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Couple exchanges vows after running roaring river. OUTDOORS, D1

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Bull critically injures CSI rider

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tug Elliott, a College of Southern Idaho student and one of the college's top bull riders, is in critical but stable condition at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City after he was injured during a competition Tuesday.

Elliott, of Thatcher, Utah, went through 10 hours of reconstructive surgery Wednesday after his head collided with the head of the bull he

was riding, a 1,500-pound Werewolf, during Tuesday's Days of '47 Rodeo in Salt Lake City.

The impact broke Elliott's orbital, cheek and upper and lower jaw bones, and he was knocked unconscious for several minutes before he was taken to the hospital. He was

placed in a medically induced coma to make sure the surgery went smoothly, Justin Sportsmedicine spokesman Rick Foster said.

Jim Bainbridge, a spokesman for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, said Werewolf is considered one of the meanest bulls in the sport and was just doing what he was trained to do. Bull riding, he said, was listed as the most dangerous sport



Tug Elliott, a College of Southern Idaho student from Thatcher, Utah, rides Werewolf before getting bucked off and seriously injured during the Days of '47 Rodeo in Salt Lake City, Tuesday.

FALLEN SOLDIER Pfc. Davis to come home next week

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Army had assigned Pfc. Adam Davis to Task Force Bayonet.

His mission was to support NATO forces in the Sarobi District of Afghanistan.

That's what he and four U.S. soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team were doing Monday when their mounted patrol struck a roadside bomb.

The blast killed Davis and three others, while wounding a fifth soldier, who is being treated at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.



The dead and living have both left Afghanistan.

Davis' mother, older brother and sister have flown from Arizona and Texas to Twin Falls to greet the homebound bound casket of their fallen son where he lived. Davis' body is expected to reach U.S. soil by today and to reach Jossin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport by the middle of next week. But first, the U.S. Army is holding its own memorial overseas today.

"The unit deployed in May to Afghanistan," said Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams, a spokeswoman for the 173rd stationed in Vicenza, Italy. That's where the Army had stationed Davis before deploying him to Afghanistan. "But all the times there are soldiers that are replacing others."

Davis was deployed earlier this month from Italy to Afghanistan, according to his uncle, Pastor Randy Davis.

Davis is the first military death from the Magic Valley in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. A charter aircraft will fly his casket to the Twin Falls airport, where it will be greeted by an honor guard ceremony.

Before a federal law went into effect in January, soldiers' bodies were flown home on ordinary commercial flights. Protests from the father of a soldier killed in Iraq led to a change in the law.

JEROME COUNTY Seib hires former rival as deputy prosecutor

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — Paul Kroeger, who suffered an anonymous attack while vying for the Jerome County prosecutor seat earlier this year, will now join the office as a deputy.

A dearth of competition is what finally put Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Seib in office late in March. Since then, a continuing shortage of competent applicants has kept Seib, whose promotion left open a slot for at least one deputy, from hiring a third prosecutor. But last week, Seib found his man:

Gooding County looking for a new civil attorney

Kroeger will begin his new job Aug. 3.

"I think people have a false sense of security, doing whatever they do." — Kelly Malmstrom, a large-animal veterinarian who was injured on the job and says the Idaho workers' compensation system is inadequate

After you're hurt

Workers' comp system good, but in need of patching, some say

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kelly Malmstrom was an expert at what she did.

The large-animal vet spent her mornings visiting local dairies and doling out medicine to cows in the form of shots. That all changed in early January 2006, when a head-butt from a cow shattered the end of her right humerus, the major bone in the upper part of her right arm.

After four surgeries and 12 screws implanted in her arm, Malmstrom still can't return to her old job. She can barely open a jar of pickles with the weakened arm. But she's found a new calling: spreading word of what she describes as an inadequate workers' compensation system in Idaho.

"I think people have a false sense of security, doing whatever they do," she said from her couch in her Twin Falls home, surrounded by X-rays of her arm and documents relating to her case.

Malmstrom's workers' compensation claim was one of about 45,000 filed in 2006 because of injuries on the job, according to the commission's annual report. Most of the workers are easily rehabilitated and returned to work — sometimes their old job, sometimes not — Twin Falls attorney Keith Hutchinson said. But some, he said, fall through the cracks.



Kelly Malmstrom points to her elbow while describing an injury that occurred while working in early January 2006.

Some limits

Idaho's system is very good at what it does, said Hutchinson, who has argued workers' comp cases since 1984 and served for five years on the commission's advisory committee. That's both the blessing and the curse — what the system does is process people through quickly and get them back on the job. Those such as Malmstrom who can't return to their old jobs have to look elsewhere and, depending on their training, they may not have many options.

Malmstrom tried returning to her old position and limping her work, only serving small dairies. But the work started to loosen the screws in her arm, she said, and her ulnar nerve — which causes "funny bone" feelings — moved to the side. Now, she claims, the commission representative she's working with is just trying to leave her in a job that pays less than her original job.

Basic time-loss benefits are set by Idaho Code at 67 percent of an individual's average weekly wage at the time of the injury for the first year.

After which they shift to 67 percent of the average state wage. Malmstrom said she cut back her hours to part-time for a few weeks to spend time with her two children at the time of the accident, and the state has used the lesser wage as its basis for payments and a minimum wage level for her job searches.

Feeling cheated? Workers who feel they have been cheated by the system can take their cases in front of the three-member Idaho Industrial Commission for a judgment.

Yes, it's the same Kroeger who lost the running for Seib's job after a county commissioner said an anonymous source had counseled him against hiring Kroeger.

Kroeger's present boss, Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell, however, spoke nothing but flattering things about the veteran attorney, who would compete again in an

Seib has practiced law almost 26 years, five of which he spent as a prosecutor.

"I have been extremely pleased with him," Campbell said. "He's been given a job that's very detail-oriented and he's done an excellent job."

Campbell also noted that a commissioner accepting a comment of the record seemed an undue slight to Kroeger's chances of becoming prosecutor. And Kroeger, who has not decided whether he would compete again in an

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NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: Jerome County commissioners hired Mike Seib as county prosecutor over Gooding County Deputy Prosecutor Paul Kroeger.

THE LATEST: Seib hired Kroeger last week as a deputy prosecutor.

WHAT'S NEXT: Kroeger will begin his new job Aug. 3.

How the system works

- **Time loss:** While away from work on doctor's orders, claimants can receive 67 percent of their average weekly wages.
- **Medical benefits**
- **Impairment:** This is calculated by the amount of loss of function.
- **Disability:** Worth more than impairment, this type of injury prevents workers from returning to their old jobs. Those may last for a longer period of time.
- **Retraining:** Workers who cannot return to their old jobs can get help with two years of retraining, including payments for time-loss, supplies and tuition.

Top national stories

PROSECUTOR FALLOUT

The head of the FBI contradicted Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' sworn testimony and Senate Democrats requested a perjury investigation Thursday: Karl Rove may be compelled to testify.

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WALL STREET PLUNGE

Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007 Thursday, leading a global stock market plunge as investors succumbed to months of worry about the mortgage and corporate lending markets.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Saturday
Partly cloudy skies and hot temperatures	Partly cloudy and warm	Hot and mostly sunny
High 95	Low 65	96 / 62

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Today: Warm temperatures, partly cloudy skies and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.
 Tonight: Breezy and partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.
 Tomorrow: Hotter temperatures and mostly sunny skies. Highs in the lower 90s, lows upper 50s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner theater "Last Will and Testament," a comedy murder mystery, 6:30 p.m. reservations only dinner and 7:45 p.m. show, Historic Opera Theatre, 208 E. Idaho Ave., Glens Falls. \$20 for dinner/showers, \$50 for adults and \$5 children and senior citizens for show only, 366-7408 or 366-2744.
Idaho International Dance and Music Festival, gala performance, 7 p.m. pre-show and 7:30 p.m. performance, King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, \$5, \$10, \$12.50 tickets, 219-9823 or 878-4648.
Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of "Oklahoma," 8:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8, 677-2787.
"Holes Off," a presentation of Buhl West End Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Buhl High School Auditorium, \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, 490-1992.
Willy Russell's play, "Shirley Valentine," presented by the Company to Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theater, Halley, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$15 for students, call 578-9122 (one hour before curtain time).

FAMILY

Grandparents As Parents campaign, with swimming and other activities, beginning at noon, Nat-Soo-Pah Hot Springs and RV Park, 2738 E. 2400 N., off U.S. Highway 93 in Hollister, now \$20 for dinner/showers, \$50 for adults and \$5 children and senior citizens for show only, 366-7408 or 366-2744.
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RODEO

Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo, includes ICA/IPCA rodeo at 8 p.m. and the crowning of the 2007 Lincoln County queen, in the arena, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Shoshone, rodeo tickets: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, 886-2406 or 487-3273.
Elmore County Fair and Rodeo, featuring a working-dog exhibit at 4 p.m., rodeo at 8 p.m., and Jeff Palmer Band at 9 p.m., Elmore County Fairgrounds, Glenns Ferry, admission: \$2 ages 7 and older, no charge for younger children, (208) 587-2136, ext. 287.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH

Weight-loss surgery support group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.
Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: (866) 592-3198.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities, with "Flahhook Hike" at 9:30 a.m., "Tree Trunk" Nature Walk at 10 a.m., "Salmon: A Gift from the Ocean" walk at 11 a.m., and "Junior Ranger" "Hare Blide, Blidre" at 11 a.m., "Learn to Explore with Map and Compass" hike at 3:30 p.m., and evening program "Mountain Meads" at 9 p.m., Stanley Lake Overlook, Redfish Amphitheater and at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 774-3576.
Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest" at 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow); "Mysteries on the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Astragooe Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 736-6655.

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.

WHAT'S NEW ON MAGICVALLEY.COM



Learning Croation dance

Children at the Boys & Girls Club received lessons in dance and culture from a Croatian dance group. See the video.

Canyon sculpture proposals

Check on the canyon art proposals and the team about the artists' visions.



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There's a new deputy in town

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Dancing to educate and to entertain

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Police Officer Asmir Karacic said he's been forgetting about his native land lately. Routine life in Twin Falls has preoccupied leaving little room for the past. But some of that heritage came back to him Tuesday when dancers from Croatia, Bosnia's neighbor on the Balkan Peninsula, played music and danced native dances for the children at the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

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Bedkes responds to BLM notice about land

BURLEY — After being served with a Bureau of Land Management notice of Intent to impound the livestock last Friday, Jared Bedke and his son Jared Bedke filed a complaint Tuesday in Cassia County Magistrate Court to stop the impoundment.

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OBITUARIES

Ralph Albert Eggersdorf, 80
Nettie Smith Baird, 75

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CLARIFICATION



Kimberly artist's piece was omitted

A drawing of Kimberly artist Dave LaMure's submission was omitted from Thursday's article about proposed sculptures for the canyon rim. LaMure said his proposal, featuring a blue heron and rainbow trout, would be done in glass. The elements in the sculpture — including rocks, water and a stone fly — were selected to show the nature of the Snake River Canyon. The Times-News regrets the omission.

COMING TOMORROW

Powerlifting for Jesus

Burley weightlifter muscles up a message of salvation.



SATURDAY IN RELIGION

IDAHO/WEST



Wild horse roundup begins in SW Idaho

BOISE — A wild horse roundup has begun with the help of a "Judas horse" trained to run straight into a trap.

Crews with the Bureau of Land Management and private contractors used a helicopter to capture 41 wild horses Wednesday in the Owyhee Mountains of southwest Idaho to put up for adoption.

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Officials to visit Texas prison before move

BOISE — Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke next Thursday will visit a private Texas prison where he intends to shift 56 inmates in September, after problems including abuse by guards, deplorable conditions and a suicide emerged at previous facilities in that state.

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Firefighting helicopter crash injures two pilots

BOISE — A helicopter dropping water on fires in northcentral Idaho crashed landed in a marshy area, injuring its two pilots. The helicopter, a privately owned Bell 214 hired by the U.S. Forest Service to make bucket drops on the 60-square-mile East Zone Complex of three fires northeast of McCall, damaged its cabin when it went down Wednesday evening.

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Gordon Smith leaves Micron board

BOISE — Gordon Smith, a Micron Technology Inc. board member who exposed a rift in the semi-conductor maker's leadership when he called for Chairman Steve Appleton to be replaced quit the panel on Wednesday, citing "personal reasons."

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NATION/WORLD



Lending worries send Dow into tailspin

NEW YORK — Wall Street's loss of one of its worst losses of 2007 Thursday, leading a global stock market plunge as investors succumbed to months of worry about the mortgage and corporate lending markets. The Dow Jones Industrial closed down more than 310 points after earlier skidding nearly 450.

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FBI director Gonzales contradicts Mueller

WASHINGTON — The head of the FBI contradicted Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' sworn testimony and Senate Democrats requested a perjury investigation Thursday in a fresh barrage against President Bush's embattled longtime friend and aide.

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NASA reports sabotage of shuttle computer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A space program worker deliberately damaged a computer that is supposed to fly aboard shuttle Endeavour in less than two weeks, an act of sabotage that was caught before the equipment was loaded onto the space shuttle, NASA said Thursday.

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Fires rage in Europe; three dead in Greece

ATHENS, Greece — Fires raged in several southern European nations on Thursday, burning through villages, forests and farmland and stretching firefighting services to the limit, even as a weeklong heat wave blamed for dozens of deaths began to abate.

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SPORTS



Magic Valley Sooners head for nationals

KIMBERLY — All eyes are on the Magic Valley Sooners U14 team. They're the future of District IV softball. This 42-3 fast-pitch team is headed to the Amateur Softball Association-sanctioned Western Class B National Tournament in Stockton, Calif., looking for another crown. Most girls on the roster are playing out of Kimberly, but there are also players from Buhl, Filer, Jerome and Twin Falls.

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Thomsen wins senior division at Peps Open

TWIN FALLS — By a whopping 11 strokes, Jeff Thomsen won the senior division of the 2007 Peps Idaho Open Thursday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Thursday also concluded the second of three rounds for the regular division. Scott Maslingli remained atop the leaderboard with a 12-under-par total of 124. Mike Hamblin, PGA general manager at the Twin Falls course was tied for second with Luke Sestero of Idaho and Jeff Colby Meyers of Queen Creek Ariz.

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Cowboys advance at Area C tourney

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Cowboys Class A American Legion baseball team upset Kimberly 10-6 Thursday at the Area C tournament. Earlier in the day, the third-seeded Cowboys knocked off Buhl.

Third-seeded Buhl fell 12-3 to Wood River, which faces Twin Falls today.

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Bonds stuck at 753

SAN FRANCISCO — The closed Barry Bonds came to a home run was watching Jeff Francoeur drive saw over his head into the left-field seats. Dave Roberts hit a fifth, two-run double in the tying inning and scored the go-ahead run on Ray Durham's single to help the San Francisco Giants beat the Atlanta Braves 4-2 Thursday.

The 45-year-old Bonds went 1-for-4 with a double to left-center and remained at 753 home runs, two shy of tying Hank Aaron's record.

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CORRECTIONS

Wrong city — Wallace Brown is a resident of Kimberly, not of Filer as was mentioned in a Thursday article. The Times-News regrets the error.

Incorrect quotation — Dan VanKeeken, communications manager for Dell Inc., was inaccurately quoted in a story published Thursday. VanKeeken said, "And although we can't categorically say that the reorganization will not affect it (Dell's Twin Falls call center), we can say that it is very unlikely that it will be affected." The Times-News regrets the error.

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Work

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"All they care about is putting me back in a job," she said. "They don't care what it is."

Steve Haeder, public information specialist for the Idaho Industrial Commission, said Malmstrom's case is unusual, but that the commission usually notifies factories such as vacation time and overtime.

"If you can show you normally work overtime, they'll take that into account," he said.

Hutchinson is representing Malmstrom, and could not comment on her case as a result. But he did say he thinks the state should increase the budget for the Industrial Commission's rehabilitation program, one role of which is to retrain some workers to ensure they aren't limited to convenience-store work. The commission reported 1,480 "rehabilitated" cases in 2006 out of about 3,500 who received the services. While 87 percent of those returned to

jobs that paid at least 90 percent of their pre-injury wages, only 20 percent returned to their former employers.

"It's very frustrating for a lot of people in that they can't go back to doing what they had done before," Hutchinson said. "You can't compensate for that."

Protecting workers

Malmstrom isn't the only one trying to reform workers' comp. The Industrial Commission's advisory committee has set its sights on companies that don't purchase workers' comp insurance, leaving injured workers without any money for medical bills or time off.

"At that point, there's no place for them to go," said Steve Millard, a member of the committee and president of the Idaho Hospital Association. With few exceptions, Idaho employers are required by law to have the insurance. Millard

said, but when an employer is caught breaking the law, any action against them still leaves injured workers on their own. So the committee is looking into proposing a bill for the 2008 Legislature that would create an uninsured employers' fund, possibly paid for through penalties.

A subcommittee formed to study the idea will present a final draft of the legislation to the full committee at its August meeting, committee member David Whaley said.

"If you have a small amount of employees not doing their jobs ... It's not the workers' fault," said Whaley, president of the Idaho State AFL-CIO. "They have to be protected."

Sen. Chuck Collier of Twin Falls, vice-chair of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee, said he had not heard about the legislation yet and would want to read it before commenting, but he said he thinks the current system is solid.

"From my perspective, it's been working really well," he said. "I can't think of anything real controversial."

Phone calls Thursday to Sen. John Andreason, R-Boise, the chairman of the Senate committee who sits in on Industrial Commission advisory committee meetings, were not returned.

Any Senate action won't happen until next spring. Malmstrom's case will be heard within the next few months, and hopefully, she said, she'll be able to be classified as "disabled" rather than "impaired," which makes a difference in the level of payments she gets. She's not whining, she said — she just wants to be treated fairly.

"If people knew what I know now, I wouldn't have worked that job."

Times-News reporter Nate Pappano can be reached at npappano@magicalvalley.com or 735-3237.

Elliott

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by a joint Canadian/U.S. study at the University of Oklahoma, with 10 times the injuries of high school football and several more than American boxing. "Everyone who gets into (bull riding) knows at some point they'll be injured," he said.

Calls Thursday to CSI rodeo coach Steve Birnie and former coach Shawn Davis were not returned.

It appears, Bahbridge said, that Elliott's head came back. Though sportsmedicine staff said the hit was one of the worst they'd seen, early signs are that Elliott should see no permanent damage aside from his reconstructive surgeries, Bahbridge said.

Elliott, who turned 19 two days before the injury, placed second in the bull riding event at this year's College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. He is 23rd in the World

Standings, eighth in the ProRodeo tour Standings, and second in the Resistol Rodeo Standings with total earnings of \$28,520.

Bull riding seems to be in Elliott's blood. His father, Steve Elliott, was a longtime PRCA bareback and bull rider whose career ended after he broke his leg twice. His brother, Zack Elliott, qualified for the Dodge Wildcatter Circuit Finals Rodeo last year and is listed on the CSI Web site as part of the 2007-08 rodeo team. Elliott's family is in Salt Lake City with him, Bahbridge said.

The accident was not the first serious one this year. Bahbridge said, Bull rider Lee Akin was in a hospital in Alabama for two months starting in March after he was thrown off a bull and his head was stepped on. And rider Will Jernigan was trampled to death during an Oklahoma rodeo July 15.

Jerome

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election 1 1/2 years away, said that same opposition could interfere if he runs for election.

"That's something that we will just have to see how it comes out in the wash," Kroeger said.

Two of the three commissioners voted to appoint Seib as prosecutor after Jon Nicholson III stepped down Jan. 31 midway through his term. After hiring Kroeger,

who said his job will consist mainly of prosecuting felonies, the office will still have one fewer prosecutor than it did under Nicholson. Seib said there is all he needs.

Campbell said Kroeger's job change is an upgrade. Now Campbell is looking for an entry-level attorney to fill the exiting civil deputy's slot.

Kroeger said most of his reasons for moving are personal but he said the

\$10,000 pay increase — from \$42,000 to \$52,000 — certainly influenced his decision.

Campbell said he wishes Kroeger great luck. And he said about the commissioner's undisclosed reservation: "It's really unfortunate that someone would make a comment of the record or that they would consider that — if they did — because if you're an applicant, how do you defend yourself?"

Gooding County seeks new civil attorney

- Job available Aug. 1.
- Pay varies by experience
- Outgoing deputy's salary/ current by budgeted: \$42,000.
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New documents shed light on Tillman's friendly-fire death

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Army medical examiners were suspicious about the close proximity of the three bullet holes in Pat Tillman's forehead and tried without success to get authorities to investigate whether the former NFL player's death amounted to a crime, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The documents did not match up with the scenario as described, a doctor who examined Tillman's body after he was killed on the battlefield in Afghanistan in 2004 told investigators.

The doctors — whose names were blacked out — said that the bullet holes were so close together that it appeared the Army Ranger was hit down by an M-16 fired from a mere 10 yards or so away.

Ultimately, the Pentagon did conduct a criminal investigation, and asked Tillman's comrades whether he was disliked by his men and whether they had any reason to believe he was deliberately killed. The Pentagon eventually ruled that Tillman's death at the hands of his comrades was a friendly-fire accident.

The medical examiners' suspicions were outlined in 2,300 pages of testimony released to the AP this week by the Defense Department in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Among other information contained in the documents: • In his last words moments before he was killed, Tillman stepped out of a panicky comrade under fire to shut up and stop "sniveling."
• Army attorneys sent each other congratulatory e-mails for keeping criminal investigators at bay as the Army conducted an internal friendly-fire investigation that resulted in administrative, or non-criminal, punishments.

Judge orders government to pay \$102M for wrongful murder convictions

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — In a stinging rebuke of the FBI, a federal judge on Thursday ordered the government to pay a record judgment of nearly \$102 million because agents withheld evidence that would have kept four men from spending decades in prison for a mob murder they did not commit.

Judge Nancy Gertner told a packed courtroom that agents were trying to protect informants when they encouraged a witness to lie, though withheld evidence they knew could prove the four men were not involved in the 1965 murder of Edward "Teddy" Deegan, a small-time thug shot in an alley.

Gertner said Boston FBI agents knew mob hitman Joseph "The Animal" Barboza fled when he named Joseph Salvati, Peter Limone, Henry Bimonte and Louis Greco as Deegan's killers. She said the FBI considered the four "collateral damage" in its war against the Mafia, the bureau's top priority in the 1960s.

"Bimonte and Greco died behind bars, and Salvati and Limone spent three decades in prison before they were exonerated in 2001," Salvati, Limone and the families of the other men sued the federal government for malicious prosecution.

"I want the money? Yes, I want my children, my grandchildren to have things I didn't have, but nothing can compensate for what they've done," said Salvati, 75.

The Pentagon and the Bush administration have been criticized in recent months for lying about the circumstances of Tillman's death. The military initially told the public and the Tillman family that he had been killed by enemy fire. Only weeks later did the Pentagon acknowledge he was gunned down by fellow Rangers.

With questions lingering about how high in the Bush administration the deception reached, Congress is preparing for yet another hearing next week.

The Pentagon is separately preparing a new round of punishments, including a stinging demotion of retired Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., 60, according to military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the punishments under consideration have not been made public.

In more than four hours of questioning by the Pentagon inspector general's office in December 2006, Kensinger repeatedly contradicted other officials' testimony and sometimes his own. He said on some 70 occasions that he did not recall something.

At one point, he said: "You've got me really scared about my brain right now. I'm really having a problem."
Tillman's mother, Mary Tillman, who has long suggested that her son was deliberately killed by his comrades, said she is still looking for answers and looks forward to the congressional hearings next week.

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— Presidential spokesman Tony Snow

FBI director contradicts Gonzales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the FBI contradicted Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' sworn testimony and Senate Democrats requested a perjury investigation Thursday in a fresh barrage against President Bush's embattled longtime friend and aide.

In a third blow to the Bush administration, the Senate Judiciary Committee issued subpoenas to compel the testimony of Karl Howe, Bush's chief political adviser, in connection with its investigation of the firings of federal prosecutors.

"It has become apparent that the attorney general has provided at a minimum half-truths and misleading statements," four Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee wrote in a letter to Solicitor

General Paul Clement calling for a special counsel to investigate.

"I'm convinced that he's not telling the truth," added Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The developments marked a troubling turn for Gonzales as well as the administration, which has been on the political defensive since congressional Democrats opened an investigation last spring into the firings of U.S. attorneys.

That probe revealed information that Democrats have sought to weave into a pattern of improper political influence over prosecutions, of sronewaling and of deceit in sworn testimony before Congress.

The White House defiantly stuck by Gonzales on the perjury matter and flatly denied that FBI Director Robert S. Mueller on Thursday contradicted the attorney general's sworn testimony on internal Bush administration dissent over the president's secretive wiretapping program.

Gonzales repeatedly and emphatically told the Senate Judiciary Committee this week that the program was not at issue during his dramatic hospital bedside visit with ailing Attorney General John Ashcroft in 2004, Mueller, before the House Judiciary Committee Thursday, said it was.

Presidential spokesman Tony Snow said Gonzales and Mueller can make only limited comments in public about the classified program.

"The FBI director didn't contradict the testimony," Snow said. "It is inappropriate and unfair to ask people to testify in public settings about highly classified programs."

Democrats also insisted that the White House has encouraged top aides to flout congressional subpoenas in the prosecutor firings inquiry.

But Gonzales took the toughest hit Thursday, when four Senate Democrats issued a list of examples of what they said was the attorney general lying to Congress under oath — the basis for his request to Clement to appoint a special counsel to investigate.

Among examples of what Democrats called Gonzales' untruthfulness was his testimony in his statement to the Judiciary Committee Tuesday that his hospital visit with Ashcroft was not related to an internal administration dispute about the president's secret warrantless eavesdropping program.

Last year, Gonzales told the panel that there had been no internal administration dispute about the program, but former Deputy Attorney General James Comey told the panel that he, Ashcroft and Mueller were among the top Justice Department officials who believed the program was illegal and were prepared to resign over it.

In his own sworn testimony Thursday, Mueller contradicted Gonzales, saying under questioning that the terrorist surveillance program, or TSP, was the topic of the hospital room dispute between top Bush administration officials.

Mueller was not in the hospital room at the time of the March 10, 2004, confrontation between Ashcroft and presidential advisers Andy Card and Gonzales, who was then serving as White House counsel. Mueller told the House Judiciary Committee he was shortly after they left, and then spoke with the ailing Ashcroft.

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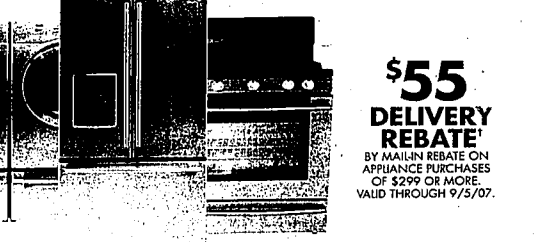


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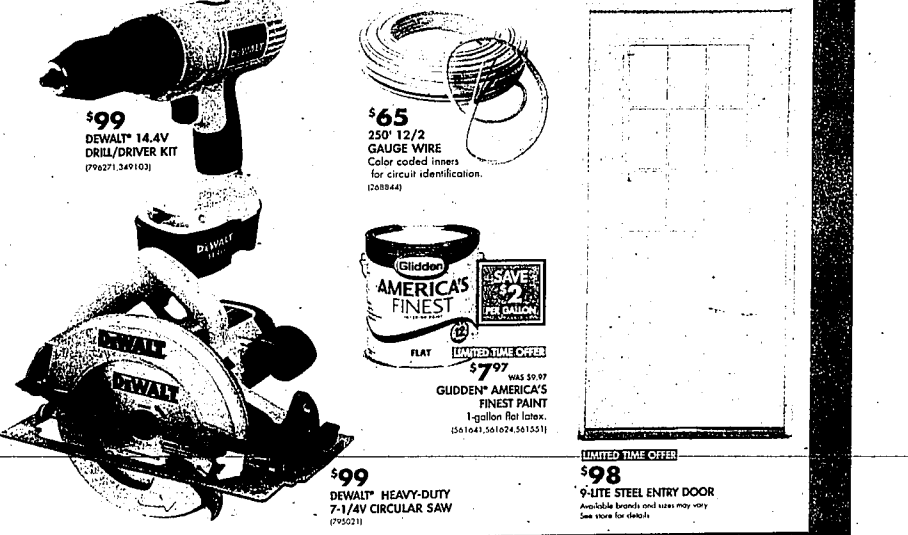
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EDITORIAL

Public school laws apply to charters - Xavier included

School has yet to begin for Xavier Charter School. But it's already evident that Xavier officials need to hit the books.

The State Department of Education has begun an investigation of Xavier, Twin Falls' first charter school to operate independently of the local school district, and whether it denied enrollment to students based on special education needs.

Compared to other cities that have been hotbeds of charter school activity, Twin Falls has been a hinterland of the movement. That is, until now.

It's also critical to know that public charters are not exempt from public education policy. Like all public schools, Xavier cannot deny enrollment to students based on their needs for special education services.

The Idaho Public Charter School Commission has also delved into the matter. Tamara Baysinger, charter schools program manager for the commission, said their probe has found no wrongdoing on the part of the school.

As the July 20 board meeting was initially scheduled as a closed executive session to discuss enrollment. But again, as a public school, Xavier Charter is required to follow the same terms of open government as are other public schools.

In both instances, Xavier didn't follow the rule. The meeting was opened after a clarification request was sent by the Times-News the day before the meeting.

Xavier officials aren't the first to stumble over public meeting requirements, and they won't be the last. Because the school's non-elected board was assembled among parents and area residents, their familiarity with open government rules may be scattered.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fire crews a big help to Three Creek residents

This past week has been a time of ups and downs for us in the Three Creek area. We are coping well in spite of the fires.

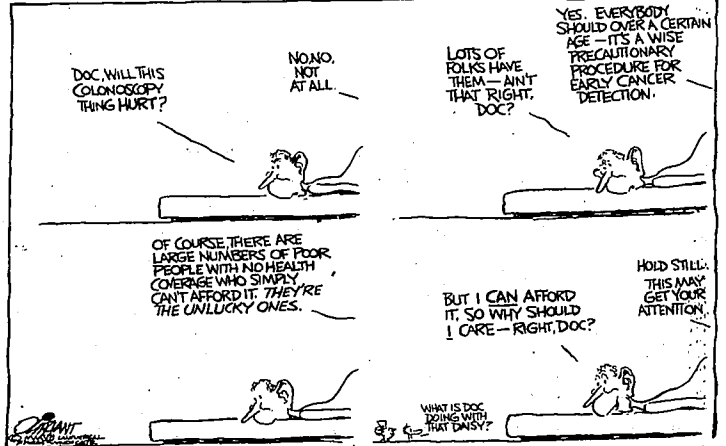
There have been many friends and supporters who have offered help and prayers. To each one of these, I would offer our

heartfelt thanks. I would especially like to thank the Castleford Fire crew who helped us when I and some of our grandchildren had to be evacuated and for the homes opened up to us. All seems to be ending well with no homes burned and no human life lost. For all this we give thanks.

PAULA BRACKETT Rogerson

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Bush sparks health care debate late

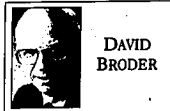
Better late than never, President Bush has provoked what could be a serious debate on the future of health care by threatening to veto an extension of one of the most popular and successful government programs in that field.

The fight he has started over the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP as it is known, is — in the words of Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt — "a surrogate for the larger philosophical debate on the role of government in health care."

Had Bush joined that debate before his time in office had dwindled to 18 months and his approval scores slumped to Nixonian levels, the chances of something positive emerging would have been much greater.

Now, as Leavitt conceded in an interview, "it may take another election" to bring the country face to face with the larger issues Bush has raised — how big a role the federal government should take in providing medical services and how that role should be financed.

For the president and Leavitt, the answer is that the government should provide a safety net for the medical needs of the poor and the old-



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only — but everyone else should have private health insurance, with coverage monitored by the states and premiums subsidized by federal tax credits.

With that vision in mind, the administration repeatedly accuses the Democrats of favoring "government-run health care." Unpersuaded by the success of Medicare and SCHIP, Bush and his associates denounce efforts by congressional Democrats to extend the program to millions more children.

As with Iraq, Bush is prepared to use stubbornness and a veto pen to combat public opinion. The Democrats have the easy side of the argument, promising to insure more kids from low-income families who are too well-off for Medicaid but not wealthy enough to afford private insurance policies.

The Senate bill would insure an additional 3.2 million children at a cost of an extra \$35 billion. The House version, even more ambitious,

would add 5.1 million kids and cost \$50 billion extra over five years. Both would raise tobacco taxes to pay for the largesse.

By contrast, the president is recommending only \$5 billion of new spending, though Leavitt hints that the administration could accept a higher figure as long as it did not involve expanding the program to new people.

What will probably happen is that Congress will pass a bill that will draw a veto — and then the serious bargaining will begin. The current authorization expires Sept. 30 and no one wants to see the program end.

But if and when a compromise is reached, the larger issues of health care will remain. And that is why it is important that the presidential candidates in both parties take advantage of the opportunity being offered by a series of health care forums this fall.

The Federation of American Hospitals and Families USA, a consumer-oriented group, have joined together with several foundations to sponsor a series of sessions at the Kaiser Family Foundation's Barbara Jordan Conference Center in Washington.

At each hour-long session, one candidate will present his or her ideas and then be

quizzed by four serious health policy journalists — Susan Dentzer of PBS' "NewsHour," Laurie McGinley of The Wall Street Journal, Timothy Johnson of ABC News and Julie Rovner of National Public Radio. Each forum will be Webcast and tapes will be prepared by MacNeil-Lehrer Productions.

Hillary Rodham Clinton will lead off on Sept. 19 and John Edwards will follow on Sept. 24. The sponsors are still awaiting word from Barack Obama — whose big health care speech in Iowa drew mixed reactions — and other Democrats. Charles N. "Chip" Kahn III, the hospital association president, is still trying to sign up the first Republican contender.

Kahn, who is a veteran of past Republican campaigns, said that Bush's current situation should demonstrate the costs of ignoring health care issues. But if the Democrats confront you with something you don't like, "the candidates" need to get out in front of this issue, "he said.

It will be revealing to see which, if any, of the major Republican candidates rise to this challenge.

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Maybe a president shouldn't meet with them

For Barack Obama, it was strike two. And this one was a right-down-the-middle question from a YouTuber in Monday night's South Carolina debate:

"Would you be willing to meet separately, without precondition, during the first year of your administration, in Washington or anywhere else, with the leaders of Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea?"

"I would," responded Obama. His explanation dug him even deeper: "The notion that somehow not talking to countries is punishment to them — which has been the guiding principle of this administration — is ridiculous."

From The Nation's David Corn to super-blogger Mickey Kaus, a near-united gasp. For Hillary Clinton, next in line at the debate, an unmissable opportunity. She pounced: "I will not promise to meet with the leaders of these countries during my first year." And she then proceeded to give the reasons any graduate student could tick off: You don't want to be used for their propaganda. You need to know their intentions. Such meetings can make the situation worse.

Just to make sure no one missed how the grizzled veteran showed up the clueless rookie, the next day Clinton told the Quad-City Times of Davenport, Iowa, that Obama's comment "was ir-



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sponsible and frankly naive." To be on the same stage as the leader of the world's greatest power is of course a prize. There is why the Chinese deemed it a slap in the face that President Bush last year denied President Hu Jintao the full state-visit treatment. The presence of an American president is a valued good to be rationed — and granted only in return for important considerations.

Moreover, summits can also be traps if they're not wired in advance for success, such as Nixon's trip to China, for which Henry Kissinger had already largely hammered out the famous Shanghai communiqué. You don't go hoping for the best, as Hillary's husband learned at the 2000 Camp David summit, when Yasser Arafat's refusal of Israel's peace offer brought Arafat worldwide opprobrium — from which he sought (successfully, as it turned out) to escape by launching the second intifada. Such can be the consequences of ill-prepared summits.

Obama may not have known he made an error, but his staff sure did. In the post-

debate spin room, his closest adviser, David Axelrod, was already backpedaling, pre-empting that Obama had been talking about diplomacy and not summitry with rogue state leaders.

Obama enthusiasts might want to write this off as a solitary slip.

Except that this was the second time. The first occurred in another unscripted moment. During the April 26 South Carolina candidates' debate, Brian Williams asked what kind of change in the U.S. military posture abroad Obama would order in response to a hypothetical al-Qaida strike on two American cities.

Obama's answer: "Well, the first thing we would have to do is make sure that we've got an effective emergency response — something that this administration failed to do when we had a hurricane in New Orleans."

Asked to be commander in chief, Obama could only play first-responder in chief. Caught off guard, and without his advisers, he simply slipped into two automatic talking points: emergency response and its corollary — the obligatory Katrina Bush-bash.

When the same question came to Hillary, she again pounced: "I think a president must move as swiftly as is prudent to retaliate." Retaliatory attack did not come up in Obama's 200-word meander into multitationalism and intelligence gath-

ering. These gauges lead to one of two conclusions: (1) Obama is inexplicably unable to think on his feet while standing on South Carolina soil, or (2) Obama is not ready to be a wartime president.

During our 1990s holiday from history, being a national-security amateur was not an issue. Between the 1991 death of the Soviet Union and the terror attacks of 2001, foreign policy played almost no part in our presidential campaigns. But post-9/11, as during the Cold War, the country demands a serious commander in chief. It is hard to imagine that with all the electoral tides running in their favor, the Democrats would risk it all by nominating a novice for a wartime presidency.

Do the Democrats want to risk strike three, another national security question blown, but this time perhaps in a first presidential debate before the '08 election, rather than a midseason intraparty cattle call? The country might decide that it prefers, yes, a Republican in chief. It is hard to imagine that with all the electoral tides running in their favor, the Democrats would risk it all by nominating a novice for a wartime presidency.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mother's claim against charter school absurd

As a founding member and parent of Xavier Charter School, I have to say how absurd I find Ms. Connor's claim of denial for her children to be. First of all, why as a parent with children with special needs would you want to enroll them at a first-year school? I would be inclined to see how the school is going first before I would enroll my special needs kids. Isn't it true that children with autism and ADHD are supposed to have structure and learn better in a quieter setting?

I would have to think that the Twin Falls School District would have better educators at this time for special needs children. There is no doubt in my mind that Xavier is going to be a great school and offer many wonderful things for our children, but give it a little time to at least get started and see where it is headed. If you decide to send your kids to Xavier, I know they will be well



taken care of ANDREA DAVLEY Twin Falls

Times-News ignores positive impact of agriculture

This letter is in response to the front-page article titled "Saved by subsidies" in the July 22 issue. Do you really wonder why no farm families would agree to be interviewed by you or care to comment in your article? Your negative slant about

agriculture in total is obvious from the title to first sentence. As business editor, I would think you could understand and appreciate the economic importance and positive influence of agriculture in the Magic Valley rather than look to criticize it.

I have yet to see an article in your paper talking about the positive economic impact of agriculture, its trickle-down benefits, how important it is to this valley and how we, as citizens, should support and

applaud it. For example, do you realize the \$34,152 in farm subsidy payments received by Luis Bettencourt for 2003-05, which you loudly announce in your article, represents approximately .15 percent of the total amount of money Bettencourt spent in the local community for that same time period? That's one-tenth of 1 percent, not quite what I would call "saved by subsidies." That's money spent with the local grain company, hay farmer, irrigation company, tractor dealership, trucking company, veterinarian, farm co-op, numerous supply companies and not to mention 200 direct employees. What do you think those businesses and employees have to say about agriculture and what it means to their livelihood?

It's easy to criticize; however, the other side of this equation is much, much more powerful and quite frankly more relative to the local community. Why not do the more difficult article and talk about what agriculture truly means to the Magic Valley. If and when you do, I think you'll be amazed at its power and impact in the local community. Interesting to see if it makes

the front page. RICK OMANDIA Kimberly (Editor's note: Rick Omandia is the chief financial officer for Bettencourt Dairy in Wendell.)

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We need to consider alternatives to prison

A proposed \$1 billion price tag to build prisons and infrastructure in the next 10 years to house an additional 5,500 projected Idaho offenders is not enough for Idaho taxpayers to call for alternative solutions for the growing prison population.

We are ranked fourth (34 percent) on the list of greatest growth in prison populations. Our incarceration rate is 15 percent higher than the national average. Out-of-state lobbyists are spending money in contributions to our politicians in an effort to persuade them that private prisons are the answer. Idaho has tried that route by sending inmates to Texas (GEO) only to learn now that the prisoners were housed in "filthy and beyond-repair facilities" which called for them to be moved to another facility. It has been reported that GEO has received con-

READER'S COMMENT Teddy Keeton

tracts worth \$8 million annually to house 400 Idaho prisoners.

Why are we spending so much money on an apparently failed prison system?

I believe that it is time to discover alternatives and use evidence-based researched programs, e.g., reform of mandatory minimum sentencing laws, programs that are alternatives to incarceration and diversion, and prevention and early intervention measures that can limit future adult criminality.

There is a definite need for transition programs that help to ensure the youth and/or adults remain crime free (after they have served their time in prison, detention and/or diversion) and are not forced

to return to homes or neighborhoods where there is evidence of drug abuse, violence or other criminal activity.

Transition homes help the offender adjust back into the community, have a safe place to stay, and learn how to support themselves. Transition homes and skilled coordinators help provide the environment for returnees to learn positive behaviors and skills to avoid risk-taking and criminal behavior.

Another area of concern is learned behavior of a child when his or her parent is incarcerated. Research has revealed that seven out of 10 children who have an incarcerated parent later become offenders and enter the system. Funding needs to be allocated for programs to help stop the intergenerational cycle of crime with this group.

A \$1 billion price tag is a huge amount to house inmates with no guarantee

that the demand will lessen over time and not require additional funding. As taxpayers, we have the obligation to learn the facts about the prison system and its drain on state resources. There are alternatives to consider for long-term gains to reduce the need for mega prisons.

Teddy Keeton of Bull holds a master's degree in social work and a Ph.D. She has worked as director for Research and Development for Twin Falls County and served on Governor Kempthorne's transition team with the designated area of corrections, where she wrote the recommendations for juvenile corrections. She also worked for the Department of Juvenile Corrections to write the "Guidelines for Juvenile Probation."

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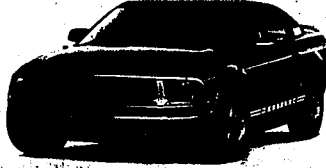
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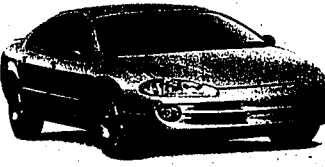


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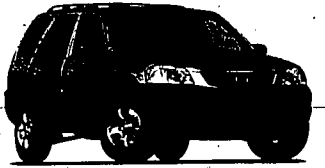


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Upsets abound at Area C tournament

Times-News

POCATELLO—Three of the four top teams with a first-round bye at the Area C Tournament fell to the elimination bracket Thursday during the first day of American Legion Baseball Class A play.

Kimberly, Buhl and Upper Valley all fell to lower-seeded teams. Results from the No. 1 seeded Jerome Tigers late game were unavailable at Times-News press time.

The Twin Falls Cowboys will take on the Wood River Wranglers for a shot at the championship, while Buhl, Burley and Kimberly look to stay alive for the chance at additional state tournament seeds.

Twin Falls 10, Kimberly 8

Errors cost the No. 3 seed Kimberly Astros, and they were not able to catch up in time as they lost to the Twin Falls Cowboys 10-8 Thursday in the second round.

"We had throwing errors in the first four innings. We threw around the yard a lot and dug ourselves a hole," said Kimberly head coach Gary

Thursday's results
At Century High School, Pocatello
 Twin Falls 6, Burley 4
 Blackfoot vs. Shelley
 Bear Lake 9, Upper Valley 2
 At Halliwell Park, Pocatello
 Bear Lake 11, Highland 1
 Wood River 7, Hillcrest 2
 Twin Falls 10, Kimberly 8
 Wood River 12, Buhl 3
 Jerome vs. Blackfoot-Sheley
 winner

Krumm of the loss.

All the Cowboys' runs were scored during those innings, and it also didn't help matters that starting pitcher Evan Jerke didn't have his best stuff, according to Krumm.

Bryce Benson came in for relief and pitched three shutout innings as the Astros attempted to catch up during late innings. They were down 10-3 before putting up five more in the fifth and sixth.

"Benson did a heck of a job,"

Friday's Games
Elimination bracket
At Century HS
 Game 9: L1 loser vs. Upper Valley, 10 a.m.
 Game 10: L5 vs. Highland, 12:30 p.m.
 Game 15: W9 vs. W10, 3 p.m.
At Halliwell Park
 Game 11: Buhl vs. Burley, 12:30 p.m.
 Game 12: Kimberly vs. Hillcrest, 10 a.m.

Krumm added.

Cowboys starting pitcher Zeb Sneed hit a home run during the top of the fourth for a pair of runs.

"I couldn't be more proud of our kids," said Twin Falls coach Devin Kunz.

Kimberly drops to the elimination bracket to face Hillcrest at Halliwell Park today at 10 a.m.

Twin Falls advances to tangle with Wood River in a 5:30 p.m. contest at Halliwell Park.

Game 16: W11 vs. W12, 3 p.m.
Championship bracket
At Halliwell Park
 Game 13: W5 vs. Bear Lake, 8 p.m.
 Game 14: Twin Falls vs. Wood River, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Elimination bracket
At Halliwell Park
 Game 17: L14 vs. W15, 12:30 p.m.
 Game 18: L13 vs. W16, 3 p.m.

Game 20: W17 vs. W18, 5 p.m.
Championship game
 Game 19: W13 vs. W14, winner gets No. 1 area seed to state, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Second-place game
 Game 21: L19 vs. W20, winner gets No. 2 area seed to state, 3 p.m.
 * Wood River gets automatic bid to state as tournament host

Wood River 12, Buhl 9

The Wood River Wranglers had the answer to the Buhl Tribe, and a 12-3 win advances them into the championship bracket against Twin Falls tonight.

On the strength of 12 hits, the Wranglers took advantage of a sluggish third inning with six runs as Buhl pitcher Trent Craner walked three in a row.

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Escorted by U.S. Marshals, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, right, leaves the federal courthouse in Richmond, Va., following his arraignment, Thursday.

Vick pleads not guilty to federal charges

By Hank Kurz Jr.
 Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — While his Atlanta Falcons teammates reported to training camp without him, Michael Vick declared his innocence on federal dogfighting charges Thursday and said he looked forward to "clearing my good name."

Jered by hundreds of protesters as he entered and left U.S. District Court in silence, the Atlanta Falcons quarterback said "not guilty" in a firm voice when asked how he pleaded to a conspiracy charge. When U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson asked his preference for a trial, Vick responded "by jury." Hudson set a Nov. 26 date for Vick and his three co-defendants, all of whom also pleaded not guilty.

Vick was released without bond, but with a series of conditions, including the surrender of his passport, a pledge not to travel outside the immediate area of his primary residence without court approval, and to not sell or possess a dog.

Vick also was ordered to surrender any animal breeder or kennel licenses.

He and the others face up to five years in prison and fines of \$250,000 if convicted on all charges.

The allegations detailed in a gruesome indictment have sparked protest by animal-rights groups at the headquarters of the NFL and the Falcons. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell barred Vick from attending training camp while the league investigates.

Following the arraignment, Vick climbed into a white sport utility vehicle and rode away, leaving behind his lawyer, Billy Martin, to read a statement on his behalf — his first public comments on the indictment.

"I take these charges very seriously and look forward to clearing my good name," it said. "I respectfully ask all of you to hold your judgment until all of the facts are shown."

Vick's mother, Brenda Roddie, stood by Martin's side as he spoke.

"I would like to say to my fans: I'm sorry for what she has had to go through in this most trying of times," the

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Looking for more



Whitby Carlton, left, and Courtney Azevedo, scramble for a ball during their softball practice Thursday night in Kimberly. The Magic Valley Sooners will be headed to the National ASA U14 softball tournament.

M.V. Sooners headed for national tourney

By Bradley Gatre
 Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — All eyes on the Magic Valley Sooners U14 team. They're the future of District IV softball.

This 42-3 fast-pitch team is headed to the Amateur Softball Association-sanctioned Western Class B National Tournament in Stockton, Calif., looking for another crown.

Most girls on the roster are playing out of Kimberly, but there are also players from Buhl, Filer, Jerome and Twin Falls. All are towns which have high school varsity programs familiar with championship softball at one time or another in the past five years.

Kenzi Jasper, a center fielder who hits cleanup, is about to enter the ninth grade in Filer and knows that her experiences with the Sooners is preparing her for an eventual spot on the Wildcats

Player
 Soylee Allsup
 Courtney Azevedo
 Brianna Blisop
 Whitney Carlton
 Mikki Corder
 Katherine Hunter
 Kenzi Jasper
 Kylee Kuest
 Nellie Makings
 Averie Schroeder
 T.J. Surrage

varsity roster.

"We've got a lot of good athletes and coaches. We all get along well. You get to know a lot of girls from different towns. It'll help a lot to get us there," she said of those aspirations.

The Sooners have won all seven of the

2007 Magic Valley Sooners

Home town
 Kimberly
 Buhl
 Twin Falls
 Kimberly
 Kimberly
 Buhl
 Filer
 Twin Falls
 Kimberly
 Kimberly
 Jerome

Season offensive leaders
As of start tournament ending July 8
 Batting average — Nellie Makings .538,
 Whitney Carlton .532; 2B — Makings 21,
 Kenzi Jasper 15; 3B — T.J. Surrage 8,
 Courtney Azevedo 5; HR — Surrage 4,
 Averie Schroeder 3.

major tournaments they've played in this year — including the Boise Blast and Twin Falls Terror tournaments — and completed a July sweep of the state and regional championships.

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PEPSI OPEN



Eric Searley of Boise watches his ball sail toward No. 18 green during the second round of the Pepsi Open at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Thursday afternoon.

Thomsen wins senior division by 11 strokes

Hamblin tied for 2nd in regular division

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — By a whopping 11 strokes, Jeff Thomsen won the senior division of the 2007 Pepsi Idaho Open Thursday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Thomsen, the PGA Teaching Professional at Indian Lakes Golf Course in Boise, carded a 59 on Wednesday to jump out to the early lead, and followed it with a 61 Thursday for a two-day total of 120.

Kim Thompson of Salt Lake City was second at 131. Fred Hooper of Auburn, Ala., and Brad Fieisch of San Luis Obispo, Calif., tied for third at 137. John Peterson of Jerome tied for seventh with a 145.

Thursday also concluded the second of three rounds for the regular division. Scott Masling remained atop the leaderboard with a 12 under-par total of -124. Mike Hamblin, PGA General Manager at the Twin Falls course was tied for second with Luke Seastrom of Idaho Falls and Colby Meyers of Queen Creek Ariz. Travis Holland of Twin Falls was seventh with a two-day total of 130. Twenty-two players are within ten shots of the lead, including defending champion, Tyler Aldridge.

Play will conclude today at the Muni with a total purse of

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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO

Wilson, Webb shine during second go at nationals

Times-News

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Lots of area cowboys and cowgirls were in action during Thursday's action of second go round at the National High School Finals Rodeo with Filer's Kindee Wilson racking second in goat tying averages at 16,529 seconds.

Wendell's Rob Webb is No. 5 in the average in tie-down roping at 22,292 seconds, and Shae Prescott of Twin

Falls has a 424.5-point average, which is good for No. 7 in girls cutting Montana Barlow (Jerome) is No. 8 in bull riding with an average of 77 points.

In the overall standings as of Thursday's morning performance of the second go, Wilson is fifth at 8,525 seconds, Filer's Bailey Tubbs is fourth in saddle bronc at 75 points, and Prescott is ninth with 213.5 points. Webb is No. 13 overall for his 13,281-second performance in tie-down roping.

Thursday's evening performances were not added to the overall, but Tyler Wines of Gooding took third in the boys cutting performance with 209 points.

For girls cutting, Jerome's Jamie Lancaster placed eighth in the performance at 207 points.

In team standings, Idaho sits third overall with 3,695 points, up from fourth place. The boys remained at third with 2,400 points, and the girls

shot from No. 12 to No. 3 with 1,295 points.

The second go continues through Saturday morning, and the championship go is slated for Saturday night.

2007 National High School Finals Rodeo
At Springfield, Ill.
Thursday morning performance
 Area cowboy and cowgirl
 Saddle bronc: 2, Bailey Tubbs, Filer, 75
 Tie-down roping: 7, Rob Webb, Jerome, 13,281
 Goat tying: 2, Kindee Wilson, Filer, 16,529
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SPORTS

Bonds stuck at 753 HR as Giants beat Braves 4-2

SAN FRANCISCO — The closest Barry Bonds came to a home run was watching Jeff Francoeur's drive sail off his head into the left-field seats.

Dave Roberts hit a tying, two-run double in the fifth inning and scored the go-ahead run on Ray Durham's single to help the San Francisco Giants beat the Atlanta Braves 4-2 Thursday.

The 33-year-old Bonds went 1-for-4 with a run to left-center and remained at 753 home runs, two shy of tying Hank Aaron's record.

"He took some good swings, just missed a couple pitches, I thought," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Bonds made two nice catches against the wall but extended his homerless stretch to five games and 18 at-bats since connecting twice against the Chicago Cubs on July 19 at Wrigley Field, his 18th and 19th homers this year. Bonds is 3-for-10 since then and 6-for-42 (143) since singling at Cincinnati on July 5. He is 6-for-42 (143).

"He got his swings in, and that's all you can expect of Barry," Bochy said. "He feels good. That's what's important."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig attended his third straight Giants game, hoping to be present for the hit-and-run.

Bob DuPuy, MLB's president and chief operating officer, will attend San Francisco's weekend games against Florida while Selig is in Cooperstown, N.Y., for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Selig is scheduled to be in Los Angeles starting Tuesday when the Giants face the rival Dodgers.

Bonds, who has been popping out after a night off, bled popped out to third baselining off the second and fouled to the catcher for the second out in the fourth, tossing his bat and catching it in his hand before carrying it in by the barrel.

"Whether he homered or not was the least of our worries," Francoeur said. "We wanted to take three out of four batters but we weren't able to do it."

Bonds said before the game he doesn't think he's over-swinging. He made his exit after hitting a line of bats on his head with his left hand.

"I've just got to take myself back a little bit," he said. "It's hard to explain it, but it's coming inside right now. I can't explain it. It's a little more complicated than that. There's too many things in your head to just narrow it down to one thing, one situation."

Bonds flipped out to left ending the fifth, then doubled in the seventh before calling it a day. Fred Lewis pinch ran for him then took over in left field.



San Francisco Giants Barry Bonds reacts after flying out to end the fifth inning against the Atlanta Braves during their baseball game in San Francisco, Thursday.

Nationals 7, Phillies 6

PHILADELPHIA — Jesus Flores hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the eighth inning Thursday, lifting Washington to a win over Philadelphia, which also lost All-Star second baseman Chase Utley to a broken hand.

Ryan Howard homered and Pat Burrell had three hits and two RBIs for the Phillies, who entered with a five-game winning streak, which had nudged their season high.

Ryan Zimmerman grounded to third leading off the eighth but reached on a throwing error by Wes Helms. Jose Mesa (0-2), pitching in his 1,000th major league game, walked Austin Kearns with one out and Flores connected with two outs.

Jon Rauch (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings, and Chad Cordero finished for his 20th save in 27 chances. Chris Coste hit an RBI grounder, and a two-out walk to Carlos Ruiz put runners at the corners before Abraham Nunez grounded out.

Reds 6, Brewers 5

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 58th homer, and the Reds rallied against All-Star closer Francisco Cordero.

After Scott Hatteberg's single off Cordero (3-3) tied it in the ninth, Javier Vazquez's single in the bottom gave the Reds three victories in their four-game

Pirates 8, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Josh Phelps capped a five-run sixth inning with a two-run homer, then added an RBI double in the seventh to help the Pirates win for just the second time in 12 games since the All-Star break.

Mets starter Oliver Perez (9-7) pitched a 1-0 lead for five innings, dominating a Pittsburgh team that is next-to-nil in the NL in runs. He retired 11 straight batters to send the Astros to their fifth win in seven games.

Astros 7, Padres 1

HOUSTON — Carlos Lee, Morgan Ensberg and Craig Biggio hit home runs, and Wandy Rodriguez allowed one run in seven innings to send the Astros to their fifth win in seven games.

It was Biggio's second home run in three games since announcing his retirement.

Rodriguez (7-9) allowed a run and five hits to improve to

6-2 with a 1.76 ERA at home. The left-hander is 1-7 with a 7.43 ERA on the road.

Lance Berkman added two doubles four Houston, which has won 13 of its last 16 at home.

Cardinals 11, Cubs 1

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols snipped an 0-for-11 slump with a three-run homer. Chris Duncan added a grand slam and the Cardinals routed the Cubs.

Pujols drove in five runs, tying his season high set June 10 against the Los Angeles Angels.

Chicago starter Jason Marquis (7-6) allowed six runs in five innings. He walked four and struck out just one. Marquis had beaten his former teammates in two earlier starts this season.

Dodgers 5, Rockies 4

DENVER — Brad Penny scattered five hits over six innings before leaving with an abdominal cramp and Rafael Furcal hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers.

Penny (13-1) was taken out of the game after hurting himself as the best out an infield error led to a bases-clearing hit bunched over after he reached first base and the trainers sprinted out to examine him.

Penny was led off the field. Takashi Saito pitched the ninth for his 26th save in 29 chances, striking out Matt Holliday with a runner on to end it. Saito had missed the previous seven games because of a sore right shoulder.

D'backs 7, Marlins 4

PHOENIX — Eric Byrnes hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Diamondbacks a four-game sweep of the Marlins.

Arizona won its sixth in a row to climb into second place in the NL West. Its games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Tony Pena (5-2) pitched two hitless innings for the victory. Miguel Montero opened the fourth with a single up the middle off Armando Benitez (2-6).

American League White Sox 4, Tigers 3

CHICAGO — Scott Podsednik scored from first base on pitcher Zach Miner's throwing error in the ninth inning, and the White Sox beat Detroit to take three of five in the series against the defending AL champions.

Chicago had not won a home game since its single up the middle off Armando Benitez (2-6) on May 21-23.

Costas not upset about Bonds 'midget man' shot

NEW YORK (AP) — A day after Barry Bonds called him a "little midget man who knows (nothing) about baseball," broadcaster Bob Costas said he wasn't upset with the San Francisco Giants slugger and responded with a job of his own.

"As anyone can plainly see, I'm 5-9 and a strapping 150, and unlike some people, I came by all of it naturally," Costas said Thursday in a telephone interview.

On this week's edition of HBO's "Costas Now," commissioner Bud Selig, Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling and chemist Patrick Arnold discussed Bonds, his pursuit of Hank Aaron's home run record and suspicions that Bonds has used steroids.

Schilling and Arnold said they believed Bonds had taken performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds viewed at least part of the show before Wednesday's game against Atlanta.

"I've actually always had a pretty cordial relationship with Barry," Costas said. "I have no ill feelings toward him personally. I regard him as one of the greatest players of all time who got inauthentic boost and then became a superhuman player. I wish him no ill whatsoever."

Costas said the understanding why Bonds might have dented him.

"He's under tremendous scrutiny and some pressure. It's no big deal," Costas said. "This is a consequence of doing your job, and I've never tried to do my job in any case with the intention of calling attention to myself. I think if people watch the program, they can judge for themselves."

With the score 3-all, Poleski singled off Miner (1-3) leading off the ninth. Josh Fields sacrificed, Miner bobbled the ball and then made a backslide to second base covering Francisco Cordero, who was basking in first base.

The ball went into foul territory down the right-field line, and Ryan Roberts threw to the plate was too late to get Podesnik.

Orioles 10, Devil Rays 7

BALTIMORE — Brian Roberts hit a three-run homer and walked three times, helping the Orioles win their fourth straight and improve to 18-13 under interim manager Dave Trembley.

Kevin Millar, Nick Markakis and Chris Gomez had two RBIs apiece for the Orioles, now 9-4 since the All-Star break.

Carlos Pena and Ty Garmon homered for the Devil Rays, who have been outscored 64-20 during a six-game skid. Tampa Bay has lost nine in a row in Baltimore and is 1-9 against the Orioles this season.

Yankees 7, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alex Rodriguez stayed put at 493 homers. None of his New York Yankees teammates came up with a big hit, either.

Jorge De La Rosa repeatedly pitched out of trouble, and Kansas City Royals tied off on Kei Igawa in a victory that

stopped New York's winning streak at 11.

Alex Gordon homered, Trietta and doubled, and Tony Pena Jr. and Mark Grudzielniak, also tripled for Kansas City, which had lost the first three games of the four-game series.

New York went 0-for-12 with runners in scoring position — hot-hitting Hideki Matsui stranded runners at second and third when he hit an inning-ending pop-up in the first, then left the bases loaded when he grounded out to end the fifth.

A day before his 32nd birthday, Rodriguez faced De La Rosa, who gave up his 400th home run on May 8, 2005 while pitching for Milwaukee. A J-Rod drive at an intermission break in the first, fled out leading off the fourth and was hit by a pitch in the fifth, then grounded against Zack Greinke in the eighth.

Red Sox 14, Indians 9

CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez hit the third-longest home run in Jacobs Field, a tree-clearing solo shot, and added a two-run homer to the Red Sox outscored the Indians 14-9.

Ramirez's knee-measure rocket in the second inning off Cliff Lee (5-8), conservatively estimated at 481 feet, set the tone for the Red Sox, who won three of five games against one of the AL's other premier teams. — The Associated Press

Rodeo

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Girls cutting: 4. Shane Prescott, Twin Falls, 273-5. Other Idahoans: Steve wrestling: 5. Dirk Tenover, Rigby, 6.843

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Sooners

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"These girls have won back-to-back state championships and 'back-to-back regional' championships tournament that begins Thursday. There are 50 teams in contention for the title. "When you only play seven

Legion

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"We threw a lot of pitches in the third inning, and that's where our trouble came," Tuba head coach Allyn Reynolds said. Wood River's Eric Jacobson hit a double and home run for three RBIs, while Michael Burbur batted in two.

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New York	54	47	.535
Texas	52	49	.515
Los Angeles	49	52	.486
Baltimore	47	54	.465
Seattle	46	55	.452
Minnesota	45	56	.444
Chicago	44	57	.435
San Diego	43	58	.426
Philadelphia	42	59	.417
San Francisco	41	60	.408
Detroit	40	61	.399
Arizona	39	62	.390
Colorado	38	63	.381
St. Louis	37	64	.372
Washington	36	65	.363
Boston	35	66	.354
Chicago (2)	34	67	.345
Los Angeles (2)	33	68	.336
Seattle (2)	32	69	.327
Minnesota (2)	31	70	.318
Chicago (1)	30	71	.309
San Diego (2)	29	72	.300
Philadelphia (2)	28	73	.291
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Detroit (2)	26	75	.273
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St. Louis (2)	23	78	.246
Washington (2)	22	79	.237
Boston (2)	21	80	.228
Chicago (3)	20	81	.219
Los Angeles (3)	19	82	.210
Seattle (3)	18	83	.201
Minnesota (3)	17	84	.192
Chicago (4)	16	85	.183
San Diego (3)	15	86	.174
Philadelphia (3)	14	87	.165
San Francisco (3)	13	88	.156
Detroit (3)	12	89	.147
Arizona (3)	11	90	.138
Colorado (3)	10	91	.129
St. Louis (3)	9	92	.120
Washington (3)	8	93	.111
Boston (3)	7	94	.102
Chicago (5)	6	95	.093
Los Angeles (4)	5	96	.084
Seattle (4)	4	97	.075
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SWIMMING
 Snake River Summer
 Championships, YMCA City
 Pool, 8:30 a.m. (preliminaries),
 6 p.m. (finals)

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING
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After 1-11 season, Utah State just wants to win a few in 2007

LOGAN, Utah — For a football team that went 1-11 last season, Utah State has a simple message.
 "We had the whole team in a room nominating ideas," coach Brent Guy said. "It came down to a simple one word, 'win.' ... Until we win a game, we are going to have to answer that question. We need to get that monkey that is riding us."
 The Aggies finished the 2006 season with six consecutive losses. The 11 defeats were the most in school history.
 The only bright spot — a 13-12 victory over Nevada State when Utah State was a 27-point underdog.
 "It has been tough since the end of the season to reflect on what happened," defensive end Ben Caldwell said. "I think it will be a relief for me and the team. These calls are recorded and reported and that feedback is noted, regardless if the person you talk to has no idea what The Mtn. is."
 Comcast Corp. and CSTV offer MountainWest Sports Network, also known The Mtn., for Mountain West games. But Utah residents who don't have cable TV won't find the channel on Dish Network or DirecTV.
 In June, Brigham Young and Utah said they were hiring a sports broadcasting lawyer to help get more games on television.
 The issue was discussed Tuesday during a Mountain West Conference media event in Henderson, Nev.
MAGIC VALLEY
Flier holds soccer camp and tryouts
 FILER — Flier High School will host a soccer camp from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 30 through Aug. 2. The camp is for boys and girls in grades 9-12 and the cost is \$25 per player. Sasha Pavovic will direct the camp.
 Flier's girls soccer tryouts will be Aug. 8-9 from 8-10 a.m. and boys tryouts begin Aug. 6 from 4-6 p.m. All players must have a physical on file to participate.
 For more information, contact the Filer School District at 326-5981.
Volleyball rules clinic nears
 TWIN FALLS — A mandatory state rules clinic for volleyball officials and coaches will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Burley Junior High School and Monday, Aug. 6, at Twin Falls High School.

Reservations for the five-person scramble are being taken, with registration at 11:30 a.m. the day of the event. The cost for golf plus dinner is \$90, while dinner-only tickets are \$35.
 To register, call Rob Ellis at 420-0330.

M.V. junior football holds sign-ups
 TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Junior League Football is holding registration through July 31. The league is for players in grades 5-7 in Twin Falls, Jerome and the surrounding area. The cost is \$55 (\$75 after July 31). Registration forms will be sent home with students this month. Forms will also be available this summer at the Boys and Girls Club and at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office. The season runs from September to October with games on Saturday afternoons. Each player will be loaned a uniform and pads.
 Contact Twin Falls commissioner Nate Lasser at 280-2995 or Jerome commissioner Dee Haycock at 539-3221 for more information.

Burley GC offers twilight couples golf
 BURLEY — Burley Golf Course will hold its monthly Twilight Couples Golf on Friday, July 27. It will be a 5:30 p.m. shotgun start, and the entry fee is \$10 per couple. Green and cart fees are extra. There will also be a potluck dinner. Sign up by calling the course at 878-9070.

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Each night, registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the clinic set to begin at 7. All officials and coaches must attend one meeting. Rule books will be handed out at the registration, contact Velma Jean Mahoy at 678-7252.

Spartan Pride football camp planned
RUPERT — Spartan Pride 2007 Football Camp will be July 31 at Bill Matthews High School Football Field. The camp is for Minico players in grades 9-12 and will focus on fundamentals, safety and sportsmanship. The camp will run from 6:30-9 p.m. each day with check-in at 5:30 on July 31. The cost is \$30 and each player will receive a T-shirt and a pair of shorts. Players should bring lunch.
 Contact Tim Perriog at 436-8899 or Steve Haugeberg at 436-7070 for more information.

Buhl Pig Out nears
BUHL — The Magic Valley Vandal Boosters will host their annual Buhl Pig Out on Monday, July 30 at Clear Lakes Country Club in Buhl. The event will feature a Magic Valley football game with Robb Akey and athletic director at the club.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Rasmussen gone from Tour, but leaves and indelible stain

CASTELLSARRASIN, France (AP) — On a day when the Tour de France got a new leader in Alberto Contador, Michael Rasmussen's mark on cycling's premier event was all too clear — an indelible stain.



Alberto Contador of Spain is being kissed on the podium after the 17th stage of the 94th Tour de France cycling race between Pau and Castelsarrasin, Thursday. Contador took the overall lead.

Rasmussen, the former overall leader from Denmark, was kicked out of the race by his own team back in early July. His ouster left a pack of dispirited riders Thursday heading toward Paris, burdened by the latest jolt to the sport. "The morale is really down," German rider Markus Föhr said. "Cycling is on the front page of the newspapers. The sport is losing. At the moment it is really hard."

After pulling on the yellow jersey, Contador said: "I am clean. If I weren't, I wouldn't be here." Contador is followed in the overall standings by Australia's Cadel Evans, who is 1:53 behind. Levi Leipheimer of the United States is third, 2:49 back.

In the space of 30 hours, from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday night, a 104-year-old institution was torn down.

First came the news of Alexander Vinokourov's positive test for a banned blood transfusion. While the main pack was reeling from losing its most popular rider, it was announced midway through Wednesday's stage that Cristian Moretti tested positive for testosterone. The Italian rider didn't deny it, and he was carried off by police.

With riders winding down late Wednesday night, it was announced Rasmussen had been booted out. "Too much, too much," said Föhr, who rides for Gerolsteiner and finished second in Thursday's 117-mile stage from Pau to Castelsarrasin. "Every day it's new news," Föhr said. "Moretti yesterday, Rasmussen. I'm so tired."

Finding shade by his Caisse d'Épargne team bus, sporting director Eusebio Unzué appeared defeated. He wrung his hands together and made a snapping sound as if something had broken inside him.

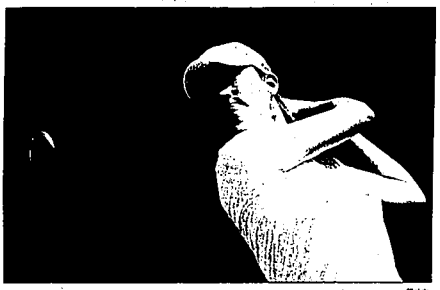
"I'm unable to think," Unzué said, adding that he wants "to arrive as quickly as possible in Paris."

By the roadside, homemade banners reflected the public's feelings. "The Tour keeps its libido without EPO," read one in French, referring to the performance-enhancing drug once at the top of the menu for cycling teams. Blood transfusions and testosterone have replaced EPO. Missed drug tests, ignored warnings, lies to teammates and infighting between race organizers and cyclists too brass were thrown into the Tour pot until it bubbled over. Pat McQuaid, head of the International Cycling Union, has bet the odds with Tour owner Patrick Clerc and race director Christian Prudhomme over why Rasmussen was riding if he had missed doping tests. The feud dates to 2005, when Clerc said the UCI had not done enough to combat doping.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Wie unable to break par at Evian

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — Pat Hurst and Brittany Lincicome of the United States and Eun-hee Ji of South Korea each shot a 6-under 66 Thursday to share the lead after the first round of the Evian Masters.



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Michelle Wie, the 17-year-old star from Hawaii, shot a 73 and has not broken par since finishing tied for second at this event last year. On a day of low scoring, the leaders were just one shot ahead of Christina Kim of the United States, and Kyung Bae and In-fan Hong of South Korea.

Hurst, who is in her 13th season on the tour, started well with a birdie at the first and finished with an eagle on the 18th.

"I hit a 4-iron to 100 feet, so it was a good ending," she said. "The putting is what is tough, but the more years I come here the easier it is to read the greens."

The 21-year-old Wie was hounded by her Evian Masters debut, undulating out with her second shot at the third hole for an eagle. She also birdied the fourth, seventh and ninth holes.

"I'm happy," Webb said. "I hit one or two loose shots, but overall I played well." Lorena Ochoa of Mexico fought hard to finish with a par 72.

out that he holed the 81-year shot for his third eagle of the round — and second on a par-4 hole. "I was like, 'Wow! That's crazy,'" Mahan said. "That doesn't happen."

Playing in "perfect scoring conditions on Angus Glen's North Course, Mahan also holed out from 189 yards on No. 18 — the ninth hole of his morning round — and made a more routine eagle with a 10-foot putt on the par-5 11th. He finished with a 9-under 62 to match the tournament record and take a two-stroke lead.

Australia's Steve Allan was second after a 64, and Canadian David Hearn was another stroke back along with Tippi Izenhour. Mark Calcavecchia, the 2005 champion at Shaugnessy in Vancouver, shot a 67 in the breezy afternoon session. Jim Furyk, the winner last year at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, had a 69, also in the afternoon.

Faldo solid in senior debut

GULLANE, Scotland — Nick Faldo acquitted enough of his famous competitive edge to shoot a 3-under 68 for the share of the lead in his senior tour debut.

The six-time major champion made six birdies — including a 3-foot

putt at the last — in the first round of the Senior British Open at Muirfield, where he won two of his three Opens, in 1987 and '92.

Joining Faldo at 3 under were 65-year-old Dave Stockton, a regular on the Champions Tour, Nick Job and Gordon J. Brand.

Faldo went out with Tom Watson (70) and Mark O'Meara (72), a trio with a combined 16 majors.

Khan first at Deutsche Bank

ADWESLOHE, Germany — Simon Khan shot a 7-under 65 for the first-round lead at the Deutsche Bank Players Championship.

Khan finished a stroke ahead of two other Englishmen — Lee Slattery and Oliver Wilson. Paul Casey, Michael Campbell, Nicolas Fash and Andres Romero all shot 68s on a windless day on the Gut Kaden course. Casey said that rain in the past few weeks had made the greens harder to read.

"It's difficult to make putts with all the rain this course has had and the greens are a little bumpy," Casey said. "But they will get better as the week goes on. It's a good start, I have just got to do more of the same."

— The Associated Press

Golf Scoreboard

PGA Canadian Open, Senior British Open, LPGA Evian Masters. Lists names, scores, and hole-in-ones for various golfers.

Congressman requests meeting with Stern on NBA ref scandal

WASHINGTON — The chairman of a House subcommittee is requesting a meeting with NBA commissioner David Stern concerning the betting scandal involving former referee Tim Donaghy.

Former Utah Valley State guard to sign with Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz led former Utah Valley State guard Ronnie Price have agreed to a contract. Price will sign with the Jazz if he passes a physical. Financial details were not disclosed by the team Thursday.

Wake coach Prosser dies of heart attack

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Skip Prosser, who led Wake Forest to its first basketball No. 1 ranking three seasons ago, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack, the university said. He was 56. Prosser was found slumped on his office couch and unresponsive by director of basketball operations Mike Muse shortly after returning from his noon job. Athletics director Ron Wellman said. Medical personnel performed CPR and used a defibrillator on Prosser, who was taken to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and pronounced dead at 1:41 p.m.



Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser smiles in a March 16, 2005, photo, during the practice in Cleveland. Prosser died Thursday the university said. He was 56.

"Because of his strength, we'll be able to go on and we'll be just fine eventually," Wellman said. "We're not right now. We're all suffering right now." Dr. William Applegate, the dean of the university medical school, said the events were "typical of a sudden massive heart attack." "This kind of attack, which is not witnessed by someone next to the person and CPR is not started within seconds, then the outcome is often not good," Applegate said. Prosser had been in Orlando, Fla., earlier this week for an AAU national tournament and had lunch Wednesday with South Carolina coach Dave Odum, his predecessor at Wake Forest. Prosser spent six seasons with the Demon Deacons, winning an Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title in 2003 and reaching the NCAA tournament in his first four seasons.

Time for Super Bowl champion Colts to get back to work

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Forget the long speeches and lectures about complacency. Coach Tony Dungy isn't changing his training-camp routine just because of a championship ring.

Instead, Dungy wants the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday to report motivated and determined to do one thing — win another Super Bowl.

"We've come off disappointing losses in the past and now we're coming off a win," Dungy said. "It really isn't any different for us. It's about practicing well and preparing well."

"By telling that to the rest of the league, which undoubtedly will target the Super Bowl champs each week this season."

Dungy has seen it work before.

In 1978, he was on the Pittsburgh Steelers' Super Bowl-winning team. At training camp the next year, Dungy noticed those slinky new rings were gone although the desire to win another one was not. Eventually, Pittsburgh traded Dungy to the San Francisco 49ers, then went on to win its fourth Super Bowl crown in 1979.

Dungy, mild mannered and soft spoken, believes that approach still works.

"Coach (Chuck) Moll's attitude and the players' attitude was that they put the rings away before training camp because they wanted to go win another one," he said. "Coach Noll and those guys were never intimidated by trying to win another title."

So far, neither Dungy nor Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning has seen any signs of complacency during off-season workouts.

Just in case the Colts don't get the message, though, Dungy has been working on his note cards. The first print in Sunday's welcoming speech is a new season and a different team.

Indy must replace eight players from last season's projected opening-day lineup. Gone are line-backers Gale Sayers and Gilbert Gardner, cornerbacks Jason Davidson and Nick Harper, defensive tackle Montae Reagor, running back Dominik Rhodes, receiver Brandon Stokley and recently retired left tackle

Tarik Glenn.

Until this week, most thought the biggest challenge would be filling the holes at cornerback. But losing Glenn, a three-time Pro Bowl choice, poses an even bigger risk — he's been Manning's blind-side protector since the Super Bowl MVP's rookie season.

Possible scenarios include moving right tackle Ryan Diem to the left side or trying second-year tackle Charlie Johnson, who replaced the injured Diem in the Super Bowl. Second-round pick Tony Ugoh was expected to replace Glenn next year and remains unsigned.

The exodus, coupled with moves made by rival New England, has many thinking the balance of power in the AFC already has shifted to the

Northeast, although Dungy insists he won't use that as motivation.

"I don't know that's going to make it any easier, but what will be that we've lost some guys and we need some young guys to step in," Dungy said. "It just isn't the same team coming back."

Point No. 2: Dungy doesn't think the Colts played their best football in 2006, and the stats back it up.

Indy finished the regular-season ranked last in the NFL against the run, and near the bottom of the league on both coverage units. Yet in the playoffs, it was a strong defensive effort that helped the Colts overcome turnovers.

Dungy expects improvement in all three areas.

Jets' RB Martin retires, sets sights on owning NFL team

NEW YORK (AP) — Curtis Martin hopes to run straight from the backfield to the front office.

After retiring from the New York Jets on Thursday as the No. 4 rusher in league history, the 34-year-old Martin revealed he has his sights set on becoming an NFL owner.

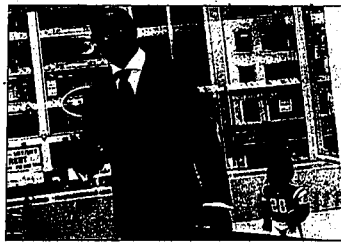
"Ever since I have seen me as a player, I've been looking at myself as an owner," Martin said at a 45-minute news conference at the team's Manhattan offices, one of several stops on a whirlwind media tour.

"Most people see me as a low-profile player, and I've always seen myself as a high-profile owner," he said.

Martin, regarded as one of the classiest yet toughest players in the game, was hoping to announce specific plans for his life after carrying the football, but hasn't finalized anything yet. He said an announcement is imminent, but declined to reveal which teams he had spoken to of them.

"I'm very excited about, and it looks good," he said, smiling. Martin never sought the spotlight during his career, a rarity among today's professional star athletes. His humble attitude earned him respect around the league, something he thinks will help him once he's running a team.

"I believe I've gotten a chance to understand the game from the ground up," said Martin, decked out in a



Curtis Martin, the New York Jets all-time leading rusher, announces his retirement during a news conference, Thursday in New York. Martin finished with 14,101 yards rushing in 11 active seasons, ranking behind only Emmitt Smith (18,355), Walter Payton (16,726) and Barry Sanders.

sharp black suit and black and purple tie. "It's something that, very few owners are able to do, simply because they're not privy to the intimacy of the locker rooms or the brotherhood of the players. I believe that I can bring something new and something different to the NFL owner."

Martin, who is very active in charity work, announced he has partnered with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to start an initiative to decrease homelessness in the city by two-thirds by 2009.

As a player, Curtis approached philanthropy the same way he approached the game: with humility and grace," Jets owner Woody Johnson said in a statement.

On the field, Martin was one of the league's bright spots for most of his 11 active seasons. He finished with 14,101 yards rushing, ranking behind only Emmitt Smith (18,355), Walter Payton (16,726) and Barry Sanders (15,209). His 3,518 carries are third on the NFL's career list, and his 90 rushing touchdowns rank him tied for 12th with Eric Dickerson. Martin was also a versatile offensive weapon throughout his career, catching 484 passes for 3,329 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"At the end of the day, things turned out better than I had even intended from the beginning," said Martin, whose retirement papers were submitted to the league office Thursday.

"I will," said Martin, one of five lawyers retained by Vick. "We are conducting our own investigation. We will look into these allegations and we look forward to the opportunity to bring the matter to a resolution."

The case began April 25 when investigators conducting a drug search at a massive home Vick built in rural Surrey County found 66 dogs, including 55 pit bulls, and equip-

ment typically used in dog-fighting. They included a "rope stand" that holds aggressive dogs in place for mating and a "breakstick" to pry open a dog's mouth.

The former Virginia Tech star contended he knew nothing about a dogfighting operation at the home, where one of his cousins lived, and said he rarely visited. He also blamed friends and family members for taking advantage of his generosity and pledged to be more scrupulous.

respectfully ask all of you to hold your judgment until all of the facts are shown."

In the best-case scenario, Vick would miss the 2007 season, get acquitted and try to return for 2008.

"It's unlikely it would be with the Falcons, whose owner has made it clear he's had enough of the young man he treated like a surrogate son the past few years."

If Vick is not jailed and suspended, someone might take a chance on him. But "might" is being generous.

The NFL team that most often picks up players with a past, the one that plays on the east side of San Francisco Bay, and wears silver and black, invested the first pick of April's draft on quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

The Raiders or any other team that signs Vick, guilty or not, will face demonstrations outside the stadium and boing within, an atmosphere no

NFL ROUNDUP

Request from Pacman denied

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was denied his request Thursday by the NFL to join the Tennessee Titans in training camp.

"The request by Adam Jones to revise the terms of his suspension so that he can participate in training camp has been denied," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said the team learned of the league's decision shortly before his news conference to preview the opening of training camp.

"It's what we have expected throughout the offseason — that he will not be permitted to participate in training camp, and he will only be permitted to use the facility one day a week for treatment and counseling," Fisher said.

"We've moved on. We're looking forward to filling the holes. We feel like we've done so with the roster. Now we need to do so with production on the field."

Adams reports for Buc; Plummer not joining him

CELEBRATION, Fla. — Tampa Bay's Calvin Johnson became the highest pick in this year's draft to sign a contract when he agreed Thursday to a six-year, \$46 million deal that enabled him to report to training camp on time.

The 6-foot-5, 258-pound defensive end was the fourth pick behind Oakland's JaMarcus Russell, Detroit's Calvin Johnson and Cleveland's Joe Thomas. The Buccaneers are counting on him to help revitalize their pass rush.

One guy the team isn't relying on right now is Jake Plummer, acquired from Denver in an offseason trade, even though the quarterback has said he's retired. Coach Jon Gruden met with him in Idaho this summer but was not able to persuade Plummer to change his mind and report to camp.

"It was a 'get to know each other' meeting — a meeting where we took a particular interest in Jake Plummer, his future as a player, ahead down the road," Gruden said.

"We wanted him to know what our feelings were. We wanted to see what his feeling



Indianapolis Colts first-round draft pick rookie wide receiver Anthony Gonzalez agreed to a five-year contract worth \$10.3 million Thursday.

where. Obviously, you see where he's pointed at this time, although men have changed their minds in the past."

Colts complete deal with 1st-round pick Gonzalez

INDIANAPOLIS — Receiver Anthony Gonzalez, the Indianapolis Colts' first-round pick, agreed to a five-year contract worth \$10.3 million Thursday, a person close to the negotiations said.

That person is not authorized to release details of the deal but requested anonymity, but said \$5.4 million in the contract is guaranteed.

By wrapping up negotiations this week, it assures Gonzalez of reporting to training camp on time with his new teammates Sunday. It also marks the earliest the Colts have had their top pick under contract since punter Bill Pollak joined the team in 1998.

Cowboys sign LB Spencer and OT Marten

SAN ANTONIO — The Dallas Cowboys signed their top two draft picks Thursday with first-round receiver Anthony Spencer getting a five-year, \$9 million deal and third-rounder James Marten getting a four-year deal.

Spencer, a linebacker taken 26th overall, is guaranteed \$6 million. He a defensive end at Purdue, getting 10 sacks as a senior and 21 in his four-year career. The Cowboys will be moving him to outside line-

backer to rush the quarterback on the side opposite of DeMarcus Ware.

Rookies Thomas, Wright near deals with Browns

CLEVELAND — Browns first-round draft pick Joe Thomas is nearing a deal and his agent is hopeful the offensive tackle will be signed by the start of training camp Friday.

Peter Schaffer represents Thomas, the No. 3 overall pick, as well as the Browns' second-round pick, cornerback Eric Wright.

"We're working feverishly to consummate a deal for Eric Wright and Joe Thomas," Schaffer said Thursday. "The goal is to get both in camp on time for 9 a.m. meetings tomorrow."

Son of Eagles coach Reid pleads guilty

NORWICH, Conn. — A son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid pleaded guilty Thursday and faced offenses on a three-day in jail, while another son opted to go to trial on drug and weapons charges.

Garrett Reid, 24, of Villanova, pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering another motorist, driving while under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor traffic offenses.

Reid ran a red light on Jan. 30 in Plymouth Township and hit another car. Police said he admitted to having used heroin earlier in the day, and they reportedly found syringes and paraphernalia in his car, as well as a variety of pills in his vehicle.

In the same Montgomery County courtroom on Thursday, 22-year-old Brett Reid requested a jury trial on charges stemming from a traffic dispute in which police said he brandished a handgun at another motorist. That alleged incident also occurred Jan. 30, in the Philadelphia suburb of West Conshohocken.

Brett Reid faces charges of carrying a firearm without a license — a felony — and misdemeanor charges of assault, making terroristic threats and drug possession.

— The Associated Press

Vick

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statement said. He also apologized to his teammates for not being with them for the start of training camp.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank said the team wanted to suspend Vick for four games, the maximum penalty a team can assess a player, but the NFL asked him to wait. Instead, Blank told Vick to concentrate on his legal problems, not football.

"This is going to be a hard-

Thurman case should be a warning for Vick

NEW YORK (AP) — The arraignment on dogfighting charges wasn't the end of the road to befall Michael Vick Thursday.

It was the additional year Roger Goodell tacked on to the suspension of Cincinnati's Odean Thurman. It's a must-concentrate that the commissioner doesn't fool around and that it will be a long time — if ever — before Vick sets foot on an NFL field.

Thurman's case emphasizes an often overlooked provision in the league's disciplinary policies: When a player is suspended for a year, he must apply for reinstatement, and the commissioner can refuse him. So Thurman, who missed 2006, now misses 2007 and will be allowed to apply for reinstatement in 2008.

In Vick's case, it means he almost surely will miss this season — either by taking the voluntary leave the league would like him to take or by suspension after the league's investi-

gation into the charges against him. Depending on the outcome of his case — and federal cases in Richmond have a very high rate of conviction — 2008 looks unlikely.

Then there's the public outcry at the horrific nature of the charges — dogs being electrocuted, tortured and killed. Not only are animal-rights groups revolted, but so, too, are average fans.

In the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Thursday found that 65 percent of those surveyed thought Vick should be banned from the NFL if he is convicted. That sentiment surely isn't limited to Atlanta, meaning he would create unwanted turmoil in any stadium.

Vick pleaded not guilty to charges, but still hasn't talked about them. His lawyer, Billy Martin, read a statement on his behalf that said:

"I take the charges very seriously and look forward to clearing my good name. I

team wants. Plus, there would be the kind of media coverage that owners and coaches hate.

But what if jail is where Vick is headed?

He could be forced to miss the 2008 season, and then would be subject to Goodell's discipline, which would make 2009 iffy.

Suddenly, it's 2010. Vick would be an undrafted free agent missed-football-for-three seasons. And he's still a big public relations problem.

"I don't care if he's a star player or the 53rd player. They all reflect on the National Football League," Goodell said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and temperatures will quickly become hot. Highs in the middle 90s
Tonight: Skies will be partly cloudy and temperatures will be in the cool lows in the middle 60s
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and again hot. Highs in the middle 90s; lows in the lower 60s

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm temperatures, partly cloudy skies and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s
Tonight: Breezy and partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s
Tomorrow: Hotter temperatures and mostly sunny skies. Highs in the lower 90s; lows upper 50s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A few, gusty thunderstorms will be possible for today and this evening. Isolated thunderstorms are then possible, but not likely for tomorrow and Sunday. Temperatures through Sunday will be very warm.

NORTHERN UTAH
Isolated thunderstorms and hot for today. Mostly dry, mostly sunny and hot then for tomorrow and Sunday. It will also be breezy at times.

BOISE
Hot temperatures, mostly sunny skies and breezy conditions will continue for today, tomorrow and Sunday. Heavy conditions from times may also develop at first.

Weather Key: ☀ Sunny ☁ Partly Sunny ☁☁ Partly Cloudy ☁☁☁ Partly Cloudy with Rain ☁☁☁☁ Partly Cloudy with Heavy Rain ☁☁☁☁☁ Partly Cloudy with Heavy Rain and Thunderstorm

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy skies and hot temperatures	Partly cloudy and warm	Hot and mostly sunny	Sunny to mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy, isolated thunderstorms
High 95	Low 65	96 / 62	94 / 66	92 / 63	

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	89	53	Thunder
Idaho Falls	90	50	Thunder
Payette	90	50	Thunder
Shoshone	88	51	Thunder
Twin Falls	90	50	Thunder
Wendover	90	50	Thunder
Yellowstone	89	50	Thunder

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 91 Yesterday's Low: 68 Normal High/Low: 92 / 62 Record High: 96 in 1994 Record Low: 48 in 1989	0.1" Yesterday 0.0" Today Normal: 0.0" - 0.1"	74% Yesterday 62% Today Normal: 60% - 70%	29.95" Yesterday 29.96" Today Normal: 29.96" - 30.00"	Sunrise: 6:26 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Low

Temperature 91 Yesterday, 68 in shade today, 92 Normal High/Low, 96 in 1994, 48 in 1989, Record High, 48 in 1989, Record Low

Precipitation 0.1" Yesterday, 0.0" Today, Normal: 0.0" - 0.1"

Humidity 74% Yesterday, 62% Today, Normal: 60% - 70%

Barometric Pressure 29.95" Yesterday, 29.96" Today, Normal: 29.96" - 30.00"

Sunrise and Sunset Sunrise: 6:26 AM, Sunset: 8:03 PM

Pollen Count Low

MOON PHASES

July 30	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4
Full Moon				

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow
Today: 7:56 AM, 8:40 PM	Tomorrow: 8:27 AM, 9:11 PM

U.V. INDEX

U.V. INDEX: Low, Moderate, High. The higher the index, the more sun protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	90-65	92-65	95-60
Idaho Falls	88-62	90-60	93-58
Payette	88-62	90-60	93-58
Shoshone	88-62	90-60	93-58
Twin Falls	90-65	92-65	95-60
Wendover	90-65	92-65	95-60
Yellowstone	89-64	91-64	94-59

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	92-72	95-72
Boston	85-70	87-70
Chicago	87-70	89-70
Dallas	90-70	92-70
Denver	88-70	90-70
Detroit	85-70	87-70
Houston	88-70	90-70
Los Angeles	85-70	87-70
Miami	88-70	90-70
Minneapolis	85-70	87-70
New York	85-70	87-70
Philadelphia	85-70	87-70
Portland	85-70	87-70
San Francisco	85-70	87-70
Seattle	85-70	87-70
Wash. DC	85-70	87-70

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	18-22	19-23
Paris	17-21	18-22
Rome	16-20	17-21
Tokyo	25-30	26-31
Sydney	15-20	16-21
Auckland	12-17	13-18

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	85-60	87-60
Ottawa	82-60	84-60
Edmonton	85-60	87-60
Regina	82-60	84-60
Saskatoon	82-60	84-60
Winnipeg	82-60	84-60

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 8 p.m. today.
Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 114 at Lake Tahoe, Calif.
Low: 40 at La Jolla, Calif.

BREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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No surprise: Southern Cal once again tops Pac-10 preseason poll

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh's preseason rankings have the Southern California Trojans at No. 1 — possibly of all time.

"There is no question in my mind that USC is the best team in the country and may be the best team in the history of college football," Harbaugh said Thursday at the Pac-10 football coaches' annual media day.

USC coach Pete Carroll smiled when he came to the podium later and was told of Harbaugh's assessment, which might put some added pressure on the Trojans.

"USC obviously is the cream of the crop right now. I think the rest of the league is pretty even," Doba said.

"Asked what it would take to beat the Trojans, he said, 'I think SC has to beat themselves. I think he (Carroll) just has to guard against overconfidence or not being prepared or having really, really, really bad luck.'"

He added, "They're a really good team. They're something."

"You've gotta love Jim, huh? I'm glad he thinks that," Carroll said.

"There's no way I don't have any way of understanding what that's all about."

"We're just a bunch of guys trying to put together a terrific team, and we'll see how far that takes us."

After pausing for a moment, Carroll grinned and added quickly, "Thanks, Jim."

The four-time defending Pac-10 champion Trojans were selected for the fifth year in a row as the favorite to win the conference title. They received all 39 first-place votes in a preseason poll of media members who regularly cover the conference.

Only three times in the 46 years of the poll has a team been an unanimous preseason pick to win the title — and it's been USC every time, including 2004 and 2005.

For the fourth consecutive year, California was picked to finish second. The Golden Bears tied USC for the league championship last season when both finished with 7-2 conference records.

The Trojans got 390 points in this year's balloting, with 10 points for No. 1. In the conference and out-poll, it had in the Pac-10 with Arizona State (47), Arizona State (242 points) and Oregon State (237) rounded out the top five, followed by Oregon (226), Washington State (115), Washington (98) and Stanford (47).

The poll has correctly predicted the Pac-10 winner 24 of 46 years, and has been right seven years in a row.

Former Washington State, Miami, Oregon State and NFL coach Dennis Erickson, head in the Pac-10 with Arizona State, said the Trojans should be in the NFL.

"They're as good as there is in the country," he said.

Washington State coach Bill Doba considers the Pac-10 relatively well-balanced, with the exception of the Trojans.

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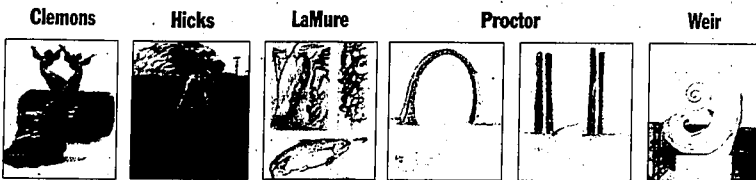
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Deadline extended to vote for canyon art

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The deadline to vote on six proposed sculptures to be placed on the rim of the Snake River Canyon has been extended to Tuesday.

The reason the deadline has been pushed back is to give all artists a chance to be viewed by the public, said Stacy Madsen, Magic Valley Arts Council executive director. One artist's

work was left out of the *Times-News* recently. Madsen said the primary place to view the artwork is at the arts council's office, 132 Main Ave., or on its Web site, <http://www.magicvalleyarts.org>. Viewers can also vote online at the same Web address.

Only one of the six proposals, from five artists, will be selected to be built and placed in one of two locations on the

rim, Madsen said.

Mock-ups from David LaMure Jr. and Jason Hicks of Twin Falls; David Clemons of Coeur d'Alene; Lee Proctor of Big Fork, Mont.; and Matt Weir of Louisville, Ky., have been posted on the Web site.

The selected artist will have about \$19,000 to play with, all in donations from Federation Point LLC, the Idaho Commission on the Arts and a

private donation, Madsen said. The sculptures should reflect the history, geography and community spirit of the area, she said, something that the finalists embody, especially since most of them include nods to water issues.

"I think each of these addresses that particular issue well, that our canyon and our water are very sacred to us," she said.

Firefighters make progress

Murphy Complex expands in Nevada

By Nick Coltrin
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — Don't expect too much more raging from the Murphy Complex Fire. Not between Clover Creek and Twin Falls, at least.

Instead the fight is down south near the Jarbridge wilderness area in Nevada and at the Scott Creek Fire about 10 miles west of Jackpot, Nev. The two most active areas have added about 100,000 acres to the blaze in the past two days. It's now at a total of 649,131 acres, or about 1,010 square miles.

Containment is climbing now at 37 percent for the complex as fire crews are able to contain the fire at a faster rate than it is growing.

About 3,800 citizens near the fire are still without power, victims of scorched power poles near the blaze.

With that growth, the multi-agency fire management team reported three minor injuries as well — two sprained knees and an infected blister.

The other previously-threatening fire, the Winecup Complex in northeastern Nevada at the Utah border, doesn't look like it will be reaching into Idaho, said Michelle Finch, spokeswoman for the Rocky Mountain Incident Team handling the more-than-160,000-acre complex. The fire is 60 percent contained.

"The fire hasn't made much movement in the past couple days," she said. "There been no talk of that (the northern line) moving toward Idaho."

Both fires benefited from high humidity, cloud cover and some rain fall.

The world comes to Idaho

Croatian dancers educate and entertain at Boys & Girls Club

By Nick Coltrin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Police Officer Asmir Karacic said he's been forgetting about his native land lately. Routine life in Twin Falls has preoccupied most of his thoughts, leaving little room for the past.

Besides, it's been 15 years since he left Bosnia-Herzegovina, a Balkan country on the other side of the world.

But some of that heritage came back to him Tuesday when dancers from Croatia, Bosnia's neighbor on the Balkan Peninsula, played music and danced native dances for the children at the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

The troupe stomped their feet and jingled small symbols on their ankles. A variety of stringed, guitar-like instruments played an upbeat tune while dozens of children watched the performance.

"This kind of dancing is usually at parties," Karacic said. "To be a part of this, it's just neat. Just to be part of it again ... to experience this all over again because it's been so long since I've seen it."

White Karacic remembered the culture and later stood with the troupe for a picture — most of children soaked it in for the first time.

"For a lot of them, this is probably the closest they'll ever come to Croatia," said Debbie Dane, executive director for Southern Idaho Tourism. "It's really unique. You get kind of it. The world comes to the Magic Valley."

"This is the fifth year the International Dance and Music Festival made a stop in the Magic Valley," Dane said.

ON THE WEB



See video of the Croatian dancers at magicvalley.com.

If you go
See the International Dance and Music Festival today in Burley. Performances are: 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Youth Culture Day at Burley High School; 12 p.m. — 2 p.m. Burley High School performance; The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the gala can be purchased at the door for between \$5 and \$12.50.

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Nives Pavlic, left, and Ibroje Gazin sign autographs for children Thursday morning at the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley. The international dance team from Croatia made a special youth culture appearance in Twin Falls before their rehearsal and performance Friday night at the King The Arts Center in Burley.

Cattlemen respond to BLM impound notice

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

BURLEY — After being served with a Bureau of Land Management notice of intent to impound their livestock last Friday, Bruce Bedke and his son Jared Bedke filed a complaint Tuesday in Cassia County Magistrate Court to stop the impoundment.

Included in the Bedkes' suit is a request to withdraw from a 1963 agreement between BLM and ranchers on the Goose Creek range. The agreement separated the range into individual and group allotments and establishing a fund for improvements to the range. The Bedkes' grazing permit expired Feb. 28.

BLM issued the notice of intent after repeated attempts to convince the Bedkes to sign a new grazing

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Obama plans to visit Elko

By Doug McMurdo
For the Times-News

ELKO — Illinois senator and Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is in all likelihood will be in Elko, Nev., in early August.

"We don't have an exact time because our advance team hasn't been there yet," said Obama campaign spokeswoman Katie Hogan. "Nothing's firm yet, but it is very, very likely he'll be there Aug. 5."

Obama is considered one of the front-runners to receive the Democratic nomination. Candidates from all parties are paying close attention to Nevada because the state, for the first time, will hold early caucuses Jan. 19 — meaning Nevada voters will have a significant impact on the 2008 presidential election.

Obama's visit is part of a rural America outreach campaign he is launching.

YOUR WEEKEND

Skates of gold

What: 2006 Olympic gold medal ice skaters Tatjana Totmanina and Maxim Marinin will headline the Sun Valley Ice Show.

Where: On the rink behind the Sun Valley Lodge.

When: Saturday, dusk.

How much: Tickets, which range from \$29 to \$49 for bleacher seats and \$67 to \$88 for dinner-and-show tickets, can be reserved by calling 622-2135.

Theatrical hijinks

What: West End Theatre will present Michael Frayn's comedy "Noises Off."

Where: Buhl High School auditorium.

When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$6

for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door or from any cast member.

Fair fun in Shoshone

What: The Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo continues in Shoshone.

Where: Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

When: Today and Saturday. Today's highlight: the carnival at 2 p.m. and the Idaho Cowboys Association/Intermountain Professional Cowboys Association rodeo at 8 p.m. Saturday's highlights include the market animal sale at 11 a.m.; carnival opens at 2 p.m.; and the Idaho Cowboys Association/Intermountain Professional Cowboys

Association rodeo at 8 p.m., with the crowning of the 2007 Lincoln County queen.

How much: Rodeo tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, and admission to the fair is free.

Art outdoors

What: The 48th annual Art in the Park Festival will be held in Twin Falls.

Where: City Park.

When: Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring handcrafted art work and handmade crafts, food and entertainment. Free concerts will feature The Glee and Take Barbershop Quartet, Sister Sue and the Seagrush Boys, the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, Melissa Kennedy and the Wind

Press Bard, The Word of Life Dancers, and Bob Nora.

How much: It's free.



All's fair in Ferry

What: The Elmore County Fair continues in Glens Ferry.

Where: Elmore County Fairgrounds.

When: Today and Saturday. Today's highlights include the carnival at 4 p.m.; working-dog exhibition at 4 p.m. in the arena; opening go-round of the Idaho Cowboys Association/Intermountain Professional Cowboys Association rodeo at 8 p.m.; and the Jeff Palmer Band concert at 9 p.m. Saturday's highlights include the University of Idaho 4-H Livestock Sale at 9 a.m., followed by Optimist Youth

Organization Livestock Sale at 11:30 a.m.; working-dog demonstration at 4 p.m.; final go-round of the rodeo at 8 p.m.; and Jeff Palmer Band concert at 9 p.m. on the midway.

How much: Admission to the fair for ages 7 and older is \$2; kids 6 and younger get in free. Rodeo tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth, \$3 for seniors and free for under 6.

Flying feet

What: The Idaho International Dance and Music Festival continues in Burley.

Where: Burley High School.

When: Today. A gala performance will be at 7:30 p.m. with pre-show at 7 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center.

How much: Tickets, which are \$5, \$10 and \$12.50, are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce or at the door.

Country rocks

What: Collin Rayo will perform in Jackpot.

When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.

Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.

How much: Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 801-1103.

Farmers and cowboys

What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!"

Where: Howells Opera House, Oakley.

When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. How much: Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

OBITUARIES

Nettie Smith Baird

TWIN FALLS — Nettie Smith Baird, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Nettie was born Nov. 18, 1931, in Malin, Idaho, the oldest of five children, to Henry and Louisa Smith. When Nettie was 2 years old, her family moved to Twin Falls. They later moved to Carey when she was a freshman in high school. Nettie met Donald Baird in Carey, and they were married on May 9, 1948, and seated in the Idaho Falls Temple in May of 1971. They celebrated their 59th anniversary this past spring.

Nettie worked in the stoke Primary and sang with the "Singing Mothers" (a Relief Society choir). She was also a 4-H leader for several years. In 1977, Nettie and Donald moved from Carey to Arco, where they run the Royal Café

until 1983. They moved to Twin Falls, where she was the assistant manager for the Weston Lampighter Motel until she retired.

Nettie is survived by her husband, Donald Baird of Twin Falls; her children, Barbara (Syd) Wood of Pocatello and Rusty (Carolyn) Baird of Bellevue; her sisters, Audrey (Cal) Peterson of Jerome and Marsha (Tom) Cenarusa of Twin Falls; her brothers, Bill Smith of Tropic and Larry (Gayden) Smith of Rockford; grandchildren, Dru Wood, Andrea Wood, Robin (Ted) Karren, Josh Wood, Bryan (Alli) Baird and Brooke (David) Robinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Louisa Smith.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Carey LDS Church. Burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Ralph Albert Egersdorf

GOODING — Ralph Albert Egersdorf, 80, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, died Monday, July 23, 2007, at his residence.

Ralph was born Dec. 29, 1926, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of James and Mary Straurippka Egersdorf. He married Carleen Prince on July 16, 1950, in Gooding. They farmed north of Gooding for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Carleen of Gooding; two sons, Robert Allen (Dorothy) Egersdorf and Mark Ronald (Sherr) Egersdorf, all of Gooding; two daughters, Roxie Lynn (Duane) Platt of Twin Falls and Robin Marie (Lance) Johns of Jerome; one sister, Mildred Conklin of Jerome; two sisters-in-law, Dollie (Del) Aldrich of Gooding and Edna

Egersdorf of Boise; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Larry and Roy Dean; five brothers, Ben, Charlie, Tony, Jerry and Louie Ben.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery. Family members and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 30, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to First Church of Christ, 147 Main St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

CASSIA BOYS AND GIRLS STATE DELEGATES FOR 2007



The Albion Legion Auxiliary Unit 124 selected five junior girls from Decio and Raft River High Schools to sponsor as delegates to the 2007 Sprynga Girls State June 10-16 at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. Shirley Clark, right, Girls State chairman, asked questions about government and current events. Judges for the event were Harriet Cole, Pat Gunderson, LaDean Pace and Mary Amende.

The delegates pictured are, from left, front, Gabrielle Stoker and Eliza Christensen, of Decio; and back, Jessica Johnson and Kria Bankhead, of Raft River. Not pictured is Elissa Call from Decio. Many local businesses are contributing toward the girls' expenses.



Burley High School delegates to the 2007 Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary area, from left, Chisil Fink, Danielle Adams, Sara Nelson and Kadi Baggett. The girls, who were juniors last year, were selected and are being sponsored by the Burley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17.



Burley High School delegates to the 2007 Boys State sponsored by the American Legion were Ryan Olson, left, and Nathan Broadhead, right. The boys, who are juniors this upcoming year, were selected and sponsored by the Burley American Legion Post 17. Boys State was June 3-9 at Gowen Field in Boise.



Decio High School delegates to the 2007 Boys State sponsored by the American Legion were Harley Goodhart, center left, and Zachary Carson, center right. The boys, who were juniors last year, were selected and sponsored by the Albion and Decio American Legion posts. Post members asked the boys questions about government and current events. Boys State was June 3-9 at Gowen Field in Boise. Also pictured are Don Gunderson, left, Albion Post Boys State chairman, and Fred Preston, right, Decio Post Boys State chairman.

Jerome, Raft River candidates to compete for Miss Teen of Idaho

CALDWELL — Stephanie Woodworth, daughter of Ken and Cinda Woodworth of Raft River, and Yvonne Bartholomew, daughter of Rocky and Lynette Bartholomew of Jerome, will be among the candidates competing for the title of Miss Teen of Idaho at the 2007 State Pageant, which will run today through Sunday in Caldwell.

The winner of the pageant at 11 a.m. Saturday will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, her high school will receive \$250 from the Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Program. The new state title holder will also be eligible to compete for the national title of Miss Teen of America and vie for additional scholarships, awards and prizes.

Each state candidate will be scored in six judging categories: scholastic record, achievement and service to school and community, personal development of talents and skills, general awareness written test, personality pro-

jection in formal wear, and interview.

"This pageant truly represents the young women of the 21st century," said Warren Alexander, national director. "Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes and testing, with the strongest single category being the interview with the judges."

The State Pageant Finals will be held at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, in the Jewett Auditorium on the Albion College Campus in Caldwell. The event is open to the general public, and tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Stephanie will be sponsored in the pageant by Ag West Distributing, Simplot Grower Solutions, First West/Les Schwab and Evans and Poulsen PA.

Yvonne will be sponsored in the pageant by Hatfield Manufacturing Inc. and ABC Enterprises LLC.



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Shirley DeLuca of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Betty Lou McCloud Peterson of Sacramento, Calif., memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery; a lunch will follow at the Odd Fellows/Rebekah Hall in Wendell.

E. Lucille Hurd Fearheller of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Marion B. Stowell of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Shoshone LDS Ward Chapel, 507 N. Greenwood; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church (Furnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Wayne T. Slack of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hazelton LDS

Church, 531 Middleton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Busman's Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Margaret Anne Noriyuki, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Edna J. Miller of Gooding, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Nellie Mae Morrison of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls LDS 7th Ward Church, 847 Eastland Drive N.

Gordon Adams of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mary L. Spurlock

TWIN FALLS — Mary Lee Spurlock, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Vannetta K. Padoris

MERIDIAN — Vannetta Kaye (Kramer) Padoris, 54, of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Amanda M. Sherman

KIMBERLY — Amanda Maria Sherman, 82, of Kimberly, died Wednesday July 25, 2007, at her son's home. Arrangements are pending

DEATH NOTICES

Loy R. Bledsaw

TWIN FALLS — Loy Ray Bledsaw, 68, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, July 26, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 30, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Helen A. McGrew

GLENN'S FERRY — Helen Adella (Brandt) McGrew, 97, of Glenns Ferry, died Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at a local care center. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at the Faith Lutheran Church, 1190 N. Sixth E. in Mountain Home. Cremation was under the direction of Post Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Elizabeth R. Gamboa

GOODING — Elizabeth

In honor of Jerome's Centennial year the North Side News is publishing an 80 page tabloid on the First Hundred Years of the North Side. This will be the third special section of this nature that the North Side News has produced. The others were: the Golden Jubilee celebrating the first 50 years, a Bicentennial edition on our nations 200th birthday and Jerome's 68th, and the History of the North Side, the First 75 Years.

This special section will be distributed to our subscribers in the August 2 edition and extra copies will be made available for sale to non-subscribers for only \$5. Copies can be picked up at the North Side News office at 133 East Main in Jerome or can be mailed to you for an additional \$3 to cover postage and handling.

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Bedkes

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 permit failed. According to a BLM press release, the Bedkes' cattle would be impounded if unauthorized use continued beyond July 26.

The Bedkes said that in 2004 BLM changed the original terms of the 1983 agreement by dividing the Goose Creek Group allotment, which allowed the Bedkes and three other ranchers to collectively graze their animals on land east of Goose Creek, into private allotments where each rancher has exclusive grazing rights.

Permit forms offered to the Bedkes require them to abide by terms and conditions established in that 2004 division. But the Bedkes said herding cattle from their winter shelter just south of Oakley to the proposed individual allotment at the southern end of the range creates extraordinary hardships.

"We were forced by the BLM's actions in this matter to file suit to protect our private

property and private property rights," said Jared Bedke. "It looks like the only thing we have to fight this with is court action."

Mike Courtney, rangeland management specialist for BLM's Burley field office, said the 2004 division of the Goose Creek Group allotment was undertaken because the overall health of the range was suffering. He said although Bruce Bedke protested the division, he never submitted a formal appeal.

"This isn't stuff we just did to him," Courtney said. "He had a choice in this. He had a chance to go through due process, and he just didn't. I think we're being reasonable."

Courtney said the Bedkes should not face any major obstacle while driving cattle to their new private allotment from the winter shelter. The pasture, he said, can still use the pastures in the range's northern reaches to rest their cattle along the way.

"If they need to overnight

there, they can," Courtney said.

The Bedkes also say the Goose Creek range is not public land and is therefore not rightfully managed by BLM. They say their family has grazed cattle on the range since 1878. In 1955, final allotment of grazing rights was awarded to ranchers in the Goose Creek range according to their prior, established use of the land. Because the Bedkes' right was among those allotted at that time, they say they believe those rights exclude the property from being considered public land.

The agreement in 1953 between ranchers and BLM, the family says, was designed to arbitrate the division of grazing allotments between groups and individuals, but did not surrender management of the range itself.

"They just keep pushing and pushing and pushing on these permits until the permit doesn't even resemble what my dad signed," Bruce Bedke said.

Dancers

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Previous years have seen dancers from Peru, the Czech Republic, China and numerous other countries.

Croatian dancer Marina Maric, 21, said working with the children relaxes her, especially considering much of their 21 days in America involve major performances. The other times they perform, the dancers' makeup needs to be right and floral-print dresses need to be lightened. Teaching the children some dance moves and bits of Croatian is much more fun, she said.

"They (the children) run around and play and it is fun for them," Maric said, about 10 minutes after children swarmed the troupe for autographs. "The other shows are very for seeing, so it has to be perfect."

Times-News writer Nick Collrain can be reached at 735-3371 or ncollrain@magicalvalley.com.

Killers to be sentenced together

POCAHELLO (AP) — Two teenagers convicted of killing a classmate will have separate evidentiary hearings but will be sentenced at the same time, a judge has ruled.

Sixth District Judge Peter D. McDermott ruled Wednesday that Brian Draper, will keep his original

court date of Aug. 21, and that Torey Adamek's hearing will be on Aug. 22.

The two defendants, Draper, 17, Adamek, 16, both arrested on Sept. 27, five days after stabbing Cassie Jo Stoddard, will then return to court together on Aug. 24 for the sentencing phase.

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ALBION REUNION SATURDAY



A reunion will be held for Albion Training School and High School students Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center (old Training School) in Albion. Registration and light refreshments will be at 8 a.m. and a discussion led by Bob Price will be held at 10:30 a.m. A catered dinner will be available at 12:30 p.m. for \$12.50 per person. For more information, call Helen Sorenson at 673-6632, Bob Price at 673-5366 or Norman Szyer at 654-2310. From left are alumni members from a previous reunion, back, Jack Rowe, Glenn Engliking, Dale Bell, Keith Amende, Glen Tremayne; and front, Leland Tremayne, John Hapworth and John Wiesel.

Paul women to celebrate 80th birthdays at open house

PAUL — June Nelbaur and Marva Nelbaur, both of Paul, will be honored at an open house for their 80th birthdays from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., Paul.



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NASA reports sabotage of computer that was to fly next month

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A space program worker allegedly damaged a computer that is supposed to fly aboard shuttle Endeavour in less than two weeks, an act of sabotage that was caught before the equipment was loaded onto the spacecraft, NASA said Thursday.



Gerstenmaier

The unidentified employee, who works for a NASA contractor, cut wires inside the computer that is supposed to be delivered to the international space station by Endeavour, officials said.

NASA will probe reports of astronauts' pre-flight drinking

WASHINGTON — NASA officials said Thursday that they will look into reports that astronauts were allowed to fly not long after drinking alcohol on several occasions after warnings that they were intoxicated and a potential flight-safety risk.

rollers on Earth. The damage would have needed no danger to either shuttle or station astronauts, said Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA's space operations chief. The worker also damaged a similar computer that was not meant to fly in space, Gerstenmaier said. Gerstenmaier did not identify the subcontractor or where the damage took place. The subcontractor notified NASA 1 1/2 weeks ago about the matter, as soon as it discovered the damage to the non-flying computer. NASA immediately checked the computer at the Kennedy Space Center and discovered the additional damage. Officials would have caught the problem through testing before flight, even if the subcontractor had not alerted NASA beforehand, Gerstenmaier said. "The damage is very obvious. It's easy to detect. It's not a mystery to us," he said.

reports in its "findings of fact," but passes on the information as something for the agency to follow up on. "We take this and other parts of the reports very seriously and will look into it," Mould said. "But we need to verify the facts before we can know what the appropriate action might be." The reports were first published online Thursday by Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine. The two NASA reviews were ordered by Administrator Michael Griffin following the arrest in February of astronaut Lisa Nowak.

TB patient who created health scare by flying to Europe released from hospital, returns to Ga.

By Colleen Slevin Associated Press writer

DENVER — The tuberculosis patient who created an international health scare when he flew to Europe for his wedding was released from a hospital Thursday after successfully completing inpatient treatment, officials said.



Skinner

Andrew Skinner, an Atlanta attorney who had a multidrug-resistant strain of TB, underwent surgery July 17 to remove a diseased portion of his right lung. The doctors who treated him at National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver don't consider him to be completely cured, but the lung operation and antibiotic treatments "have eliminated any detectable evidence of infection," the hospital said. Skinner, who spent eight weeks in the hospital, will still need to continue antibiotic treatment for about two years. Hospital spokesman William Alstetter said Thursday that Skinner had left Denver in an

air ambulance and returned to Georgia to recuperate. He would not specify where he went, but Skinner was not in a hospital, Skinner, reached by telephone Thursday, declined to comment. "He arrived there safely and he is happy to be home," Alstetter said. Skinner is not contagious and could have flown by commercial airliner, but "everyone involved in the case decided the air ambulance was a better choice because of the attention the case has attracted, the hospital said. Alstetter said Skinner is no longer under an isolation order but was instructed to check in with county health officials in Georgia. As with other TB patients, a health worker must visit Skinner to take his drugs to make sure he

stays on the five-days-a-week regimen, he said. Federal health officials worked with the Denver hospital to develop a plan to monitor Skinner's treatment, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spokesman Tom Skinner said. Skinner became the focus of a federal investigation and prompted an international uproar in May when he went ahead with the wedding trip after health officials said they had advised him not to fly. CDC officials notified him while he was there that tests indicated he had extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis; later tests found only the less dangerous multidrug-resistant TB.

Rather than check into a European hospital, Skinner flew to Canada, drove across the border and turned himself in at a U.S. hospital. For a few days, he held the designation as the first American quarantined by the federal government since 1963. He was transferred to National Jewish on May 31. Almost all the U.S. passengers who were with Skinner on a May 12 flight from Atlanta to Paris have been contacted, and preliminary tests found no sign they were infected.

Federal judge strikes down city's tough anti-illegal immigration law

By Michael Rubinkam Associated Press writer

HAZLETON, Pa. — A federal judge on Thursday struck down Hazleton's tough anti-illegal immigration law, ruling unconstitutional a measure that has been copied around the country.



Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta, center, recites the 'Pledge of Allegiance' before the start of the City Council meeting in July 2006 in Hazleton, Pa. Barletta, a Republican, shot to fame as a national spokesman for tougher immigration enforcement.

The city's illegal Immigration Reform Act sought to impose fines on landlords who rent to illegal immigrants and deny business permits to companies that give them jobs. Another measure would have required tenants to register with City Hall and pay for a rental permit. U.S. District Judge James Munley voided the law Thursday based on testimony from a nine-day trial held in March. Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta called the decision "bizarre" and said he intends to file an appeal.

This was a case where a federal judge protected the rights of anonymous illegal aliens," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "This fight's far from over." The Republican mayor had pushed for the strict laws last

summer after two illegal immigrants were charged in a fatal shooting. Barletta argued that illegal immigrants brought drugs, crime and gangs to the city of more than 30,000, overwhelming police and schools. Immigrant groups sued, saying the laws usurp the federal government's exclusive power to regulate immigration, deprive residents of their constitutional rights to equal protection, and violate state and federal housing law. In a 206-page opinion, Munley said the act was preempted by federal law and

would violate due process rights. "Whatever frustrations ... the city of Hazleton may feel about the current state of federal immigration enforcement, the nature of the political system in the United States prohibits the city from enacting ordinances that disrupt a carefully drawn federal statutory scheme," — U.S. District Judge James Munley

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IDAHO

Idaho officials to review Texas prison Thursday in advance of inmate move

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke next Thursday will visit a private Texas prison where he intends to shift 56 inmates in September, after problems including abuse by guards, deplorable conditions and a suicide emerged at previous facilities in that state.

Reinke, who concedes lax oversight by Idaho contributed to problems, and three other Idaho officials will review the Val Verde Correctional Facility and Jail in Dol Rio, Texas, run by Florida-based private prison firm The GEO Group. The prison area where Idaho inmates are due to be housed at Val Verde is part of a new 650-bed addition, Reinke said. Still, he wants to make sure the facility located near the Mexican border meets Idaho standards so the recurring problems at

the two previous GEO-run prisons aren't repeated.

"On contracts in general, we're going to be stepping that up," Reinke told The Associated Press this week. "We want to take a firsthand look."

About 450 Idaho inmates were first moved beyond state borders in 2005 to relieve overcrowding at prisons here, where there are more than 7,000 inmates — but not enough room to house them all.

They were incarcerated at the Newton County Correctional Center in Newton, Texas, until August 2006, when they were moved following allegations of abuse by guards to the Dickens County Correctional Center in Spur, Texas.

But Reinke, who took over in January, acknowledges his agency didn't do enough to scrutinize — conditions — at Dickens before Idaho inmates

were shipped there. And from August 2006 to March 2007, Idaho prison officials only visited the Dickens County facility one time.

The March 4 suicide by Scot Noble Payne, a convicted sex offender, and a subsequent investigation illuminated conditions that one Idaho prison official described as "beyond repair."

One concern: There have been problems at Val Verde, too.

Inmate LeTisha Tapia killed herself there in 2004 after alleging she was raped by another inmate and sexually humiliated by a guard. And a black guard accused his captain of keeping a hangman's noose in his office and a photo of himself in a Ku Klux Klan hood in his desk.

Val Verde County has been forced to hire a full-time prison monitor — to keep a watch-on-prison operations as part of a

settlement with Tapia's family. Reinke has pledged to improve oversight of conditions at Texas prisons through what he's calling a "virtual prison" that his agency adopted earlier this week. It's modeled after a similar system in Washington state, he said.

Here's how it works: Thirteen Idaho Department of Correction employees have been organized to oversee 2,400 inmates now being held either in county jails in Idaho, or in "contract prisons."

Under Randy Blades, a warden at the Idaho State Correction institution south of Boise, the virtual prison staff will oversee contract bed operations — including security, health care and food services, and make both announced and unannounced onsite inspections. Reinke plans to reallocate money from existing vacant positions in Idaho to pay for the new oversight program.

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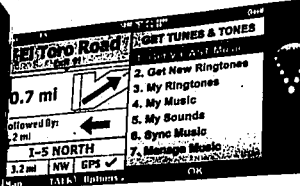
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Wild horse roundup begins in SW Idaho

BOISE (AP) — A wild horse roundup has begun with the help of a "Judas horse" tied to a trap straight into a trap.

Crews with the Bureau of Land Management and private contractors used a helicopter to capture 14 wild horses Wednesday in the Owyhee Mountains of southwest Idaho to put up for adoption.

The horses are from the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger herd management areas, and managers say removing some of them will prevent the herds from growing too large and overgrazing the rangelands.

"There aren't many predators, not much death loss," BLM spokesman Tom Miles said. "These populations get pretty big pretty fast. You'd double in four years."

A helicopter was used to direct the horses out of the mountains, keeping them together and preventing them from heading up side canyons, until they entered a funnel formed by fences and the Judas horse led them through the gate and into a corral.

"You hate to see these beautiful horses come in, but they are way over their numbers," said Sabrina Amidon of Friends of Mustangs, which independently observes the roundups. "The Owyhee herds have some of the nicest mustangs."

BLM plans to capture 296 wild horses from the area by Aug. 3.

Horses brought by Spanish conquistadors began roaming the West in the 1500s. Ranchers in the 1800s started releasing Morgan and quar-



A helicopter pilot herds off a band of wild horses, herding them into trap, Wednesday at the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger Herd Management Areas in the Owyhee Mountains southeast of Marsing, Idaho.

terhorse stallions to boost the genetics of the herds.

Ranchers captured wild horses themselves until 1971, after President Nixon signed the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act, making it illegal for anyone but federal employees to capture and remove the animals.

Idaho has six wild horse herds with about 500 horses. Nevada has more than 20,000 wild horses, and nationally about 44,000 wild horses roam on public rangeland.

Before the roundup the Black Mountain had an estimated 89 wild horses, compared with what officials said

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— Sabrina Amidon of Friends of Mustangs, which independently observes the roundups

was a reasonable population of 30 to 60, and Hardtrigger had 258 with a management objective of 66 to 130.

Miles said the wild horse populations grow about 20 percent each year. Previous roundups took place in 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2003.

After being captured, the horses are taken by truck to the Boise District Corral in Boise to be sorted, examined and immunized, said the Chris Robbins, Wild Horse and Burro Program lead with the BLM. Some horses are returned to the wild, he added.

Horses ages 1 to 5 are scheduled for viewing on Aug. 24 at the corral, followed by adoption over the next two days. Minimum bids are \$125 for one horse and \$250 for a mare with a foal.

"They can be a lifetime friend," said Antlion, who has raised 38 mustangs in 32 years. "I've had nothing but joy with these horses."

Older horses and those not adopted are sent to pastures in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas to live out their days.

Firefighting helicopter crash injures two pilots

BOISE (AP) — A helicopter dropping water on fires in northcentral Idaho crash-landed in a marshy area, injuring its two pilots.

The helicopter, a privately owned Bell 214 hired by the U.S. Forest Service to make bucket drops on the 60-square-mile East Zone Complex of three fires northeast of McCall, damaged its cabin when it went down Wednesday evening. It ended up on its side in a marshy area between a small lake and timber where the fire is burning. The aircraft did not burn.

A firefighting airplane that was flying in the area at the time alerted authorities who deployed another helicopter from McCall to retrieve the two injured pilots.

They were able to move away from the downed chopper and reach a spot where the second helicopter could pick them up, Forest Service officials said.

One of the pilots was treated at McCall Memorial Hospital and released while the other was being held there "for a few days for observation," said George Broyles, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman. He declined to give details of their injuries, or provide information about the helicopter's owner. The pilots were not identified.

The accident inside the Payette National Forest underscores the danger of firefighting wildfires around the West from the air: Three Forest Service firefighters and a pilot died last Aug. 14 when their helicopter crashed, also in the Payette National Forest.

"We can be awful glad that both pilots are out of there," Broyles said.

The hospital declined to provide any information on the second pilot.

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Ex-commissioner says UI Law School illegally defends immigrants

MOSCOW (AP) — A former Canyon County commissioner and vocal foe of illegal immigration says instructors and students at the University of Idaho Law School are breaking the law by offering free legal representation to people who face deportation or other immigration proceedings.

"Federal law states that anyone who aids and abets an illegal alien in remaining in the United States is committing a felony," Robert Vasquez told the Lewiston Tribune.

Monica Schurtman, a UI professor and supervising attorney for the Tribal Clinic, laughed off Vasquez's criticism.

"This is really funny," she said. "What we try to do is get our clients in a well-established legal system to remain legal in the United States."

Schurtman said the immigration aspect was added to the clinic in 2009 when she saw immigration as a growing concern in the state.

"In 2000, it was obvious to me that there was a huge jump in the immigrant population coming," Schurtman said. "It's something I've always been passionate about."

Vasquez ended a Senate campaign after running out of money, but said he is considering again challenging U.S. Rep. Bill Sali, R-Idaho.

"If they are a legal alien, and

they have committed a crime, and they have been convicted, then their legal status is revoked and they're deported," Vasquez said. "If they are illegal aliens, they deserve no representation; they should be apprehended immediately and deported. How difficult is that to understand?"

Schurtman said an example of the type of work the clinic does was a Chinese immigrant detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for four years. The Chinese government was after the man for violating China's marriage laws by having more than one child.

Arguing before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, UI students won the case and the man was given political asylum.

"The immigration courts and the immigration board of appeals told him he had no right to be here," Schurtman said. "Then, after four years, he had the right to be here."

Schurtman said immigration, both legal and illegal, will likely increase with economic incentives that encourage people to cross borders.

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Bomb kills 25 in Iraqi market

By Megan Greenwell
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A car bomb tore through a crowded market in central Baghdad on Thursday evening, killing at least 25 people and injuring 110, police said.

A cloud of black smoke rose over much of the city after the explosion, which set a three-story apartment building on fire. Police said many of the victims were women shopping for food or clothing.

The explosion was the latest in a string of car bombs in Karrada, a largely Shiite district long considered one of Baghdad's safest neighborhoods. More than 50 people have been killed in seven car

bomb attacks in the neighborhood this month. There was no significant violence in Karrada in June, police records show.

Since the war began, Karrada had been one of few places in Baghdad to have escaped intense sectarian violence. Sunnis and Shiites driven out of other areas of the capital flocked to the neighborhood, willing to pay high rents for the promise of some safety.

A sprawling set of streets with dozens of produce stalls, clothing stores and restaurants, Karrada is especially known for its jewelry stores, which sell products from cheap costume bracelets to gold rings. Thursday after-

noons are one of the busiest times in Karrada, as people finish their shopping before the midday curfew on Friday, the Muslim holy day.

The sudden wave of attacks jarred many Baghdad residents, who had come to regard Karrada as a place where they could spend a leisurely few hours with relatively little fear. Police said they will increase patrols around the area, especially after the Iraqi soccer team plays in its first-ever Asian Cup championship on Sunday.

"I used to feel comfortable and secure when I went to Karrada," said Shaymaa Hassan, 24. "I liked to shop for clothes and shoes there. Now I don't go unless I have to.



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Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, says he will urge Congress in September to give President Bush's strategy in Iraq more time.

U.S. general, diplomat in Iraq warn against cutting U.S. troop buildup

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The top U.S. general and diplomat in Iraq warned on Thursday against cutting short the American troop buildup and suggested they would urge Congress in September to give President Bush's strategy more time.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus, in separate Associated Press interviews at their offices in the U.S. Embassy on the banks of the Tigris, were careful not to define a timeframe for continuing the counterinsurgency strategy — and the higher U.S. troop levels — that began six months ago.

Still, Petraeus' comments signaled that he would like to see a substantial U.S. combat force remain on its current course well into 2008 and perhaps beyond. He said that a drawdown from today's level of 160,000 U.S. troops is coming but he would not say when.

Petraeus said he and his top deputy, Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, are working on how to carry out a reduction in the extra troops Bush ordered to Baghdad and to Anbar province. He said the drawdown would be done "over time, without undermining what we've fought to achieve."

With the American public's patience wearing thin, many in Congress are pressing for a troop reduction soon. Bush has resisted, saying he is waiting to receive the advice of Petraeus and Crocker in September.

Pressed repeatedly on when he thought troop levels could be reduced and other U.S. involvement scaled back, Crocker said: "It's going to take longer than September."

He said he saw his mission as ensuring "we're all looking at reality. I don't think any service is done either in Iraq or the U.S. by saying, again, 'It's going to be OK by November.' This is hard. There is tremendous damage that's been done physically, politically, socially and it's going to take time to repair."

U.S. military officers have said in recent interviews that while troop levels should be

determined as conditions evolve, they see little reason to remove the full 30,000 U.S. troop buildup before next summer. Some say they can foresee beginning some reductions by summer or earlier.

Petraeus said he would make his case in September, when he and Crocker are due to report to Congress on military and political progress and on their recommendations for the future.

He said the troop buildup has clearly established "netical momentum," meaning its more aggressive efforts to secure volatile neighborhoods in Baghdad and areas around the Tigris are succeeding. The bigger issue is whether, those gains will lead to a stability that can be sustained over time.

"The surge enables us to turn the tide just a bit in key places," the four-star general said in an hour-long interview.

Asked what more the U.S. military needs to accomplish to put Iraq on a steeper track, Petraeus ticked off a list that included furthering the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces, which are intended to gradually take over for U.S. forces, beginning in areas where security and political conditions allow.

"We want to make much more progress against al-Qaida. We would like to build on the early momentum from local groups rejecting al-Qaida and militias," Petraeus said. We want to continue to gain on the violence in Baghdad neighborhoods and stabilize it but to create a way ahead that can be sustained by the Iraqis over time. We want to, where possible, frankly, to continue the process of handing off to Iraqis."

Crocker spoke more directly of his concern that if the United States were to withdraw now Iraq would be plunged into a humanitarian disaster.

"It is not as though we can simply decide that we do not want to be involved anymore and the movie comes to an end," he said. "The movie will keep on rolling in Iraq and in the region whether we're here or not."

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Prepare ye, for the end of summer is near

(Editor's note: Richard Simpson's column is a new addition to the Outdoors section. It will appear twice each month.)

Despite searing daytime temperatures approaching triple digits and the general impasse against Mother Nature may be waging a "Scorched Earth" campaign against her western lands, many of us are blissfully enjoying our favorite summer outdoor activities and eagerly anticipating the approaching fall "openers."

SHOOTING THE BULL Richard Simpson

And if your recreational pursuits take you into the great outdoors, this is the column for you. One week may find you speaking with a local expert on fine tuning a compound bow. Another, we'll listen in on an elk-calling seminar at Sportsman's Warehouse or attend a meeting of the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife.

The intent is to create a forum for your interests and inquiries. It is our hope that you will contact us with your questions, comments and suggestions for future articles.

Today we're going to take a look at preparing ourselves and our equipment for the firearms seasons soon to be upon us. Stilling weather aside, it really isn't too soon to prepare.

I want you to know right up front that I'm not attempting to preach to the choir here, for many of you already lavish your firearms with codices of loving care. Today's target audience (pun intended) is those sportsmen and women that look upon their weapons as "tools" and as such may provide only minimal care during and after their seasonal use.

Here's an example. While visiting my in-laws in Bountiful, Utah, earlier this summer, my game brothers-in-law Rudy came trotting out of the back bedroom toting an old dusty gray flannel gun case. Dropping the sodden bundle onto my lap, he proudly commanded me to "have a look inside."

"After a few mighty tugs, I succeeded in freeing his 'rusty deer slayer' from its moldy sarco-phagus. (The dang front sight kept hanging up on the case's shredded lining.)

I have to confess to letting out a mild shriek when I caught my first glimpse of his "treasure." By the looks of it, I wouldn't have been surprised if preliminary carbon-dating would have suggested that Rudy's gun last slipped into its cotton sleeve about the same time that Tut, the hay king, was being spirited into his own linen easement.

That gun looked bad. Beneath the accumulated gook, grime and surface rust lay a barely 191 lever action. As bad as the metalwork appeared, what concerned me most was the rifle's stock. Down through the years,

its sparse and inadequate factory finish had allowed moisture to enter and leave its woodwork at will.

The result: The stock had shrank away from contact with the action in several critical areas. Even worse, there was a sizable crack through the butt section of the stock. (An inappropriate pun comes to mind here.)

Rudy asked me if I would mind "sprucing her up a bit and getting her dialed in for hunting season."

I didn't mind. In fact, my ministrations to Rudy's neglected rifle became the impetus for today's fine tale. Here are some easy-to-follow tips that will keep

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White (water) wedding

Couple exchanges vows on Snake River



At the launch site, Tucker Peterson paddles toward other kayakers waiting for guests to climb aboard the rafts.

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

You can plan a wedding for a year, donate money to the church and have access to the cathedral, but it will never be match the recent wedding of Lora Peterson and Sean Huddleston.

The two exchanged vows down a stretch of Class IV-V whitewater on a ledge in a famous rapid called Let's Make a Deal located on the Snake River between Murtaugh and Twin Falls.



Lora Peterson demonstrates her kayaking skills as she drops the falls at Pair-a-Dice.

"I wasn't even nervous," said the bride, "until we got to Hooker Bar." Hooker Bar is just a few paddle strokes away from the couple's chosen wedding chapel.

To have gotten to their church among the basalt pillars of Let's Make a Deal, you would have had to belay down 200 feet of vertical canyon wall, scramble boulders and fight through poison ivy and stinging nettle. Or you could take a river ride.

That's the route Peterson and Huddleston took.

Peterson wedding nerves were non-existent because she and Huddleston, along with 35 guests, had just paddled and rowed 10 miles of Class III and IV whitewater, enough to divert anyone's attention from a future event. In good whitewater, you deal with "now."

According to Peterson's brother, Zack Peterson, Lora and Sean struck a deal last 'spring. "Sean said he'd get married the next time the Murtaugh ran (had enough

water for boating)." Lora had to agree to a whitewater wedding.

It wasn't a hard bargain because Lora Peterson is a proficient kayaker. And on July 13 — Friday the 13th — the Murtaugh was running about 1,500 cubic feet per second. Not much compared to last years 20,000 CFS, but enough for skilled botmen and kayakers to make the run, and enough to give the guest raft crews a charge.

There was no chauffeur or limo for Sean and Lora. They came under their own paddle power in their kayaks.

Searching for words to describe the river trip, Donna Peterson, Lora's mother, said, "It was ... thrilling."

There were flips, tips and dips — and some short swims — but all of the guests, including the minister, Bert Cobb, arrived at the chapel safely.

Originally the couple had chosen Pair-a-Dice for the wedding spot, but there is no space for guests on the basalt pillars that define that rapid and waterfall. Hence, it was on to Let's Make a Deal.

At Let's Make a Deal, the couple chose Door Four and a Half. (In this Deal, there are six doors from which to choose, not three as there are on the television show.) Let's Make a Deal is an apt metaphor for life and an apt place for a wedding. Life is a series of choices and making the right choices, choosing the river least traveled, will make all the difference for the bride and groom. And Door Four and a Half is beautiful, challenging, and rewarding.



Lora Peterson, the bride, smiles as she paddles white-water on the way to her wedding.



Sean Huddleston, the groom, stops to play in a hole on his way to his wedding.



The bride and groom exchange rings a Door Four and a Half in kayak helmet, dry top and skirt ensemble.



Captain Jerry Gleoge's crew of wedding guests bravely run Pair-a-Dice on the way to the wedding spot.

All of the notions that help make a vibrant union. Good dreams, a good marriage.

Literally speaking, there's not much more to say than Peterson and Huddleston arrived at their cathedral under their own power with their commitment well thought out.

The wedding ceremony required a day's journey (six and a half hours), an expedition one might say, choreographed by Chris and Susan

Huddleston, Sean's parents. There are outdoor weddings, then there are far-out outdoor weddings like Lora's and Sean's which required guests and participants to take a trip down one of Idaho's most famous stretches of seriously engaging whitewater.

By the sheer force of the water and the tenacity of the canyon, all were unified in a single cause: To get the bride and groom safely to the

chapel where Lora's father, Dave Peterson, walked her to a basalt ledge at the water's edge where she and Sean took their vows and exchanged rings.

The river trip wasn't over. There were still two tough rapids — Red Shank and Duck Blind — and the benign Idaho Connection, a good start for the whitewater lovers' honeymoon.

And with that, they paddled off west, into the sunset.

OUTDOORS

Ways to keep bears out of camp

Times-News

JEROME — With summer temperatures continuing to rise and natural food sources for bears becoming harder to find, human interactions with bears are increasing.

As campers, backpackers and hikers venture into the woods, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is asking people to be mindful of their food and garbage. The same cautions apply to homeowners in bear country.

Black bears travel great distances while switching from spring to summer foods — and berries and other natural foods are scarce, human food becomes appealing.

Below are a few tips for

around the camp:

- Keep a clean camp. Pick up garbage and store it in a closed vehicle or in a plastic bag tied high in a tree. Store all food in bear-resistant containers, camper or vehicle. Never keep food in your tent.
- Do not bury food scraps, pour out cooking grease, or leave anything that might be tasty on the ground or in the fire pit. Also, store barbecue grills or other smelly cooking gear inside your vehicle or within a sealed container. Bears have a tremendous sense of smell and they will come looking for an easy meal.
- If you see a bear, watch it from a distance and leave it alone. Black bears are not typically aggressive, but the dan-

- ger may increase if a bear loses its fear of humans.
- Homeowners can avoid most conflicts with bears by practicing the following:
 - Keep garbage in bear-proof, latched containers. Keep garbage in a closed building until the morning the garbage will be picked up.
 - Empty and remove bird feeders during the summer months. Songbirds are able to forage on food provided by nature. Bears find that bird feeders are an easy food source.
 - Clean up fruit that has fallen from fruit trees in your yard. In addition to bears, rotting fruit will attract raccoons and skunks.
 - Feed pets inside or during

- daylight hours; do not leave pet food or food scraps outside of your home or camp. Table scraps and pet foods make a great attractant for bears.
 - Store horse and livestock grains inside closed barns.
 - Composting in bear country is not advised. Decomposing organic materials will attract bears.
 - Keep barbecue grills stored in closed buildings.
- Most bear complaints happen in August when bears are traveling in search of food. Black bears will eat almost anything. People living and playing in bear country just need to remember to be bear aware.
- For more information, call 324-4359.

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Sportsmen should pick up control hunt tag now

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is urging sportsmen to pick up their controlled hunt permits and tags now to avoid the last-minute rush of the Aug. 1 deadline.

"Every year we have people call or drop by the office after the deadline and try to purchase their permits and tags," said David Parrish, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Supervisor for the Magic Valley Region. "By then it is too late and there is nothing we can do to help them. We can only suggest they apply for the second controlled hunt drawings for the unclaimed permits."

To pick up their permits and tags, sportsmen may go to any license vendor in the state, go online at <http://dfs.idaho.gov/mv/itcenses/> or call 1-800-554-8885.

The cost is \$7.75 for the controlled hunt permit, plus the cost of the tag. Deer tags cost \$19.75, elk are \$30.75, antelope are \$31.25 and bear tags are \$11.50.

People not drawing controlled hunt permits in the first round can apply from Aug. 5-15 for the second controlled hunt drawing. The second drawing will be held Aug. 20. Any left over permits will go on sale Aug. 25.

Residents may begin purchasing general season tags on Aug. 1.

The application fee for the second controlled hunt drawing is \$6.50. For more information, call 324-4359.

Wright (Magic Valley region) will attend the workshop to participate and take feedback.

The workshop is designed for audience participation and contributions. Public input is a key step to revising the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan this year.

A free lunch is provided to those who attend, and there will be free drawings for great prizes at the end of the workshop.

Seating is limited, so to secure your lunch reservation or for more information, call the Fish and Game in Pocatello at 232-4703.

Salvage order issued for Little Camas Reservoir

LITTLE CAMAS RESERVOIR — Due to low water, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has removed the bag, possession and size limits on Little Camas Reservoir in Elmore County.

Anglers must use normal fishing methods to catch the fish. A valid Idaho fishing license is also required.

For more information on the salvage order, call 324-4359.

JAKES Day to offer activities for youth

JEROME — JAKES Day will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Jerome County Fair. The event, presented by the National Wild Turkey Federation, South Hills Strutters Chapter, will offer a free fishing tournament and other activities for youth ages 17 and under. A free JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) membership will also be offered. For more information, contact John Howard at Sportsman's Warehouse at 737-9900.

F&G hosts free Mule Deer Management Workshop

POCATELLO — All hunters and wildlife enthusiasts are invited to participate in the upcoming Mule Deer Management Workshop scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4, at Idaho State University in Pocatello. This free workshop sponsored by the Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Foundation and Sportsman's Warehouse will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Plant Sciences Lecture Hall, room 114.

Participants will learn about mule deer biology and behavior to improve their chances of hunting and viewing success. The results of the state-wide mule deer hunter survey will also be shared and an update on the Mule Deer Initiative will be provided.

Mule deer experts, Dr. John Kle and Dr. Terry Bowyer of ISU as well as mule deer management experts Rick Kain, from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, will share their experiences with mule deer throughout the western United States.

Fish and Game Commissioners Cameron Wheeler (Upper Snake Region commission chairman), Randy Butte (south-east region), and Wayne

Salmon Celebration scheduled for Saturday

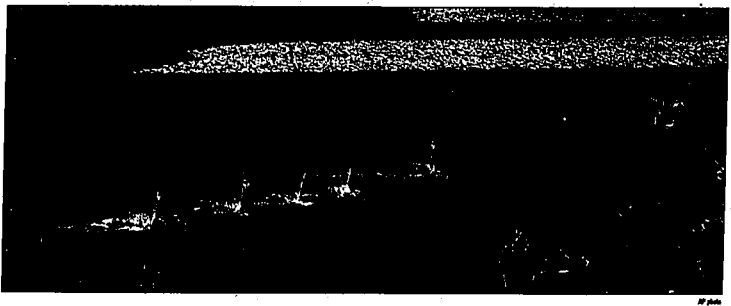
STANLEY — Redfish Lake Visitor Center in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area will host Salmon Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The center, located five miles south of Stanley on Highway 75. The event includes costumes, story telling, wildlife costumes, exhibits and videos.

Simpson

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- all of our firearms functioning at their best, increasing both their useful life and value.
1. First of all, cloister yourself in a work area with lots of elbow room and adequate ventilation. (Lots of today's wonder chemical cleaners are extremely aggressive and strong smelling).
 2. Wear protective eye-glasses and gloves.
 3. Lubricate the metal action from the wooden or synthetic stock. Note: disassemble only to the degree of your competency or as instructed in the owner's manual.
 4. Use one of the excellent general purpose cleaners available (Action Blaster, Gun Scrubber, auto brake cleaner, etc.) and an old toothbrush to loosen and remove surface crud from the action.
 5. Scrupulously clean the bolt and trigger mechanisms, carefully following manual instructions.
 6. This is an excellent time to scrub your firearm's bore free of powder and copper fouling. An upcoming col-

7. The stock. If the interior and exterior surfaces are not adequately waterproofed, they will admit moisture leading to stock warpage and inaccuracy. Refinish entire stock or areas needing attention. I like to protect all my rifle stock with a few coats of Johnson's Paste Wax.
 8. Apply a metal protectant oil to action surfaces (again I like Johnson's Paste Wax).
 9. Lubricate moving parts, reciprocating surfaces with a quality synthetic oil. (Fetra-Break-Free CLR Item Oil, etc.) following maker's directions.
 10. Carefully reassemble action to stock. Check manual for action screw torquing.
 11. Check scope mounting system for tightness, alignment.
 12. Clean scope lens surfaces/body as per maker's instructions.
- With the foresight and care, our guns will keep "puttin' em in the black and 'bravin' home the bacon" for years to come.
- Happy hunting.

ALL IN A ROW



Mule deer cross the Grand Ronde River at Rogersburg, Wash., on July 23.

Feds propose habitat for bighorn sheep

By Garance Burke
Associated Press writer

BRESNO, Calif. — More than 400,000 acres of wildlands in the Eastern Sierra Nevada should serve as a protected habitat for an endangered mountain sheep rebounding from the threat of extinction, the federal government said Wednesday.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed critical habitat designation is a response to a 2005 lawsuit by environmentalists, who claimed the Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep couldn't recover because their habitat wasn't protected as required under the Endangered Species Act.

Wednesday's proposal should end the argument, federal officials said.

"The whole purpose of the act isn't just to put species on the list," said Lisa Belenky, an attorney with the San Francisco-based Center for Biological Diversity, which filed the suit. "This is a good first step, because by preserving habitat, you're able to bring the species back from extinction."

The bighorns live much of the year atop the Sierra Nevada's granite peaks, where they forage for sagebrush and grasses. But predatory mountain lions and genetic problems caused by inbreeding have caused the population to crash.

Before the turn of the century, thousands of wild bighorns lived in the high Sierra. But only about 100 survived as recently as 1990, a year before the Fish and Wildlife Service listed the sheep as endangered.

In their lawsuit, environmentalists singled out as a particular problem: the U.S. Forest Service's decision to allow ranchers to graze



In this updated photo provided by California Department of Fish and Game, a California bighorn sheep stands on a rock. More than 400,000 acres of wildlands in the Eastern Sierra Nevada should serve as a protected habitat for an endangered mountain sheep rebounding from the threat of extinction, the federal government said Wednesday.

whose members graze their lambs and ewes in the Mono Lake area. "We will probably lose substantial amounts of grazing on private, state and federal ground."

Federal officials control most of the land where the sheep, *Ovis canadensis californicus*, live.

The proposed 417,577-acre critical habitat area runs from Tulumaine to Tulare counties and juts into the Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe national forests, along with neighboring land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Once the proposal becomes final next year, government agencies and private landowners inside its geographical boundaries will have to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service to see whether a specific project — like sheep grazing — would jeopardize the bighorn's habitat or its recovery.

That's already the case for two other endangered species native to the Sierra Nevada that have critical habitat designations: the red-legged frog, commemorated in Mark Twain's short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," and the Little Kern golden trout.

But managing the bighorn, which spend most of the year in the steepest part of the mountain range, can be tricky, said Bob Williams, field supervisor for the service's Nevada office, which oversees the Eastern Sierra.

"These sheep kind of pack together and stay together especially during the winter," Williams said. "If you took some parties' argument to the extreme, they would say we need Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep all the way to British Columbia, but we felt like this area was enough for recovery."

assertions that their herd's proximity to the wild sheep played a role in their decline, and said the new designation could cause millions of dollars in losses to the \$1 billion wool textiles and lamb industry.

"The bighorn have been a very good surrogate tool to clear out areas of livestock grazing," said Tom McDonnell, a consultant for the American Sheep Industry Association.

A hiker in front of him veered and stopped, and Hames almost avoided a crash too until he was clipped from behind by Anchorage rider Michael Sweet's bike, he said. Sweet, 48, suffered injuries to

Courageous bear sends bikers in Alaska flying

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — This bear wasn't fazed by a few bikers roaring along on large, noisy motorcycles.

It passed, sized up the situation and made its move. The black bear darted through the group riding on the Seward Highway this weekend and sent some of them flying.

According to several of the bikers, the bear walked onto

the shoulder near Cooper Landing on Saturday morning and paused at the roadside while the first few in a group of eight bikers passed going south.

But before Anchorage motorcycleist Randy Hames could get his own Harley Davidson past, the bear decided to run for it.

"I thought it was a dog

because it was not very big," Hames said. "It paused and then went zipping across the road, and that's when things got exciting."

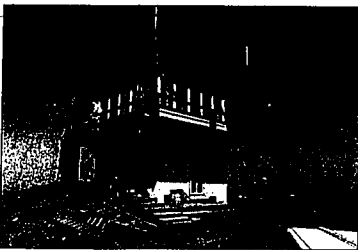
A hiker in front of him veered and stopped, and Hames almost avoided a crash too until he was clipped from behind by Anchorage rider Michael Sweet's bike, he said. Sweet, 48, suffered injuries to

his head, neck, arms and legs. Witnesses said he was wearing a helmet.

Hames, Sweet and a third rider, Gilbert Wilson of Anchorage, all went flying from their bikes. One of those bikes ended up under an oncoming Dodge Ram pickup driven by Tim LeBlanc.

Hames said he and Wilson were banged up but OK.

Back in style



The Little Guard Peak fire lookout undergoes some improvements July 18.



High above the Coeur d'Alene River drainage, Ted Rieger, center, caulk gaps in the siding and trim of the Little Guard Peak fire lookout July 18 in Idaho. Rieger and several other former smokejumpers are donating a week of volunteer labor to refurbish the lookout, which is now rented out for nightly stays by the Forest Service.

Fire lookout towers preserved for history, possible reuse

By James Hagengruber
The Spokesman-Review

LITTLE GUARD LOOKOUT — For most of the 20th century, this 6,000-foot perch served as a lighthouse of sorts over countless green miles of Panhandle backcountry.

In the days following an electrical storm, when wisps of smoke snaked up from smoldering logs on the forest floor, the lookout employee would mark the logbook and radio in the location.

Since the 1980s, Little Guard, like hundreds of other lookout towers across the West, were decommissioned and replaced by spotter planes. Now, the tower is rented by tourists for \$35 a night and its logbook is filled with observations such as "Most amazing view of the Milky Way ever."

Last week the tower was cleaned, painted and spruced up by a group of retired U.S. Forest Service smokejumpers. The parachuting firefighters once relied on lookout towers to guide them to fires. Now they're working to make sure the structures don't crumble and disappear from the landscape. The volunteer effort is part of a growing movement aimed at preserving the towers.

"They're definitely of historical value," said Ted Rieger, who was a smokejumper for three seasons in the early 1950s and later served as a district ranger in Idaho's St. Joe River country. "They're remnants of the old way."

Rieger sips while standing on the lookout's catwalk, squirting caulk into cracks in the wooden siding. The tower has views up the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Valley and

Idaho once operated 992 lookouts — the highest concentration in the world, according to research.

across the Bitterroots, far into Montana. Rieger, who lives in Billings, appreciated the scenery but admitted he had no desire to pay to sleep in a lookout.

"Reminds me too much of work," he said. Although lookout towers might offer the best view from any bed this side of the Mississippi, many fans of the structures believe they should again be used as tools to fight wildfires. A handful of towers remain staffed in the Priest Lake and St. Joe River areas of North Idaho, but firefighting agencies now rely almost entirely on spotter aircraft and weather satellites to track fires.

Wildfires need to be churning out a lot of heat and smoke to be picked up by a satellite, said Ray Kresak, a Spokane resident and retired firefighter who runs a lookout tower museum at his home. Spotter planes are effective, but they only make a pass or two a day above the forest. Lightning-sparked fires might smolder unnoticed for days before sending out a puff of white smoke. By the time the plane makes another pass, the fire could be out of control.

"We've been the route of the air patrol being allegedly better; they just don't see the area long enough," said Kresak,

who is also the author of "Fire Lookouts of the Northwest."

Federal land managers are rethinking the wisdom of snuffing all wildfires, but as homes continue to be built in forested areas, the need for protection against wildfires is hardly vanishing. Kresak said the early detection abilities offered by lookouts offset their operational costs. A small fire, he noted, is much cheaper to fight. Over the past decade, the nation has spent an average of \$9.1 billion each year to fight wildfires, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The recent lightning-sparked Tunk Grade fire in Okanogan County might have been stopped before it burned 17,000 acres had the nearby lookout tower remained in operation, Kresak suggested.

The Tunk Mountain tower is owned by Keith Argow, a retired Forest Service ranger and chairman of the Forest Fire Lookout Association.

The group is attempting to save as many towers as possible, said Argow, an Oregon native living in Virginia. "They are the lighthouses of the land; a sentinel of good forestry."

For much of the 1990s, about one lookout tower a week was being dismantled or destroyed, Argow said. "Now it's down to about one every 10 days."

Idaho once operated 992 lookouts — the highest concentration in the world, according to Kresak's research. The greatest density was probably in the St. Joe River drainage, where one lookout was less than three miles apart.

Fewer than 200 remain standing, and only about 50 are

actually used to spot fires.

Washington once had 650 lookout towers. Twenty-eight remain in operation, Kresak said.

A tower atop Mount Spokane was dismantled in 2001 and rebuilt for tourist rental on nearby Quartz Mountain. A tower on Stranger Mountain west of Chewelah is scheduled to be dismantled this summer, Kresak said.

Protecting remaining towers is not only a matter of preserving historical structures; Kresak believes the towers will again be valued as detection tools. "I see them coming back. It's just a matter of time."

The northern region of the Forest Service, which oversees North Idaho and Montana, has been working to preserve its remaining towers in recent years. Many of the towers, including Little Guard, were mass produced in Spokane and packed to peaks on the backs of mules, said Kirby Matthew, a Missoula-based Forest Service employee who specializes in the preservation of historical structures.

The towers represent something of a minor engineering marvel, he said.

"It was a pretty-well-thought-out design," he said. "They're set on a peak. They get hurricane force winds on a monthly basis. Those buildings sit up there 70 years, and they don't blow over."

Standard issue in the towers was a chair designed to protect against electrocution. Glass insulators are attached to the base of the wooden chair's legs. "A friend of mine claims you can get five people standing on that chair during a storm," Matthew said, laughing.

Volunteers fill gaps left by Forest Service cuts

By Rich Landers
The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE — Forest Service trail crews are facing a mountain of work with a trickle of funding this season.

"In a word, it's horrible," said Jack Dorrell, Idaho Panhandle National Forests trails manager for the Coeur d'Alene River District, when asked about his trail-building and maintenance budget.

"The funding has been flat or falling for the last decade, and in this latest go-round it reached dismal. We use volunteers whenever we can. We look for grants and take advantage of state off-road programs. If a fire crew is idle, we kidnap them, but even that's not an option now that the fire season is in full swing."

While opportunities for new construction are very limited, the district just finished rerouting the trail up Indiananers Creek to avoid crossings that hikers had to endure on the old trail.

However, the Coeur d'Alene River District has two trails crews each with about six workers funded for only nine weeks to cover 350 miles of trails on 732,000 acres, he said.

"We're just trying to hold things together," he said. "Because of the growth in the area, some trails are heavily used. The motorized trails in particular are suffering a lot of damage and we're having a hard time keeping up."

Saving the day in some areas are volunteer groups, such as the Panhandle Trail Riders Association, which concentrates on motorcycle trails, and the Backcountry Horsemen of America, which focuses on non-motorized trails.

"The Horsemen have cleared out the Marie Creek Trail and the motorcycle volunteers have been out on a lot of trails," Dorrell said.

In a 10-day period recently, a trails crew reported clearing about 200 blowdowns. "We had a lot of storm damage last fall," Dorrell said. "To make matters worse, recent wild storms have lit-

tered blowdowns on trails that had already been cleared.

In the Priest Lake District, crews had to be sent out to clear new trails around the lake and to upper Priest Lake, said staffer Dale Schremp. "The Backcountry Horsemen are back up here and we're just focusing on getting the main line trails opened up again," he said. "We're working on the upper Priest River trail this week."

Aside from trail maintenance, litter control continues to be a problem at popular national forest sites, especially those accessible to vehicles, officials say.

Starting on the Fourth of July, the forest staff devotes a day to cleaning up the hot spots, such as Bumblebee Meadows, Graham Flats and other places that are close to towns and hit by parties.

Ed Terran Tester, a fire prevention tech out of the Wallace area. "It doesn't last long. You get your hopes up when you come across a clean place and then you're depressed at the next site with glass and cans in the fire pits."

Some volunteers, such as Ed Banning of Kellogg, have adopted hard-hit spots, she said. "Ed is a retired guy with a ton of energy who regularly picks up at Gladden Lake and some other places. The Boy Scouts are taking care of Revett Lake."

Six members of the Spokane Mountaineers hiked into the Stevens Lakes near the Montana-Idaho border on Sunday to pick up litter.

"This is a pleasant surprise," said group leader Chie, such as the Stevens Lakes near the Montana-Idaho border on Sunday to pick up litter.

"We can only hope," said Tester. "My job (at the Forest Service) doesn't allow me to take care of trails, but that's what my husband and I do for recreation on our weekends. We hike into lakes around here and we always take garbage bags because we now we're going to be packing out garbage."

Panel OKs wilderness expansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan to expand the Mount Hood wilderness area cleared by the Senate committee Wednesday and could be taken up by the full Senate in September.

The bill by Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley would extend wilderness protection to about 125,000 acres surrounding Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. It would increase wilderness protection on the mountain by nearly two-

thirds and add "wild and scenic" protection to about 80 miles of rivers.

Sen. Wyden said Smith called the voice over by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee a victory for Oregonians.

"It's a new day for wilderness and we are now poised to pass the protection that Mount Hood deserves," said Wyden, a Democrat.

"A successful climb is measured by a successful return," added Smith, a Republican.

Sportsmen, wildlife groups push for hardrock mining changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Western sportsmen have new game in their sights: A 135-year-old mining law they say has allowed hardrock mining companies to pollute trout streams, damage wildlife habitat and leave abandoned mines throughout the West.

Hunting, fishing and wildlife advocates announced Wednesday that they have joined forces to lobby lawmakers to update the General Mining Act of 1872. They are set to testify at a House hearing on Thursday on a proposed

rewrite of the law.

"The law's legacy is a damaged landscape with hidden hazards that have even killed children," said Gene Kolkman, a former Bureau of Land Management district manager from Ely, Nev.

"It's not only outdated, it is dangerous. This law must be modernized."

Environmental groups have lobbied for years to revise the law, which imposes few environmental protections and reviews and doesn't require companies to pay federal royalties on the minerals they extract.

The law allows public lands to be sold for as little as \$5 an acre, although Congress has annually prohibited that, and it elevates mining's importance above other uses of public land, making it difficult for federal agencies to deny mining applications.

This year with Democrats in control of Congress, critics of the law believe they have a shot at success. An update introduced by House Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., would impose environmental requirements, give federal land managers power to reject mining applications and assess an 8 percent royalty to pay for cleaning up abandoned mines.

They will face opposition from mining companies, who warn the changes will hurt the industry and cost jobs. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., a gold-miner's son from a state heavily dependent on mining, is one of the industry's strong supporters.

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Dow Jones Industrial	-311.50	13,473.57
Nasdaq composite	-48.63	2,599.34
Standard & Poor's 500	-35.43	1,482.66
Russell 2000	-21.02	791.48

Stocks of local interest

Stock	close	change
Con Agra	26.02	▼ .19
Dell Inc.	28.49	▼ .49
Idacorp	30.72	▼ .73
Lithia Motors	22.50	▼ .80
Micron	12.14	▼ .94
Supervalu	41.62	▼ 1.32

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Sept. Oil	74.95	▼ .93
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	92.03	▼ .05
Aug. gold	662.8	▼ 11.0

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Smith leaves Micron board

Smith had called for Appleton's ouster

The Associated Press

BOISE — A Micron Technology Inc. board member who expressed a rift in the semiconductor maker's leadership when he called for Chairman Steve Appleton to be replaced closed down the panel on Wednesday citing "personal reasons."

Gordon Smith served two terms on the Boise-based company's board of directors, from February 1982 through February 1994 and from September 1990 to the present.

"I've had a tremendous experience with the company during my 19 years on the board," Smith said. "I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with fellow board members and the Micron team. The semiconductor business is a challenging, competitive business, and I wish the best for Micron as they continue to pursue success in this industry."

Last week, Smith said publicly that Appleton was "not a moneymaker" and had failed to properly diversify the company.

Appleton, who had simultaneously held Micron's top three jobs of chief executive officer, chairman and president, last month gave up his position as president.

Micron reported losses of \$225 million in the third quarter that ended May 31 as prices for its DRAM chips and flash memory products plunged amid a global glut.



Dark day for Dow

Lending worries send stocks into tailspin, Dow loses more than 300 points

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007 Thursday, leading a global stock market plunge as investors succumbed to months of worry about the mortgage and corporate lending markets.

The Dow Jones Industrial closed down more than 310 points after earlier skidding nearly 450.

Investors who had been sizing up for months to largely shrug off discomfort about subprime mortgage problems and a more difficult environment for corporate borrowing finally decided it was time to sell after the Commerce Department issued another disappointing home sales report.

Feeding the plunge were concerns that higher corporate borrowing costs will curb the rapid pace of takeovers that had driven stocks higher this year. Investors also feared the sluggish environment for home sales and continued defaults in subprime loans would spur debt defaults and

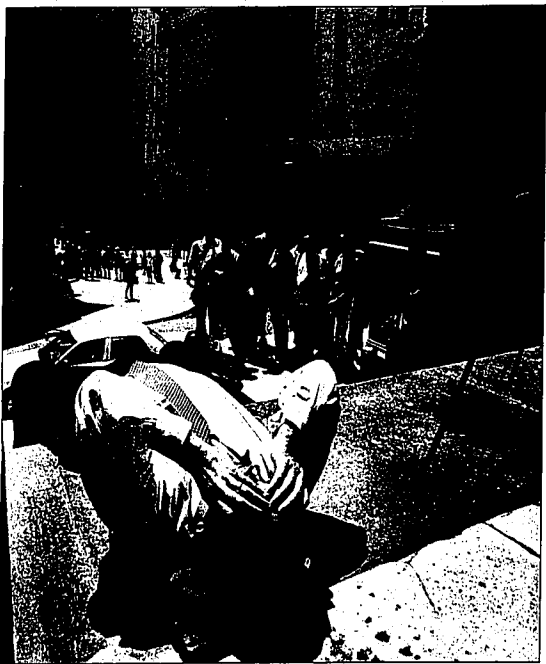
weight on corporate earnings. While stocks plummeted, investors poured money into the safe haven of the bond market. The soaring price of Treasuries pulled yields lower, and the rate on the 10-year note plunged to 4.79 percent from late Wednesday's 4.90 percent.

"Worries that have been out there for the past couple of years are coming to a head right now," said investment strategist Edward Yardeni, president of Yardeni Research Inc. "It's show time."

Thursday's trading was the latest and most extreme in a series of frenetic sessions over the past month

many also accompanied by triple-digit swings in the Dow — as investors sold on worries about the subprime fallout or bought on optimism that there wouldn't be any widespread problems caused by mortgage failures. Many analysts have described the back-and-forth trading as more of a gut emotion than careful consideration of the market.

That was the feeling again Thursday. "The rally in bonds at this point looks a little bit overdone," said Tom Higgins, chief economist at Payden & Hygel Investment Management in Los Angeles. "If you're going to park money temporarily there, I think it's the way to be but I think that we're going to form a bottom. I think people are going to be legging it back into the market."



A man rests on the steps of Federal Hall across from the New York Stock Exchange, background, Thursday, Wall Street suffered its second-biggest plunge of the year Thursday, leading global markets lower as investors fled stocks amid increasing uneasiness about the mortgage and corporate lending markets.

Exxon Mobil profit falls 1 percent

Still ranks as fourth largest quarterly profit ever

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Don't let Exxon Mobil Corp.'s 1 percent drop in second-quarter profit fool you. It was still the fourth-best quarterly result for an American company — ever. And analysts say the company's gnasive global footprint points to more big quarters.

The world's largest publicly traded oil company said Thursday lower natural gas prices and a drop in production hurt results for the April-June period, contributing to a rare miss of Wall Street expectations.

But Exxon Mobil's net income of \$10.26 billion was still eye-popping and off only slightly from the \$10.36 billion it earned in the second quarter of 2006 — the third-best U.S. quarterly result. It already holds the record for the No. 1 quarterly annual profit. And on a per-share basis, Irving,

Texas-based Exxon Mobil reported earnings of \$1.63 a share in the most recent quarter, up from \$1.72 from a year ago, reflecting about 7-percent fewer shares on the market from a year ago because of an ongoing stock buyback program. Revenue dipped to \$98.35 billion from \$99.03 billion a year ago.

The earnings fell short of the forecast of \$1.96 a share by analysts polled by Thomson Financial, but revenue topped the prediction of \$97.6 billion.

A grant for a plant

Money to help pay for water line to Burley ethanol plant, fix roads

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A partnership between the state of Idaho, the city of Burley and Pacific Ethanol Inc. has made the development of a \$120 million ethanol plant a little easier.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter awarded a \$349,900 community development block grant to Burley, which will help pay for water-line installation and road repairs that will assist Pacific Ethanol. The company is building a 50 million-gallon ethanol plant in Burley, which officials say will create about 35 new jobs and benefit Burley's economy.

"The money has to be used toward public infrastructure, and in this case it will also help the business (Pacific Ethanol) with better roads and a water connection," said Dennis Porter, a community and rural development manager for Idaho Commerce and Labor. "It's done in the mindset that this will be done for them, but in return the business is required to create a certain number of jobs."

Idaho community development block grants are financed by tax dollars through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help communities provide public facilities, create jobs and attract new industries. Burley will also use HUD money to help provide infrastructure for the ethanol plant.

Pacific Ethanol, the largest West Coast-based marketer and producer of ethanol, announced earlier this year that it would build the plant near Burley on 177 acres with direct access to both the Union Pacific Railroad and Interstate 84.

"This award will help create excellent jobs and economic opportunities for the good folks of Burley," Otter said. "That money will also provide a boost to the Minicassia economy and create opportunities for future business recruitment."

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MONEY BRIEFS

Declo man selected vice-chairman of Idaho Wheat Commission

BOISE — Mark Darrington, of Declo, was selected as the chairman of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

Darrington was selected during the commission's board meeting, which also selected Gordon Gallup, of Hirie, as the commission's new chairman.

Gallup said he will make it a priority to improve Hard White Wheat production in Idaho, which are in high demand from both foreign and domestic markets. He wants to regain market share in countries, such as Taiwan, which has turned to Canada and Australia for Hard White Wheat.

Darrington has been farming since 1974, and he currently farms more than 1,400

acres near Declo.

Entries sought for Steel Rives Idaho Innovation Awards program

BOISE — Nominations are now being accepted for the second annual Steel Rives Idaho Innovation Awards program. Organized by Steel Rives LLP, a full-service U.S. business law firm, the Idaho Innovation Awards program is designed to recognize technology innovations and the Idaho companies that created them. Entry forms can be submitted online at www.steel.com/innovation until Aug. 3. The program is being presented by the Idaho Department of Commerce Office of Science & Technology and is sponsored by the Idaho Business Review and Hewlett-Packard.

Boulder Mountain Clayworks receives non-profit status

KEETCHUM — The director of Boulder Mountain Clayworks announced Thursday that the organization has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a Non-profit Education Organization.

Boulder Mountain Clayworks was founded in 1956 for the purpose of gathering artists in a studio setting. It now offers several classes for adults and children.

Susan Ward, the director, said the decision was made to be non profit in order to make the studio a larger part of the community.

— from staff reports

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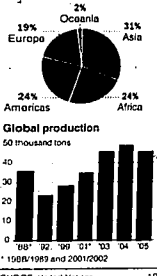
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WORLD

A growing problem

Cannabis has a consumer market of roughly 150 million people and, since 1988, its production has increased nearly 27 percent.

Consumption, 2005



Marijuana may increase psychosis risk, study says

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Using marijuana seems to increase the chance of becoming psychotic, researchers report in an analysis of past research that reprints the issue of whether pot is dangerous.

The new review suggests that even infrequent use could raise the small but real risk of this serious mental illness by 40 percent.

Doctors have long suspected a connection and say the latest findings underline the need to highlight marijuana's long-term risks. The research, paid for by the British Health Department, is being published today in medical journal *The Lancet*.

"The available evidence now suggests that cannabis is not as harmless as many people think," said Dr. Stanley Zammit, one of the study's authors and a lecturer in the department of psychological medicine at Cardiff University.

The researchers said they couldn't prove that marijuana use itself increases the risk of psychosis, a category of several disorders with schizophrenia being the most commonly known.

There could be something else about marijuana users, "like their tendency to use other drugs or certain personality traits, that could be causing the psychoses," Zammit said.

Marijuana is the most frequently used illegal substance in many countries, including the United Kingdom and the United States. About 20 percent of young adults report using it at least once a week, according to government statistics.

They looked for psychotic illnesses as well as cognitive disorders including delusions and hallucinations, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, neuroses and suicidal tendencies.

They found that people who used marijuana had roughly a 40 percent higher chance of developing a psychotic disorder later in life. The overall risk remains very low.

For example, Zammit said the risk of developing schizophrenia, for most people is less than 1 percent. The prevalence of schizophrenia is believed to be about five in 1,000 people.

"But because of the drug's wide popularity, the researchers estimate that about 800 new cases of psychosis could be prevented by reducing marijuana use.

The scientists found a more disturbing outlook for "heavy users" of pot, those who used it daily or weekly.

Their risk for psychosis jumped to a range of 50 percent to 200 percent.

Fires rage in southern Europe; three dead in Greece as heat wave starts to abate

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press writer

ATHENS, Greece — Fires raged in several southern European nations on Thursday, burning through villages, forests, and farmland and stretching firefighting services to the limit, even as a weeklong heat wave blamed for dozens of deaths began to abate.

The fires were blamed for at least three deaths overnight in Greece, where hundreds of firefighters and soldiers tackled 100 blazes, 15 of which were burning out of control.

A regional heat wave has fueled the blazes but temperatures began to dip Thursday, falling from 113 degrees to a predicted high of 102 degrees in Athens and to about 85 degrees in Sofia, Romania, where 33 deaths were blamed on the heat wave, also saw temperatures fall from 105 degrees to 88 degrees. Cooler

weather was predicted until Sunday, after which the heat was expected to spike again.

Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis appealed to Russia for help, and Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would send firefighting planes on Friday.

The country's largest blaze, near the town of Aegio, killed three elderly people, authorities said.

Several areas declared emergencies and numerous houses were destroyed, officials said.

The fires scorched the holiday islands of Chios and Cephalonia, where an estimated 11,000 acres of forest were destroyed. Cephalonia's popular seaside village of Skala was evacuated during the night, including hundreds of tourists in hotels, hotel worker Nikos Kapatos said. By Thursday afternoon, the fire in that area had been extinguished, he said.



Residents on a roof spray water on houses in the village of Mavriki near Egio in southern Greece on Wednesday. Fires have burned many thousands of acres of forest land in Greece, ignited by tinderbox conditions worsened by last winter's extended drought.

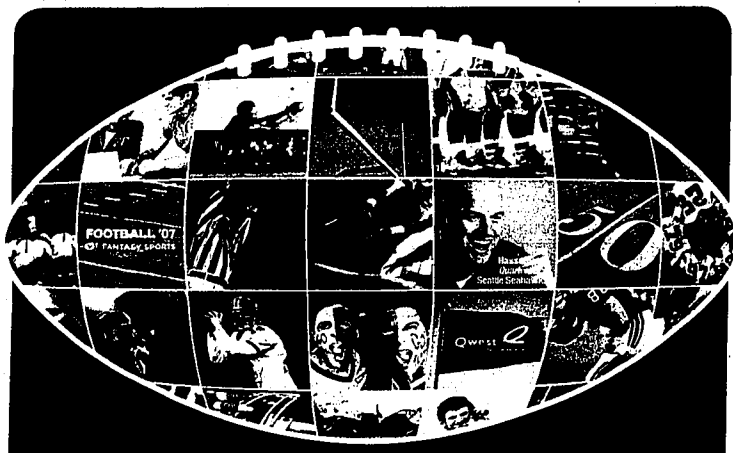
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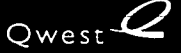
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2007 CADILLAC DTS SEDAN

Tastefully elegant

Road/Worthy
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Extensively redesigned and renamed last year, the DTS continues the legacy of the DeVille, its former iteration and nameplate volume leader while carrying the automaker into an exciting new future. From its Cadillac signature exterior styling and luxurious interior to its powerful, refined ride characteristics, the new DTS represents the nameplate's most current thinking with respect to luxury, safety and convenience technologies.

For 2007, the DTS will highlight OnStar's new generation of in-vehicle software with the availability of Turn-by-Turn Navigation. As the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system, OnStar's Turn-by-Turn navigation system is part of the Directions and Connections OnStar service package that is standard on DTS. The new navigation system offers safe, simple interactions, with no data entry or touch screen to distract drivers from the road.

To activate the system, the driver presses the OnStar blue button, give the advisor an address or point-of-interest destination and directions are sent to the vehicle. The instructions are voice-guided, delivered through the radio speakers to guide drivers turn-by-turn to their destination.

Power for the large Cadillac is produced by the technologically advanced Northstar



4.6L V8 prime mover and joined to the Hydra-Matic 4T80-E four-speed automatic transmission. The Northstar engine is available in two configurations: the standard LD8 and the L37 (Northstar N1F). The L37 version is a responsive, higher revving powerplant with more peak horsepower. The LD8 places more emphasis on quiet launch and part-throttle response with greater peak torque.

At speed, the DTS delivers a fluid performance that is buttery smooth and whisper quiet. The large sedan is the very balance of luxury and performance.

The Cadillac sedan is equipped with a host of safety and security features begin-

ning with its body frame integral (IFI) construction; strategically engineered crumple zones in front and rear; and comprehensive use of high-strength steel. The large Cadillac has six standard airbags, including an industry-first dual depth front passenger airbag. The GM co-patented technology deploys either a small or large airbag depending upon crash severity, seat belt usage and seat position. StabilityTrac vehicle stability control system, brake assist and four-wheel disc brakes help to keep the large flagship under control.

With the vehicle's IFI as the foundation, the DTS also features a direct-mounted, double-braked front axle and powertrain mounting

system for a smooth, quiet ride. The DTS is equipped with a four-wheel independent suspension system. Up front, MacPherson struts with side-load compensation work with a 29-mm hollow stabilizer bar. L-shaped aluminum lower control arm, 80-mm hydraulic ride bushing with 24-mm springs. At the rear, a multi-link suspension system with coil springs employs a semi-trailing arm, 18-mm hollow stabilizer bar, 48-mm diameter trailing arm bushing and monotonie shocks.

Inside the cabin, occupants are treated to a sophisticated interior that incorporates a clean, sculpted contemporary design featuring genuine materials, fabrics and low-gloss, tactile

surfaces. Refinements to the luxurious interior includes dual-firmness seating engineered for comfort and support with an additional one-inch of seat travel; available real burl wood garnish; a lowered and more forward-positioned instrument panel for increased spaciousness; a new analog clock, soft-backed, cast urethane surfaces on the instrument panel and upper doors, and an integrated center stack design for a clean, uninterrupted appearance. Modern "white cool" cabin lighting adds to the upscale experience. Rear seat passengers are not neglected. A cavernous rear seating area accommodates three adults easily. The armrest in the rear seat features fold-out cupholders and bin storage. The wide doors facilitate entry and exit.

airbags, all-speed traction control, automatic power door locks, OnStar communications system, PASS-Key III theft deterrent system, engine immobilizer, automatic headlamp discharge (HID) headlamps, tire pressure monitoring system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, remote control engine start, remote keyless entry, fog lights and daytime running lights. Optional safety features include brake assist, parking sensors, StabilityTrac vehicle stability system, rain-sensing intermittent windshield wipers, heated windshield washers, garage door opener, navigation system and adaptive speed control.

WARRANTY: Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/100,000 miles. Corrosion: 6-years/unlimited miles.

2007 Cadillac DTS by the Numbers

PRICING: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Cadillac DTS sedan starts from \$41,525. Destination charges add \$320.

WHEELBASE: 115.6; overall length: 207.6; width: 74.8; height: 57.6 - all measurements in inches.

ENGINE: 4.6L V8 (LD8) - 275 hp at 6,000 rpm and 295 lbs-ft of torque; 4,400 rpm; 4.6L V8 (L37) - 292 hp at 6,300 rpm and 288 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm.

TRANSMISSION: four-speed electronically-controlled automatic with overdrive.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY: (LD8) 17 city/25 hwy (L37) 17 city/24 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY: 16.8 cu.-ft.

SAFETY FEATURES: Dual front airbags, front seat-occupied side-impact airbags, roll-over protection side airbags, all-speed traction control, automatic power door locks, OnStar communications system, PASS-Key III theft deterrent system, engine immobilizer, automatic headlamp control, high intensity discharge (HID) headlamps, tire pressure monitoring system, rain-sensing intermittent windshield wipers, heated windshield washers, garage door opener, navigation system and adaptive speed control.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHAT'S GOIN', DUDE?
A MILLION YEARS FROM NOW, THIS WILL BLOW THEIR MINDS.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DO YOU LIVE IN THAT POOR COLOR DUD?
YEAH, LIKE...
IT'S AN INTERESTING BLUES, BUT NOT YOUR COLOR.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M SURROUNDED BY FOUR BLACK EYES.
THANKS! I WHEN YOU'D LIVE IN!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

TIA CARMEN'S RULES FOR BEING A GOOD GIRL
YOU MUST TRY YOUR BEST TO WATER WHAT YOU DO.
JUST DON'T GET OBSESSED.
CARDS! I NEED MORE CARDS!
MAKE ME ANOTHER SANDWICH OR, AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

OH, THAT JUST MEANS HE WANTS TO RUB HIS TUMMY.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I HIRED THE DOGBERT MOVING COMPANY TO HANDLE YOUR RELOCATION.
IT SAVES US MONEY BECAUSE THEY ONLY SEND ONE HUGE GUY.
AFTER YOU LOAD YOUR COUCH ON THE TRUCK, MAKE ME ANOTHER SANDWICH OR, AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

THEN, AFTER I'VE GATHERED THE BILLS, I'LL COME OVER HERE TO GET THE "TODAY'S" LIVE SO...
THIS IS ROCKLAND, RIGHT?
I'M STANDING IN THE BARRE HOUSE BECAUSE I'VE ARRANGED A MEET-UP WITH AN UPSCALE WING-GIRL TO GET THE CASH I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.
...LIKE THE ONE I'M ROLLING NOW!
WOULD SO QUICK ONES FEEL?
SHIT! HE WANTED TO ASSESS MY TITLES!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

We haven't sold a single concert ticket, Dusky.
What in HELLION are ya talkin' about?
This message came while you were out.
"Sorry Dusky, none of our fans are drivin' at night. -Regards, The Band."
Great idea. Who does the unprofessional?
Johnny (gah)
You may find an audience, but you've lost a band...
Wait! An action a good cartoonist impresses off as the real thing, instead.
Uh... Dusky?
Uh... Dusky?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

THESE BOYS, OF COURSE, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PAIR OF BOYS AND TWO BOYS.
IF WE'RE THE HIGHEST OF THESE KIDDOES, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM, KIDDOES?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM, KIDDOES?
THESE BOYS ARE GOOD, THEY ARE REALLY GOOD.
THAT'S A COMPLIMENT THAT'S THE TRUTH.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ERNIE? I'M TRYING TO MAKE EVERY DOLLAR COUNT!
7.8... 3.4...
123
456
789
56... 4... 89... 23...
67... 3.2...
...7.8... 3.4...
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Luann By Greg Evans

...SO BECAUSE I WONDERED IF HER MOM DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN SHE PUT HER UP FOR ADOPTION.
THAT WAS OVER 20 YEARS AGO, I'M SURE SHE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT AT THE TIME.
OF COURSE NOT! YOUR DAD AND I WANTED A FAMILY, WE WERE FOCKLED WHEN BRAD WAS BORN.
DID YOU EVER THINK OF PLACING BRAD FOR ADOPTION?
WHAT ABOUT WHEN HE WAS LIKE, 14?
OH, WELL...

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

I'VE WRESTLED WITH THIS DECISION...
FOR A LONG TIME... I HAVE A CONFESSION... I THINK IT'S TIME THAT I CAME OUT OF THE CLOSET AND ADMIT THAT I'M...
...UH... I'M OUT OF SPACE IN TODAY'S COMIC STRIP!
CONTINUED.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HAVE YOU SEEN MY NEW IPHONE?
IS THAT THE ONE SHE PUT THE SURF INTERNET AND LISTEN TO MUSIC?
YES, AND IF YOU PRESS THIS BUTTON, IT DOES YOUR LAUNDRY AND BRINGS YOU A BEER.
NOW THAT'S A PHONE.

Pickles By Brian Crane

LOOK WHAT GRANDMA DID TO MY CAR!
IT'S NOT TOO BAD!
WELL, IT REALLY GETS MY GOAT!
IF YOU'RE GIVING AWAY A GOAT, GRANDPA, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

HOLD ON, I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE GYM!
HOW DID YOU END UP ON A BEACH BALL?
I WAS TRYING TO BEAT A BEACH BALL!
I WAS TRYING TO BEAT A BEACH BALL!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

STEVE, I NEED TO LEAVE EARLY TODAY.
AGAIN??
PIERCE, YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED A SHIFT ALL WEEK!
DUDE, I WOULDNT ACK! IF THERE WASNT A REALLY REALLY GOOD REASON!
OHAY, WHAT'S THE REASON?
I HATE MY JOB.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

BRENDA'S ON THE TV, SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
YEAH, SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS SHOW, TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS SHOW.
HUR UP, I'M HURRYING!
THE CLEAN, BUT WHILE SHE'S CLEAN, I WANT TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS SHOW, TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS SHOW.
WANT...
...SHE WENT TO LAS VEGAS.
...SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
...SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

Write down ideas and prioritize your goals, Aries

IF JULY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Because you are determined to make your mark and have your own way, you might ignore clear signals that your business judgment is asked for the next eight weeks. Your life could take a turn for the better during December. Good organization and a responsible attitude will do much to offset negativity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The pen is mightier than the sword. You may hope to begin a project, but it is not a good time to initiate anything important. This is a better time to write down your ideas and prioritize goals.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Use your mind, not your muscles. Jobs around the house could seem overwhelming or distasteful. Talk things over with friends and neighbors and consider some inventive alternatives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get in touch with key values. You will find that you can explain yourself succinctly and that your views receive widespread notice. Embrace the chance to change the way that others perceive you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Enjoy creative ideas. Your

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Jeraldine Saunders

ability to attend public functions could be limited by a lack of funds or the pressure of extra chores. Be innovative and find ways to bypass these limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get lost down the garden path. Because you are very busy with one thing, you might not pay close attention to something else. This isn't a good time to start a new love affair or creative project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Venus makes a turn in your sign. Accentuate your good looks by taking more interest in your appearance. You might meet an exciting new friend on the Internet or learn something of value.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep in touch with friends. You should keep the key lines of communication open. Don't be dismayed if fun-filled plans are stopped in their tracks or a special romantic interest is preoccupied.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Develop a lifelong mental passion. Your phone might be

ringing off the hook and ensuing conversations might trigger a new hobby or interest. Take pride in your family connections.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Inquiring minds want to know. Loved ones have an interest in your work or your thoughts, so be ready to answer a slew of questions. Finances could be tight or under assault.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set yourself free to explore New Age ideas or unusual places. A break in routine could be just what the doctor ordered. A certain someone might offer brilliant assistance with a thorny problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be a night owl. You could end up on the phone for hours at a time or tackle a weighty problem. Remain alert for bits and pieces of information that can enrich your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's not what you do but what you think that counts. If you desire a change of pace, this is the time to set certain wheels in motion. Think things through and don't be held back by fears.

COMICS

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



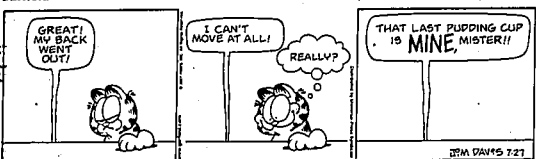
The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



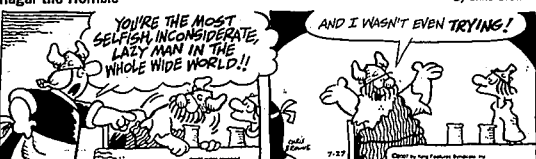
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Mom's constant calls cause ringing in daughter's ears



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother is constantly calling me to say "Did you just call me?" Anytime her phone rings and she can't get to it, she calls everyone she knows and asks the question. It is particularly irritating if I am in the middle of something that's difficult to put down when that's the only reason she called. Then she hurries on to the next person on her list to check.

I have repeatedly suggested caller ID, but she won't get it, saying she'll just check around. She knows it's irritating, especially when she calls me at work.

Any suggestions on how I can either learn to live with this, or get her to stop it?

WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS
DEAR LYNN: It appears your mother has too much free time on her hands. She may be reaching out because she is lonely and needs to talk to somebody. (If she calls enough people, surely someone will spend some time with her.) I don't know what her mental status is, but she could also be losing it.

If her phone rang, it could have been a telemarketing call. So if your mother feels that caller ID isn't for her, ask her if she might compromise and get an answering machine.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing my boyfriend for 1 1/2 years, and ever since we start-

ed dating he has had another woman in his life — his sister. It seems whenever we're around her, I do not exist!

He uses her as his confidante and solicits her opinion about everything without consulting me at all. People have told me before if you're dating me, they're dating me.

I have expressed my discomfort with his relationship with his sister before, but he doesn't care. He just says he doesn't mean to hurt me — but it does. He has been talking about our becoming engaged lately, but I don't think I can marry a man who puts his sister before me. Am I wrong to feel this way?

— TIED OF COMING IN SECOND IN S.C.

DEAR TIED: Not in my opinion. Not knowing your boyfriend and/or his sister, nor having witnessed the dynamic between them, I am not in a position to note whether their closeness is excessive. However, because they seem to be unusually bonded, the woman who marries your boyfriend will have to be willing to accept a "package deal." And you don't appear to be that kind of per-

son. Caveat emptor.

DEAR ABBY: Am I being old-fashioned to expect servers to bring me all the change due me when I pay my bill at a restaurant? Three times in the last few months, I have been shortchanged. The amounts are small, from a few cents to almost a dollar. It's not the amount that bothers me; it's the notion that it's the proper thing to do.

When I politely request the remainder of my change, I have been forced to dutifully discuss disdain and a rule reply. On one occasion, I was informed that the server didn't have the correct change, and then additional coins were dropped on the table. In every case, some intention was made of their expectation that I would include the shortage in their gratuity. I feel it's my money, and I'll decide how to lose the tip.

Am I living in the past by expecting correct change?

— MICHAEL IN CHIEF, ALA.

DEAR MICHAEL: Heck no! The servers you describe are extremely presumptuous. You have every right to tell the server that you expect all the change to be coming to you, and you should inform the manager of what's going on. If the situation isn't corrected, you also have the right to take your business elsewhere. That's what I'd do.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 27, the 200th day of the year. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 27, 1789, President Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

On this date:

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1857, 150 years ago, Puerto Rican statesman and humanitarian José Celso Barbosa was born in Bayamón.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1865, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two 1/2 years, in laying the first under-

water telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, in the wake of urban rioting, President Lyndon Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of the violence, the same day black militant I. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case."

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the last of 52 hostages held at a military hospital outside Cairo.

Egypt, at age 60.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring 111. Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the blast.

Ten years ago: United Auto Workers approved a deal to end a six-day strike at a General Motors plants plant that forced four assembly plant shutdowns and threatened GM's entire North American production.

Five years ago: A Ukrainian fighter jet crashed during an air show in Lviv, killing 77 people. John Ruiz retained the WBA heavyweight title in Las Vegas after his opponent, Kirk Johnson, was disqualified for hitting him.

One year ago: Floyd Landis' stunning Tour de France victory just four days earlier was thrown into question when he tested positive for high levels of testosterone during the race (Landis has denied cheating).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

TV producer Norman Lear is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harvey Fuqua is 78. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 76. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 68. Actor John Pleshette is 65. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 63. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 59. Olymp gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 59. Actor Maury Chaykin is 58. Singer Maureen McGovern is 58. Actress Janet Eilber is 56. Actress Roxanne Hart is 55. Country musician Duncan Cameron (Sawyer Brown) is 51. Comedian Bill Engvall is

50. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 45. Country singer Stacey D'cane Campbell is 40. Rock singer Julie Ann Hatfield is 40. Actor Julian McMahon is 39. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 35. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 33. Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers is 30. Singer Cheyenne Kimball is 17.



Rudolph

THOUGHT

"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."

— Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian dramatist and poet (1828-1906)

Florida attorney general's Web site accidentally directes girl seeking counseling to sex chat line

LAKE CITY, Fla. (AP) — The state attorney general's office removed the toll-free number for a sexual assault counseling center from its Web site after an 8-year-old girl was connected instead to a sex chat line.

The North Central Florida Sexual Assault Center shut down months ago, and the company that runs the chat line bought the number.

The girl's mother, Karen Carter, said her daughter called because she witnessed inappropriate behavior two years ago, but at the time, was

not ready to talk about it. Carter said it was nothing serious enough to involve authorities.

On Sunday, the girl approached her mother and said she wanted to talk. Carter decided to call the toll-free number she found in the phonebook hoping the operators would offer advice to her daughter. She said she handed her daughter the phone and walked away to give her privacy.

I came back a few seconds later and she has this look on

her face of surprise and then horror and then her eyes start tearing up," Carter said. "I never thought in my wild dreams she would get a sex line. I was trying to help my daughter."

The chat line's number has been removed from the attorney general's Web site, and his office has apologized to the girl's family.

"Again our sincerest apologies to the family that was affected," said Sandi Copes, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill McCollum.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The man recover'd of the bite, The dog it was that died!" - Oliver Goldsmith

From the Life Master Pairs at Chicago last summer we see Walid Elahmady and Tarek Sadek, who are rapidly becoming one of the best-known pairs on the U.S. circuit.

They would have liked to conceal their auction from you. After all they said, anyone can reach six hearts and make it with the winning club finesse. It takes "experts" to reach six no-trump here. Quite rationally, though, Sadek (North) had retreated from six hearts doubled, worried that a defender might ruff a club. You will note that even with the club-finesse working, 11 tricks in no-trump seem to be the limit.

But Elahmady noticed his slim chances of a squeeze if West had four spades as well as five clubs. Since there was nothing else to go from the opening diamond lead and cashed four hearts. West pitched a diamond and a club, so declarer cashed two more diamonds.

As the last diamond was led, West had to come down to six cards. Which ones should he keep? If West pitched a spade, he was conceding at once, but a low club - or, indeed, any club - was equally hopeless. Declarer could attack clubs while keeping East off play (essential since that play-er had diamonds to cash) and set up the 12th trick that way.

And yes, if West had pitched the ace and queen of clubs as his first two club discards, he could have set the hand - and won a brilliancy prize!

NORTH 4 9 Q 7 4 K 7 6 5 4 SOUTH A K 6 3 A 9 8 4 A 5 A Q 9 3 WEST 10 7 5 4 10 5 9 8 3 A Q 9 3 EAST 4 J 2 7 6 3 10 6 4 2 J 8

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass 6NT All pass

*Natural, two-plus clubs

♠One ace, counting the trumping as an ace

Opening lead: Diamond nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 10 7 5 4 10 5 9 8 3 A Q 9 3 South West North East 2♠ 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♦ Pass 6NT ?

ANSWER: Compete to three spades because of your fourth trump. Also, with three small diamonds, you figure to have working values for partner. Unless you catch your partner with the doubleton king or queen of diamonds, your side's values should fit well together. The fourth trump is more valuable than a stray queen would be.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at wolffw@mtntelnet.com

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