board reported that it set up the scholarship for two reasons: It is consistent with the college administration's goal of providing better access to students, resulting in an overall increase in the number of students attending CSI. Additionally, the scholarship is in line with the board's recently adopted Strategic Plan 2007-2012. One of the major pillars of that plan is to increase the number of students receiving foundation scholarships from the present 20 percent (about one in five full-time students) to 33 percent (about one in three full-time students) within five years.

Guidelines for the scholarship include: Open to verifiable first-generation students. A grade-point average of at least 2.75 or GED equivalent. Award for one school year, one semester at a time. Amount of award is up to \$750 per semester for a full-time student (at least 12 credits) and \$375 per semester for a student taking at least six but less than 12 credits.



Flames rise from a gas pipeline after an explosion near Queretaro, Mexico, early Tuesday. A communique in the name of a small, leftist rebel group, the ERP (People's Revolutionary Army), claimed responsibility Tuesday for the explosions, saying the guerrillas had planted explosives. There was no immediate confirmation of the claim from authorities, who said the blasts were still under investigation.

## Gibson discusses financial donation to native Indians

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Mel Gibson has met with the president of Costa Rica to discuss making a financial donation to help the country's native Indians.

"He wants to help the indigenous population here and wants to know how to channel the funds," President Oscar Arias told reporters outside his home, where he met with the 31-year-old actor-director for about an hour Monday.

Arias said Gibson, who directed last year's Mayan epic "Apocalypto," would return to Costa Rica next month to

arrange details of his donation. Gibson has avoided the press in prior trips to Costa Rica, but spent a few minutes answering questions from reporters.

He acknowledged buying a house in Guanacaste on the Central American nation's Pacific coast and jokingly asked reporters if they wanted the address.

Gibson starred in the "Lethal Weapons" movies. His directing credits also include 2004's "The Passion of the Christ" and 1995's "Braveheart."



Actor Mel Gibson listens to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, unseen, at Arias' home in San Jose, Monday. Gibson met with Arias to discuss possible humanitarian projects in Costa Rica.

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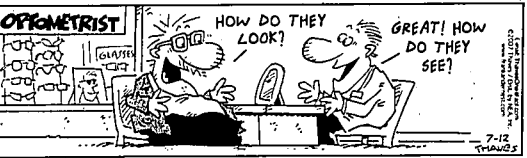
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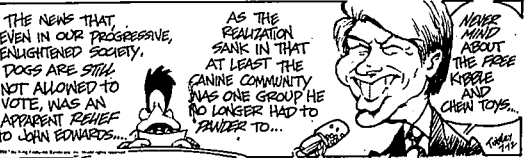
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# Speak softly today, Capricorn

**IF JULY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** The year ahead could find you reserving many of your thoughts and feelings for your private consideration. While occasional retreats will be a pleasure, don't let your mind run away with you when you do so. Retiree yourself if you get too obsessive over any one topic. This will be a year in which your hard work could really pay off, especially if you don't neglect or sacrifice a loved one to get ahead. New ideas and plans have a real chance of success and your sense of humor will be pronounced. Finances improve as the year progresses.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Arms will sizzle for the next few days, though things may move more slowly than you might wish. Keep your romantic sights set only on those who truly merit your interest.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Dream big, think big and don't be afraid to make highly ambitious plans. You are looked to for leadership and inspiration, so see that you merit the adulation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Tike the long way around anything that remotely looks like

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quickness. Business opportunities that come up today could be deadly, so don't make any commitments.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Today is not favorable for important new initiatives, particularly those of a business or financial nature. Patience is definitely a virtue now and will pay big dividends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You can be a blessing in so many lives. Your contributions are appreciated and your popularity could reach a recent high. A dose of pragmatism will mitigate any tendency to over-idealism.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Though you can usually count on your mental precision and even superiority on occasion, this is not a time to be so certain. Smile a dazzling smile and don't get roped into anything.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Part of you is full of passionate certainty and part of you has your doubts. The stars are such that listening to your doubts

may be the better course temporarily, but things will improve soon.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): To indulge or refrain from indulgence? Perhaps the middle ground is the best and safest to pursue. This way you can have enjoyment without any guilt.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your high profile continues for a few more days, and you may feel energetic and even exhalted. Make sure to "do unto others" in the correct fashion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): They say you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. This is a good to keep in mind. Speak softly and leave the stick at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Charm is an ally now, but clear thinking is not. Get reality checks with trusted friends regarding any matters of importance before you for your consideration now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Communication is highlighted, but could easily misfire. Choose your words with care to avoid creating a problem that would be time-consuming to correct.

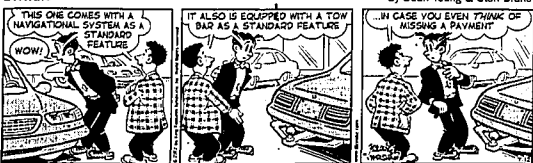
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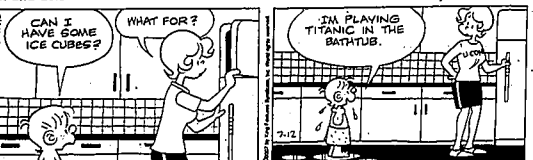
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



# Daughter told to leave home is frightened for her future

**DEAR ABBY:** I need your help. Last week, my mother and I got into a huge fight, with her screaming at me, "I don't want you leaving here ever again!" I ran into my room in tears, hoping she didn't really mean what she said.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

school counselor's office, and your second at the financial office.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a gripe! I hope you can help me with. I am a 51-year-old man who has an 18-month-old son. Every time I take him anywhere, people come up to me and ask if he is my grandson. Why would people assume such a thing?

Maybe I'm making too much out of this, but it really was bothering me. So now, after telling them, "No, he's my son" several times, I have finally given up.

Now if someone asks if my son is my grandson, I reply, "No. My grandson lives in Los Angeles with his mother. This is my grandson's uncle."

It usually takes a few minutes for the light to come on, but they eventually get it.

—ROBIN IN NEWARK, CALIF.

**DEAR ROBIN:** Your letter proves that sometimes even the most innocuous question can be tactless. And with so many mature men starting second families these days, you're not alone. I wish I knew better. In the past I have heard similar stories from older mothers who have let their hair go gray.

I like your solution, though. A humorous response usually gets a message across better than an angry one.

don't care what you do with your notice. Just get out. I feel like an orphan. What should I do is there any way I can convince her to let me stay? I have nowhere else to turn. Please help me.

—TERRIFIED IN SANTA ROSA

**DEAR TERRIFIED:** It would have been helpful if you had mentioned what precipitated the "huge fight" that caused your mother to order you out. It might have given me an insight into her mental state. Because her mind seems to be made up, you must immediately talk to a counselor at school about student housing and employment that might be available.

Former president Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." That statement applies to you. You WILL make it through this difficult time. You are not the only young person who has, by unfortunate circumstances, been forced to stand on your own two feet at a moment's notice. However, your first step should be the

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2007. There are 172 days left in the year.

**Today's highlight:**

On July 12, 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

**On this date:**

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr. In 1690, forces led by William of Orange defeated the army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1812, U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.

In 1854, George Eastman, inventor of the Kodak camera and film, was born in Waterville, N.Y.

In 1948, the Democratic National Convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he had chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1993, some 200 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 struck northern Japan and triggered a tsunami.

Ten years ago, in Copenhagen, the last stop of an eight-day European tour, President Bill Clinton said

political divisions in Europe were closing. In Spain, kidnapped Basque politician Miguel Angel Blanco was found mortally wounded shortly after a deadline set by his militant Basque captors.

Five years ago, the Senate adopted a ban on personal loans from companies to their top officials, a practice that had benefited executives from Enron to WorldCom. The U.N. Security Council agreed to exempt U.S. peacekeepers from war crimes prosecution for a year, ending a threat to U.N. peacekeeping operations.

One year ago, Hezbollah guerrillas kidnapped two Israeli soldiers and killed eight others in a cross-border raid; Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon in response. World powers agreed to send Iran before the U.N. Security Council for possible punishment to WorldCom.

No sign it would bargain in earnest over its disputed nuclear program.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

**Today's Birthdays:** Artist Andy Warhol is 80. Studio director Monte Hellman is 75. Pianist Van Cliburn is 73. Comedian Bill Cosby is 70. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 64. Actress Denise Nicholas is 63. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 62. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 59. Actor Jay Thomas is 59. Singer Walter Egan is 59. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 56. Country singer Julie Miller is 51. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 51. Actress Mel Harris is 50. Actor Buddy Foster is 50. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul

Asylum) is 45. Rock singer Robin Wilson is 42. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 30. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 36. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 34. Rapper Magoo is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 31. Actor Tophir Grace is 29. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 29. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 16.



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## THOUGHT

"We think according to nature. We speak according to rules. We act according to custom."

—Francis Bacon, English philosopher (1561-1626)

## Judge ignores husband's wishes, charges woman with attacking him with a fork in restaurant

**PLYMOUTH, Mich. (AP)** — Despite an 86-year-old man's objections, his wife will stand trial on accusations of stabbing him with a fork during a restaurant food fight.

Earlier charges against 47-year-old Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner were dropped when William Baumgartner denied he had been stabbed and said he had no interest in bringing charges against his wife.

But after another diner at the restaurant came forward, Canton Township Prosecutor and the Wayne County Prosecu-

tor's office decided to press new charges, and a judge agreed there was enough evidence to try the wife on a felonious assault charge.

"She was waving her fork at him and pointing it at him and yelling," Carl J. Schultz Jr. testified. "She was taking food off his plate with the fork and flinging it at him."

Schultz said Campbell-Baumgartner leaned across the table at the suburban Detroit restaurant April 22 and nicked her husband's face with the fork. He said he saw

blood on Baumgartner's face. On the stand Monday, the husband continued to stick by his wife. The Detroit News reported.

"If I am the complainant of this I have nothing to complain about," Baumgartner said. "If I am the victim, I have nothing to be the victim of."

After the testimony, District Judge Michael Gerou said there was enough evidence for a trial on the charge, which can carry up to four years in prison.

The couple left court holding hands.

NATION

# Sensitive military documents left unprotected online

By Mike Baker  
Associated Press writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Detailed schematics of a military detainee holding facility in southern Iraq. Geographical surveys and aerial photographs of military airfields outside Baghdad. Plans for a new fuel farm at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

The military calls it "need-to-know" information that would pose a direct threat to U.S. troops if it were to fall into the hands of terrorists. It's material so sensitive that officials refused to release the documents when asked.

But it's already out there, posted carelessly to file servers by government agencies and contractors, accessible to anyone with an Internet connection.

In a survey of servers run by agencies or companies involved with the military and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, The Associated Press found dozens of documents that officials refused to release when asked directly, citing troop security.

Such material goes online all the time, posted most often by mistake. It's not in plain sight, unlike the plans for the new American embassy in Baghdad that appeared recently on the Web site of an architectural firm. But it is almost as easy to find.

And experts said foreign intelligence agencies and terrorists working with al-Qaida likely know where to look. In one case, the Army Corps of Engineers asked the AP to promptly dispose of several documents found on a contractor's server that detailed a project to expand the fuel infrastructure at Bagram — including a map of the entry point to be used by fuel trucks and the location of pump houses and fuel tanks. The Corps of Engineers then changed its policy for storing material online following the AP's inquiry.

But a week later, the AP downloaded a new document directly from the agency's own server. The 61 pages of photos, graphics and charts map out

the security features at Tallil Air Base, a compound outside of Nasiriyah in southeastern Iraq, and depict proposed upgrades to the facility's perimeter fencing.

"That security fence guards our lives," said Lisa Coghlan, a spokeswoman for the Corps of Engineers in Iraq, who is based at Tallil. "Those drawings should not have been released. I hope to God this is the last document that will be released from us."

The Corps of Engineers and its contractor weren't alone.

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency — which provides the military with maps and charts — said it plans to review its policies about the AP finding several sensitive documents, including aerial surveys of military airfields near Balad and Al Asad, Iraq, on its server.

Bethany Companies LLC is securing its site after learning it had inadvertently posted detailed maps of buildings and infrastructure at Fort Sill, Okla. "Now, everything will be protected," said Steve Tompkins, a spokesman for Oklahoma City-based Bethany.

Los Angeles National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, two of the nation's leading nuclear laboratories, closed public access to their file transfer protocol servers after the AP contacted them about material it posted there. Both said the damage was unrelated to the AP's inquiry.

The AP has destroyed the documents it downloaded, and all the material cited in this story is no longer available online on the sites surveyed.

The posting of private material on publicly available FTP servers is a familiar problem to security experts hired by companies to secure sites and police the actions of employees who aren't always tech-savvy. They said files that never should appear online are often left unprotected by inexperienced or careless users who don't know better.

A spokesman for contractor SRA International Inc., where the AP found a docu-



Christopher Freeman looks at a government FTP site at his home in Greensboro, N.C., June 28. Freeman has spent several years looking for government and contractor-run FTP sites he thinks should be secure.

ment the Defense Department said could let hackers access military computer networks, said the company wasn't concerned because the unclassified file was on an FTP site that's not indexed by Internet search engines.

"The only way you could find it is by an awful lot of investigation," said SRA spokeswoman Laura Luko.

But on Tuesday, SRA had effectively shut down its FTP server. The only file online was a short statement: "In order to mitigate the risk of SRA or client proprietary information being inadvertently made available to the public, the SRA anonymous file server has been shut down indefinitely. In the coming months, a new secure file site will be introduced that will replace the functionality of this site."

Bruce Schneider, chief technology officer of BT Counterpane, a Mountain View, Calif.-based technology security company, said the attitude that material posted on FTP sites had to be found reflects a misunderstanding of

how the Internet works. "For some, there's sort of this myth that 'if I put something on the Net and don't tell anybody' that it's hidden," Schneider said. "It's a sloppy user mistake. This is yet another human error that creates a major problem."

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## Market Watch

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Dow Jones	78.17
Industrials	13,577.87
Nasdaq composite	+12.83
	2,651.79
Standard & Poor's 500	+8.84
	1,518.76
Russell 2000	+2.48
	839.07

## Stocks of local interest

Close	Change
COG	23.37
DEI	23.37
DLI	23.37
LHIA	24.35
Supervalu	45.90

## Commodities

Close	Change
Aug. Oil	72.55
(Light sweet crude by barrel)	25
July gold	660.30
	2.2

For more, see page E2

# AOL to pay \$3 million, reform cancellation policies

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Averting a looming court battle over how it has been handling a steady exodus from its Internet dial-up service, AOL has agreed to make it easier for its remaining customers to leave as part of a \$3 million settlement with 48 states and the District of Columbia.

The resolution announced Wednesday was driven by a deluge of complaints from AOL customers who said they tried to close their accounts, only to be thwarted in their attempts.

discover they were still being billed for services that they thought had been canceled.

The outcry triggered a multi-state investigation that would have culminated in a lawsuit if AOL hadn't agreed to ante up and agreed to change its ways, said David Tiedt, a deputy attorney general in California — one of many states that played a leading role in the settlement. New York and Florida were the only states that didn't participate in the inquiry.

The settlement, AOL had previously required customers to make their cancellation requests by fax mail or telephone.

Subscribers who phoned AOL to cancel their service sometimes were greeted by aggressive customer service representatives who were paid bonuses of up to \$3,000 if they found a way to retain the business, according to the multi-state settlement. Customers complained that AOL's incentive system created an obstructive culture that made service cancellations difficult.

The settlement requires AOL to issue refunds to consumers who can show they were still charged monthly fees after trying to cancel their services. AOL's fees currently range from \$9.95 to \$25.90 per month.

The \$3 million settlement will be divided among the 48 states and the District of Columbia to cover the costs of their inquiry into AOL's practices and finance other consumer protection efforts.

# TWO BUSY TO RELAX

## For many, vacation is a luxury they don't have time for

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Nancy Kirk doesn't have anything against vacations; she just doesn't consider them worth the effort.

Years ago, when her children were young, she remembers spending a week at a cottage. Seven days of preparing meals in an unfamiliar kitchen and worrying about the kids falling into the lake led her to the conclusion that "there's no rest in this."

So instead of taking vacations, Kirk, 60, who owns an antique quilt and fabric business in Omaha, Neb., works down time into her everyday life — from taking an afternoon nap if she feels like it to occasionally tacking a day onto a business trip for sight-seeing. "I've designed my life to give me the freedom to schedule my own time," she said. "I don't want to separate work and the rest of my life like most people do."

Many Americans seem to eschew traditional vacations — a trend that has some experts worried that workers are not getting away from their jobs to relax and recharge, both physically and mentally.

The reasons vary, from having too few vacation days available to lacking money for travel. But in some cases, it seems, many people just aren't getting into the habit of getting away.

A recent study by Orbitz, the online travel company, found a drop in the number of people taking three-week or two-week vacations and an increase in those taking a week or less.

Quinn's respondents said they took five or fewer days of



Jared Wadley, a senior public relations specialist at the University of Michigan news service in Ann Arbor, talks to his supervisor Laura Lassau about a current project in his office, July 10, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Wadley says he wasn't interested in vacations even as a child. "I always worried I'd miss something interesting or important," he said. Now 39 and married with young children, he still doesn't take traditional vacations, even though he has more than 40 days of accumulated days due him.

## Off the clock

Nearly one in five workers responding to a recent survey said it has been three or more years since they took five days off in a row.

How many vacation days do you take a year?

0-5 days	20%	17%	27%
6-10 days	10%	10%	15%

When was the last time you took five days off in a row?

17%	5%	10%	65%	2%
Three to five years ago	Two to three years ago	One to two years ago	Less than one year ago	More than one year ago

SOURCE: Orbitz Travel Study conducted by Ipsos

vacation in the past year.

One in four of those surveyed said they felt their bosses did not encourage them to take their vacations, and one in three said they stayed connected with their office via phone or computer while on holiday.

"Our sense is that people are busier than ever with their lives, their family activities, their kids," said Jeannene Diefendorf of Orbitz. "So they find it difficult to take an extended vacation and order to balance if they're only gone a couple of days."

But, she added, "they're missing the benefits of unplugging from the workplace for at least a week."

Wallace Huffman, a profes-

or at Iowa State University in Ames who is a specialist in labor economics, said Americans work longer hours than their European counterparts. While many Europeans take four to six weeks of vacation — often including the entire month of August when factories close — many Americans take no vacation at all, Huffman said.

"He said it can be difficult for working couples to coordinate time off, and that some people worry that they'll fall hopelessly behind at work if they take even a few days off. There's also technology that can keep some people connected to their jobs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year — creating the sense they can never get away."

Huffman warns that there's a risk in not scheduling vacations. "In the short run, it can reduce productivity," he said. "And people are living longer and have to think seriously about working more years," he said. "That means it's critical that people take periodic vacations that allow their minds — and their bodies — to rest."

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## MONEY BRIEFS

### CSI offering course in Burley on eBay

**BURLEY** — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program is offering a two-week course, Buy and Sell on eBay, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 17 to 26.

Instructor Lance Pincock will cover tips and tricks to avoid the pitfalls of online marketing and protecting your identity. The cost is \$40 and class is limited to 12 participants. For information, call 678-1400.

### Planning under way for 2008 Images of Southern Idaho

**TWIN FALLS** — The 2008 edition of Images of Southern Idaho, a community magazine sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, will be published in January.

The newsstand-quality magazine showcases southern Idaho through its people, places and businesses. The 2008 publication will focus on specific areas of education, the arts, sports and recreation, health care, community and quality of life, according to the chamber. More than 10,000 copies of the magazine will be distributed through the chamber and local businesses, as well as at trade shows, conferences and events throughout the year.

For information, call the chamber at 733-7374, or the magazine's publisher, Journal Communications, at (800) 333-8842.

### Montana to slaughter quarantined cattle if no deal reached

**HELENA, Mont.** — The Board of Livestock ordered the state Wednesday to slaughter a herd of quarantined cattle near Bridger if the owners and federal government cannot agree soon on a price for the animals.

Seven cows from the ranch tested positive for brucellosis in May, and Montana could lose its coveted disease-free status if the 600-some cattle aren't slaughtered within 60 days of that discovery — or by July 17. Board members pushed up that deadline during a conference call, saying the state's billion-dollar livestock industry depends on a speedy resolution.

Under the order, state officials will begin arranging for the herd's slaughter if no written agreement was reached by ranchers Jim and Sandy Morgan and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service by mid-night Friday.

— Compiled from wire and staff report

# New products, better franchise relations on menu for Quiznos

The Associated Press

**DENVER** — Long before dawn breaks, Greg Brenneman is on the run, a habit that can be a bit disconcerting for his temporary houseguests.

Quiznos' new chief executive officer invited Steve Provost to stay with him during his move to Denver, an invite that extended to eight-mile runs. "He runs on a treadmill and I try desperately to keep up next to him," joked Provost, the new chief marketing officer.

Brenneman, who relishes a challenge as much as he does a good run, is applying his turnaround expertise — first with Continental Airlines and then Burger King — to the

troubled sandwich chain, whose dissatisfied franchise owners have complained about low profits, company operating requirements and the franchisee recruiting process.

Since jumping into the fray in January, Brenneman has worked to reduce food costs by as much as 4 percent, open communication channels with franchisees and test new products, like a Quiznos taco, to boost profits.

"In these situations, the biggest challenge is always identifying what the few things you can do to really improve profitability for the franchise owners are and then doing them quickly," said Brenneman.

Some owners are pleased with the changes, especially the lower food costs. Others remain skeptical.

Ron DiSaverio, who owns three Denver-area Quiznos, said the company is moving in the right direction. "It just takes awhile so I'm always a little bit wait-and-see attitude only because that's the nature of this business," he said.

Founded in 1981 in Denver's Capitol Hill neighborhood, Quiznos sought from the beginning to set itself apart with made-to-order toasted subs. The company and its 18 restaurants were purchased 10 years later by franchisee owner Rick Schaden and his father, Dick Schaden, who set it on a fast-track track.



Ron DiSaverio, owner of three Denver-area Quiznos sandwich franchises, is shown at one of his shops on Saturday.

MONEY

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various performance metrics.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of Commodity Futures with columns for Commodity, High, Low, and Change.

COMMODITIES REPORT

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2006 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

I. Water System Information

Water System Name: City of Hansen
Water System Operator: DMJ/ Mark Kerley
Address: P.O. Box 170
City, State, Zip Code: Hansen, Idaho 83334
Population Served: 1078
Date of CCR Distribution:
Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s): Second Monday of each month

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Number of Connections: 383
For Calendar Year: 2006

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II. Water Sources

Groundwater Sources (springs, wells, infiltration galleries):
1) Source # 1
2) Source # 2
3) Source # 3
Surface Water Sources (lakes, rivers, creeks):
1) Source # 1
Groundwater/Surface Water Contamination Sources (if known):
Source Water Assessment or Protection Plan Available? Yes

III. Special Compliance Violations

Treatment techniques: n/a
Monitoring/Reporting: n/a
Public notification/Record Keeping: n/a
Special monitoring requirements: n/a
Administrative or judicial orders: n/a
Consent orders: n/a
Notice of Violations (NOV): n/a

IV. Definitions

Maximum Contamination Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contamination Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

V. Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. Those people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or http://www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.
Drinking water, including bottled water, may occasionally be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or http://www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Contaminants that may be present in surface water before we treat it include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

VI. Level of Detected Chemical and Radiological Contaminants and Associated Health Effects Language

Table with 8 columns: Contaminant, Violation (Y/N), MCL, MCLG, Lowest Level Detected, Highest Level Detected, Date Tested (mm/yy), Typical Source of Contamination, Health Effects Language. Row: Chemical and Radiological Contaminants, Alpha emitters, N, 15, N/A, 4.43, 11.34, Quarterly, Erosion of natural deposits.

VII. Level of Detected Contaminants and Associated Health Effects Language for Systems that must comply with the Disinfection/Disinfectant by Products Rule, Surface Water Treatment Rule, and the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.

Table with 8 columns: Contaminant, Violation (Y/N), MCL, MCLG, Highest Level Detected, Running Annual Average, Range, Typical Source of Contamination, Health Effects Language. Rows include Total Trihalomethanes, Haloacetic Acid Group 5, Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Precursors Removal Ratios, and Chlorine.

IX. Specific Contaminant Requirements

Activity Based: Systems that collect DBPs on an annual or less frequent basis should report detections in the highest level detected column and omit running annual averages and range data.
Radon
Arsenic
Informational Statement: Nitrate: Well 1 / 1.9 Well 2 / 3.1 Well 3 / 1.7 Maximum Detection Level 10

Informational Statement: Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks or sewage. Erosion of natural deposits

Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form (Required)

Community Water System Name: City of Hansen
Public Water System (PWS) #: 5420027
I confirm that the Consumer Confidence Report has been distributed to customers (or appropriate notices of availability have been given) and that the information is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the primacy agency.
Complete the portion below that corresponds to the population of your PWS -

- Systems Serving a Population Greater than 100,000
Systems Serving Between 500 and 99,999 People
Systems with Mailing Waivers Serving Between 500 and 9,999 People
Systems with Mailing Waivers Serving 500 or Fewer People
Applies to all systems: A "good faith" effort was made to reach non-bill-paying consumers by (check appropriate blanks):

Certified by: Name: Mark Kerley
Title: Distribution Operator
Phone #: (208)734-9933 Date: 6/28/07

PUBLISH: July 12, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-07-2801
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of,
LORAYNE E. BRESKE,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, P.O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0525, and filed with the Court. Dated this 27th day of June, 2007.
S/ Susan M. Churchill
Personal Representative

PUBLISH: July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE

Case No. CV2007-0000371
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHADRICK LUKKASSON and ABBIGAYLE LUKKASSON,
Husband and Wife,
Plaintiffs,
vs
LARRY SEAL and PHYLLIS SEAL,
Husband and Wife,
Defendants.

TO: Larry Seal and Phyllis Seal
You have been sued by Chadrick Lukkasson and Abbigayle Lukkasson, the Plaintiffs, in the District Court in and for Blaine County, Idaho, Case No. CV2007-0000371. The nature of the claim against you is complaint for breach of contract. Any action brought against you following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the above case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Court on or before 10:00 AM on June 11, 2007. A copy of Summons and Verified Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court, or the attorney for the Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated this 29th day of June, 2007.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: June 25, 2007
File No: 7104-26885 Sale date and time (local time): October 25, 2007 at 10:00 AM
Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Property address: 610 11th Avenue North, Buhl, ID 83316. Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, P.O. Box 907, Boise, WY 83009 (425) 580-1800 Dean Vanderwolf, Jr., a member of BNC Mortgage, Inc., a Delaware Corporation. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., a Delaware Corporation. Recording date: March 10, 2006. Recorder's instrument number: 2006005670. County: Twin Falls. Sum owing on the obligation: as of June 25, 2007: \$50,690.16. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may accrue from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Default: Failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder the certain funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 66-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 11 in Block 19 of Eastman's First Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Volume 4 of Plats, Page 11. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.westrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7104-26885) 1002.73112-FBI

PUBLISH: July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-2007-1734
ANOTHER SUMMONS
VOLLMER WELLL DRILLING, L.L.C.
Plaintiff,
vs
VIC ROLFE and JANE DOE ROLFE,
husband and wife,
Defendants.

TO: VIC ROLFE and JANE DOE ROLFE,
husband and wife
You have been sued by VOLLMER WELLL DRILLING, L.L.C., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2007-1734. The nature of the claim against you is collection of a past due debt. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at PO Box 120, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, (208) 738-1004 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney Thomas J. Holmes, Attorney at Law, Jones, Chatterbox, P.O. Box 667, Pocatello, ID 83204 (208) 232-5911. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. DATED this 6th day of June, 2007.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
for Twin Falls County
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2007



**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV-07-2747 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **MARVIN HERBIE GILMER**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marvin Gilmer has appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.  
**THE VOORHEES LAW FIRM**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
112 Shoshone Street East  
PO Box Z  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090  
PUBLISH: July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

**BID FOR LOADER CITY OF SHOSHONE**

The City of Shoshone is soliciting sealed bids for a Front End Wheel Loader. For specifications and a bid of please contact Shoshone City Hall, P.O. Box 200, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, or call 208-806-2030 or email [christine@shoshonecity.com](mailto:christine@shoshonecity.com). Sealed bids will be accepted until July 24, 4:30 pm. Bids will be opened July 24 at a Special Meeting of the Shoshone City Council at 7:00 pm, Shoshone City Hall, 207 S. 5th St., Shoshone, Idaho. The City of Shoshone reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any key person(s) City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: July 11, 12 and 19, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-2007-2693 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IDAHO CODE 15-3-801)**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **STANLEY H. HOSTETLER**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Any claimant must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

**1/5/Shelby A. Hostetler**  
PO Box 539  
Buhl, Idaho 83316-0589  
208-543-4368  
PUBLISH: July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV 06-4776 SUMMONS TO APPEAR AND ANSWER AGAINST PROGRESSIVE LOGISTICS, INC., Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**BLUE STREAK TRUCKING, INC., PAUL W. ORTEGAL SR., Individually, Defendants.**

**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT HAS SUMMONED YOU TO APPEAR AND ANSWER WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

**To: BLUE STREAK TRUCKING, INC. AND PAUL W. ORTEGAL, SR.**  
You ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint for Damages.

A copy of the Complaint for Damages is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the Court's judgment or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(b)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
  2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
  3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.
  4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated below.
- To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the clerk of the Court at the address below. DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.  
K. Glascock  
Deputy Magistrate Court  
PUBLISH: June 28, July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV 2006-3061 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING**  
In the Interest of: **KRYA EVANS**  
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. This matter is set for a hearing on Sept. 6, 2007 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho. The following persons shall appear and answer at the hearing:

- CHRIS CHISM**
  - ROGER EVANS**
  - JOHN DEED**
- NON-PARTY TRIBES**  
The above-named individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel if they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

Not later than the date of the hearing on 15-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare. Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for such purposes from the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and be witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being deemed paternity of the said child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-2005 of the Idaho Code. Dated June 12, 2007.  
In/By: Howard Smyer, Magistrate  
PUBLISH: July 12, 2007 and 26, 2007

**CITY OF HAGERMAN TREASURER'S 2nd QUARTER REPORT**  
April through June, 2007

FUND	CASH ON HAND	RECEIVED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
GENERAL	\$ 68,565.17	\$ 37,536.43	\$ 44,687.79	\$ 61,415.81
STREETS	\$ 90,626.54	\$ 13,811.27	\$ 14,472.80	\$ 86,364.98
LIBRARY	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 904.50	\$ 1,314.33	\$ 13,230.17
PARK	\$ 24,735.45	\$ 1,457.20	\$ 6,273.25	\$ 19,919.40
WATERWORKS	\$ 327,740.62	\$ 38,941.19	\$ 17,746.78	\$ 348,935.03
SEWER	\$ 23,445.15	\$ 22,606.00	\$ 6,442.70	\$ 19,598.45
TOTAL	\$ 607,365.68	\$ 115,257.07	\$ 106,679.81	\$ 616,542.94

Officers are invited to inspect the supporting documents at the City Hall, 110 West Main, Hagerman, Idaho, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Margaret Pedrow City Clerk/Treasurer  
PUBLISH: July 12, 2007

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The harvestable share of summer Chinook for the state fishery in the South Fork of the Salmon River has been achieved. Pursuant to his authority under Idaho Code Section 36-106(6)(6)(A), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director hereby closes the summer Chinook salmon season at the close of fishing hours on July 11 at the South Fork of the Salmon River from the mouth of Crook Creek upstream to posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream from the South Fork of the Salmon River. Copies of Order #23 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters office, 600 South Walnut Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83715. Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007.  
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
Gerald Green, Director  
PUBLISH: July 12 and 19, 2007

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following abandoned vehicles will be sold for payments due by Highway 30 Auto Garage, 21930 Highway 30, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
1988 Mercury Cougar, VIN #1MEB-1M6040101541  
1975 Ford F-250, VIN #F25MLX229303  
1996 Dodge Stratus, VIN #1B3E-67C0293032  
1991 Eagle Talon, VIN #E3CS44RAM0E7B0E  
PUBLISH: July 12 and 19, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV-07-2856 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **EDITH RAE OLSEN**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan K. Mayer and Myra A. Anderson have been appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.  
**THE VOORHEES LAW FIRM**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives  
112 Shoshone Street East  
PO Box Z  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090  
PUBLISH: July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. CV-07-2811 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **WILLIAM EDWARD TESSER**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert W. O'Connell has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.  
**THE VOORHEES LAW FIRM**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
112 Shoshone Street East  
PO Box Z  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090  
PUBLISH: July 5, 12 and 19, 2007

**SUMMONS**

To: **Tweny Duen Transportation, Inc.** and **Abigail Stocking**

You have been sued by the State of Idaho, ex rel. Industrial Commission, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, in Case No. CV-07-2811. The nature of the claim against you is for failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance. Any time after 20 days following the first publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response to the summons or you have filed a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, David B. Young, at PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041, telephone number 208-334-9028. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2007.  
Twin Falls County  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Kristina Glascock, Clerk  
PUBLISH: July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2007

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**Case No. CV-200702214 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. § 15-3-801)**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **VICTOR J. REES**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Della Rattling has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.  
**STEPHEN, KNAVVIS, STONE & TRAINOR**  
By Russell G. Keating  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 83  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083  
Telephone: 208-733-2721  
PUBLISH: June 28, July 5 and 12, 2007

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 07-2681 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estate of MILDRED LAGNE SMITH HOWARD, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 07-2670 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estates of: EDWARD A. DOHSE and ADALINE A. DOHSE, Decedents.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedents are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 07-2724 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estate of JIMMIE JOE MUDD aka JIMMIE J. MUDD, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KEITH DUANE MUDD has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV07-2749 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA ARNETTA BAILEY, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KAREN RENAE BAIRD and RAEDINE FRANZT have been appointed personal representatives of the estate of decedent WAYNE R. BATES. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 07-2314 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estate of WAYNE R. BATES, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KAREN RENAE BAIRD and RAEDINE FRANZT have been appointed personal representatives of the estate of decedent WAYNE R. BATES. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 07-2314 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IC 15-3-401) In the Matter of the Estate of WAYNE R. BATES, Decedent.

113 Child Care Services

SUMMER SPECIAL Julia Coma Call for details Full & part-time care 200-736-0382 Where no child has ever been left behind

EMPLOYMENT

200 Employment 202 Construction 203 Construction 204 Customer Service 205 Dry Cleaning 206 Education 208 Farm 209 General 210 Management 212 Medical 213 Miscellaneous 215 Professional 216 Retail 217 Sales 218 Trades 219 Newspaper Carriers

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Red Trencher, flat, male, found on Elkabomb & Eastland Hills road signs. FOUND Shih Tzu, black and white, in front of US Bank in Burley. LOST (2) fy rods, in green case, American Falls road sign.

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Black Lab puppy, male, found in Shoshone. FOUND Black Lab mix with white pants collar with red scent 'x's. FOUND Dog, black, white and brown cattle dog with blue collar North of Coalinga. LOST Dog, black, white and brown Roper on 400 West. LOST Dog, black, white and brown Parakeet, beautiful colors. FOUND Pug, male, no neuter.

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205 Dairy

DAIRY Expanded Milkher & Outside person wanted. DAIRY Experienced Milkher \$2100. DAIRY Technician Dairy Service & Supplies

206 Drivers

DRIVERS Experienced Harvest Truck Drivers needed with valid CDL. DAIRY Experienced Milkher \$2100. DAIRY Technician Dairy Service & Supplies

206 Drivers

DRIVER Courier/Delivery Driver. DRIVERS Road Brothers needs experienced Truck Drivers for local and regional. DRIVERS School Bus Drivers needed in Jerome for 2007-2008.

207 Education

CHILD CARE First Child Care Preschool is opening a baby and toddler center and are seeking Care Givers to work in the center. DRIVERS Local milk haulers, all new equipment.

208 Clerical

CLERICAL Full-time permanent position with benefits available. RECEPTIONIST Retail Estate business and helpful, dependable with good communication and computer skills.

208 Clerical

SECRETARY Full-time Secretary position with benefits. SECRETARY Social opening for an insurance company starting salary based on qualifications and experience.

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203 Construction

CONSTRUCTION Construction Laborers & Welders for Dairy construction Murrah area. CONSTRUCTION Now hiring experienced Pipe Liner, 5' dia. Yard Pipe Operators.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

LABORER Laborer needed, 30-40 hours per week, short term. CONSTRUCTION Now hiring experienced Pipe Liner, 5' dia. Yard Pipe Operators.

108 Professional Services

BANKRUPTCY Chapter 7. CUSTOMER SERVICE Now hiring experienced Pipe Liner, 5' dia. Yard Pipe Operators.

209 General

FINANCIAL Financial Advisers. GENERAL Intelligent Employment Solutions is looking for a talented Assistant in the Twin Falls office.

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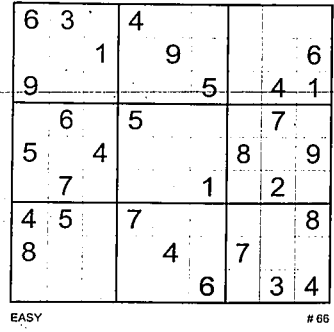
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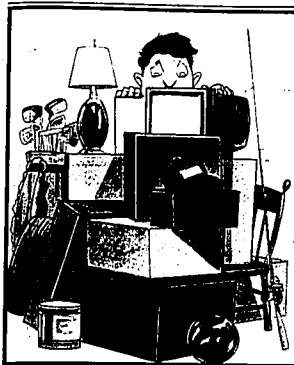
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In this deal from the fourth qualifying session of the Open Pairs at the World Championships last year in Verona, when Paul Hackett as North made a game-involutional cuebid at his first turn, England's Tony Waterlow as South accepted the invitation. In their methods he could have held a flat 11-count with only four spades, so he had something in hand. After South's jump, Hackett drove his partner to six spades.

There was a considerable amount of work to do in the play, however. The point was that by ruffing three diamonds in dummy, declarer was not going to be able to take the trump finesse. However, watch how the potential trump loser evaporates.

West led the diamond king, ruffed in dummy, and Waterlow played ace and king of hearts, throwing a club from hand, then ruffed a heart. Next he ruffed a diamond, came back to the club ace, and ruffed the last diamond.

He continued by ruffing a heart, crossing to the spade ace, and ruffing the last heart. Having reduced his trump holding to K-J doubleton, Waterlow exited with the club loser, and the defense had to lead into the trump tenace at trick 12 to ensure the slam. The key was that declarer had to use every entry to dummy to reduce his trumps in hand as often as possible.

Not surprisingly, bidding and making six spades rewarded Hackett and Waterlow with virtually all the matchpoints.

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- NORTH** 07-12-A  
 ▲ A 10 6 4  
 ▲ K 8 7 6  
 ♦ J 8 4 3
- WEST**  
 ♠ Q 10 9 5 3  
 ♠ K Q 10 8 5  
 ♠ Q 10 7
- EAST**  
 ♠ Q 8 7  
 ♠ 4 2  
 ♠ A 9 6 4 2  
 ♠ K 9 2
- SOUTH**  
 ♣ K J 9 3 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♥ J 7 3  
 ♣ A 6 5

Vulnerable: East-West  
 Dealer: East

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 3 ♥ Pass  
 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♦ Dbl.  
 Pass Pass RdbL Pass  
 5 ♣ Pass 6 ♠ All pass

\*Hearts and a minor  
 \*\*Constructive spade raise

Opening lead: Diamond king

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 ▲ A 10 6 4  
 ▲ K 8 7 6  
 ♦ J 8 4 3

South West North East  
 1 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass Pass

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1. "America's Got Talent," NBC.
2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
3. "So You Think You Can Dance" (Wednesday), Fox.
4. "So You Think You Can Dance" (Thursday), Fox.
5. "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?," Fox.

—From Nielsen Media Research

### FILM

1. "Ratatouille," Disney.
2. "Live Free Or Die Hard," Fox.
3. "Evan Almighty," Universal.
4. "1408," MGM.
5. "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," Fox.

—From Media By Numbers LLC

### HOT FIVE

1. "Umbrella," Rihanna feat. Jay-Z. SRP/Del Jam/DJMG.
2. "Party Like A Rockstar," Shop Boyz. OnDecca/Universal Republic.
3. "Hey There Delilah," Plain White T's. Hollywood.
4. "Big Girls Don't Cry," Fergie. will.i.am/A&W/Interscope.
5. "Buy a Drank (Shawty Snappin')," T-Pain feat. Ying Yang Joc. Konvic/Nappy Boy/Jive/Zomba.

—From Billboard magazine

### ALBUMS

1. "Hannah Montana 2 (Soundtrack)/Meet My Cyrus," Miley Cyrus. Walt Disney/Hollywood.
2. "My December," Kelly Clarkson. RCA/RRG.
3. "Lost Highway," Bon Jovi. Mercury/Island/UMG/N/DJMG.
4. "Icky Thump," The White Stripes. Third Man/Warner Bros.
5. "5th Gear," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville/SBN.

—From Billboard magazine

### CONCERT TOURS

1. The P.O.D.
2. Kenny Chesney.
3. Rod Stewart.
4. Gwyn Stefani.
5. "The New Frinds Tour," Lynyrd Skynyrd/Hank Williams Jr.

—From Pollstar

### VIDEO SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Yoga Conditioning For Athletes," Galam Video.
3. "The Way I Am," Timberland.
4. "Terminator 3: Rise of the Ma-

- chine," Warner Home Video.
5. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring," New Line Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

### VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Ghost Rider," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
2. "Bridge To Terabithia," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Bruch," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Norbit," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
5. "Reno 911!: Miami," 20th Century Fox.

—From Billboard magazine

### DVD SALES

1. "Bridge To Terabithia," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Ghost Rider," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
3. "Reno 911!: Miami," 20th Century Fox.
4. "Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
5. "Norbit," DreamWorks Home Entertainment. Paramount Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

### BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "Lean Mean Thirteen" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's Press) (fiction/hardcover)
2. "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead Hardcover) (fiction/hardcover)
3. "Safe Harbor" by Christine Feehan (Jove) (fiction/paperback)
4. "The Secret Diaries of Miss Miranda Cheever" by Julia Quinn (Avon) (fiction/paperback)
5. "Country Brides" by Debbie Macomber (Mira) (fiction/paperback)

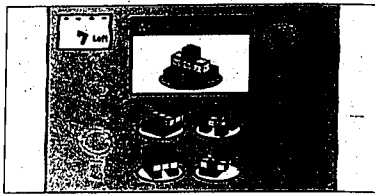
—From USA Today

### TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Hey There Delilah," Plain White T's
2. "Umbrella," Rihanna
3. "Big Girls Don't Cry," Fergie
4. "The Way I Am," Timberland
5. "Party Like a Rock Star," Shop Boyz

—From Apple Computers Inc.

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



A screen from the new video game for the Wii, "Brain Brain Academy: Wii Degree," which measures you "brain size" with a collection of 15 puzzles.

## Heavy mental vid games: Exercise your gray matter

BY LUK KESTEN  
 The Associated Press

The fastest growing genre in video games is "brain training," a genre no one had heard of before last year. But it only takes one smash hit — in this case, Nintendo's "Brain Age" — to launch an armada of imitators.

Nintendo's rivals have tried to hop on the "Brain Age" bandwagon with copycats like "Brain Boost," "Brain Genesis," "Brain Juice," "Brain Challenge" and (for the sake of variety) "Mind Quiz." The only person who might see as many brain exercise games would be someone who was dumb enough to buy them all.

The jury is still out on whether these games — consisting mostly of simple, rapid-fire math, logic and observation problems — really make you smarter. I have my doubts, and I'd be willing to bet that your brain gets more of a workout playing "The Legend of Zelda" or "Halo." I'll try that one more important question: Are brain training games any fun?

"\*Big Brain Academy: Wii Degree" (Nintendo, for the Wii, \$49.99): Nintendo's latest mental workout picks up where last year's DS hit "Big Brain Academy" left off. It presents a collection of 15 programs; the faster and more accurate you are, the

bigger your "brain size." That's ridiculous, of course, but kind of charming anyway.

The brainteasers range from the simple (pop numbered balloons in order from lowest to highest) to the slightly less simple (they draw train tracks in a brief maze). There's nothing a third grader couldn't handle. The Wii introduces a couple of entertaining multiplayer modes, letting you challenge your friends to see who can solve the most problems in the same amount of time.

The biggest drawback to "Wii Degree" is the limited number of activities; a \$50 product ought to have a lot more than 15 minigames. It takes less than an hour to see everything "Wii Degree" has to offer, although the head-to-head contests are enjoyable enough to keep you coming back.

\*"Hot Brain" (Midway for the PlayStation Portable, \$29.99): Hot Brain may sound like a disease, but in this game it's the goal: Raise the temperature inside your skull by solving another batch of 15 problems. Again, that's not enough for a full-price game, although "Hot Brain" does add some language challenges, such as matching rhymes or putting words in alphabetical order.



# Basque-ing in a rich heritage

## Gooding's Basque community celebrates with its annual festival Sunday

Times-News

**GOODING** — Five percent of Gooding's 3,282 residents profess Basque ancestry, according to the Census Bureau.

That works out to just 171 people. But boy, can they throw a big party.

The Gooding Basque Association will host its 26th annual Basque Festival on Sunday. The event annually attracts about 1,000 people to the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

A Roman Catholic Mass will begin at 11 a.m., and the picnic — the centerpiece of the festival — will start at noon. The menu includes a traditional shepherd's dinner of barbecued lamb, Basque rice, red beans, salad, bread and cold beverages. Chorizos will be available for purchase starting at 3 p.m.

The festivities will include Basque dancers, a lamb auction, sports and contests for both adults and children, including a weight-carrying competition and a Boga contest for people over age 21.

Tickets for the picnic, which are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-10, are available at the door.

The quarter century-old GBA is celebrating a colorful heritage. Basques have lived and worked in Gooding County since before there was a Gooding County.

According to a profile compiled by Washington State University, the forebears of Idaho Basques left Spain in the 1840s and settled in Argentina and Paraguay, where they established themselves in sheepherding and tending live-



The Oinkari Basque dancers from Boise have long been a fixture at the 26-year-old Gooding Basque Festival.

stock. In 1850, Basque immigrants left Argentina bound for San Francisco as news of gold strikes in California reached South America.

But once in the United States, Basques discovered that competition from miners of different nationalities and anti-foreigner sentiment of American miners limited their chances of striking it rich. So, starting in the 1860s, Basques began to find work herding sheep and cattle, and within a few decades they dominated the industry in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley, according to the WSU research.

Expansion of sheep and cattle ranching coincided with the growth of mining centers, and the Basque herders soon followed the trek of miners from California to northeastern Nevada, southeastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho.

Basque immigration had a direct link to economic, political and cultural conditions in Spain, as well as to the growth of the sheep industry in the Northwest. The mountainous terrain in the Basque provinces limited agricultural and farming potential, and Basque inheritance customs usually favored the eldest male — encouraging other children to seek a livelihood elsewhere. Many young Basque men immigrated directly from Spain to Idaho, according to the WSU profile.

The sheep industry in Idaho boomed during the 1890s and 1890s, and had trouble finding sheepherders who could withstand the demanding and lonely nature of the work. So Basques filled the gap.

Basque immigration to the Northwest peaked between 1900 and 1920. Most Basque immigrants

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- July 23-28 — Lincoln County Fair, Shoshone
- July 23-29 — Elmore County Fair, Glenns Ferry
- July 28-Aug. 4 — Jerome County Fair, Jerome
- July 30-Aug. 4 — Minidoka County Fair, Rupert
- Aug. 1-5 — Camas County Fair, Fairfield
- Aug. 6-11 — Blaine County Fair, Oakley
- Aug. 10-11 — Three Island Crossing, Glenns Ferry
- Aug. 13-18 — Cassia County Fair, Burley
- Aug. 16-18 — Gooding County Fair, Gooding
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## What's playing

'HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX'  
The 'Potter' magic is gone

## TWIN FALLS

## Twin Cinema

"Barnyard"  
"Evan Almighty"  
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"  
"How to Eat Fried Worms"  
"License to Wed"  
"Live Free or Die Hard"  
"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"  
"Ratatouille"  
"Shrek the Third"  
"Transformers"

## Odyssey Theater

"Capibivvy"  
"Eragon"  
"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer"  
"1408"  
"Ocean's Thirteen"  
"Waltz"

## The Drphaum

"Knocked Up"  
"Grand-Vu Drive-In"  
"1408"  
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"Motor-Vu Drive-In"  
"Evan Almighty"  
"Honey Drow"

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"Eragon"  
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"  
"License to Wed"  
"Live Free or Die Hard"  
"Waltz"

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"Evan Almighty"  
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"  
"Live Free or Die Hard"  
"Ratatouille"

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"Ratatouille"  
"Transformers"

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"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"  
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"Live Free or Die Hard"  
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"Ratatouille"  
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"Disturbia"

## JEROME

## Jerome Cinema

"Barnyard"  
"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"  
"How to Eat Fried Worms"  
"Live Free or Die Hard"  
"Ratatouille"  
"Transformers"

## SHOSHONE

Shoshone Showhouse  
"Evan Almighty"

BY KENNETH TURAN  
Los Angeles Times

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is no stand-alone film or even part of a constantly reinvented franchise like James Bond. Father it's a cog in a brisk, well-oiled machine, the fifth in what ultimately will be a series of seven films that function like chapters in the world's longest-running serial. If you've sampled the previous episodes, you'll likely see this one, no matter what its qualities, and if you haven't seen any of the others there isn't much justification for jumping in at the middle.

The Potter films are especially unusual because they've used the same actors for the key roles, with the trio of juvenile leads (Daniel Radcliffe as Harry, Emma Watson as Hermione and Rupert Grint as Ron) aging along with their characters. The screenwriter has also been the same, although Steve Kloves took a break here, capably replaced by Michael Goldenberg. It's only the directors who've changed with regularity, and their personas have, up to a point, imprinted themselves on their films.

The Potter movies have been with us for so long (since 2001) that it's helpful to view them in stages similar to Elisabeth Kubler-Ross' celebrated five stages of grief, but instead of denial, anger and depression, we get risk avoidance, artistic vision and consolidation of gains.

If director Chris Columbus represented risk aversion with the first two Potter films, Alfonso Cuarón and Mike Newell in the third and fourth stood up for artistic while British TV director David Yates seems intent in this fifth chapter on not jeopardizing what has been accomplished up to now.

Though Yates hasn't brought any overpowering directorial



Harry Potter (Danielle Radcliffe) and his godfather, Sirius Black (Gary Oldman), confront evil in 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.'

style to "Phoenix," he does have some advantages. As the terrifying wizard Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) grows in power, Potter's world noticeably darkens and gets more involving. Plus, having a cast that includes the cream of current British actors — think Michael Gambon, Brendan Gleeson, Jason Isaacs, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith, Imelda Staunton, David Thewlis, Emma Thompson, and that's not the entire list — certainly doesn't hurt.

Yates and his team handle the film's visuals well, including the impressive sets for the atrium of the Ministry of Magic and its Hall of Prophecy, as well as fine flying sequences involving either brooms/leeks or equine creatures called Thestrals.

The director also works well with the film's juvenile leads, which is important, because these are the raging hormone years at Hogwarts School, and that is especially true where Harry is concerned. Looking so disgruntled in his gray hoodie that you fear he might start rapping, Harry comes off as more Grumpy Potter than the bright light of the wizarding world.

In truth, there are reasons why Harry seems to be headed for his 19th nervous break-

down. His great protector Dumbledore (Gambon) won't give

## 'Harry Potter'

Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint  
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Now playing at the Twin Cinema, Century Cinema in Burley, Magic Lantern in Ketchum, Big Wood Cinema in Hailey and the Jerome Cinema.

him the time of day, his romantic life is a shambles and the anti-Voldemort fighters, spearheaded by his godfather, Sirius Black (Oldman), think he's too young to be a full-fledged warrior.

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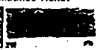
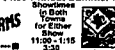
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# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"Captivity"**/No rating Tap cover girl and model Jennifer Tate (Elisha Cuthbert) is drugged and abducted at a tony party in New York City and then threatened and tortured. R.

• **"Evan Almighty"**/G In the sequel to "Bruce Almighty," God (Morgan Freeman) returns to Earth to give orders to an uptight congressman (Steve Carrell): Build an ark and fill it with two animals of every kind. With Lauren Graham, John Goodman and John Michael Higgins. Written by Steve Oedekerk. Directed by Tom Shadyac. PG.

• **"Evening"**/C A highly esteemed group of actresses including Vanessa Redgrave, Meryl Streep, Glenn Close, Toni Collette and Natasha Richardson comes together for a pretentious, mandarin pile of gon based on Susan Minot's book. Michael Cunningham, who wrote the novel "The Hours," helped Minot adapt the screenplay and infuses it with the same romanticized sense of self-importance. But let's be honest: What we're looking at is a highbrow chick flick, though one that is beautifully shot. (Hungarian director Ildiko Kóllai is an Oscar-nomineed, veteran cinematographer.) Redgrave stars as Ann, a woman lying on her deathbed, recalling the one who got away one summer 50 years earlier. Her children (Collette and

Richardson, Redgrave's real-life daughter) sit beside her, listening to her half-coherent rants and looking perplexed. Meanwhile, in flashbacks, Claire Danes plays young Ann wedding Newport, R.I., for the society velding of her college friend, Lisa (Stevie) daughter, Marnie Gummer, and the resemblance is startling. Patrick Wilson, eternally playing the prom king, co-stars as the generically attractive guy who still tugs at Ann's heart, and Hugh Stone Dancy gets some volatile drunk-on-moments as Lisa's younger brother, who's smitten with Ann. PG-13. 117 minutes.

• **"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer"**/B- It must be said that it's something of a relief to confront a comic book movie that is neither hip nor wised up. Earnest, gee-whiz and four-square, this simplistic and intentionally inoffensive sequel gets points for being easy to take and scrupulously avoiding obvious sources of irritation. With Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis, Julian McMahon, Kerry Washington and Andre Braugher. (1 hour, 29 minutes) PG.

• **"1408"**/B- Suite 1408 at the Dolphin Hotel is supposedly haunted, which is perfect for a writer (John Casnecker) working on a book about haunted hotel rooms. When he decides to stay the night, he experiences something out of a Stephen King story, which is appropriate, since screenwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski adapted

## About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

King's short story. With Samuel L. Jackson and Mary McCormack. Directed by Mikael Hafstrom.

• **"Knocked Up"**/A- Ben Stone (Seth Rogen) is an amiable slacker and dedicated stoner whose marshmallow physique underscores his even softer aspirations. Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl) is a devious Valkyrie, recently promoted to on-camera talent on the E! network. They meet one evening at a nightclub. It's a promising premise, and writer-director Judd Apatow takes it in unexpected directions. It's so consistently well-written that it sometimes seems as if every one of Apatow's lines has been lovingly hand-crafted by stoned Tyrolese norms. But somehow, probably because the central story doesn't quite jell, it's the loony, incidental throw-away moments that really make an impression. (2 hours, 9 minutes) R.

• **"Live Free or Die Hard"**/B- Bruce Willis is back as rugged cop John McClane, trying to stop a computer hacker from shutting down the United States computer infrastructure. Luckily, he's teamed with Justin Long (the guy from the Apple commercials), with Maggie Q and Timothy Olyphant. Directed by Len Wiseman.

• **"Mr. Brooks"**/No rating This dysfunctional thriller starring Kevin Costner is a bold variant on the serial-killer genre with some significant deviations. Written by Bruce A. Evans and Raynold Gideon and directed by Evans, the movie never really succeeds in selling us on the idea of serial killing as a defense, which would require a degree of realism that the slick, over-plotted film doesn't otherwise aspire to. (2 hours) R.

• **"Nancy Drew"**/No rating Just as it was starting to look like

round-the-clock coverage of rich, debauched teen train-wrecks was the only show in town, along comes a heroine who isn't a sociopath, a muron or a "laid-back" invertebrate. Nancy Drew, played by Emma Roberts, does stuff. Not only does she do stuff, she does it ingeniously and sincerely. She outsnares local law enforcement with nary an eye roll or a sarcastic remark. She escapes from kid nappers with a crucial item using string and a clothespin. She refuses to exceed the speed limit during a car chase. And she attempts to solve the mystery behind the death of a beautiful young star. (1 hour, 39 minutes) PG.

• **"Ocean's Thirteen"**/C+ You can counterfeit many things in Hollywood, but you can't fake inspiration. The latest Steven Soderbergh-directed caper movie starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt is better than the finest that was "Ocean's Twelve" (how could it not be?) but not as engaging as "Ocean's Eleven." One of the film's characters sums it up best: "It's not a great idea, but it's an idea." With Al Pacino, Ellen Barkin, Andy Garcia, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Carl Lumbly and Elliott Gould. (1 hour, 56 minutes) PG-13.

• **"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"**/B+ The third in a series that appears to be hinting at immortality, "Pirates 3" demands intimate knowledge of the first two installments, not to mention a sterling memory and attention span. In other words, it pays to be prepared. Seriously, this thing is a stern master — walk in casually off the street and you risk nearly three hours of very high-octane confusion. Chow Yun-Fat joins the rest of the cast as Capt. Jack Sparrow's friend (and an enemy) ash to the save him from a trap, while the future of the pirate way of life hangs in the balance. With Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley. (2 hours, 47 minutes) PG-13.

• **"Ratatouille"**/B This may be the first Pixar movie that is so advanced, so sophisticated,

it doesn't feel like it was made for kids. On a fundamental level, sure, children will probably enjoy watching the adventures of a plucky Parisian rat as he leaves the colony to pursue his dream of becoming a gourmet chef. There's some slapstick physical comedy, and writer-director Brad Bird, the mastermind behind "The Incredibles," keeps things going at a lively, engaging clip. But there's nothing silly or child-like about it. If you stop to think about it, the main character is experiencing an existential crisis: Stay with the family and sidestep through garbage, as his recent ancestors have done for centuries, or risk loneliness, abject failure and worse — death — by chasing after a loftier goal? Happy stuff.

Blissfully, though, it's free of gratuitous pop-culture references: "Ratatouille" is very much of our world but it never goes for the cheap, easy glow. Brian Dennehy, Peter Onorati and Janenne Garofalo are among the strong vocal cast. G. 110 minutes.

• **"Shrek the Third"**/C+ Having married Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and settled into a blissful routine in his beloved swamp, Shrek (Mike Myers) is called to duty when word reaches them that King Farquaad (John Cleese) is on his deathbed. Once at his side, Shrek learns that, to his horror, he's next in line to the throne. There's only one way out and he goes off to find lucky successor No. 2, a scrawny teen named Artie (Justin Timberlake). (1 hour, 33 minutes) PG.

• **"Transformers"**/No rating For centuries, two races of robotic aliens — the Autobots and the Decepticons — have waged a war, with the fate of the universe at stake. When the battle comes to Earth, all that stands between the evil Decepticons and ultimate power is a globe held by young Sam Witwicky ( Shia LaBeouf). Unaware that he alone is mankind's last chance for survival, Sam and his friend Mikaela (Megan Fox) find themselves in the tug-of-war between the Autobots and Decepticons. PG-13.

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New on DVD Synopses of films recently released for home viewing.

**"The Astronaut Farmer"**  
PG

Billy Bob Thornton's new movie is about an obsessed astronaut — but this time nobody wears Deppens.

Rather, "The Astronaut Farmer" recalls a Kevin Costner movie from the '80s. You remember the loosey-goosey maverick (still devoted to his family, of course) who chases his dream despite skeptical neighbors, interfering bureaucrats and a mortgage on the farm. Think a failed "Field of Dreams." Instead of a baseball diamond, James Earl Jones and Shoeless Joe were a rocket, Bruce Willis and product placements for Lucky Charms, Target and Dairy Queen.

Technically, Charles Farmer (Thornton) is, well, a Texas farmer, not an astronaut. He was in the program but had to drop out when his dad bought the farm, so to speak (a suicide). But he never let go of — all together now — his dream. And he's built a rocket in his barn with the help of his picture-perfect family, beaming wife (Virginia Madsen), placid teenage son (Max Thieriot) who seems cloned from the DNA of an original 1950s Mousketeer, and two adorably giggly little girls (adorably giggly Jasper and Logan Polsh).

Everybody's so gung-ho about today's trip. Mom doesn't mind working at a diner to make end meet and the kids don't mind being yanked from school for a few weeks prior to liftoff.

Of course, when NASA gets wind of his one-man project, some standard-issue agenis in "Men in Black" attire are dispatched. They're followed by the requisite media circus who brazenly camp out in Farmer's front 40. Finally, one of Farmer's ol' Right Stuff buddies arrives — a Good Gawd Almighty Genuine Astronaut played by Willis.

Written by the Polish brothers, Michael and Mark, and directed by Michael, "The Astronaut Farmer" couldn't be more different from the twisted Americana of their earlier films, "Twin Falls Idaho" and "Northfork." Yet the



Billy Bob Thornton has a rocket by the tail in 'The Astronaut Farmer.'



Chris O'Neill and Rhiannon Leigh Wryn are out to save in the world in 'The Lazy Mimzy.'

brothers are still fascinated by the detritus of the American Dream. The dusty optimism of small-town USA (what's left of it). The cross-circuit iconography of Farmer riding the range on horseback in his astronaut suit.

It's an OK film for the little space dreamer in your family — the under-12 who's got planet-covered wallpaper and a rocket-shaped toothbrush.

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution

**"The Last Mimzy"**

PG

"The Last Mimzy" is indeed a puzzler.

Being a "family film" may excuse many faults, considering the intended audience, but it's hard to think of a recent movie that has more determinedly married the engaging with the banal. In this genre the only important questions are, "Will the kids like it?" and "Is it good for them?" To which the answers to "Mimzy's" riddles are "maybe" and "sort of." Adults are left to fend for themselves.

Among the sci-fi fantasy's interesting ideas: scientific interpretations of ancient Tibetan mandalas and "Through the Looking-Glass." Among those not-so-interesting ideas: a tepid critique of modern disconnection — on a bus ride, the passengers all wear iPods or bury their noses in laptops — and that love is the answer.

Young Seattle siblings (Chris O'Neill and Rhiannon Leigh Wryn) discover an intricate container of strange objects. Among these treasures is a stuffed rabbit.

"Mimzy" that delivers messages in odd puns to the 6-year-old girl. The kids display extraordinary abilities as they try to unlock the meaning of these "toys," aided by a groovy science teacher (Rainn Wilson of TV's "The Office") and his palm-reading girlfriend (Kathryn Hahn). Eventually the kids and their parents (Timothy Hutton and Joely Richardson) run afoul of a reluctant Homeland Security official (Michael Clarke Duncan).

Luckily for the plot, the authorities have only one security camera and no guards to watch over terrorism suspects with inexplicable powers, setting up a chance for the kids to solve the objects' riddle and possibly save the world.

—Los Angeles Times

**"After the Wedding"**

R

Director Susanne Bier maintains emotion. She has a connection to feelings and passions that is as direct and potent as an addict's needle piercing a vein. Her

fiere and compelling dramas, like the new "After the Wedding," serve it up straight, no chaser, and dare anyone to flinch.

Though she's been directing in Denmark since 1990, Bier only entered U.S. film consciousness with her previous two films: "Open Hearts" and 2004's wrenching drama of war's aftermath, "Brothers," which took the audience award for world cinema at Sundance. "After the Wedding" has been her most successful, getting nominated for two European Film Awards including best director, and making the cut in a highly competitive year of one of the five Oscar nominees for best foreign-language film.

Like all Bier's work, "After the Wedding" is frankly a melodrama, a film where the emotions are huge and the coincidences larger still. But more important, it's that paradoxical melodrama that point-blank refuses to acknowledge that it's being melodramatic, conveying its scenario with enough intensity, psychological acuity and forceful acting to ignore labels and flat-out overpower audiences.

"After the Wedding," written by the veteran Anders Thomas Jensen, stars the gifted, charismatic Mads Mikkelsen, whose ca-

reer has gone from small Danish films like "Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself" to big budget international villainy as the Ice Cold Lee Chiffre in the recent James Bond movie "Casino Royale."

Mikkelsen plays Jacob, introduced not in Denmark but in India, where he manages an orphanage and a food aid program and serves as a surrogate father to a winsome 8-year-old orphan named Pramod.

A billionaire Danish businessman has offered to donate a sum of money without which the orphanage cannot stay open. But before he does so the man insists that Jacob return to Denmark and meet him, a condition which Jacob, who despises rich people and doesn't want to miss Pramod's upcoming birthday party, feels is particularly onerous.

Yet, though nothing is said, the feeling is inescapable that more than this is going on. Though he is devoted to his work to an almost Jesuitical extent, Jacob has the air of God's angry man, someone who has unfinished, unanalyzed personal business somewhere in his history. Going back to Denmark, even for a visit, is clearly the last thing he wants to do.

—Los Angeles Times

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## Local

# Company of Fools stages 'Body of Water'

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
For the Times-News

HAILY — It's the "Twilight Zone" on stage.

A man and woman wake up one morning to find themselves in a strange house atop a mountain surrounded by water.

They have no idea where they are or how they got there. And, worst of all, they have no idea who they are or even if they're husband and wife.

It's all somewhat bemusing at first. Then it becomes out and out terrifying as a young woman appears, provoking them to wonder if they might have murdered their 11-year-old daughter.

She visits them again and each time she does the scenarios of their lives change radically.

Company of Fools will perform Lee Blessing's thought-provoking "A Body of Water" beginning Saturday. The play is the third in three plays being offered



Andrew Alburger, Marilyn Teige and Anna Johnson in the Company of Fools' production of Lee Blessing's play "A Body of Water," which opens Saturday at the Liberty Theatre.

in repertory through Aug. 5 as part of the Inaugural Fools Summer Playhouse."

Blessing has written more than 20 plays, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist "A Walk in the Woods," a play examining arms control. "A Body of Water" ran on Broadway and was seen

on the PBS series "American

Playhouse." Blessing's plays tend to examine issues that strike people at a very deep level—issues like serial killing and AIDS.

Once he's chosen the subject, he says, he constructs his play to make the audience deal with

## Rewriting memories

• **What:** Company of Fools will present Lee Blessing's play "A Body of Water" Saturday through Aug. 3.

• **Where:** Liberty Theatre, Hailay.

• **When:** The show will run Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and July 20, 26, 28, 31 and Aug. 3. It starts at 7 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

• **How much:** Individual tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for those 62 and over and \$15 for those 18 and under. Saturday is Pay What You Feel Preview. Sunday is Family Night with three or more related or unrelated people getting in for \$15 each. Wednesday and July 20 are Educator Nights with teachers having the opportunity to buy two \$10 tickets purchased in advance. Ten front-row seats will also be offered each night for \$10 each (available the night of the show). For reservations, call 579-9122.

that subject in a way they haven't before, pushing them to ques-

tion their very values."

He says he got his idea for "A Body of Water" after going through a divorce.

"That's an experience that can make a person wonder how well they know their partner or themselves," he said.

Director Claudia McCain ran across the play when the script appeared in her American Theatre Magazine.

She couldn't put it down and neither could actress Anna Johnson, who was working with her on another play at the time.

"Lee Blessing was a poet before he became a playwright so the writing is extraordinary," McCain said.

The play can be taken literally or metaphorically. Either way, without the foundation of memory, life becomes a never-ending stream of possibilities—even horror. "A frightening but beautiful nightmare," according to one reviewer.

## Games *Continued from page 2*

The tests in "Hot Brain" are surrounded by a desultory story involving a wacky scientist (voiced by Fred Willard). These sequences look nice, but since they have nothing to do with the game you'll want to skip them after the first few times. "Hot Brain" also has a couple of multi-player modes, but they aren't very compelling.

The other major drawback of "Hot Brain" largely lies with the PSP: The loading times in between games are too long and too frequent. But if you don't own a Nintendo machine, "Hot Brain" may be a good place to get a glance at the whole brain-training fad.

• **"The New York Times Crosswords" (Majesco, for the DS, \$29.99):** Millions of people get their regular brain workout from the old-fashioned, low-tech

crossword puzzle. The premier puzzle in the United States appears every day in *The New York Times*; this package collects 1,000 crosswords from the Times archives in one slender digital package.

Logically enough, the puzzle clues appear on the DS' top screen, the crossword grid on the bottom. You can zoom in and out of different sections of the grid, then either type your answer with an on-screen keyboard or write it with the stylus. (The handwriting recognition here is very accurate.) It's easy to erase letters or ask the computer for hints.

I still prefer solving with pencil and paper, but I love having so many puzzles close at hand. It would cost about \$50 to buy books with this many puzzles, and they would weigh a lot

## Air Force orchestra joins T.F. Municipal Band

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Band will perform along with the 560th Air National Guard Band of the Pacific Northwest on Thursday in City Park.

The Air Force Band, directed by Capt. James Phillips, will play from 7:30-8 p.m. in the City Park bandshell. Music will include the

"Boys Scout of America March," Arthur Pryor's "Blue Bells of Scotland," Manuel de Falla's "Triton Fire Dance," John Williams' "Summon the Heroes" and "Yankee Doodle."

"The Twin Falls Municipal Band, under the direction of Ted Hadley, will perform from 8-8:30 p.m. Selections include "Military Escort," "Overture in B," "Appalachian Air," a Lennon/Mc-

Cartney portrait, and Pat Ballard's "Mister Sandman."

From 8:30 p.m., the combined bands will play John Philip Sousa's "The White Plume March," an "80 flashback," "America the Beautiful," "Star and Stripes Forever" and "God Bless America."

The concert is free. Spectators are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

## Potter *Continued from page 4*

Even worse, the phlegmatic Ministry of Magic refuses to so much as acknowledge that Voldemort is back in the game.

The unctuous Dolores Umbridge, the ministry's pick as Hogwarts' new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, declines point blank to impart anything beyond theoretical knowledge.

Impeccably played by Imelda Staunton (the star of Mike Leigh's very different "Vera Drake"), this pink-clad presence comes off like Miss Pigg's noticeably evil twin.

Thinned down from the series' longest book, "Phoenix" can't shake an episodic feeling that makes it difficult to devel-

op momentum. Though many of its elements are strong, including newcomer Evanna Lynch as the spacey Luna Lovegood, it finally can't transcend the limitations inherent in being no more than a way station in an epic journey, a journey whose cinematic conclusion is several years away.

# Celebrating Oregon Trail roots

## Declo remembers town's heritage on Saturday

Times-News

**DECLO** — The 331 citizens of Declo invite you to come over Saturday and make a day of it.

It's the 27th Declo Day — not 123-year-old Cassin County town's heritage.

The annual event's highlight is the Lion's Club Barbecue, starting at noon in Kivianis Park. The community also plans to unveil its new Oregon Trail Monument at Declo's original schoolhouse.

Modern Declo sits squarely astride of the old immigrant trail that linked Missouri with Oregon. The town came along a bit later, in the 1870s, when Mormons founded a settlement on Marsh Creek, two miles upstream from the Snake River.

When the railroad between Salt Lake City and Boise arrived in 1884, the hamlet experienced

a boom, but the post office didn't follow until 1917.

Part of the problem was the town's name. The place was called Mansfield, but postal authorities rejected it because it was too long. So the locals coined the name Declo — actually, an acronym for the Dethles

and Cloughly families — that proved acceptable.

The annual all-comers-welcome parade is planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with Frank and Lorna Gillette as grand marshals. The Gillettes are life-long residents of Declo, where they raised 10 children.

The day's other events will include a 10-kilometer fun run and a 5-kilometer walk starting at 7 a.m. The annual alumni-sponsored breakfast will be served from 7-9 a.m. in the park.

There will be races and games for all ages in the park from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and live entertainment from 12:30-1:30 p.m. A gymkhana will be held in the Big O arena starting at 6 p.m.

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### THURSDAY, JULY 12

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$1. The Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

### FRIDAY, JULY 13

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

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## Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE

### Smashing Pumpkins "Zeitgeist" (Reprise)

It's been seven years since we last heard from these alt-rock favorites — and those seven years have been seven long years for longtime Pumpkins fans. The re-formed group — fronted by singer-guitarist-songwriter Billy Corgan — comes back with this record and the lead single "Iranulata," and the result feels an awful lot like the Pumpkins of old. The music is rich and the playing is passionate, but it's not as extraordinary as the Chicago band's late-'90s incarnation.

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## Local

# KARAOKE CORNER

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Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

## SATURDAY, JULY 14

**Twin Falls**  
Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

P & O Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

**Burley**  
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 157 W. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

**Rupert**  
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

**Declo**  
Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 9 E. Main.

## MONDAY, JULY 16

**Twin Falls**  
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

## TUESDAY, JULY 17

**Twin Falls**  
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

**Burley**  
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is at 163 W. Highway 30.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

**Twin Falls**  
Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

# Kids Arts in the Park set for Saturday

Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Arts Council will present its 16th annual Kids Arts in the Park from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at City Park.

Pre-registration is closed, but late registration is still available. Children who are not registered should be at the park at 8:45 a.m.

Kids Art in the Park provides visual and performing arts workshops for children ages 3-14. Registration fee is \$2, which includes materials and instruction.

Classes include origami, Mexican flower-making, animal puppets, band instruments, pottery, stamping, painting like Georgia O'Keeffe, painting with watercolor pencils, artistic poetry collage, pencil drawing, macrame, clayging, Mad Hatter hat-making, creative play, miniature scrapbooks, crude jewelry-making, painting like Jackson Pollock and acrylic painting, collage, belly dancing and face explorations. Preschool children will participate in three activities: "me" puppet, resist



Justin Matson invented his own methods of "nature printing" during Kids Art in the Park in 2003. Using his fingers and a leaf, he created his own unique painting to take home.

Photo: Tom Blythe

painting and play with clay dough. Junior high students will work with artist Shaun Merrick and learn about the traditional arts of native Australian people and create an aboriginal animal drawing.

A children's variety show at noon will showcase the talents of young singers, musicians, dancers and actors. The public is invited to attend the performance. Lunch will be available for purchase.

# Watchin' the detective: PBS appraiser Luray at CSI Wednesday

Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Elyse Luray, one of the hosts of PBS's "History Detectives," will speak at the Herret Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho on Wednesday.

Luray, a 39-year-old auctioneer and former vice president of Christie's auction house, will talk about following historical clues to determine the background of items submitted by viewers. Her television job this month puts her on the trail of the real story behind a pin a family believes was formed with metal drawn from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia; leads her to uncover a little-known aspect of a Civil War Union veteran group, and sends



Elyse Luray, one of four "History Detectives" on PBS, is an auctioneer and former vice president of Christie's auction houses.

her to Revolutionary War-era sites to trace a legend.

Her appearance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Rick

Allen Room. Admission is free, but organizers ask those who plan to attend to RSVP at (208) 373-7328.

The program will feature saxophonist Karl Southwick; vocalists Tess Gregg, Kayler Detmer and Lisa Harris; jazz dancer Daley Stonebraker; cloggers Kacie and Abby Blitzenburg; tap dancer Rachael Wilkinson; singers Jon Sweet and Jordan Stanley; fiddler Andrew Bortz, and the jazzworks' Dance Ensemble — Shelby Mason, Emily Bond, Rachael Schenk, Jessica Groesbeck and Amanda Coggins.

Master of ceremonies will be James Hyncock.

Sponsors include Sengraevs Foundation, Olive Browning Charitable Trust, Keweenaw Foundation, Maurice Bowers Foundation, the Twin Falls Department Parks and Recreation, Optimist Club of Twin Falls, Re/Max American Dream Realty, Con-Agra, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Scholies and Scholies Dermatology, Magic Valley Printing, Mid-night Productions, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. and the Times-News.

For more information, call 734-2787 or visit [www.magicvalleyscouncil.org](http://www.magicvalleyscouncil.org).

Raised in Baltimore and educated at Tulane University, Luray is a veteran of "Antiques Roadshow," the long-running PBS traveling antique show. She lives in Port Washington, N.Y., and works as an auctioneer at Zachys, a New York City wine auctioneer and merchant.

The four "History Detectives" — Luray, Wes Cowan, Gwen Wright and Tukufu Zuberi — research items owned by viewers to determine their origins and backstories. Each has a specialty: Cowan — like Luray — is an appraiser, and focuses on Indian artifacts. Wright is an architectural historian and Zuberi is an expert on African-American history.

The show airs on Idaho Public Television on Mondays at 9 p.m.

# Wild about Harry? Tell us your story

Times-News

The *Times-News* is preparing an article about the release next week of the seventh and final Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows." We'd like to hear from readers, young and old, whose lives have been

affected by the J.K. Rowling books — and who have opinions about where the final Harry Potter novel should take its character.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or email him at [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).

## Basque *Continued from page 3*

who came to Idaho were from the Spanish province of Bizkain, and were either single or married and came without their families. Some women joined husbands to work in agriculture, and some families and single women came to towns and cities to run boarding houses and other businesses for the Basque immigrant population. Most came with the intention of staying in the United States just long enough to earn and save enough money to return to the Basque country and buy a business or a farm and live with their families. But many never saved enough money to go back to Spain and live the comfortable lives they had planned, according to the WSU research.

Basque sheepherders made \$30 a month plus room and board — more than they could earn in Spain. But it was grueling work, tending a flock of hundreds of sheep with the help of a dog.

Many Basque sheepherders moved to other types of work as soon as they could. They found jobs as farm laborers, and in lumber mills and mines. Others started their own businesses, such as boarding houses.

These boarding houses catered to the need of sheepherders for family and community. By 1925, there were Basque boarding houses in Gooding,

Shoshone, Halley and Twin Falls.

Basque immigration to the Northwest virtually ceased under the impact of the Immigration quota law of 1922. By the outbreak of World War II, the sheep industry in Idaho and Nevada raised concerns about the shortage of sheepherders. Political pressure by the sheep industry in the 1940s and 1950s resulted in the "sheepherder laws," which allowed recruitment and importation of a new wave of Basque immigrants to work as shepherds in Idaho and other states in the West, according to the WSU profile.

By that time, second- and third-generation Basques had worked themselves into the mainstream of the Idaho's economy and its political establishment. Pete Conrussa, a Carey sheepgrower, was chosen speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives in 1963 and was appointed secretary of state in 1967, becoming the first Basque to hold statewide office.

He was elected eight times, and was succeeded by another Basque, Ben Ystrata, who has been elected twice.

Basque-descended Roy Eiguren became one of Idaho's most powerful lawyers, and in 2003 state Rep. Dave Bieter was elected mayor of Boise, becoming arguably the most powerful Democrat in Idaho.

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## Music

MCGRAW-HILL

## Aligned in love and on tour

The Boston Globe

Tim McGraw has discovered the secret to a happy marriage: become a country music superstar before you tie the knot.

"I think it was helpful that we had a lot of success before we got married," McGraw says of the early achievements he and wife Faith Hill notched before saying "I do" in 1996.

"You've got to be pretty self-absorbed early on in order to succeed, I think, not necessarily in a bad way, but you've got to put everything into it, and I think that's hard on a marriage in general," says McGraw on the phone from the couple's Nashville home. "If you had had two artists who were struggling to make it, I think it would be twice as hard."

What's remarkable about the McGraw-Hill union is the success the couple has been able to maintain separately in an industry rife for lopsided partnerships (see: Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter, or Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown).

Indeed, they have had eerily parallel careers. Both 40 this year (Hill heads over the hill in September, while McGraw made the leap in May) and natives of the Deep South — she's from Mississippi, he's from Louisiana — each found their way to Nashville after dropping out of college. The pretty blonde and the athletic brunet both broke through in 1994. Each has been blessed with No. 1 hits and armloads of trophies and serious about their lives together. Hill calls her husband "an awesome entertainer" and McGraw his wife "flat out one of the best singers in the world."

And, says McGraw, you are as likely to witness that dynamic under the spotlights as you are the fluorescent bulbs of the grocery store.



After 11 years of marriage, the couple of Tim McGraw and Faith Hill has maintained a spark that is as visible onstage as it is on.

In a series of duets, the pair seem to share a secret wink between them. In interviews and television appearances, they are playful, affectionate, and serious about their lives together. Hill calls her husband "an awesome entertainer" and McGraw his wife "flat out one of the best singers in the world."

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— Brad Warren

he says, with a laugh, of the tabloid press the couple attracts. "Man, they have three children, they've been married for 11 years, they fight just like everybody else fights, they love each other just like everybody else does. They don't breathe different oxygen."

"They are so different as artists," says Brad Warren. "But I think they push each other. It's like a healthy competition, but they support each other."

The couple is also famous for their support of other artists. "They don't just give credit at some awards show to songwriters," says Brad, "they bring them on tour with them, they bring their careers along."

In addition to the Warren brothers, Hill and McGraw were early champions of Holliston native Joe De Messina, maverick duo Big and Rich, and, currently, Stoughton singer-songwriter Lori McKenna, who opens for the pair at the Garden.

"Not only are they the best at what they do, they're good people," says McKenna, who was bowled over by the assistance she's been given by the couple's road crew. She has also witnessed firsthand McGraw's penchant for pranks and Hill's mischievous sense of humor. To which, for the record, McKenna attributes Hill's display of mock outrage at the CMA awards last fall, when she

lost to Carrie Underwood. Some viewers were convinced that Hill allowed her inner diva to rear its head. Not so, says McKenna, who was at the ceremony. "Oh yeah, no question (she was kidding). I don't think she's as easy to figure out as people think she is. People think when you're that beautiful and you can sing that well or you're that famous that you're kind of one-dimensional, and she certainly is not."

"They're crazy loyal," says Brad Warren. "They don't drop people off, they just keep picking more people up, and the bus gets fuller."

With their three daughters in tow — ages 5, 9, and 10 — the bus is full indeed, and with the touring and joint performing, Hill admits that a little time apart, even in a happy marriage, is a must.

"We travel with a lot of people," says Hill in a separate interview. "I have my girl time in the dressing room, so that's kind of our alone time, which is good, it's healthy."

So healthy that they're ready to split up. At least when it comes to touring.

"We can never say never," says Hill to the possibility of another joint jaunt down the line. "But for the near future, no, it's one thing for one of us to be working, but both of us working the kind of schedule that you have to keep when you're touring like this is just not possible, and it's not fair to the kids."

With his wife or solo, McGraw is just happy to perform for his fans with his band the Dan Patch Doctors, some of whom have been with him for more than 15 years. "I can remember being in a club for seven nights with a probably 50 people a night in there, and to look out and see what we're doing now is pretty cool."