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Downtown landscaping suffering from heat.
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JEROME COUNTY

Commission drops pursuit of pathogen report

By Matt Christensen
Times-News staff writer

JEROME — Jerome County commissioners declined Monday to pursue a resolution that would have asked the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to study pathogens in relation to dairies.

The decision followed 30 minutes of bitter debate between commissioners, who rolled their eyes, pointed fingers and shouted at each other as members of the public groaned at the spectacle.

The resolution, championed by Commissioner Diana Obenauer, would have asked the state to study pathogens so the county could use the information as it sets rules for dairies during a six-month county moratorium on new livestock operations. Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson said they didn't see the need for the studies, despite a letter to the board from 27 Jerome health care professionals who say the moratorium should last until studies can be completed that show how livestock operations affect public health.

Davidson accused Obenauer of "trying to run the cows out of the county" and implied she panders to Idaho Commission Area Residents for the Environment, an environmental group that this week called for the board to fire Art Brown, the county's planning and zoning administrator.

"You have a different agenda than we do," Davidson said to Obenauer. He also accused her of inappropriately speaking on behalf of the board.

"I'm not trying to run the cow industry out of our county," Obenauer said. "I'm not out to get anybody."

Obenauer said she wanted the studies, which would have cost the county nothing, to determine how pathogens from dairies might affect public health — not because she's in the pocket of special interests. She asked the ISDA and DEQ in May to complete the studies.

ISDA said it wouldn't study dairy pathogens unless asked via a resolution from the entire board, and DEQ responded Monday, saying it would complete the studies if the county supplied more information about its dairies.

Those responses are now mute
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• Video of the discussion by the commissioners.
• Copies of a DEQ response and a petition signed by Jerome health-care professionals asking for a health study related to livestock operation.

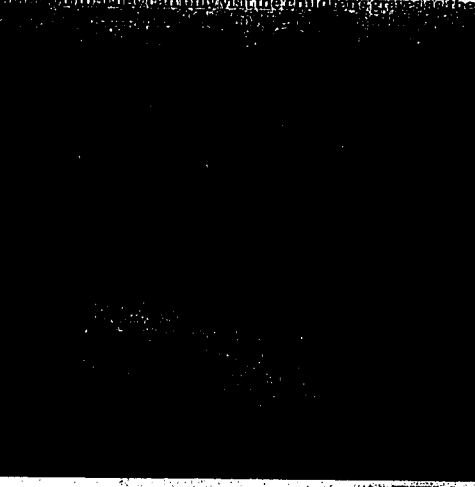
Family feud

Surviving mother of Nice children sues former in-laws to have son's grave moved

By Cass Friedman • Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jim Junior Nice tore his family down the middle when he poisoned to death his three young children in December 2005. A fourth child, 21-month-old Ian, had drowned more than a year earlier.

More than the fissure he created, Nice left his own parents, Jim and Claire, and his ex-wife, Leslie Olsen, with very little



Leslie Olsen, who has lost her four children, wants to unite the four tiny bodies of her children, three of whom are buried at Mt. McCabe Cemetery in Mackay, Ian Nice (gravestone pictured), who drowned in 2004, is buried with Nice's family in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

The three murdered children lay in a cemetery in Mackay where their maternal grandfather lives, while their younger brother Ian who died before the rift, rests in the Nice family plot in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Splitting the children between cemeteries evidently did not bring Olsen the closure or peace she needed. She wants her children unified in a single cemetery and not with Nice's family in Twin Falls. Olsen has demanded Nice's family allow her to exhume Ian's coffin from the Nice family plot.

So far, the Nices have refused. First Olsen sent her former in-laws a letter. When Nice's parents did not respond, on July 30 she took Jim and Claire Nice to court.

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By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

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Governors declare war on cheatgrass

Idaho, Nevada and Utah leaders plan to use seeding to combat weed

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

BOISE — War on Terror. War on Drugs. Now it's the War on Cheatgrass.

That's the official word from the Multi-State Governors Wildlife Conference held Monday where Govs. C.L. "Butch" Otter of Idaho, Jon Huntsman Jr. of Utah — all Republicans — and Democrat Dave Freudenthal of Wyoming started to develop a plan of attack against the invasive weed.

"With cheatgrass we see fire year in and year out, and that's completely unacceptable," Huntsman said.

While nothing is concrete, their initial strategy lies in saturation seeding of local, fire-resistant plants.

The governors said the rehabilitation strategy of fire-seeded areas would help force out the weed and help save thousands of acres from blazes.

But beating out the aggressive cheatgrass, which dries rapidly in spring months to become a prime starting point for lightning-ignited fires, will require hardy and just as aggressive native species, said Dave Parrish, Magic Valley regional supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

But there's a snag. During earlier rampages, the fire season claimed several areas used for seed harvesting, which created a shortage of local plants. Parrish said some plant seeds, like bitterbrush, are already being harvested. Others, such as sagebrush, aren't ready yet, he said. Those seeds can't be collected until winter rolls around.

The governors said they
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Proposed T.E. County plan gets harsh response

Residents criticize land use portions of comprehensive plan

By Hilda Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two years later revising Twin Falls County's comprehensive plan, residents have finally read it, and they aren't happy.

The many as 40 people from across the county filled the small county commission chambers Monday morning and told commissioners that changes in land use proposed by the plan are unacceptable. The controversy centered mainly on the draft version of a map that suggested changing the use of several areas, including agricultural land south of Kimberly, to rural residential land.

The comprehensive plan, last revised in 1995, serves as a reference for growth and development in the county and addresses everything from land use to schools. Bill Crafton, county planning and zoning director, said he guessed about 690 residents had input on the new draft of the plan during the last two years, 100 of those by

residing on committees. Several residents argued that the county still has plenty of rural residential land sitting around that it hasn't used yet, and that farmland should be preserved to protect the agricultural industry. Lisa Hills of Kimberly said everything in the plan made sense until she reached the map.

"We've taken our canyon rim and our ag land," she said, adding that the public has been in favor of preserving both.

Phil Schmidt of Twin Falls pointed out that many houses in existing residential zones are up for sale.

"Why can't they put some sort of stop on this house-building where there's tons of houses out there for sale?" he asked.

Other concerns centered around water and traffic. While much of the way water is regulated rests in the hands of state agencies, Crafton said the committee took vehicle traffic into account and tried to space out suggested areas for business development to avoid clog like those on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Some residents were just
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Big Sky feedlot hearing postponed

Public-comment deadline confusion causes delay

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — The public hearing for a controversial feedlot has been postponed indefinitely after commissioners decided Monday the county's planning and zoning administrator may not have allowed the public due process in denying written comment on the proposal.

The board ruled Monday to postpone the hearing to grant the public and Big Sky due process because the deadline for testimony was unclear. The hearing, scheduled for next week, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown told Dean Diamond, who lives near the proposed Big Sky 13,000-animal feedlot, that it was too late to submit written comment Friday because he was one day late. Under county code, comment is accepted

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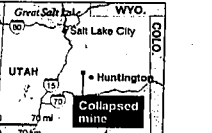
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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday



Warm and mostly sunny to partly cloudy
High 85



Fair to mainly clear skies
Low 60



Mostly sunny to sunny skies
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Today: Partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies. Highs, lower 80s. Tonight: Dry, quiet weather expected with a few clouds. Lows, mid 50s. Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine and a touch warmer. Highs, upper 80s.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony performing, 6:30 p.m., in a tent on the esplanade of Sun Valley Resort, no cost, 622-5707.

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for Habitat for Humanity, 4 p.m., 1033 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls, 735-1233.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mary Time Club meeting and picnic, noon, Vita Bonita Park, Twin Falls, 735-5213.

EXHIBITS

"Mixed Media Work" by Lori Riehl in the Galeria Pequena and new works by member artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Full Moon Gallery, Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., no cost, 734-2787.

"Final Reflections," by local artist Jason Hicks, noon to 5 p.m., the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5417.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

The Blaine County Fair continues, Blaine County Fairgrounds, Carey, 823-4045.

GOVERNMENT

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

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. A., 324-8189.

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.

Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W., 733-3974.

HEALTH

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Flier Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-8282.

Overcoming Addiction and Anger: Theopathic Therapy basic training video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603.

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 436-0987.

The Mini-Cassia Lup-band surgery support group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is waiting to be banded or is considering the procedure, 6:30 p.m., Heyburn Police Department conference room, 1800 J St., Heyburn, 431-9596.

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, CSI, no cost, 732-6655.

Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest" at 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow); "Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Outrageous Rocks!" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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Game of horseshoes is disappearing fast

TWIN FALLS — The thud and clank of falling horseshoes used to quicken Harry Chapin's heartbeat. "It hasn't been that many years ago that we'd hold a tournament and we'd have at least 20 people show up," said Chapin, a semi-retired Idaho Transportation Department employee who's been pitching for 35 years. "We organized a tournament here a couple of years ago, and nobody showed up." Horseshoe is a sport most closely associated with the Midwest, is flagging in the Magic Valley, the part of Idaho most like America's heartland.

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Former Burley resident shot at party in Ogden

OGDEN, Utah — A pair of cousins, including 29-year-old Rosendo Nevezar, formerly of Burley, was shot and killed early Sunday morning at a post-wedding party that left two others injured from gunfire, authorities said.

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Reservoir water levels still falling in valley

TWIN FALLS — A hot, dry summer has both crops and water users gasping for air. Ted Diehl, manager of the North Side Canal Company in Jerome, can't remember a summer when temperatures have gotten so hot so early and remained hot for so long. And reservoirs are stretched to stretch limited storage water supplies. NSCC cut water deliveries to 80 percent of a full water share. But the hot weather is still draining reservoir levels.

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Governors declare war on cheatgrass

BOISE — War on Terror. War on Drugs. Now it's the War on Cheatgrass. That's the official word from the Multi-State Governors Wildfire Conference held Monday, where Gov. C.L. "Burr" Otter of Idaho, Jim Gibbons of Nevada and Jon Huntsman of Utah started to develop a plan of attack against the invasive weed. "With cheatgrass we see fire year in and year out and that's completely unacceptable," Huntsman said.

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Feds remove snail from protected status

BOISE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined Monday that a tiny freshwater snail that inhabits a 35-mile stretch of the Snake River is no longer worthy of protection under the Endangered Species Act. The decision to delist the Idaho Springsnail, considered by some biologists and environmentalists to be an indicator species for healthy aquatic ecosystems, comes 15 years after it was granted endangered status.

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Court upholds E. Idaho developer's conviction

BOISE — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the 18-month prison sentence of an eastern Idaho developer who bulldozed a stream bed in a subdivision. In its ruling Friday, the appellate court said Charles Lynn Moses repeatedly ignored warnings from the government that his work on Teton Creek was illegal.

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NATION/WORLD



Bush: Good intel work will defeat al-Qaida

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush said Monday the U.S. and Pakistan, if armed with good intelligence, can track and kill al-Qaida leaders. He stopped short of saying whether he would ask the Pakistani president before dispatching U.S. troops into that nation. While Bush halls Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf as a trusted ally against terrorism, Pakistan has objected to the U.S. taking any unilateral action within its borders.

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DOT: Flight delays are worst in last 13 years

U.S. airline delays are at their highest level in at least 13 years, and analysts say carriers can expect more of the same for the rest of the summer. The Department of Transportation on Monday said the industry's on-time performance in the first six months of the year was its worst since 1995, the earliest period for which the agency has comparable data. In June, nearly a third of domestic flights on major U.S. airlines were late.

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Study: Advertising tricks tots' taste buds

CHICAGO — Anything made by McDonald's tastes better, preschoolers said in a study that powerfully demonstrates how advertising can trick the taste buds of young children. Even carrots, milk and apple juice tasted better to the kids when they were wrapped in the familiar packaging of the Golden Arches.

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SPORTS



Jerome football team turns it on again

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers football team began two-a-day practices Monday behind the high school, and the scene looked similar to last year's first day of practice. An assistant coach yells, "Catch the ball! Pick it up and score!" to a player who drops a pass during practice. As many as four footballs fly through the air as four potential quarterbacks take snaps from four potential centers. Less than 30 yards away another assistant coach is instructing blocking techniques in six-man lines. Dozens of boys are on the track around the main football field, running laps.

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CSI volleyball team seeks new beginning

TWIN FALLS — Hope took a hiatus in 2006. Monday afternoon, it came back to the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program. The Golden Eagles program that weathered the dismissal of its legendary coach, along with a devastating possession ban, took its first steps to a new beginning with Monday's first practice of the 2007 season. A year of heartache and a scheduling conflict that bumped the season's first practice back to 7 p.m. already behind them, the team's four returning sophomores and 10 freshmen held court at the college's Student Recreation Center, happy to hear the distinct sound of leather meeting hardwood.

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Geared up: BSU goes to full pads in camp

BOISE — Choose your omelet. Whap! Bam! Crunch! Full pads. Full contact. Monday was a day when Boise State's football in full camp remember why football is a contact sport. But there is more to football than contact.

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Akey applauds Vandals' efforts at camp

MOSCOW — First-year Idaho head coach Robb Akey has his usual animated self on the opening day of full camp, a trait that the former Washington State University defensive coordinator does not shy away from.

The fourth Vandal head coach in five years went on the fly, moving from one position group to another, and was vocal in his presence, letting players and assistants know that his style is hands-on, enthusiastic and visible.

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WEB READER REACTION

On the letter, 'BLM didn't properly manage livestock impact'

NAVIN JOHNSON: Here's an idea ... let's follow the Sun Valley system of land management and just develop all of the bare land around with multi-million dollar homes, bike rental stores and coffee shops. Then we can fill them with the people from California. And we won't have to worry about big fires, right?



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will work out a plan to pool their resources and enlist volunteers to gather seed from more fire-resistant species. They said they would also introduce the topic of fire prevention at the next Western Governors Association meeting, scheduled for late September in Colorado. For the first meeting of the

governors, Otter said, "I think it was very successful, and I think it's a great first step." In about two weeks the four governors will agree to a Memorandum of Understanding that lists their shared goals and concerns, according to a press release from Otter's office. They will also appoint several experts in wildlife habitat, firefighting,

agriculture and other disciplines to find more effective ways to fight the weed. "Instead of focusing on our disappointment, let's focus on where we can go from here," Otter said in the release. Jon Hanlan, a spokesman for Otter's office, said the governors plan to start using any finalized rehabilitation strategies this year.

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since the commission chose not to pursue the matter. There is no need for the families, Howell and Davidson said. Monday, because pathogen studies from other areas already exist. Howell asked Obenauer to present him with the existing studies. She said she's offered the reports already, and that her fellow commissioners chose not to read them. "You guys can drag your feet all you want," Obenauer said to close the meeting. "But the public is getting a little upset with the fact that we can't move on this moratorium."



Jerome County Commissioners Charlie Howell and Diana Obenauer discuss matters Monday morning at the Jerome County Courthouse.

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medicine. He said he wanted to spare the children from a cruel divorce. A judge sentenced Nice in November 2006 to serve three consecutive life sentences; two for poisoning 6-year-old twin brothers Spencer and Justin; and a third for poisoning 2-year-old Raquel. Olsen is determined to bury the three tiny bodies together in a coffin in far away Mt. McCaleb Cemetery in Mackay where Olsen's grandfather lives. Olsen, who now lives in Hagerman, wants the children buried at the same site, her attorney James Meservy wrote in Olsen's petition to the court. Jim and Claire Nice own the plot but Olsen owns the remains, wrote Meservy. Nice's parents don't deny their son's murders created

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— Jim Nice

an unfixable rift between the families. But they say, Jan, who died before the rift occurred, remains a part of both families and his peaceful resting place should not be disturbed. "Let him rest in peace," Jim Nice said. "There's grief on both sides of the family. I just want him to stay lying in peace where the grave has already been dedicated. We're hoping that she won't keep pressing." Silence and hoping the issue will dissolve appear to be the Nice family's defense.

They have not responded to Olsen's requests either in or outside of court. On April 11, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare gave Olsen a permit to have Parke's Funeral Home remove Jan's body from its current resting place. Olsen could not be reached through her attorney for comment. Nice's parents, who have 20 days to respond to the petition from the state they are served, have not yet filed their response in court records.

Plan

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upset that they didn't know about the plan revisions sooner. "Why can't we be sent something that says, 'This is on the comp plan. You're going to be revoking,'" Kevin Owings of Twin Falls said. Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell said the commissioners and the committee overseeing the plan had done as signed. Brown said that the information out, including a

series of open houses across the county and ads in radio, television and print media. And the committee knew from the start it wouldn't know what to do with some areas of the county. "We're not familiar with everything," said Crayton. "That's why we have these public hearings." The proposed plan is now in the hands of the commissioners, who will review it and the public comments and decide

whether to approve it as-is or make changes. Any changes will require another public hearing "to approve," but Mikesell said commissioners weren't surprised by Monday's comments and were already considering similar problems. "Everything we heard today, I think we anticipated," Mikesell said.

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Miners

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miners out." The mining crew was believed to be about four miles from the mine entrance. Rescuers were working to free the men by drilling into the mine vertically from the mountaintop and horizontally from the side, Murray said. Officials estimated that drilling vertically could take three days. If they are able to open an old mine shaft, Murray said, rescuers believe they can get within 100 feet of where the men are trapped.

"The idea is to get a hole into where they are," Murray said. "They could be in a chamber 1,000 feet long or they could be dead. We just don't know right now." Doug Johnson, director of corporate services at an affiliated company, UtahAmerican Energy, said rescuers had made "decent progress," but they were not much closer to the men.

Relatives of the miners waited for news at a nearby senior center. Many of the family members don't speak English, so Huntington Mayor Hillary Gordon hugged them, put her hands over her heart and then clasped them together to let them know she was praying for them, she said.

"Past experience tells us these things don't go very well," said Gordon, whose husband is a former miner. Outside the senior center, Ariana Sanchez, 16, said her father Manuel Sanchez, 42, was among the trapped miners. She said she cried when her mother told her the news and declined further comment.

The mine uses a method called "retreat mining," in which pillars of coal are used to hold up an area of the

mine's roof. When that area is completely mined, the company pulls the pillar and grabs the useful coal, causing an intentional collapse. Experts say it is one of the most dangerous mining methods. Federal mine-safety inspectors, who have issued more than 300 citations against the mine since January 2004, were also on hand to help oversee the search.

Murray said no expense would be spared to save the men. The company had enlisted the help of 200 employees and four rescue crews, and brought in all

available equipment from around the state. The mine is built into a mountain in the rugged Mauni-La Sal National Forest, 140 miles south of Salt Lake City in a sparsely populated area. By mid-afternoon, rescuers were within 1,700 feet of the miners' presumed location, Murray said. It was not known what kind of breathing equipment the miners had. University of Utah seismograph stations recorded seismic waves of 3.5 magnitude around early Monday in the area of the mine.

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Hearing

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for 15 days after a public notice is published in a local newspaper. In this case, the notice was published in the July 19 edition of the *North Star News*. Brown said that edition was available on July 18, making the deadline Thursday. But under Idaho Code, "The time which may act provided by law is to be done is computed by excluding the first day..." making the deadline Friday. Jerome County Prosecutor Mike Seib told the *Times-Herald* last week he interpreted the deadline to be Friday. "That's usually how the Idaho statutes work," he said. The proposed feedlot has angered some residents, including Diamond, who say they have little input in the county's livestock permit process. The National Park

Service also opposes the proposed feedlot because it is near the Minidoka Internment National Monument where thousands of Japanese-Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Brown's actions raised the ire of Rich Carlson, an attorney for the Idaho Rural Council, who submitted Monday a letter to the board calling for disciplinary action. Environmental group Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment asked Commissioner Charlie Howell to dismiss Brown. Howell stopped short of calling Brown's action a mistake. "I don't think he made a mistake," Howell said late Monday. "But I think it could have been handled differently." Brown could not be reached for comment for this story.

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Northwest's 2Q earnings decline

TWIN FALLS — Northwest Farm Credit Services, which operates offices in Twin Falls, announced that its second quarter earnings declined from \$34.9 million in 2006 to \$25.6 million in 2007.

The decline is primarily due to a \$10 million reversal of an allowance credit loss in 2006 compared to a \$1.5 million provisional expense in 2007.

However, Jay Penick, president and CEO of Northwest Farm Credit Services, said above average commodity prices could help the credit service by helping producers offset above average input costs this year.

New publication analyzes 6LS potato

KIMBERLY — A new publication on storage management of 6LS potatoes is available online through University of Idaho Educational Communications and the Idaho Center for Potato Research and Education.

"6LS" — a mid- to late maturing multi-purpose potato released in 2006 — is noteworthy for its low glucose concentration and its correspondingly light fry color.

Three years of storage research confirmed that glucose concentrations in 6LS were much lower than those in Russet Burbank.

However, the research also found that 6LS tubers break dormancy earlier than Russet Burbank tubers and they are more prone to Fusarium dry rot decay.

The publication can be found at <http://info-ids.ces.edu/pdf/CIS/CIS1142.pdf>.

SIEDO conducting workforce survey

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO) is conducting a survey to determine current and future workforce needs in the region.

The survey will be used to help SIEDO work with area industries on labor needs and to provide discussion topics for the SIEDO Workforce Development Summit on Sept. 12.

For more information about the survey, visit your local Chamber of Commerce or call SIEDO at (208) 324-7408.

Zions officials to speak via webcast

SALT LAKE CITY — Officials from Zions Bancorporation, including Paul B. Murphy Jr., executive vice president, and Greg B. Hinkel, senior vice president of Investor Relations and Communications at Zions, will give a presentation at the Kiwi Large Cap Bank Conference at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13.

The presentation will be broadcast via webcast, which can be accessed on Zions Bancorporation's Web site at <http://www.zionsbancorporation.com/>.

Zions operates more than 500 offices in 10 western and southwestern states including branch offices in Burley, Gooding, Twin Falls and the Wood River area.

— From staff reports



A weed grow Monday afternoon in the downtown area of Twin Falls. Since the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has assumed oversight of the Downtown Business Improvement District, some business owners say that the downtown area is worse than before. Some business owners are paying out of their own pockets to take care of the landscaping.

Chamber says it's nearing completion on water repairs

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For three weeks businesses in the downtown area were using garden hoses attached to indoor faucets to water plants and other landscaping in the Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District.

But about a week ago, it became apparent that the lack of water and the summer heat had killed most of the

flowers and shrubs. Now many downtown businesses are asking why the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has left the downtown business improvement district without water for almost a month.

The chamber is asking for patience, saying that it's working with the city to complete repairs on what turned out to be a deteriorated irrigation system.

The chamber assumed management on April 1 of the business improvement district, which has worked to enhance the downtown area since 1982, after the district found itself \$27,000 in debt. Despite some opposition,

district board members sought the chamber's help to oversee the district's financial, administrative and event-planning duties.

But people like Sue Burnikel say nothing has changed. "I haven't noticed any changes to downtown except that the landscaping is going downhill," said Sue Burnikel, an employee at Home Health Professionals located in the downtown area. "There is no water in the downtown area — there hasn't been any for about three or four weeks."

Under the BID agreement, downtown businesses pay fees that are used to support the district's vision, which includes upkeep of the area's

landscaping. Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said the last of more than a half-dozen repairs to the irrigation system within the BID will be completed in less than two weeks.

"There were certainly more issues that we had to deal with up front than we had expected, but we have spoken with the city about finishing the last two repairs that are needed," Barigar said. "However, we are keenly aware that there will be landscaping in the area that will need to be replaced."

Several business owners said they tried for weeks to

water and weed landscaped areas in the downtown area.

"We ran a garden, hose down main street trying to water the plants, but we just couldn't do it anymore," Burnikel said. "Besides, those shouldn't be our responsibilities."

Barigar said the chamber didn't realize how deteriorated the irrigation system was until it asked Kimberly Nurseries & Landscaping Service to turn it on earlier this year.

"We learned that almost every part of the system needed repair, and about half of the repairs needed the expertise of the city water department," Barigar said.

Federal Reserve to meet amid housing and credit concerns

No rate change expected today

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fears gripping Wall Street in recent weeks are likely to figure prominently in discussions among Federal Reserve policymakers this week. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues are to meet today to assess economic conditions. Concerns have grown especially among investors since the Fed's last gathering in late June that problems in both the troubled housing and mortgage markets are spreading. And that could pose a risk to the broader financial system and the national economy.

"We are seeing a continued unwinding of the housing sector and we're getting tighter lending conditions. I think that is going to provoke a lot of discussion about what is happening in the mortgage markets," said Brian Bertone, economist at Global Insight.

The free flow of credit is important to smooth functioning of the national economy. Increasingly restrictive lending conditions can put a damper on people's ability to buy big-ticket

American Home Mortgage files for bankruptcy protection

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — American Home Mortgage Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection Monday, a move that has plunged the company into a legal and financial crisis. The company, which has 17 offices in Idaho, based in Boise, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in Wilmington, Del., on Monday. The filing was made 10 days for what was in 2006 the nation's third biggest home lender.

Items such as homes, cars and appliances. And it can crimp businesses' capital investment and hiring. That reduced appetite by businesses and consumers would slow overall economic activity.

Dissecting the current situation that has led to turbulence on Wall Street in recent weeks and charting out possible scenarios for the economy is something Bernanke and his colleagues will be focusing on during their closed-door deliberations today, analysts said. Investors, however, overcame

some of their anxiety Monday even as another company — American Home Mortgage Investment Corp. — filed for bankruptcy protection, the latest casualty of the distressed mortgage market. Economists believe Fed policymakers — in the brief statement released after the meeting — will acknowledge the difficulties associated with housing and tightening credit and will seek to strike a reassuring tone that the resilient economy will work its way safely through those challenges.



Traders gather at a post Monday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Market Watch

August 6, 2007

Wall Street offsets losses in midday surge

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street surged higher in a volatile session Monday, offsetting the losses it incurred Friday but showing more fractiousness than conviction in an advance that lifted the Dow Jones Industrial 286 points.

Investors tried to balance their concerns about the availability of credit with hopes that Tuesday's Federal Reserve meeting will be a calming influence after two weeks of frenetic trading on Wall Street. In a day devoid of economic news and with few earnings reports, investors early in the session seemed to avoid making big bets, though stocks then gained steam after midday.

Dow Jones Industrials	15,488.78
Nasdaq composite	2,547.33
Standard & Poor's 500	1,487.67
Russell 2000	766.39

Stocks of local interest

Del. Inc.	27.39
Little Motors	18.89
Supervalu	41.51

Commodities

Sept. Oil	72.06
Light sweet crude (barrel)	3.42
Sept. gold	874.4

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EDITORIAL

Liquor law reform?
Don't hold your breath

Four generations of Idaho politicians have learned not to mess much with Idaho's monopoly liquor system. Simply stated, it's the closest thing you'll find in state government to a license to print money.

In fiscal year 2006, the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary sold \$110 million worth of spirits and related products, generating a cork-popping \$37 million in net operating income. It distributed \$21 million to counties and cities — including \$2.4 million in south-central Idaho — and added \$7.4 million to the state's general fund as well as substantial sums to public education, state court services, state-funded alcohol treatment and community colleges.

According to the ISLD, the state of Idaho buys an average bottle of distilled beverage for \$4.88 and sells it for \$12.95. The facts take a \$2.34 cut, and court services another 26 cents, but that leaves a markup of \$5.67, or 116 percent.

On top of that, Idaho sells liquor by-the-drink licenses, which have spawned a thriving — and lucrative — private-sector license sales and leasing market.

Gov. Butch Otter, a vocal advocate of free enterprise, believes the state's role in controlling liquor is too complicated, so he's put together a 15-member advisory committee of lobbyists, lawmakers and state officials — none from south-central Idaho — to think of a better approach.

Changes are likely in the way the Idaho State Police's Alcohol Beverage Control does business, but it's not clear how extensive those changes might be (Otter's committee, which has met in private, has no authority to amend the law; the Legislature would have to do that, and Otter would have to approve). It's possible the advisory committee could come up with a recommendation to eliminate the current liquor license system, and with it the secondary market (the ABC now issues licenses on a per-capita basis for every 1,500-person increase in population).

Part of the impetus for change stems from displeasure by the Idaho Licensed Beverage Association and other food and beverage industry groups as the ABC's attempt last March to revoke the liquor licenses of eight Treasure Valley nightclubs for allegedly allowing sexually explicit "prohibited acts" in violation of ABC's rules.

But the trouble with changing the state's liquor laws is that so many different people — and levels of government — are so heavily invested in the revenue they generate.

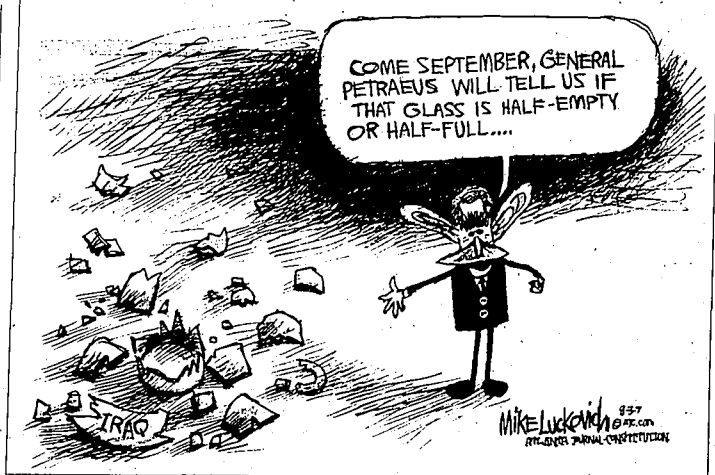
It's been suggested over the years that there's no philosophical reason why Idaho has to be among the 18 states which reserve sales of liquor to themselves (six of those states are in the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies). But it's hard to see Idaho ever doing without the Idaho Liquor Dispensary cash cow.

So changes, if they come, are more likely to be procedural — making liquor by-the-drink law enforcement more straightforward, for example, or simplifying the rules that bar and restaurant owners have to follow.

It's disturbing, though, that the discussions about reform have so far been private. Nearly 40 percent of the adult population of Idaho is made up of teetotalers, and they've had no voice so far. Nor have lawmakers outside of the Treasure Valley and Lewiston.

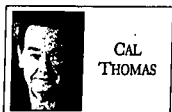
There isn't a community in Idaho that doesn't have a vested interest in how liquor is sold. This needs to be a public conversation, not a backroom chat.

Our view:
Maybe Idaho liquor laws are due for a significant change, but it's unlikely to happen because so many people have a vested interest in the status quo.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Rupert Murdoch: Satan or savior?

The elite media have been beating up on Rupert Murdoch for years, when they ought to have been addressing the cause of their own decline.



CAL THOMAS

First, the disclaimer: I appear on Fox News Channel, one of Rupert Murdoch's media properties, as a paid contributor. I received neither instructions, nor promises of benefits, in exchange for what I am about to write. We now join our regularly scheduled column.

The grotesque amount of condescension from the elite media concerning the purchase of Dow Jones, which includes The Wall Street Journal, by "media mogul" Rupert Murdoch is astounding. You would think Hugo Chavez had just bought the newspaper with his oil money and announced an immediate tilt to the left. Come to think of it, the elites would not have found that as offensive, because America already has a national newspaper that mostly reflects Chavez's leftist views. It's called The New York Times.

In a nostalgic essay for The Washington Post, David Ignatius wrote about the good old days when he worked for the Journal and expenses accounts were as liberal as some of the reporting. Ignatius claims — without proof — "that as the company's economic fortunes declined, so did some of its journalism," and that "the Journal's editorial page increasingly did its own reporting, with equal portions of journalistic hustle and ideological spin, and it often overshadowed the news side," which he suspects "helped undermine the franchise." He

speculates, "Advertisers ... perhaps weren't enthralled with a newspaper distinguished by vitriolic right-wing attack editorials." Never mind that the editorial page editor during the period Ignatius regards as flawed — the late Robert Barley — won a Pulitzer Prize.

Ignatius ignores the often vitriolic left-wing editorials and columns in The New York Times, a newspaper that has recently suffered from a decline in circulation — even in its core market — and been forced to lay-off staff. I suspect that under Murdoch's ownership, circulation of the Journal newspaper and its online edition will increase and more staffers will be hired, as is now happening with the Fox Business Channel, which is due to premiere in October.

Most of the elite media were of one mind (surprise) when it came to Murdoch's acquisition of the Journal. NBC's Andrea Mitchell called him "a controversial press lord" and declared Murdoch "deeply conservative," which liberals intend as a slur only slightly less insulting than the label "deeply religious."

The New Yorker's Ken Auletta called Murdoch

"often" uses "his publications and his media to advance his business or his political interests." Imagine that! The views of New York Times publisher, Arthur Sulzberger Jr., can be read in his newspaper, which consistently promotes policies and people he favors. When you're a liberal, this is regarded by the elites as "good journalism." When you have a different point of view, you are engaging in propaganda and serving only yourself and your interests.

The elite media have been beating up on Rupert Murdoch for years, when they ought to have been addressing the cause of their own decline. Instead, they preferred to indulge in paranoia and denial.

The attacks on Murdoch began in earnest just four months after the debut of the Fox News Channel. In a transcript provided by the Media Research Center of a Jan. 18, 1997 "60 Minutes" broadcast on CBS, Mike Wallace warned ominously that "on Murdoch's new cable channel the news comes with a conservative spin." Who did Wallace site as his expert authority? None other than CNN founder Ted Turner, who regularly promoted his left-wing views about

the Soviet Union, Fidel Castro and other dictators, high taxes, big government, Democrats and environmental activism when he owned and ran that network.

Before Fox News Channel was born, I met with several network news presidents, telling them that someone was going to go after a demographic that felt shut out by the mainstream media. These people, I said, go to church, fly the flag, respect the nation's traditions and institutions and hate the liberal media. They felt censored, or stereotyped, by the media elites. I told them the person who recognizes that demographic and gives them a voice would reap a huge reward.

That person is Rupert Murdoch. He is not the media Satan, as the left likes to portray him. Some of the offensive to me is not so noteworthy, he just may be the media's savior. The elites hate him, but growing numbers of people are buying his products.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLM didn't properly manage livestock impacts

Bert Brackett opined in the Times-News that failed range management contributed to the big Murphy Complex. Brackett is exactly correct — there was a failure in range management, but it is a failure to control livestock impacts. Brackett's assertion that we need more livestock grazing to prevent big fires is self-serving and ecologically ignorant.

His prescription for wildfire prevention reminds me of when which doctors would bleed bad blood from dying patients. When the patient's condition worsens, the doctor prescribes more blood-letting. When the patient dies, he proclaims if he had bled more bad blood, the patient would have lived.

The reason we are seeing larger fires than in the past is primarily due to climatic conditions. With extreme drought, low humidity, high temperatures and wind, you get fires that cannot be stopped.

Exacerbating historic drought conditions are a hundred years of grazing abusers fueling today's blazes. Brackett's cows and animals of other ranchers are responsible

for creating ideal conditions for wildfire spread.

Acres burned in range-land fires is fueled by cheatgrass, a highly flammable annual grass. Without controlled grazing that dries up earlier than other native perennial grasses and creates monocultures that make it easier for blazes to spread. Without cows, cheatgrass has a difficult time "invading" healthy native perennial grasslands. On ungrazed grasslands, soil crusts cover the ground's surface between native grasses, preventing establishment of cheatgrass. Livestock hooves break up soil crusts, enabling native grasses to gain a foothold.

But grazing also impacts grasslands a second way. Cheatgrass cannot effectively compete against healthy native grasses. Since livestock prefer to eat the native grasses, their continuous chewing on native grasses weakens them, giving advantage to cheatgrass.

Founding our rangelands with even more cows is like bleeding a dying patient — it is only going to kill our rangelands completely.

GEORGE WUERHTNER
Eugene, Ore.
(Editor's note: George

Wuerthner is the editor of "Wildfire: A Century of Failed Forest Policy and 33 other books. He is former Bureau of Land Management biologist for the Idaho State BLM office. He can be reached at wuerthner@earthlink.net.)

'President's latest moves should give you chills

Bush's latest executive order released July 17 allows the White House to seize the assets of anyone who interferes with its Iran policies and gives the government expanded police powers to exercise control in the country if the heats getting to you, read it for a nice chill down your spine.

An executive order only becomes law if Congress doesn't overturn it within 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

Bush's state of emergency, declared in 2003, gives the president power to do whatever he wants. As we've already seen, he thinks that includes ignoring the Constitution. It most certainly would include bombing Iran to bits.

On a recent radio program, Paul Craig Roberts, former assistant secretary of the

treasury, said, "When Bush exercises this authority, there's no check to it. So it really is a form of total, absolute, one-man rule ... the American people don't really understand the danger that they face."

In a recent column, Roberts wrote that this administration and its propagandists are "preparing us for another 9/11 event or series of events ... you have to count on the fact that if al-Qaida is not going to do it, it is going to be orchestrated."

Out in left field? Then why are we hearing ever-increasing al-Qaida mentions in his speeches?

U.S. House Homeland Security Committee member Peter Defazio, D-Ore., is able to enter a secure room in the Capitol and examine classified material. He has also seen the White House plan for operating the government after a terrorist attack. It was the first time one of his requests was denied.

If a light finally goes on in Idaho brain, with all due respect, it's not the second coming — it's the flickering error of reason.
SHARON METCALF
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chamber not serving Historic Downtown well

The Historic Downtown area is dying since the chamber took over from the Business Improvement District.

There are weeds as tall as I am and dead shrubs that are such a fire hazard. We were told that the water line is broken and would be fixed — three weeks ago. Nothing has been watered all summer.

Come on, chamber, get on the ball or else we will end up replacing all the greenery downtown. Now I wonder what that would cost us tax-

Write to us

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Senders? Get some groups to help spruce it up and please get some water flowing before we look like a part of "sun city."

SUE BURNIKEL
Twin Falls

When the word 'hero' rings hollow

"Everyone's a hero, everyone's a star," sings Jon Bon Jovi on his 2005 album, "I Have a Nice Day." It's an inspiring song, and a fitting anthem for what has become a thoroughly insipid age.

Once upon a time, you had to do something truly exceptional to qualify as a full-fledged hero: single-handedly lead a battalion of enemy soldiers to allow your platoon to escape, or rescue 100 children from a Nazi concentration camp. But today, just showing up at your Army recruiting station makes you an instant hero — and getting yourself hurt or killed doubles your heroism, even if you were sound asleep when your supply convoy went over an IED.

The empty rhetoric of heroism is everywhere these days. You know what I mean. Pat Tillman — the former NFL star — "an American hero" apparently because he volunteered for duty along with several hundred thousand other people, then had the misfortune to be accidentally shot by his own side. Every wounded service member is a "hero" too: Sen. Hillary Clinton proudly sponsored the "Heroes at Home Act of 2007," intended to improve medical care for wounded military personnel, and the Defense Department recently sponsored the "Hiding Heroes Career Fair" to encourage companies to hire wounded veterans. No soldier left behind!

Let's humbug. Before you run me out of town on a rail, let me be clear: I respect the service and sacrifice of the troops. It takes guts to volunteer for the military. Injured service members deserve top-quality care, and the families of those killed deserve our greatest compassion. Soldiers, firefighters, police and many others accept risk and privation to serve the public, and we should be grateful.

But it's a big mistake to mix up the idea of service — or the idea of sacrifice and suffering — with the idea of heroism. As most dictionaries explain, true heroism involves "extraordinary courage, fortitude or greatness of soul." So firefighters who take unusual risks to save others legitimately can be called heroes — but just showing up for work and turning on a fire hose when required isn't quite enough. Similarly, suffering doesn't magically turn an ordinary person, however beloved, into a hero. Some of the office workers who died on Sept. 11, 2001 were truly heroic, sacrificing their own chance of escape to help others. But many of those who died never even got a chance to be heroic.

Distinguishing heroism from service and suffering is important for two reasons. First, it's always worth fighting the Lake Wobegon effect because, in a world where "all

ROSA BROOKS

the children are above average," the truly specific child gets no recognition, and genuine acts of exceptional courage are trivialized. Take Jason Dunham, a 22-year-old Marine corporal who, in 2004, threw his helmet and then his body on top of an Iraqi insurgent's grenade, saving the lives of the Marines around him. Dunham died of his wounds and became one of only two soldiers in the Iraq war to be awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the United States. But in a world where every service member is a "hero," how many Americans have heard of Dunham's final courage?

There are plenty of other genuine heroes whose names will never be recorded, including the utility workers described by a Cornell University research team: On Sept. 11, they went into the flooded Verizon building just north of World Trade Center 6, risking electrocution in chest-deep water and kerosene to shut off the building's massive circuit-breakers by hand. "But when each of them was asked if they were stockbrokers and secretaries in the World Trade Center — qualifies for the 'everyone's a hero' award, why bother to identify those whose actions were unjustly selfless?"

But there's a deeper reason to be wary of the "everyone's a hero" rhetoric. Simply put, it fits neatly alongside other terms beloved of the powers that be, such as "warrior" and "the Homeland": It's part of the language of fascism.

For a chilling account of another society in which "the devaluation of the concept of heroism" was "proportional to the frequency of its use and abuse," check out Ilya Zenslov's "The Encyclopedia of Soviet Life." In 1938, Zenslov notes, the Soviet Union instituted "the title 'Hero of Socialist Labor' ... Thousands of those heroes emerged. . . . The hero was supposed to die in the name of Stalin during wartime (and) give his or her all in labor on communist constructions. . . . (But) a person upon whom the title 'hero' is bestowed has often performed no heroic deed whatsoever, but may receive the title . . . merely in return for displaying loyalty and/or diligence. . . . With time, the awarding of the title came to be used as a token to be dishonored or withheld according to political considerations. . . . In other words, comrades, whenever it seems as if they're handing out "hero" medals for free, look out: There's usually a hidden price.

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The rush for a legacy

JACKSON DIEHL

WASHINGTON — In a speech to a meeting of democratic freedom fighters in Prague on Jan. 5, President Bush announced a concrete mission for his State Department. "I have asked Secretary Rice," he said, "to send a directive to every U.S. ambassador in an unfree nation: Seek out and meet with activists for democracy. Seek out those who demand human rights."

Nearly two months later, the cable had not been sent. (The State Department told me that it was dispatched late Friday — the day after I called the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor to inquire about it.) In contrast, Condoleezza Rice spent last week meeting with the Arab leaders of the Middle East in pursuit of an entirely different agenda: "security and stability" for their free nations and support for a new Middle East peace process.

With less than 18 months remaining in her tenure and that of President Bush, Rice has turned her famously disciplined focus toward delivering legacy achievements. But her aims are utterly different from those with which Bush began his second term — such as the "freedom agenda" he resisted in Prague. Democracy promotion in the Middle East is out, replaced by a belated but intense effort to broker a peace deal between Israelis and Palestinians. Even more strikingly, the "regime change" strategy that once marked Bush administration policy toward North Korea has been dropped in favor of an all-out effort to negotiate a rapprochement with dictator Kim Jong Il.

Within months, if the bold new strategies pay off, Rice could oversee both a "declaration of principles" between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the formation of a Palestinian state, and a full disclosure by North Korea of the nuclear bombs and related materials it has been accumulating and hiding for the past two decades.

To Rice and to aides who are working on the deals, those breakthroughs seem tantalizingly close. Last week Abbas agreed to work on the "declaration of principles," first proposed by Olmert, while Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Falsh hinted at Saudi participation in a U.S.-sponsored conference planned for the fall. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, who is leading the negotiations with North Korea, believes Pyongyang's unprecedented decision of its nuclear assets — including uranium enrichment facilities and equipment it has resolutely denied possessing for the past five years — could be obtained within weeks. A deal to dismantle bombs and other nuclear facilities could be done by the end of the year. If it happens, Rice will look brilliant, and the legacy of an administration weighed by Iraq and Afghanistan will get a substantial boost. No wonder, perhaps, that the secretary hasn't bothered with directives

about dividends. But no wonder, too, that the rush for deliverables is making veterans of U.S. foreign policy — including one or two inside the Bush administration — more than a little nervous.

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— but they don't speak for Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip and has the ability to trigger another war there in the West Bank. Rice may get her legacy — let's hope so. But history is a reminder that lame-duck diplomacy can be dangerous as well as bold.

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NATION

Bush: Good intelligence will lead to defeat of al-Qaida in Pakistan

By Deb Riechman
Associated Press writer

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush said Monday the U.S. and Pakistan, armed with good intelligence, can track and kill al-Qaida leaders. He stopped short of saying whether he would ask the Pakistani president before dispatching U.S. troops into that nation.

While Bush hails Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf as a trusted ally against terrorism, Pakistan has objected to the U.S. taking any unilateral action within its borders.

Bush also said he thinks Iran is playing a destabilizing role in neighboring Afghanistan where the Taliban have staged a comeback.

"I would be very cautious

about whether or not the Iranian influence in Afghanistan is a positive force," Bush said at the Camp David presidential retreat after a two-day meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Though Karzai says Iran is playing a helpful role in his country, he admits security has deteriorated there during the past two years. Along with other nations' forces, more than 23,500 U.S. troops are fighting against the Taliban, who regrouped after a U.S.-led force toppled their government in 2001.

Democrats have accused the Bush administration of taking its eye off Afghanistan to focus on Iraq.

Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001,

terrorist attacks is believed to be hiding in the rugged tribal area of Pakistan along its border with Afghanistan.

"We're in constant communications with the Pakistan government," Bush said, standing alongside Karzai at a news conference at the secluded retreat.

"It's in their interest that foreign fighters be brought to justice. After all, these are the same ones who were plotting to kill President Musharraf. We share a concern. And I'm confident... with real actionable intelligence, we will get the job done."

Pakistani officials have grown increasingly annoyed at recent claims from Washington and U.S. presidential candidates that al-Qaida has been allowed to

regroup in the tribal area.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has said that he would use military force in Pakistan if necessary to root out terrorists. Obama spokesman Bill Burton expanded on the candidate's remark on Monday, saying "Senator Obama believes that if we have the chance to destroy the leadership of al-Qaida, as we reportedly did in 2005, we must take it. It makes no sense to wait for the next attack."

In Islamabad on Monday, Pakistan's foreign minister spokesman Tasnim Aslam said there are no al-Qaida or Taliban safe havens in its territory. "Our position is that if there are any terrorist elements hiding in our tribal areas it is for the security forces

of Pakistan to take action against these elements," he said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other top administration officials joined Bush at the wooded retreat for his meeting with

Karzai, who plans to sit down with Musharraf on Aug. 9. The two leaders talked privately in a cabin for about an hour before attending a larger meeting of the delegations. Security and a record poppy crop in Afghanistan topped the agenda.

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WASHINGTON

DOT: Flight delays are worst in last 13 years

U.S. airline delays are at their highest level in at least 13 years, and analysts say that can expect more of the same for the rest of the summer.

The Department of Transportation on Monday said the industry's on-time performance in the first six months of the year was its worst since 1995, the earliest period for which the agency has comparable data. In June, nearly a third of domestic flights on major U.S. airlines were late.

Part of the explanation for the worsening delays is that demand for air travel is rising, both on major airlines and on smaller regional carriers. In addition, the government said weather-related delays in June were up 7 percent from a year ago.

Reports of mishandled baggage and complaints filed with the government also rose.

Airline consultant Robert Mann said U.S. carriers improved their financial health in recent years by relying more on small 40-60 seat jets that are easier to fill up, and can be more profitable because there are fewer empty seats. However, this strategy also leads to more crowded skies and runways in a system "that was already saturated," Mann said.

S. CAROLINA

Teenager falls 6 stories; walks away with scrapes

MYRTLE BEACH — A teenager fell six stories from a hotel balcony but walked away with just bruises and scrapes.

Matthew Savage, 17, was reaching up to a balcony one floor above to grab a bathing suit that had fluttered down from the 11th floor when he tumbled over the railing Friday.

The teen, from Gainesville, Ga., hit other balconies on his way down and slammed onto a slanted rooftop, then slid into bushes.

"I just closed my eyes," Savage said, nursing scrapes and bruises on his back and legs.

After landing in the bushes, he got up and started walking back to his room. But paramedics strapped him to a board and flew him to a hospital, where tests showed he was fine.

— The Associated Press

Marketing tricks tots' taste buds

McDonald's wrapper makes food more appealing, they say

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anything made by McDonald's tastes better, preschoolers said in a study that powerfully demonstrates how advertising can trick the taste buds of young children.

Even carrots, milk and apple juice tasted better to the kids when they were

wrapped in the familiar packaging of the Golden Arches.

The study had youngsters sample identical McDonald's foods in name-brand and unmarked wrappers. The unmarked foods always lost the taste test.

"You see a McDonald's label and kids start salivating," said Diane Levin, a childhood development specialist who campaigns against advertising to kids. She had no role in the research.

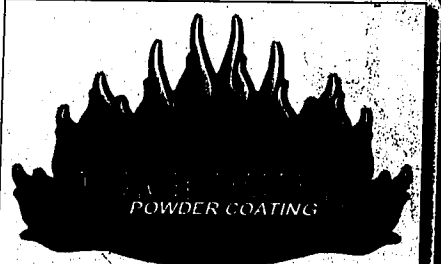
Levin said it was "the first study I know of that has shown so simply and clearly

what's going on with (marketing to) young children."

Study author Dr. Tom Robinson said the kids' perception of taste was physically altered by the branding.

The Stanford University researcher said it was remarkable how children so young were already so influenced by advertising.

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POY OF THE WEEK

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INSIDE: Barry Bonds is still tied with Hank Aaron at 755 career home runs after going 0-for-3 with a walk against the Washington Nationals Monday, B2



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PREP FOOTBALL



Members of the Jerome High School football team run laps Monday on the first day of practice at the school.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Gabriella Bolawczyk warms up Monday during the Golden Eagles' first day of volleyball practice.

CSI volleyball's new beginning

Cartisser, Eagles gear up for 2007 season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hope took a hiatus in 2006. Monday afternoon, it came back to the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program. The Golden Eagles program that weathered the dismissal of its legendary coach along with a devastating postseason ban, took its first steps to a new beginning with Monday's first practice of the 2007 season. A year of heartache and a scheduling conflict that bumped the season's first practice back to 7 p.m. already behind them, the team's four returning sophomores and 10 freshmen held court at the college's Student Recreation Center, happy to hear the distinct sound of leather meeting hardwood.

"They're just ready to go, chomping at the bit, like, 'Let's get it going,'" head coach Heidi Cartisser said. "We got bumped out of a practice, actually, today. And they're like, 'When can we go? Can we go in and hit a ball?'" Cartisser steered the Golden Eagles to a 29-14 record in 2006, taking the reins of a program shaken from the firing of longtime head coach Ben Stroud and guiding it to second place in the perennially tough Scenic West Athletic Conference. Through that first season and the ensuing spring, Cartisser recruited what would become her 2007 team, banking that her excitement as a former CSI player would draw the kind of players she wanted to Twin Falls.

Monday afternoon, that excitement danced in Cartisser's eyes as the members of the first CSI team she can truly call hers continued to acclimate to each other.

"It's fresh for everybody and I think everybody's ready to put that first step forward," Cartisser said. "We can't do it fast enough. We can't get into the gym fast enough."

With only 17 days remaining before the first match of the season against Casper (Wyo.) College on Friday, Aug. 24, Cartisser's sense of excitement is equalled only by a sense of urgency. Eight national

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Turn it on again

Area football teams begin two-a-days

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers football team began two-a-day practices Monday behind the high school, and the scene looked similar to last year's first day of practice.

An assistant coach yells, "Catch the ball! Pick it up and score!" to a player who drops a pass during practice. As many as four footballs fly through the air as four potential quarterbacks take snaps from four potential centers. Less than 30 yards away, another assistant coach is instructing blocking techniques in six-man lines. Dozens of boys are on the track around the main football field, running laps. Most players wear black and orange helmets, shorts and a black practice shirt with the phrase "Game Tempo: Tough 24/7" on the back.

Some wispy, high-altitude clouds linger in the otherwise Gatorade blue sky, as if they're watching the team practice like the many people who slow down while driving along Idaho Highway 25 to get a glimpse.

The grass is mostly green, but there are some rough, brown spots. Sprinklers saturate the north end of the practice field. This isn't some multimillion-dollar practice complex that the pros or even the large Division I colleges would use. This isn't booting up the

Xbox 360 to create a "player dynasty" or simulate season after season.

This is real. This is high school football. The boys finish laps and run through the metal gate that separates the track and football field from the practice field, joining the dozens that were previously catching passes or blocking invisible linemen. Head coach Gary Krumm has another large turnout this year.

The group huddles in a mass of sweat and stench, helmets off as they drop to a knee. Krumm rattles off instructions for gear and other business and then brings the mass to its feet. Helmets are raised while a gruff voice instructs: "Tempo on three! 1! 2! 3!"

That's where many similarities end. This is a whole new season.

"It's a transition year," Krumm said. "We're going to have new things to make us better and get to the pinnacle. It's new concepts, new theories and terms, and we've got to get on the same page."

Although Krumm can't divulge too much detail, he did give a hint to the theme of this year's "tempo" practice shirt.

"The tempo is going to be up. We're going

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Hansen's Justin Anderson practices with his high-heelers. Hansen's evening in Hansen during the Huskies' first practice of 2007.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Akey applauds Vandals' efforts at camp

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — First-year Idaho head coach Robb Akey was his usual animated self on the opening day of fall camp, a trait that the former Washington State University defensive coordinator does not shy away from.

The fourth Vandal head coach in five years worked on the fly, moving from one position group to another and was vocal in his presence, letting players and assistants know that his style is hands-on, enthusiastic and visible.

It was contagious as assistants instructed with high passion and a sense of urgency. The veterans could be seen taking up Akey's charge and helping the large contingent of new comers with one-on-one tutoring. Akey likes the "positive activism" displayed by his staff and players.

"Heck yes. I am not going to change my style. That can't change," said Akey when asked if he would continue his intense energy known throughout the Pac-10.



Offensive linemen Kris Anderson (85) and Adam Juratovic (82) go through drills during the Idaho Vandals fall camp in Moscow. The camp is the first under new head coach Robb Akey.

"The intensity will always be there. That's the only way I know how to do it: If I'm going to ask them to play a thousand miles an hour, flying around, they need to get the same thing from me." Don't be surprised if you witness many

of his patented vertical leaps with legs tucked this season. And his Vandals are responding to his high octane. They certainly have the youth to latch onto this

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Gearred up: BSU goes to full pads in camp

By Destia Lapray
Times-News correspondent

THE LATEST FROM
BSU'S FALL CAMP
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BOISE — Choose your onomatopoeia. Whipl! Bam! Crunch!

Full pads. Full contact. Monday was a day when Boise State's players in fall camp remember why football is a contact sport. But there is more to football than contact.

"We work hard there's no doubt about it," Broncos head coach Chris Peterson said. "The first few practices have not been super physical. We've been in helmets two days then shoulder pads two days. (Today) we put the pads on for the first time."

Some of the players took a few days to adapt to the new

practice regimen, but as time goes on, they should get used to the heat and the sweat to return to playing shape.

"We're trying to re-establish our work ethic, our attitude, our intensity," Peterson said. "You gotta start from scratch every year. We've got a lot of guys that have been around here awhile and know what is to be expected of them. We're just trying to get that engarined in everybody."

At this point in camp, some of the positions on the roster

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COMICS

B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



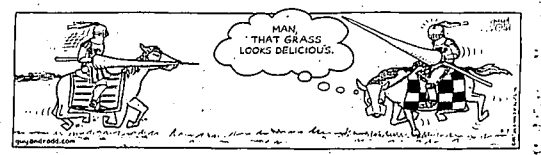
Baldo

By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



Brevity

By Guy & Rodd



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise



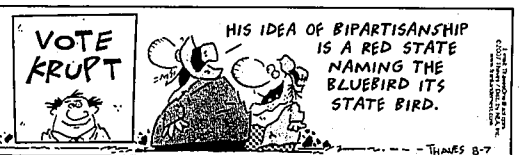
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Luann

By Greg Evans



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Timley



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



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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Good Samaritans risk lawsuit in litigious society of today

DEAR ABBY: "Irrorried in Dover, Del." (May '06) describes a classic example of what psychologists call "bystander Syndrome." It's a sad fact that the majority of people pass by an accident or simply stand and watch without helping because they figure that "somebody else" will do something. In many cases, nobody does anything, which can lead to serious consequences.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

That is why it's important that people be familiar with basic first aid and not hesitate to take action when they see a crisis unfolding. And if you need something done for you, specifically select someone from the crowd, and indicate clearly to that person where you need. People are far more likely to take action when told to do so.

—STUDENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, LONGMONT, COLO.
DEAR STUDENT: The majority of my readers felt there were legal, ethical and moral reasons why a person should or should not help someone in distress. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In rebuttal to your assertion that there is "no excuse" not to help, there are at least two reasons why folks might not stop and provide assistance.

The first is general liability, where the lady might, after the fact, decide to bring a lawsuit if

all didn't go well with the assistance she was provided. There is also the remote possibility that the accident was staged to provide a basis for a lawsuit.

The other is that the state in which the accident occurred may not have a "Good Samaritan" law, which limits the potential liability of a person who provides assistance to the person in distress. Without that law in place, the courts and attorneys are stacked against the Good Samaritan.

It's unfortunate that people who offer a helping hand place themselves potentially at financial and emotional risk. I'm sure that I have witnessed instances of mind in the future to withhold assistance in a state that has no Good Samaritan law. So far, I have always given assistance even though I have promised myself I wouldn't.

—GOOD SAMARITAN LAW ADVOCATE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: In your response to "Irrorried," you said, "There are still many caring people..." "Still" is the key word. There was a time in the only hope that I have witnessed one would have helped with-

out hesitation. Walking by was virtually unheard of. Now it's considered normal behavior. Hopefully, this diminished sense of empathy is reversible in our culture.

—STILL CARING, KELSEYVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: After reading "Irrorried's" letter, I must tell you about a similar incident. "Tank" is a big man. He has only one leg and the other isn't in the best condition. He uses a motorized wheelchair to get around.

One evening during rush hour, Tank was on his way home when one of the wheels on the chair fell off. After a half-hour sitting by the curb in the cold rain with no one coming to his aid, he became disgusted. Being anything but helpless, he held onto the arm of the wheelchair and hopped up on his damaged foot. When the next vehicle drew close enough that he knew he'd be spotlighted in the headlights, he turned around and MOONED the vehicle.

Abby, the police arrived almost immediately to arrest the "flasher." However, after understanding Tank's predicament, they nicely summoned assistance.

—INTRIGUED BY INGENUITY

DEAR READERS: More on this tomorrow, from a different perspective.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2007. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. and allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

On this date:

In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoy's of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence, one member of the Hatfield clan was killed by three McCoy brothers, who ended up being slain in turn.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Prince Edward of Wales, Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. Vice President Charles Dawes.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Koo-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago.

In 1959, 50 years ago, Oliver Hardy (the heavier half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team) died in North Hollywood, Calif., at age 65.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. In 1987, the presidents of 16 Central American nations, meeting in Guatemala City, signed an 11-point agreement designed to bring peace to their region.

Ten years ago, a Russian capsule on a fix-it mission docked gingerly with the crippled Mir space station, bringing a new crew charged with salvaging the orbiting outpost.

Five years ago, former ImClone Systems chief executive Samuel Waksal was indicted in New York on charges of obstruction of justice and bank fraud. In addition to previous securities fraud and perjury charges, (Waksal later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to more than seven years in prison.) Alvaro Uribe was sworn in as president of Colombia as guerrillas launched a mortar attack in the capital, killing 21 people.

One year ago, oil prices jumped after BP said it had discovered a major oil reserve. If severe, it would have to replace 16 miles of pipeline at the huge Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska. Colombian President Alvaro Uribe was sworn in as an unprecedented second term.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Writer-producer Stan Freberg is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herb (The Platters) is 79.

Bluesman Magic Slim is 70. Actress Verna Bloom is 69. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 65. Singer B.J. Thomas is 65. Singer Lana Cantrell is 64. Actor John Glover is 63. Actor David Rabe is 63.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Harold Hudson is 58. Country singer Rodney

Crowell is 57. Actor Wayne Knight is 52. Rock singer Bruce Dickinson is 49.

Marathon runner Alberto Salazar is 49. Actor Duchovny is 47. Country musician Michael Maher (Wild Horses) is 46. Jazz musician Marcus Roberts is 44. Country singer Raul Malo is 42. Actress Charlotte Lewis is 40. Actress Sydney Penny is 36. Actress Charlize Theron is 32.



Keillor

THOUGHT

"People who cannot recognize a palpable absurdity are very much in the way of civilization."

— Agnes Repplier, American essayist (1858-1950)

Antiques dealer finds 19th-century children's readers headed for trash

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An antiques collector stumbled upon a Civil War-era rarity that was about to suffer the same fate as yesterday's trash.

Antiques collector Stephen Burns discovered that a pile of periodicals intended for the garbage heap turned out to be dozens of issues of "Little Pilgrim," a children's reader published in Philadelphia in the 1850s and '60s.

The periodical featured fiction, poetry, riddles and other

items for young readers.

Burns was at an auction when a bidder bought a box of books, then offered him the primers in the bottom of the box. They would have just been thrown away, Burns said.

He read and researched the periodicals over time, and discovered he had 64 issues of Little Pilgrim. The children's publication was written and edited by Grace Greenwood, an author, pioneering news-

paperwoman, abolitionist, and women's rights advocate.

Grace Greenwood was the pen name of Sara Jane Clarke, a native of Pompey, N.Y., and descendant of the preacher and theologian Jonathan Edwards.

Burns, 65, now hopes to make the periodicals part of the curriculum in schools. He's seeking corporate sponsorship for an education program that could be used in classrooms.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Yesturday's Weather

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Today: Partly sunny to mostly sunny skies. Highs, lower 80s. Tonight: Dry, quiet weather expected with a few clouds.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions like Sun Valley, Boise, and Twin Falls.

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

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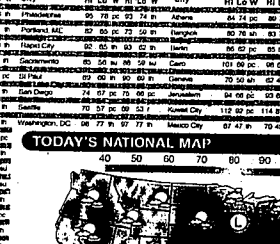
NORTHERN UTAH

Today: Highs/Lows 80 to 113 to 83 to 54. A weather front is moving through the area.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists forecasts for major Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



BRETT MIDDLEKLEFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

You are distressed by anything external, the pain is you doing it to yourself, but you estimate of it and you have the power to revoke it any moment.

IDAHO VANDALS CAMP NOTEBOOK

Numbers: 98 Vandals participated in the opening day of practice. Akey pointed out that five returners were not present...

Knee injury for Coats

The Super Bowl champions could be missing a big contributor on defense for much of the season. Indianapolis Colts defensive tackle Anthony McFarland injured his knee Friday and missed Saturday's controlled scrimmage.

Owens' back pain not serious

Terrill Owens' back pain is just spasms and isn't considered serious. An MRI taken when Owens missed the Dallas Cowboys' practice for the second straight day, showed no problems.

Miami's Porter chooses surgery

New Dolphins linemaker Joey Porter sought a second opinion before deciding whether to undergo arthroscopic knee surgery that could sideline him for at least two weeks.

Quinn, Browns nearing deal

Following substantive talks over the weekend, holdout Brady Quinn and the Browns are only \$500,000 apart in guaranteed money for the first-round pick.

Vandals

style. Nineteen true freshmen and a smattering of junior college transfers saw an addition of about 26 invited walk-ons add to the incoming 73 scholarship class, 12 short of the maximum for the D-I level. Akey removed over a dozen players deemed detrimental to the program after spring ball, a move applauded by many in the community.

Incoming: Talent on the rise for Cougars

By Jason Franchak (Provo, Utah) Daily Herald. Provo, Utah — Gary Nagy sported a crazy haircut Saturday, a couple of days later it was gone. But the BYU defensive back is a far cry from his old natural hair that made an "N" for his last name.

Idaho Vandals camp notebook

the defensive secondary. Injury report: Junior defensive end Taylor Rust (Jr.) has fully recovered from a knee injury, while tight end Rex Harrison (Jr.) is considered to be at 90 percent.

Idaho Vandals camp notebook

Alexander who was more of a down defensive lineman in the past years. One of Idaho's few sources of experience is the corps of senior line linemen: Brandon Ogletree, Jo Anis Raitl and David Vohora.

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LOST Boxer, South Park area, brown & white with black mask. Wearing red collar. Any info 316-0488 or 316-0489
LOST Britany Spaniel "Sassy" 3 mo old, female turquoise blue collar, lost 325 S. 400 W. at Emerald Lake. Reward 218-0374
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LOST black and white male cat, neutered and dew clawed, wearing stubby tail. Lost in the area of Emerald Lake. Call: Richard Call 208-212-2014 or 208-312-1776

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 (FY2008). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Kimberly City Council Chambers, 120 Madison West on August 14, 2007. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Kimberly City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimated	FY 2008 Proposed
EXPENDITURES			
-General	548,631	522,684	516,377
Parke	27,020	21,887	30,290
Streets & Highways	221,142	227,809	245,510
Library	25,424	7,281	36,525
Law Enforcement	436,628	380,115	432,782
Sanitation	100,420	96,630	116,800
Community Service Officer	47,780	-	-
Water	-	293,144	336,166
Sewer	-	1,854,399	428,713
Total Expenditures	\$1,346,375	\$1,855,514	\$2,280,335
REVENUE			
Fund Balances	66,018	626,546	-
Tax Receipts	421,782	449,082	592,119
Grants	658,605	737,980	783,337
Water	-	3,328	535,120
Sewer	-	444,519	428,713
Total Revenue	\$1,346,373	\$2,796,300	\$2,280,335

Poly Humbly
Kimberly City Clerk/Finance Officer

PUBLISH: July 31 and August 7, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2007-08

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF MURTAUGH, IDAHO, will hold a public hearing for the consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 pursuant to provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code, said hearing to be held at City Hall, Murtaugh, Idaho at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday August 8, 2007. All said hearing any interested person may appear and show cause. If any they have, why said proposed budget should or should not be adopted.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES
The following is an estimate set forth in said proposed budget of the total proposed expenditures and accruing indebtedness of the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, for the fiscal period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, including the two previous fiscal years.

	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 BUDGET	FY 2008 PROPOSED
General Administration	\$27,144.97	\$26,884.00	\$25,835.00
Streets & Park Maint.	8,024.00	8,024.00	23,969.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$2,995.00	71,000.00	71,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$36,163.97	\$119,888.00	\$120,204.00

ESTIMATED REVENUE

	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 BUDGET	FY 2008 PROPOSED
Property Tax Levy	\$24,568.00	\$26,084.00	\$28,939.00
State Revenue	18,416.00	13,216.00	18,416.00
Street & Park Fund	8,488.00	7,247.00	1,735.00
Local Revenue	2,105.50	2,108	2,111.00
Water & Sewer Revenue	61,933.00	71,000.00	71,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$142,601.50	\$119,637.00	\$120,204.00

I, Vornic Adams, Clerk for the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed expenditures and the estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2007-08, all of which have been tentatively approved and adopted by the City Council on August 7, 2007.

I further certify that the City of Murtaugh, Idaho, did give notice for said hearing with notice having been published twice at seven (7) days apart prior to the adoption of the budget by the City Council. Citizens are invited to attend the budget hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 6:30 pm, and have the right to provide written or oral comments concerning the budget to the adoption of the budget by the City Council. A copy of the proposed City Budget in detail is available from the City Clerk.
Dated this 26th day of July 2007.

PUBLISH: July 31, 2007 and August 7, 2007

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY 2008)

CITY OF HOLLISTER, IDAHO 83301
A Public Hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM, August 14, 2007. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause if any why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of Proposed City Budget in detail are available at the City Hall. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to the budget documents or to the hearing, please contact Hollister Grange Hall, please contact the city office at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The proposed FY 2007/2008 budget is shown below as FY 2008 Proposed Expenditures and Revenues.

	BUDGET OF PAST YEARS FY06	FY07	FY08
GENERAL INCOME			
CARRYOVER	15,000	15,000	18,000
Property Tax	21,333	21,870	22,830
Transfer of Water	-	-	3,000
Other Taxes	10,492	10,547	10,437
Highway	9,888	9,888	9,155
Miscellaneous	6,000	2,735	2,500
TOTAL	\$56,713	\$65,540	\$65,922
WATER FUND/CARBAGE			
ID Grant	600,000	-	-
Reserve Fund Bond	10,000	-	-
Transfer from General	-	-	3,000
Water	32,010	36,495	35,800
Garbage	9,720	10,260	11,000
TOTAL	\$717,730	\$86,755	49,800
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
General Transfer	-	-	3,000
Insurance	5,000	5,000	6,200
Street Fund	5,700	10,000	10,000
Maintenance	17,850	18,422	18,522
Miscellaneous, contracts	28,779	30,950	21,810
City Office, legal, cost, etc.	-	-	5,000
TOTAL	\$110,374	\$69,373	\$85,522
WATER/GARBAGE EXPENDITURES			
Bond Water Project	170,000	-	-
Transfer from General	-	5,860	1,860
Construction	60,000	-	-
Maintenance	33,840	39,095	34,116
Bond	71,890	12,000	11,365
Water Project	516,000	800,000	-
Bond Interest	11,230	-	-
Misc. office, labor, savings	-	-	6,700
TOTAL	\$787,730	\$858,755	\$498,000

Attested Maureen Fleeor, Hollister City Clerk
July 31, 2007

PUBLISH: July 31 and August 7, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE

The Southwest and Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game have been informed that, due to drought conditions and high irrigation demands, Mountain Lake Reservoir and Little Camas Reservoir will drop and conditions become unsuitable. Therefore, bag, possession, and size limits will be effective August 3, 2007. Fish may be taken by any method except firearms, explosives, or electric current, effective August 3, 2007 through November 30, 2007. In accordance with Section 36-101, Idaho Code, a valid Idaho fishing license is required to salvage fish. Copies of Order 07-45 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters, 920 South Walnut, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2007
IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
/s/ Cal Green, Secretary

PUBLISH: August 7 and 8, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC REUSE
SUBJECT: Proposed use of two federally funded Grants: Availability of Planning and Design PURPOSE: The purpose is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds through Federal Grant for Public Reuse. The Grant Plans being reviewed will be:
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Community Services Block Grant

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 5:30 a.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time, at 400 West Franklin Road, Suite G, Boise, Idaho 83705. All written comments must be received before 5 p.m., Mountain Daylight Savings Time, August 20th, 2007, at 400 West Franklin Road, Suite G, Boise, Idaho 83705.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: This Plan is available for Public review at: Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, 5400 West Franklin Road, Suite G, Boise, Idaho, 83705.
SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Any one may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of these funds for this grant. Comments should be submitted to the Plans may be obtained from 5400 West Franklin Road, Suite G, Boise, Idaho, 83705, or by calling (208) 375-7382 for more information.

PUBLISH: July 31 through August 13, 2007

LEGAL NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise these citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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Legal Notice

"New" Burley Municipal Airport PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
The Burley Municipal Airport, City of Burley staff, Biometrics Environmental, and Ploeseo Engineering are starting the Environmental Assessment for the New Municipal Airport. They are inviting the public to an Open House to present the proposed location and layout of the New Airport. Your input and comments will be welcome.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 14th day of August at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., Burley, Idaho.

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CNA, Hospital dementia, Alzheimer's...

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CAREGIVER Seeking patient caring female companion
In home care of lowly elderly woman...

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Data Entry Clerk

113 Child Care Services
CHILD CARE spot at home looking for 2 to 3 children full-time...

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Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests

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Bankruptcy Chapter 7
Guaranteed lowest price for attorney representation...

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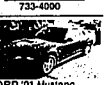
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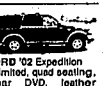
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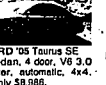
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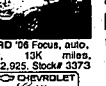
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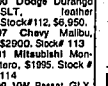
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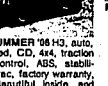
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Dead ringer

While horseshoes thrive elsewhere, the game is withering in south-central Idaho

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The thud and clink of falling horseshoes used to quicken Harry Chaplin's heartbeat. It hasn't been that many years ago that we'd hold a tournament and we'd have at least 20 people show up," said Chaplin, a semi-retired Idaho Transportation Department employee who's been pitching for 35 years. "We organized a tournament here a couple of years ago, and nobody showed up."

Horseshoes, a sport most closely associated with the Midwest, is flourishing in the Magic Valley, the part of Idaho most like America's heartland. Longtime horseshoe-pitchers have died, and too few — like Chaplin, 70, and Wayne Johnson of Butte, 80 — remain to keep the sport vibrant.

"I started pitching horseshoes about 10 years ago when we went to Palm Springs for the winter," said Johnson, a realtor in Twin Falls, who lives on a 60-acre farm near Buhl. "I love it, and I wish there were more opportunities to throw horseshoes in this area."

These days, Johnson and Chaplin sometimes get together on the Magic Valley's largest horseshoe-pitching venue, located at the corner of Washington Street South and Fourth Avenue West in Twin Falls, to compete with each other themselves.

"It's a lot of fun, and I can imagine that a lot of people who haven't tried it wouldn't enjoy it," Chaplin said. "But we've really had a decline in participation around here."

But not elsewhere in Idaho. Recently hosted the international tournament a few years ago and boasts an indoor horseshoe facility. "For some reason, that's a place where horseshoe-pitching really has



Harry Chaplin pitches a horseshoe Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. Chaplin has been pitching horseshoes for 35 years.

"I love it, and I wish there were more opportunities to throw horseshoes in this area."

— Wayne Johnson, Buhl

a strong following," Johnson said.

"But it's not happening here."

"We have the facilities, but we too, have a hard time attracting

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About the game

Horseshoes is a game for two or four players, most popular in the United States and Canada. In which players attempt to throw horseshoes so as to encircle a stake or to get them as close to the stake as possible. When two play, they pitch from a pitching box, 8 feet square, in the center of which is an iron or steel stake extending 14 inches from the surface and inclined 3 inches toward another stake 40 feet away (30 feet for women and juniors). After both players have pitched two

shoes each (an inning), they walk to the opposite box and pitch from it. When four play, each pair of partners pitches from opposite boxes. Regulation games are played to a winning score of 50, more informal games, to 21. After all shoes have been pitched in an inning, scoring is as follows: one point for each shoe closer than an opponent's (if the shoe is six inches or closer to the stake) and three points for each ringer (shoe encircling the stake). If shoes are equally distant or if oppo-

nents have the same number of ringers, these are considered ties and no points are scored. A leaning shoe has no more value than one touching the stake. Horseshoes designed for pitching (usually made of iron or steel) weigh 2 1/2 pounds and are 7 1/2 inches long, 7 inches wide at the greatest width, with a space 3 1/2 inches between the calks, as the small toes at each open end are called.

— Source: Encyclopædia Britannica

The history of horseshoes

As early as the second century B.C., iron plates or rings for shoes were called on horses' feet in western Asia and Eastern Europe. In Greece and Rome athletic contests, games of different kinds generally formed some part of religious observances and festivals. One of the four Grecian national festivals was the Olympian Games.

These Grecian Games consisted of boxing, throwing weights, chariot races, archery, and discus throwing. The discus was similar in form to the modern quoit but not in size and weight. It was a circular plate of metal or stone 30- or 12-inches in diameter. It was pitched or thrown with a strap or thong passed through a circular hole in the center, the strap being released by the player as he swung it so the discus would go the greatest possible distance. There is a tradition that the camp followers of the Grecian armies, who could not afford the discus, took discarded horseshoes, set up a stake and began throwing horseshoes at it. Horseshoe historians have not been able to discover when the game of quoits or horseshoes was changed so that it was pitched at two stakes, but it is pretty well established that horseshoe pitching had its origin in the game of quoits and that quoits is a modification of the old Grecian game of discus throwing.

Following the Revolutionary War, it was said by England's Duke of Wellington that "the war was won by pitchers of horse hardware." In 1869, England set up rules to govern the game. The distance between the stakes was 19 yards. The player stood level with the stake and delivered his quoit with his first step. There was no weight requirement but the outside diameter could not be more than 8 inches. The ground around the stake was clay and all-measurements for points were taken between the nearest parts of both quoit and stake. These became the rules under which the game was played in the United States, but no tournaments were held or records kept until 1909.

The game seemed to have been a favorite among soldiers in most wars. Returning home, these soldiers interested their home folks more than ever in the game and horseshoe-pitching courts were laid out in hundreds of cities, villages and farming communities. The impetus for horseshoe-pitching as we know it today grew out of the throwing of mule shoes in the Union camps during the Civil War. Courts sprung up in the backyards of Northern states. Rules differences arose regionally.

The first horseshoe pitching tournament in which competition was open to the world was held in the summer of 1910 in Bronson, Kan. The winner was Frank Jackson. He was awarded a world championship belt with horseshoes attached to it. The games were played on dirt courts on stakes 2 inches high above the level ground with stakes 38 feet apart. Jackson had acquired the skill of pitching a ringer over the 2-inch stake and laying his second shoe on top of the stake time after time so his opponent couldn't keep his finger on. Each man drew a number in this tournament and No. 1 played No. 2, No. 3 played No. 4, and so on until every man had played. Then numbers were drawn again by the winners, and play continued in the same way until the last winner was declared the world champion.

There was no regulation shoe size or weight. In 1911, the height of the stake was raised to 6 inches with the same scoring system with closest shoe counting one regardless of the distance from the stake. The top ringer received the count of all ringers on the stake. Games were still 21 points. The first ruling body of horseshoe pitching of which any record was found was organized in a courtroom of the First District Court in Kansas City, Kan., on May 16, 1914. A constitution, by-laws and rules were adopted and officers elected. The name chosen was

the Grand League of the American Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The association granted charters to local leagues in many states and their rules were accepted as standard in governing all regular horseshoe pitching tournaments.

It mandated the rule that like values always canceled like, and raised the stake to 8 inches, which met with approval of most pitchers. It established the weight of shoes so that in the 1915 Annual Tournament, no shoes were used that weighed less than 2 pounds, or more than 2 pounds, 2 ounces.

It kept the rule that leathers counted three points, ringers five points, and no shoe more than 6 inches from the stake would count. Pitcher's box was 3 feet each side of the stake and 7 feet back.

The pitcher could stand anywhere in the box. Stakes were 36 feet apart.

On Feb. 28, 1919, the National League of Horseshoe and Quoit Pitchers was organized at the National Tournament in St. Petersburg, Fla., with representatives from 29 different states attending.

In 1920, the game rules were changed drastically. Stakes were raised to 10 inches, stakes were 1 inch in diameter, ringers counted 3 points, close shoes 1 point, and leathers were abolished. In 1923, the lean of the stake toward each other was changed to 3 inches.

It was not until the late 1930s or early 1940s that the stake was raised to 12 inches, and in 1950, the stake was ruled to be between 14 and 15 inches high.

The present rule of 40 points for an official game was changed effective Jan. 3, 1982, the last major rule change governing play.

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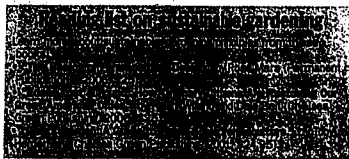
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Special to The Washington Post

In just a few years, "sustainability" has changed from a "buzzword" to a buzzword. People are recognizing the threats to our resources — water, air, soil, forests — as evidenced by the tremendous public response to the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," which won an Oscar recently.

It's common human response to a potential disaster to say, "What can I do? I'm only one person."

Fortunately, there are many things each of us can do in our own living spaces that, taken cumulatively, can make a difference.

The landscape is one place where many people and institutions have done a lot of work based on the principles of sustainable gardening, also called permaculture. Among them are Ben Gardner, a master gardener, teacher and consultant in the Southwest whose 1993 book, "Living Community: A Permanent Case Study at Sol y Sombra," details his work on the garden of that name in



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Ingenious ideas to get rid of the pesky insects

By Gary Dymki
Newsday

This time of year, my mail slot and e-mail inbox are swarming with questions about ants: carpenter ants, odorous house ants, pavement ants and almost every type of species in between.

So I went to the person who wrote the book on ants, author Cheryl Kimball. Her 2003 book, "Outwitting Ants: A Family Ingentious Methods and Proven Techniques to Prevent Ants From Destroying Your Home and Destroying Your Garden" (The Lyons Press, \$14.95), is a particularly valuable guide for homeowners. It provides tips and tricks on dealing with ants, from methods of identification to means of prevention.

"I learned that what's really important about dealing with ants is prevention," she said. "People often want to keep things clean. You have to trim back tree limbs that hang over the house. Wipe crumbs from countertops. Be generally do everything you can to keep ants from entering the home."

That's because once they get in, Kimball says, ants can be nearly impossible to wipe out.

Ants have been around about 120 million years, proof that over the long haul the species seems to be capable of withstanding virtually all types of predators, including irritated homeowners. "We're not going to be able to kill every ant," she says. "The key is to arrive at a happy medium, and that can be a little different for each individual."

One thing Kimball says she discovered in researching her book, which took several months, including trips to

the biological sciences library at the University of New Hampshire. Is that severe cases often must be turned over to a professional exterminator. "When you hear, for instance, carpenter ants marching on an inside wall," Kimball says, "trying to use a home remedy is probably not the best way to go."

Arthur Katz, owner of Kinokor Pest Control in Uniondale, N.Y., says initial treatment for severe cases of ant infestation can run from \$250 to \$500. But service contracts that target problem areas, including damp foundations or nests near food areas, start at \$45 per month for interior applications and from \$75 to \$150 per month for exterior treatment.

Like Kimball, Katz advises homeowners to catch ants early. "The most preventive measures that keep them outdoors. However, if an exterminator is needed, remember that today's technology is 'greener and safer,'" he says. Years ago, treatment called for spreading insecticides and pesticides across yards and lawns. "The use of insecticides by professional exterminators to target infested areas," Katz says, "so chemicals do not affect the indoor air quality, for example." By using baits, baits, baits, baits, chemicals are not haphazardly spread but are used with great caution.

In mild cases of ant infestation, there are alternatives to exterminating contractors. One "safe" method, particularly effective against pavement odorous species, is diatomaceous earth, a white, dust-like material that is the fossilized remains of diatoms, a type of hard-shelled algae. The material is dusted in areas, such as along the base of walls, interior and exterior. When ants crawl over the dust, their hard-shelled bodies are scraped away under a microscope, the diatomaceous earth has sharp, jagged edges — and they actually die of dehydration.

THE HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL ROSES

By Joel M. Lerner, APLD
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WASHINGTON — Roses are the perfect summer flowers. And this spring, brought perfect conditions to support them — low humidity, cool breezes and bright sun.

To truly understand the personality of a rose, grow it and learn its blooming habits. There are thousands of hybrids that might display characteristics from several types of roses, and new varieties are introduced regularly. They might bloom early or late, on current growth or on the previous year's. They can bloom repeatedly or flower all summer. A single bush can flower from buds formed during the current or previous season. For example, hybrid tea roses have long stems formed this year, and you can keep them flowering all season. Climbing roses generally flower on last year's growth but might repeat-bloom in July or August.

Rose breeders can produce almost any characteristic. The following categories were created to describe or flower all roses, to display. The lines between them blur more with each introduction. The greatest differences are how much they bloom and how big they get. These types of roses have been grown for their ornamental value:

• Procumbent (shrub) roses. These are among the hardiest and most disease-resistant. They are the most formidable in size and spread: With long, arching canes, they grow four to 12 feet in height but habits are wider than they are tall. They bloom less often but dependably grow together to form hedges or ground covers.

• Hybrid tea roses. These are

the most widely grown of all roses; many were bred for fragrance and color. Prune the stem that the flower bloomed on and a new bud will form; cut it to the first strong leaf (five leaflets). Hybrid teas will bloom all summer, until first frost. Their growth habit is upright. They grow three to four feet tall and need regular attention to discourage leaf spot, aphids and Japanese beetles. The problem with roses is that once a fungal problem or insect damage disfigures the plant, it's too late to treat. Put it on your calendar for next year.

• Floribunda. These are derived from the hybrid tea. They are shorter and more compact, and flower in clusters instead of individual blooms. Introduced in the 1940s, floribunda roses are considered easy to grow, and their shorter form helps them fit into the landscape design with other plants. But ease of growth and disease resistance are different issues. They must be treated often with fungicide, and insecticide if black spots or chewing damage begin to show on the leaves. Always purchase disease-resistant plants.

• Grandiflora. Usually tall, slender plants, these are true to their name, with the grandest, largest flowers of all the roses. They usually grow to five to six feet and bloom on long stems. Design grandiflora to the rear of your shrub border or at your property line. They bloom in summer and will give you a second flush if you prune the flowering stems down to the first healthy leaf before the petals drop.

• Climbers. Roses that grow with very long arching canes are referred to as climbers.



Climbing roses can rebloom in summer and require structural support.

They don't actually climb but grow long or tall enough to look best trained on a fence, trellis or arbor. You must attach leafy stems to the structure with string or wire and prune them to follow the support. Otherwise they'll look wild and weedy.

• Old-fashioned or heritage. The American Rose Society recognizes heritage roses as those grown before 1867, the year the first hybrid tea was introduced. They are direct descendants of the original species of roses and can be found in all of the forms I have outlined above, except the hybrid tea. The old-fashioned varieties are grouped together, and many types exist in each category. Some of these antique groups are albas, bourbon, damasks, mosses and perpetuals.

For a thriving rose garden, start with No. 1 quality roses. No. 2 or 3 roses may be less expensive, but they will take longer to flower profusely. Plant roses in full sun, in a place where gentle breezes can blow them dry after a rain.

(A common cause of disease on roses is wet feet or moisture on foliage.) Prepare a wide, deep planting hole, up to three feet wide and deep for each rose. We have used motorized augers to dig soil several feet deep and wide.

The payoff is worth it for the showpiece rose garden you will create. Evenly moist, light, well-drained soil is critical to the plant's health, so incorporate one to two parts compost to two parts native soil. Maintain a soil pH of 6.5 to 6.8, and check it every few years. Meters are available, or you can have your soil tested by your local cooperative extension service or garden center. When necessary, raise pH with pulverized dolomitic limestone or lower it with garden sulfur. Water deeply once a week during dry spells.

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Horseshoes

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younger people," said Bob Zausch of Pocatello, president of the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. "We've had a junior league, but it's a struggle to keep it going."

More's the pity, Chapin and Johnson believe, who has more than his share of senior citizens — the prime demographic among horseshoe-pitchers — and a decent number of first-rate horseshoe-pitching facilities, including a court in a park in Buhl, a pit at the Mindokka County Fairgrounds in Rupert, and a large horseshoe court near the golf course in Jackpot.

"There are a lot of places to pitch horseshoes in this area," Chapin said. "We just can't seem to attract enough people to keep it going."

"Twin Falls and the Burley-Rupert area used to be great places for horseshoes," said Zausch. "Jackpot used to be a can't-miss event."

"But people got older, and they died."

— Johnson finished sixth in

his age division at the international horseshoe tournament in Gillette, Wyo., last year — the equipment requirements are modest. A pair of competition-class horseshoes — "not from Kmart or Wal-Mart," Johnson says — will cost you about \$50.

"There's a lot of technical aspects to pitching horseshoes, but basically it comes down to practice," Johnson said. "The more you throw, the better you are."

The lack of interest in organized, competitive horseshoes puzzles Chapin because horseshoe-pitching happens at virtually every community festival in south-central Idaho during the summer.

"Harry and I went out to the antique car show in Castleford last summer," Johnson said. "And we took their money."

It can be a frustrating sport, but horseshoe falls where they may — but Chapin equates the experience with bowling.

"If you can knock over bowling pins, you can pitch horseshoes," he said.

Sustain

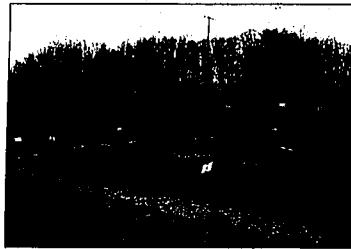
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preserve his rural character. Coordinate plantings so some of the guidelines offered by Eggardt and by Hundredfold Farms, and partly on some of the practices I employ, here are 10 ways you can establish a healthier, happier garden as well as help renew the earth.

1. Promote sustainability. Use plants, trees and shrubs that are native to your area and already thrive there. The primary advantage is that they have adapted to the growing conditions and shouldn't need extra water or nutrients. Keep the soil in good condition with homemade compost and mulch. Collect rainwater for use in the garden. Search out Web sites that offer information about indigenous plants.

2. Control use of pesticides and herbicides and use on-site materials. Employ natural remedies such as soap sprays, weeds and hand weeding. Use the least toxic methods of control. Encourage beneficial insects such as ladybugs and parasitic wasps. Recycle organic plant material on your property. Compost it. If plant material is diseased, bag it and send it out with the trash. Leave grass clippings and fallen leaves on the lawn.

3. Re-create natural beauty. Use an informal style, with free-form beds and curving paths. When possible, use local materials for formal and structures and local stone for



When possible, use local stone for walls, paths and patios.

walls, paths and patios. Coordinate plantings for 12-month interest, such as spring-flowering bulbs and shrubs, summer-flowering perennials, fall fragrance and color and winter flowering and interesting bark. Make vegetable beds as beautiful as flower beds by training them on trellises, arbors or other structures, and mixing in beneficial flowers, such as marigolds. Include herbs and vegetables that have a variety of leaf colors. Use berries and sweets to vary the elevation.

4. Encourage diversity. Plant a variety of plants and allow plants, birds and insects to have a place. A landscape should not be a still life but a dynamic habitat for wildlife.

5. Reconsider that grass. Lots of people are proud of their broad green lawns, but turf grass can be a greedy matriarch. If you want golf-course turf, it can require lots of water, chemicals to keep it healthy and energy to keep it mowed. The permaculture solution is to plant less turf and more flowers and shrubs that are all more desirable than grass.

6. Use less energy. Make the most of collected water to irrigate the garden. Disturb the land as little as possible. For example, heavy machinery uses gasoline. Create berms for sound protection and privacy. Plant swales to reduce rainwater runoff, which can cause water pollution. Use shade plants to reduce cooling costs and windbreaks to reduce heating costs.

7. Increase food production. Plant more fruits and vegetables so you can "eat locally" and seasonally, and decrease the need for food to be transported all over the world. Increase food supplies by using greenhouses, cold frames, root cellars and hard

vest succession to expand growing seasons.

8. Make garden chores more efficient. Instead of pulling weeds, mowing the lawn or shearing with hedge trimmers, use that time to compost, mulch, plant and harvest.

9. Educate yourself and others. Learn the major environmental problems in your neighborhood and region.

10. Take responsibility. Reduce your imprint and let nature have a larger role.

Raising expectations

Jerome kids have been waiting all year for this moment, when the animals they raised will be auctioned.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Residents still waiting for Shoshone waterline

SHOSHONE — A seven-year-old project aimed at getting more water pressure to city residents is still in progress. The project, which began in 2000, aims to tie the lines and loop other lines to create better flow.

City officials said they do not have an estimate on the total cost of the project because work is done piecemeal when the city can afford it — another reason the project is taking so long, said Councilman Dale Sluder, its cost so far is \$239,701.

The way original lines were placed, combined with city growth, caused pressure problems for residents at the end of waterlines. By the time water arrived at the end of a line, there was little to no pressure.

The project began at West E Street and stopped at Date Street and West 7th, where reengineering is needed.

Problems that have prolonged the project include rocks, sewer and ditch water, utility lines, and funding. Sluder said the project will likely not be completed for another two or three years.

School district uses grant for music classes

RICHFIELD — The Richfield School District thanks the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund and the Idaho Community Foundation for a \$3,000 grant for the 2006-07 school year.

A four octave set of MelodyChimes, curriculum kits, music stands and music were purchased with the grant money.

The grant was written by school board member and past teacher Sandra Calkins and fifth-grade teacher Vicki Southwick.

The chimes have been used in classrooms and in a fifth-grade musical number during a cultural night presented by the drama club and the fourth- and fifth-grade classes.

Music and the general education of the elementary school will be enhanced through the use of the chimes.

Castelford school registration starts today

CASTLEFORD — Castelford School District will host school registration, beginning today.

Seniors, juniors and new students in grades 6-12 will register from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today. Sophomores, freshmen and new students in grades K-5 will register from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, and students in grades 9-5 will register from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Student activity card pictures will be taken each day by Lifetouch Photographers.

Documentary on Johnson murders airs tonight

Tonight at 8 p.m., ABC will air a documentary on the murders of Alan and Diane Johnson, who were shot to death in their Bellevue home by their daughter Sarah.

Sarah Johnson is serving a life sentence in the Pocatello Women's Correction Center. The program is part of the series "Prime Time Crime," and will feature interviews with Blaine County law enforcement officials and relatives of Alan and Diane Johnson.

Though the murders took place almost four years ago, and Sarah was sentenced more than two years ago, national media interest hasn't waned.

The killings were also featured on Spike TV's "Murder" show on Saturday. Oxygen has covered them in its series "Snapped," and Court TV, which broadcast the live trial in early 2005, is planning another show.

— compiled from staff reports

See that ugly green thing? City council seeks answers to weed problem that's 'out of hand'

By Nick Coltrin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Walk down the street and stop anywhere. Now look around. See anything mostly green, mostly coming from cracks in the pavement and mostly unsightly? Former Twin Falls mayor Paul

Ostyn bets you will, and those weeds have been bugging him. So much so that he brought the complaint to the city council Monday.

"I feel I've been here long enough where I could speak up," said Ostyn, who served as mayor in the '70s. "The situation is out of hand."

It's something that current Mayor Lance Clow agrees on. While no

vote or decision was made on controlling the weeds they say dominate everything from vacant lots to sidewalks on Main Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard, both looked to young people — those either looking for a paid job or needing community service hours — to pick them.

But, Clow reminded everyone, it's

the job of the homeowner to break out the weed-killer on the sidewalk in front of their house.

The city council will:
• approved the appointment of Ron Yates to the Historic Preservation Commission and the commission's proposal to spend a

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Downtown businesses still waiting for water for landscaping.
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Treading a fine line



James and Scottie Crosson, members of the Boot Scooting Dancers Club, dance at the Twin Falls Senior Center in 2003. The senior center, which relies on donations, is having funding problems.

More money problems beset senior center

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Things could be worse for the Twin Falls Senior Center.

Staff members still manage to serve regular lunches during weekdays, and everything from bingo games to regularly scheduled dances still take place in its main hall.

But finances at the center, which relies on donations and has flirted with financial trouble in the past, are still only about "fair," manager Jacques Whiting said Monday.

That's why donors like Rueben Tschackofski of Twin Falls are even more valuable, Whiting said. Tschackofski, president of the local Monarch Lions Club, presented the center with a \$1,000 check Monday with no restrictions on its use.

The idea for the donation, Tschackofski said, came from several Lions Club members who help with Meals on Wheels.

"They found out that the center is not in very good shape financially," he said. "Some of these folks eat down there daily."

Whiting said the club's donation is enough to cover about 225 meals, for which center staff encourages donations of \$450. The center, located on Shoshone Street, provides both the Meals on Wheels

You can help

To donate to the Twin Falls Senior Center, call Jacques Whiting at 734-5084 or stop by the center, located at 830 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls.

service and meals served in its dining room.

Whiting would not share the numbers for the center's budget, but said there are several reasons contributing to high costs and low income at the moment. Attendance at senior centers across the region is low right now, she said, though no one is quite sure why. Her guess: people are living longer and are more physically fit, and want to do more than go to senior centers every day.

"Being 75, they don't want to be down here with a bunch of 'old people,'" she said, adding that many such as her are still working.

Maintenance and administration costs eat up half the budget, Whiting said, and another third are costs from the food program. One reason for that, she said, is a change to a federal commodities program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program used to provide basics such as cheese, peanut butter and ground beef to senior centers and school lunch programs, she said, but in January,

the shipments stopped.

That's not entirely correct, said USDA spokeswoman Jean Daniel. Only seven states were still receiving the physical goods under the commodities program in 2006, she said, with the others receiving the cash value of the commodities and purchasing them locally. When the act that directs the program came up for reauthorization last year, Congress decided to switch everyone to the cash system, she said.

In Idaho, the cash for senior meals is distributed by the Idaho Commission on Aging. Deedra Hunt, a senior services program specialist for the commission, said senior centers should still be getting the commodities cash, but may be getting less value for their money because the federal government bought in bulk.

Whiting could not be reached in time Monday to comment on the statements from Daniel and Hunt. But the commodities money is just one part of the center's budget problems, which Whiting said she plans to talk to Twin Falls County commissioners about.

"It's not fair to make people decide between their medicine and food," she said.

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Paving project to temporarily close I-84 westbound on-ramp

Times-News

SHOSHONE — Access to the westbound entrance to Interstate 84 at the U.S. Highway 93 interchange will be interrupted occasionally this week as construction crews pave through the temporary on-ramp, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

The westbound on-ramp at milepost 53.4 for southbound U.S. 93 traffic will be closed at various times during the week of Aug. 6 to Aug. 10, as the paving project moves through the area. Traffic will be diverted onto the westbound cloverleaf on-ramp at milepost 53.14.

Travelers are reminded to watch for traffic control personnel and follow directions onto I-84.

The Interstate between the interchange and Jerome (mileposts 167 and 172) is reduced from four to two lanes and is open to two-way traffic only in the eastbound lanes during this stage of construction. A maximum width of 14 feet is allowed through the construction zone, and the speed limit is reduced to 65 mph. Delays of 10 to 15 minutes can be expected.

The Jerome Rest Area remains closed during construction.

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Canal company may have to turn off water for a week in September

By Cindy Snyder
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A hot, dry summer has both crops and water users gasping for air. Ted Diehl, manager of the North Side Canal Company in Jerome, can't remember a summer when temperatures have gotten so hot so early and remained hot for so long. Boise just recorded its hottest July ever with an average daily temperature of more than 83 degrees, about a degree warmer than the previous record high, which was set about 130 years ago.

To stretch limited storage water supplies, NSCC cut water deliveries to 80 percent of a full water share. But the hot water is still draining reservoir levels. Diehl said the 150,000-acre project was using as much water at 80 percent of delivery when the temperatures were 105 degrees as it did when temperatures were in the low 90s and ditch riders were delivering full shares.

Depending on what August's weather brings, NSCC may have to turn off for a week in September to save enough water for a late-season irrigation needed by sugar beet and potato grow-

ers. American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 started the season at 80 percent of a full water share to conserve for the heat of the growing season.

Delivery was bumped to 100 percent from June 15 to July 15, then cut back to 80 percent. "We tried to give a little boost at the peak demand and then make it through to the end of the season," said Lynn Harrison, who manages both AFRD No. 2 and the Big Wood Canal Co. "We're hoping to make the first of October."

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Paving

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The project should be finished by September. For highway and weather conditions throughout the state, access the Idaho Traveler Services Web site at 511.idaho.gov or call 511 from phones within Idaho. Reports are updated twice daily or whenever conditions change on Idaho highways.

1-84 shoulder closed in Jerome County after crash

SHOSHONE — The shoulder of Interstate 84 at the Crestview Road overpass west of Burley will remain closed awaiting repairs after a truck hit a support girder, the Idaho Transportation Department announced. The damaged section is located on the north side of the westbound lanes at mile post 197.61, which is about

three miles west of the Kootenai Road interchange. The overpass was damaged at about 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, as the driver of a truck forgot to lower the hydraulic hoist as he passed under the overpass, hitting a girder with the elevated bed. The driver was not injured in the crash.

After an inspection of the damaged girder, it was determined the section will need to be replaced. The impact did no other damage and the structure is safe for travel. The shoulder will remain closed until it can be repaired. A timeline for repairs has not been determined.

Traffic control cones have been set up on the overpass to keep traffic off the shoulder. Drivers are asked to be patient and drive safely near the closed shoulder.

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\$5,000 grant from the state to produce a historic downtown walking tour brochure discussing historic homes and commercial buildings.

sent two annexation proposals — about 13 acres at Kanyon Road and 3,600 North Road and about 2 acres at Harrison Street South and Orchard Drive — to the third and final reading at a future city council meeting.

approved a one-year extension to the final filing requirements for the planned Grandview Estates subdivision. In addition to the extension, the city council also made the recommen-

dation that the developers provide a pressurized irrigation system, which uses canals, to future homeowners.

The city has been trying to ease the use of potable water in new developments because it drains the city's drinking-water supply. During the recent increase in development, the city has fallen behind in providing pressurized irrigation systems and has since been urging more developers to install the systems.

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Canals

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Good carryover in Magic Reservoir is helping stretch the Big Wood Canal Co.'s season. The system will be shut down Aug. 17 to allow for a late-season run from September 10 to 16. That will leave us with essentially an empty reservoir," Harmon said.

He said he's heard reports that the upper end of the Big Wood watershed has received decent rains in the last few weeks. He hopes it's enough to soak the mountains now to boost the spring runoff next year.

One inch of rain that fell in the eastern Magic Valley over the last two weeks has helped the Butley Irrigation District stretch its water supply.

Manager Randy Bingham said water demand was very high in June across the project, but has been average for July. He sees a lot of similarities between this season and the 2004 season, although water consumption has been running at a head of 2004. He speculates that more corn and alfalfa acres — both crops with high water requirements — could be pushing water use higher. Irrigators on the pumped portion of the A&B Irrigation District near Rupert are on pace for record water deliveries.

"It's been such a long season," said Dan Temple, manager of the project, which supplies irrigation water both from the Snake River and deep wells. "We're ready

for it to start cooling down."

As with all other ground-water pumping, A&B has a right to annual diversion from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and cannot exceed that diversion. The discharge from these pumps continues to decline although demand for water is strong.

Water use on the Twin Falls Canal Co. tract has also been high. TFC Manager Vince Alberdi estimated irrigators used about 100,000 acre-feet of water in June. Depending on August's weather and how the springs hold up, TFC water users could be out of storage water by Sept. 1.

Negotiations continue with ground-water users, the Surface Water Coalition and the Idaho Department of Water Resources regarding the amount of mitigation water senior surface-water users need to get through this irrigation season.

South of Twin Falls, irrigators on the Salmon River Canal Co. tract can expect the irrigation season to continue into early September. Water demand has been about normal for July, company officials said.

With reservoirs across southern Idaho expected to be nearly empty by the end of this irrigation season, managers are hoping for a good snowpack. But the long-term forecast isn't giving them much optimism. The forecast remains warm and dry through October.

Cindy Snyder is a correspondent for Ag Weekly.

Appellate court upholds developer's conviction under Clean Water Act

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the 18-month prison sentence of an eastern Idaho developer who bulldozed a stream bed in a subdivision.

In its ruling Friday, the appellate court said Charles Lynn Moses repeatedly ignored warnings from the government that his work on Teton Creek was illegal. Unless another appeal is filed, the ruling means that the U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill can order the developer from Driggs to serve the prison time. It also means that once Moses is released from prison, he will have to abide by a 2004 order issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordering him to repair the damage to the stream bed and restore the wetlands.

Moses' attorney, Blake Atkins of Salt Lake City, could not immediately be reached for comment. The case involves work Moses did in the Aspenas Subdivision in Teton County starting in the 1980s. As early as 1982 and several times after, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials told Moses that his work altering Teton Creek required a permit under the Clean Water Act, according to the ruling. Still, Moses worked to reroute and reshape the

creek for more than 20 years, the ruling says, dumping gravel, dirt and logs into the creek and deepening the channel.

"While his sand/gravel or even contempt in the face of agency demands may show either courage or foolhardiness, it does not save him from the consequences of his actions," Judge Ferdinand Fernandez wrote in the ruling. In 1995, the Corps of Engineers ordered Moses to stop all dredge and fill operations in the creek, and follow-up letters were sent to the developer in 1996 and 1997, according to the ruling.

Moses failed to apply for the permits in 2002, 2003 and 2004, and violated a 2004 EPA cease-and-desist order by dumping dredged material into the creek, court records show. In 2005 a federal grand jury indicted Moses on three counts of felonious violations of the Clean Water Act, and Moses was found guilty several months later.

Winmill handed down the sentence plus a \$9,000 fine, but agreed to postpone it while Moses appealed. Attorneys for Moses contended he believed it was critical to build makeshift dikes and dams and to excavate the creek's bed so it wouldn't flood the subdivision where he had developed and sold new homes.

Federal officials remove snail from protected status

The Associated Press

BOISE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined Monday that a tiny freshwater snail that inhabits a 35-mile stretch of the Snake River or no longer worthy of protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The decision to delist the Idaho Springsnail, considered by some biologists and environmentalists to be an indicator species for healthy aquatic ecosystems, comes 15 years after it was granted endangered status.

In 2004, at the urging of then-Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the state's biggest utility, Idaho Power, agency scientists began reconsidering the snail's protected status based on evidence it inhabited a much

broader range than initially believed.

Using genetic testing, scientists concluded the springsnail is not a unique species, and instead should be classified with freshwater snails found in Columbia River sections in Washington and lakes in Oregon and Wyoming. Scientists even created a new species for the snails — *pygospopsis robusta*.

"This newly combined species is distributed over a wider geographic area than in the original listing and does not need ESA protection," said Jeff Foss, the agency's field supervisor in Boise.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

ARRAIGNMENTS FOR AUG. 3
Jacob Valquez-Torres, 19, Twin Falls; attempted robbery; felonious administration of drugs; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 10; no bond information.
Dad L. Hernandez, 19, Boise; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 10; no bond information.

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Thursday, August 9, 2007
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At the south end of Hagerman (US Bank corner), just 10 1/2 miles.

Sale Time 5:00 pm Lunch served by Kathy

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

Nice modern oak dining table, claw foot pedestal type, large leaf and 4 matching chairs • beautiful light green genuine leather sofa and loveseat • beveled glass top rocker table • modern oak coffee table with drawers • wood trim office recliner • 2 modern brass floor lamps • Sears 25" color tv with V-Chip remote • oscillating fan on stand • GPX stereo set • beautiful framed beveled wall mirror • small phone stand • like new Queen bed with ornate high wooden headboard and extra thick pillow top mattress (nice bed) • 3 piece maple double bed with box springs, mattress, chest of drawers and dresser with mirror • double dresser • double bed box springs and mattress • white wicker night stand and mirror set • "Alec" cuckoo clock with weights • 3 wood clocks • 60" glass master oven • GE sensor microwave • Hoover Wind Tunnel V2 upright vacuum

ANTIQUE FURNITURE

Black oak 3 section armoire with beveled mirror center door (excellent condition) • hard wood dresser with craft frame mirror, oak rocking chair with leather seat • nice cherry wood wash cabinet • oak chest of drawers with skeleton key lock and small casket wheels • oak chair with leather seat • other old wooden chairs • old hard wood night stand • pair of hobnail quality lamps

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

4 Dan Brewer (Batter) pencil sketches including "Keep Yer Eyes Above The Skyline, Native Son, Rocky Mountain Free Split, and Reflections of Camp - cast iron 8 horse team and Dubuque wagon - cast iron white iron and ice wagon • cast iron horse and model 400 spinning reel • "No 40" butter churn (excellent condition) • Darcy butter churn (no 4) • cork jug • 4 piece jar and shaker set including large sugar jar and 2 salt and pepper shakers • oak Truck Bull Dog ash tray • oak inlaid clock • two 1950's Zenith table top radios • 1950's cast iron coal buckets • pitcher and bowl set • ink bottle liners • elephant figurines • many "Old Cars" magazines • 3 sets of blue fruit jars with lead lids • old advertising pens • 2 Jim Bean bottles

COLLECTIBLES - ANTIQUES

4 whale bone fishing lures (4' long) made in Occupied Japan • several old wooden fishing lures • old telescoping steel fishing pole - 6' old bamboo fly fishing rods, 1 with extra light tip section, 1 Sport King, 1 Montague • Mirra Silvert auto fly rod and reel • Ironstone model 400 spinning reel • Penn reel • Ocean City model 113 reel • Silkspear model 1837 auto fly rod reel • Uteka 85 auto fly rod reel • Montgomery Ward cast iron toaster • Griswold 8 1/2 quart skillets • Vintage skillets • Griswold food chopper • King Kutter food chopper • Lodge skillet • Griswold #5 skillet • other dutch oven and skillets • several 2 man and 1 man crockpot saws • meat saw • old Duff Norton RB carbide jack • wooden wood planes • old Stanley and Ward Master wood planes • hand saw and mauling iron • 2 can milk can cart with steel wheels • 2 old garden cultivators • old hub caps • old wet wheel • egg incubator • whiskey box

GUNS - ATV - TRAILR 90 MOTORBIKES

SPORTING ITEMS

Winchester "model 1911" Browning 12 gauge shotgun with recoil barrel action and full choke (excellent condition) • old Ivers Johnson 7 shot revolver with leather case (marked on case "Border Patrol Harpers") • new Beretta 32 caliber semi automatic pistol with clip action (never been fired) • Remington "model 1400 22 caliber pellet rifle • 22 caliber pellet pistol • old Daisy BB gun • 1985 Honda TRX 125 four wheeler ATV, 2 wheel drive, good condition, runs great • 1971 Honda Trail 90 motorcycle • 1969 Honda TRX 90 motorcycle, needs tune up (very good condition) • 1969 Honda TRX 90 motorcycle, needs tune up • collection of hunting and folding knives • fishing poles, nets, tackle boxes, flies and tackle • goose decoys • 1 Honda and 1 Coleman generators (both need a tune up)

LAWN, GARDEN & SHOP ITEMS - MISC.

MTD Yard Machine riding lawn mower with 17.5 hp, 42" cut and 8 speed transmission • patio table and umbrella • 4 patio chairs • rubber tire wheelbarrow • garden tools • picnic table with nice new red wood top • propane camp stove • Weber gas barbecue with undated propane tank • 2 updated 5 gal propane tanks • good Echo gas powered weed eater • Echo "660" 8" chain saw • Craftsman chain saw • assorted hand tools • set of wood lathe tools • aluminum step ladder • 4 piece shop work bench cabinet • Husky Power Washer with 1800 psi • complete equalizer hitch set • ton chain hoist • trailer jack • shop vac • utilities, books, clocks, dishes, bedding and other household miscellaneous • 2 rice framed Indian pictures

PICKUP - SCOUT - BOAT - TRAILER

1995 Ford Ranger LX extended cab pickup, 4.0 liter gas engine, automatic trans, new tires, matching camper shell, 104,000 miles, runs great, 25 mpg • 1962 International Scout has truck valve, needs help, all complete and good to restore • 1971 Star Craft boat, single hull, Chrysler 70 hp outboard motor (runs good), new canopy top, full canvas cover, little Dade boat trailer with tilt and extended hitch (nice boat) • 18ft auto transport trailer with tandem axle

NOTE: Ken has sold his place and moving to Hawaii. Most all the items on this auction are in good shape. The furniture is very nice. Don't miss this one, lots of interesting stuff.

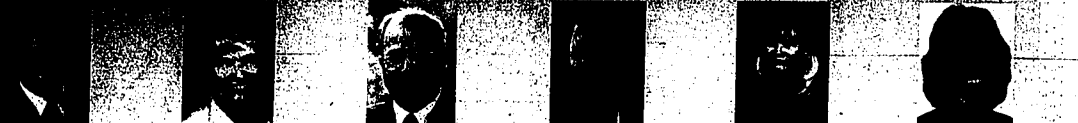
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AROUND THE WORLD

MIDDLE EAST

Israelis make way to Palestinian peace table

Jerusalem — With two army helicopters escorting his motorcade, Ehud Olmert ventured into the West Bank on Monday to discuss the most divisive issues of a possible peace settlement, the first visit by an Israeli prime minister to Palestinian territory in seven years.

"I am delighted to see you," Olmert said, embracing Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas inside a heavily guarded hotel in the city of Jericho.

The Israeli leader said he had come to discuss "fundamental issues" in the decades-old conflict, "hoping that this will lead to soon into negotiations about the creation of a Palestinian state."

IRAQ

Political crisis grows; 28 killed in bombing

Baghdad — Iraq's political crisis worsened Monday as five more ministers announced a boycott of Cabinet meetings — leaving the embattled prime minister's unity government with no members affiliated with Sunni political factions.

Meanwhile, a suicide bomber killed at least 28 people in a northern city including 19 children, some playing soccer and marbles in front of their homes. And the American military reported five new U.S. deaths: four soldiers were killed in a combat explosion in restive Diyala province north of the capital Monday, and a soldier was killed and two were wounded during fighting in eastern Baghdad on Sunday.

The new cracks in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government appeared even as U.S. military officials sounded cautious notes of progress on security, citing strides against insurgents linked to al-Qaida in Iraq but also new threats from Iranian-backed Shiite militias.

Despite the new U.S. accusations of Iranian meddling, the U.S. and Iranian ambassadors met Monday for their third round of talks in just over two months. A U.S. embassy spokesman called the talks between U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and his counterpart, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, "frank and serious."

FRANCE

Art masterpieces stolen from Paris museum

Paris — Five armed, masked thieves sprinted into

an art museum on the French Riviera during opening hours Sunday afternoon, snatched a Claude Monet and three other masterpieces off the walls, stuffed them in bags and made their get-aways by motorcycle and car. French authorities said Monday.

The brazen robbers, clad in jumpsuits, ordered guards to lie on the floor at gunpoint as accomplices fanned through the galleries of Nice's Museum of Fine Arts.

— compiled from wire reports

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3rd Annual Pet Idol

How to Enter:

- submit a photo of your pet, color or black/white, preferably digital, minimum of 3x5 along with all required information and include the entry donation of fifteen dollars made payable to the Times-News' Newspaper in Education Program.
- entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. August 20th, 2007.
- All entries become property of the Times-News and absolutely no photos will be returned.

Required Information:

- Complete entry form.
- Include pet's name, owner's name, address, and phone number; One pet per photo please. Photos can be black and white or color.
- Photo size must be either a 3x5 or 5x7. Digital photos must be at least 2 inches wide and 300 dpi to qualify. All photos must be of high quality (240 res.).
- Entries with incomplete or illegible information will not be accepted.

If you have any questions please call Maggie Amador at 735-3294 or email mamador@gmagicvalley.com

Contest Details:

- Original voting ballots will be available during the 3rd Annual Pet Idol contest in selected editions of the Times-News, online at www.magicvalley.com, and at the Times-News front desk.
- Ballots can be submitted on-line, mailed in to Pet Idol 132 Fairfield St. W., PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or may be dropped off and the Times-News office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.
- The Times-News reserves the right to make all final decisions concerning administration, procedures and eligibility.
- Pets of employees and their immediate families are not eligible to win.
- Ties will be determined by computer generated tie-breaker program.

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Your best pal could be the Winner!

Form fields: Pet's Name, Pet Owner, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email, I am Closing \$, Cash, Check. (Make checks payable to Times-News) Deadline for photos: August 20th by 5pm. Photos of pets along with pet and owner names will be published in the Times-News for voting purposes.

Small note: Please mail photos with entry form. Pet photos will not be returned.