

AREA TRACK STARS PLACE AT STATE

Jerome boys finish second at 4A state; area competitors win individual crowns.

SPORTS, C1

Good Morning

High: 69
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Mostly cloudy, small chance of rain. Details: C6

T.F. judge hears feedlot arguments

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

To one side, it's an issue of basic constitutional rights. To the other, it's a county exercising its right to run itself. The task now before 5th District Judge G. Richard Bevan is to sort out whose take on a controversial Jerome feedlot is right, after Judge John K. Butler recused himself from the case. Jerome County commissioners in October rejected an application for a

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13,000-animal feedlot from Big Sky Farms Limited Partnership, planned for a location just more than one mile from the Mindoka National Historic

Site. John Lothspch, representing Big Sky general partner and Eden businessman Don McFarland, argued Friday in a Twin Falls courtroom that

McFarland had been unfairly treated by commissioners who arbitrarily fettered county and state code in favor of their comprehensive plan when denying the permit.

Allowing that commissioners could consult the county's comprehensive plan in their deliberations, Lothspch said the final criteria for a permit come from its confined-animal feeding operations ordinance, which the

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75 cents

Kimberly factory accident draws feds' attention

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Federal occupational safety inspectors are investigating an incident involving a mechanical belt that maimed the hand of a forerhan at a Kimberly bean production plant Monday.

Albert Castro was flown to a hospital in Salt Lake City after getting his hand caught in a bean sorter machine's belt. ADM-Edible Bean Specialties Inc. in Kimberly, a county law enforcement official said. Castro was putting dressing on a belt that had begun to make a squealing noise, an official said.

At the Salt Lake hospital he underwent "an extensive surgery," said Jeff Pool, his brother-in-law.

"He's wanting to just kind of bury this deal and get through it," said Pool, who explained Castro did not want to give more information on his status. Jerry Hockett, area director of Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the agency learned of the incident through a *Times-News* article.

With the exception of rare circumstances, companies are required to notify OSHA only if an incident involves a fatality or hospitalizes three or more people, Hockett said.

Hockett said the investigation appears "straightforward" and should last only a few weeks. "This is an accident," he said. "It's not as complicated as a fatality ... generally."

ADM has not returned multiple *Times-News* phone calls.

Highway overload ITD meeting paves way for road care

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

Whether intentional or not, Idaho's rules concerning truck load limits are not being followed and the state's roads are falling apart because of it, state and local officials say.

Officials from Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln county law enforcement, Idaho Transportation Department and the dairy industry met with House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Donna Ponce, D-Gooding, Thursday in Bliss to discuss how to solve the problem.

"We're not here to point fingers but rather open communication, so we can all understand what exactly the problem is and what we can do about it," Jaquet said.

Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, admits producers and manure haulers need to learn and follow the regulations surrounding load limits but said part of the problem lies with how enforcement is structured. Several questions during the meeting addressed who gets ticketed when code isn't followed — the operation owner or vehicle driver?

"Most of the damage seems to take place when frost conditions are present, and that is a matter of education," said Naerebout. "However, education is needed on two parts. Part of the equation needs to address enforcement issues, like who receives the fine. The other part of education is for those using equipment. They need to learn how damages occur and how they can be part of the solution."

Donna Scruggs, an inspector with the ITD's Twin Falls roving port of entry, said she can see the dilemma from both an operator and enforcement

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The water of life



The Women of the Well pose for a portrait in front of Lighthouse Christian Church Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. Inspired by an AIDS awareness exhibit in April, the group seeks \$20 donations from women to build 55,400 wells in Ethiopia, providing safe drinking water for villagers there.

AIDS exhibit prompts group to finance African wells

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

After walking through an interactive AIDS exhibit last month, Ollie Marks learned of many ways to help children facing health threats across Africa.

But one particular piece of paper stood out: For just \$5,390, you could install a well in a village currently used to stagnant, disease-riddled water.

"Seems like a pretty daunting amount," Marks said.

But, she said Friday, it ended up being easier than she thought.

By the time they reached the parking lot, Marks and her friends from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls were fleshing out an idea to seek \$20 each from the women they knew, raising enough for a well when they reached 269 women.

Turns out rounding up the women was easier than it seemed. On Wednesday, the group wrote its first check for one well to World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization focused on issues of poverty. Now called Women of the Well, its loosely organized members are working on a second well. All wells funded by the group are planned for a region of Ethiopia.

"With all of us working together, pitching in a little bit, we can do so much," said Allison Hamilton, one of the organizers.

The group only accepts \$20 per person, Marks said, and records each woman's name for recognition by World Vision. Men are welcome to donate on behalf of women in their lives. Compiling the list

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and publishing the well sites helps the women take ownership in what they've done, said Imogene Heath, another donor.

Each well, Marks said, is worth the small sum. According to World Vision statistics, 3,600 children die each day from water-related illness. One well providing 600 gallons a day of safe, clean water can cut the death rate in half for a village. It's an effect the group feels surpasses any of the other opinions presented by World Vision. "I think the water is the main thing because it touches so many lives," Hamilton said.

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A Women of the Well water bottle.

Tomorrow in the Times-News



Running for joy

Twin Falls track star had a long journey to Twin Falls.

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Catch the bug

Libraries open their doors for summer readers.

FAMILY LIFE



Housing rebound?

Good news and bad news on the housing front.

BUSINESS

How to take part:

To learn more about Women of the Well or to donate, visit <http://www.womenofthewell.net/> or contact Ollie Marks: 737-4667 or Women of the Well, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.



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Texas appeals polygamist sect ruling.
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Oakley Valley Arts Council auditions for summer production of "Seussical the Musical," actors of all ages be prepared to read from provided script and present musical number, 9 a.m. to noon, Howell Opera House, Oakley, 677-2787.

The Dance Center's spring dance recital, "Just Dance," 4:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5, 732-6781.
Spanish Christian Concert, includes gospel singer Eric Portia, 6 p.m., Roper auditorium, Twin Falls High School campus, 1615 Filer Ave. E., \$15 donation (free CD at entrance), (208) 735-2249 or (208) 316-6786.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Mandala "sacred circle" Art Exhibit and sale fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 431 Meadows Lane, Twin Falls, proceeds to March of Dimes-Champion for Babies, 733-3301.
"After the parade" concert, "Miles to Nowhere" blues group to benefit the center, Hagerman Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake St., \$5 per person or \$15 for a family, 837-6120.

BOOK SIGNING

Author signing, Bobb Post of Twin Falls for young-readers book, "The Adventures of Jimmy," 1 to 3 p.m., Barnes & Nobles Booksellers, 1239 A Pole Line Road, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls, 733-5554.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Jerome High School Class of 1946 no-host dinner, 5 p.m., China Village Restaurant, Jerome, 733-3983, 324-4296 or 320-8877.

EXHIBITS

Filer High School Art Students Showcase, over 150 pieces of original art, 2 to 5 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost, public invited, 734-5538.

FESTIVALS AND HOLIDAYS

Hagerman Senior and Community Center annual Fossil Day Breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m., at the center, 140 E. Lake St., Hagerman, \$5 per person and \$3 for children under age five, 837-6120.
Idaho Crewers Memorial Day Car Show and Antique Market, includes car and motorcycle show, swap meet, vendors, antiques, arts and crafts show and an Idaho National Guard ceremonial presentation, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave., Filer, \$3 per person, proceeds benefit improvements at the fairgrounds, 326-4396.
Hagerman Fossil Day parade, 11 a.m., downtown Hagerman, 543-6682.

HOBBIES AND TRACTS

The 14th annual Woodcarving Jamboree, public invited to observe caricature carving classes, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields building, College of Southern Idaho campus, open to the public, vendors with tools, books and supplies available, (208) 322-1463 for class information.

HOME AND GARDEN

Hollister Farmers Market and Swap Meet, 15-plus vendors and farmers market booths, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bodes Cafe parking lot, Hollister, (208) 420-4801.
Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., North College Road, across from Eldon Evans Expo Center, Twin Falls, 316-1291 or tfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Mystery of the Missing Seasons" at 2 p.m.; "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 4 p.m.; "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SPORTS

Magic Valley Ducks Unlimited 300 Bird Sporting Clays Shoot, with prizes and lunch with registration hosted by Jerome Gun Club, 10 a.m. start time, 14 miles north of junction of 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$50 adults and \$40 for youth, 420-6808 or 733-6045.

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

CORRECTION

Mini-Cassia market starts June 14

Due to incorrect information given to the *Times-News*, local-foods stories on May 7 and May 21 gave an incorrect opening date for Mini-Cassia's farmers market, which starts June 14.
 Also, vendor Carolyn Chinell sells her cinnamon rolls at \$4 for a package of four.
 The *Times-News* regrets the errors.

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MORNING BRIEFING

WASHINGTON

US official: N. Korea will submit nuclear accounting very soon

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is making the last preparations for what it hopes will be a fresh start in troubled disarmament talks with North Korea, with an official saying Friday that the reclusive regime appears ready to provide overdue details about its nuclear past.

North Korea has indicated it is extremely close to producing a promised technical accounting of its shuttered nuclear program, a senior U.S. official said.

The documentation has emerged as a major marker of progress, or the lack of it, in talks with the North. Skeptics say the accounting is nearly six months late and may be a fraud if it ever comes.

The U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the six-nation diplomatic consultations are confidential, says the United States insists that it be able to verify that North Korea's documentation is complete.

No date is agreed yet, but the paperwork is expected within a month. That would clear the way for a high-stakes meeting as soon as the end of June between the top U.S. and North Korean diplomats, along with those of the other four nations involved in a deal to put North Korea out of the nuclear weapons business.

COLORADO

Officials tour damage from huge tornado

WINDSOR — Natural gas leaks and the threat of explosions kept hundreds of onlookers from assessing the damage to their homes on Friday, a day after a large tornado tore through a 35-mile stretch of northern Colorado, killing one person and injuring dozens.

The twister skipped through several towns in Weld County on Thursday, damaging or destroying homes, businesses, dairies and farms. The storm system pelted the region with golf ball-size hail, rattled windows off roads and tipped 15 rail cars off the tracks in Windsor, a farm town about 70 miles north of Denver.



American director Abel Ferrara arrives for the premiere of "Synecdoche, New York" during the 61st International Film Festival in Cannes, south-eastern France, on Friday.

NEW YORK

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HAWAII

Sailor suffers minor burns in carrier fire

HONOLULU — One sailor suffered minor burns and 23 sailors were treated for heat stress after a fire broke out aboard the U.S. George Washington nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

Sailors extinguished the fire several hours after flames were spotted Thursday morning near the auxiliary boiler in the air conditioning and refrigeration space in the rear of the ship.

The Navy says the carrier's propulsion plant was not damaged and the fire did not threaten the safety of the ship's nuclear reactor.

The Navy says it is investigating the cause of the fire, which spread through a passageway for cables.

The Norfolk, Va.-based George Washington is en route to its new home port of Yokosuka, Japan.

The ship is sailing on toward a previously scheduled stop in San Diego.

FRANCE

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, May 24, the 145th day of 2008. There are 221 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 24, 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland, and opened to traffic.

ON THIS DATE

In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message,

"What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

In 1935, the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

In 1951, the first satellite launch was directed by Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

In 1976, Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde supersonic transport service to Washington.

In 1981, the first call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

Ten years ago: A Greek film, "Eternally and a Day," won the Golden Palm at the 51st Cannes Film Festival, while the runner-up Grand Prix went to "Life is Beautiful," directed by and starring Italy's Roberto Benigni.

Five years ago: Furious crowds hurled debris and insults at Algeria President Abdelaziz Bouteflika when he attempted a vote devastated by a deadly earthquake. The U.S.-led coalition ordered troops to give up their weapons by mid-June.

One year ago: Bowling to President Bush, Congress passed an emergency war appropriations bill that did not include a provision turning troops home from Iraq beginning in the fall of 2007.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: For the next six weeks, avoid making key decisions that might affect the future or push you toward being involved in someone new. You are in what seems like a cosmic testing period and must not sign contracts or agreements, since they may entail added responsibilities that you are not prepared to tackle. By the late fall situation will improve greatly and opportunities will begin to manifest. December and January are your best months to launch plans, begin a new job or to initiate anything of great importance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dab a little cologne behind your ear. Someone who thinks the world of you might want to snuggle up — and explore certain delights. New acquaintances may be snuggling up to tickle your pocket.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Billing and cooling may be just what the doctor ordered. An existing relationship that has been in a tussle might have a second chance by becoming right. Reestablish the lines of communication now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change your mind. Although you may be focused on convincing others that your ideas are sound, you won't find satisfaction or success by using shock tactics. Establish trust and look for common ground.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Putting an optimistic spin on unpleasant situations is your special skill. You may be generous with others while tough on yourself. Moody loners may attract you but it is difficult to break through barriers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of the small things and that big things will take care of themselves. Implement minor changes before your contemplation a new path. Old friends

or past difficulties could be just part of the picture.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could owe a favor to an old friend who may not appear in public for business reasons. Pay your dues where past associations are concerned and remain businesslike for the best outcome.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be willing to explore all new worlds. Too much chitchat about world events and technology might distract you from romantic pursuits. Set aside some time for intimate meetings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The intensity of your passions may put you back in someone's good graces. Ingenious methods of handling money or possessions could be a hot topic of discussion but do not act on impulsive decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Others close to you may have brilliant ideas or

unusual perspectives. Listen closely to companions, as they may have a better grasp of power shifts. Luxury items may attract your interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Start the wheels turning. Ideas blossom, but practical considerations or constraints may snuff out creativity. Sharing your thoughts with others could set the scene for profitable future transactions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change of heart is imminent. A recent problem or misunderstanding might actually give you a chance to look at things from a different point of view. Be open to new viewpoints and opinions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The winds of change are blowing your way. You could feel poised to change direction. Plans, especially those that are made with another person, will carry your opportunity to be fulfilled if made now.

— Wire reports

Roads

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point of view. Roving ports of help ensure that heavy trucks aren't damaging roads and are used in addition to permanent checkpoints. They help enforce federal and state safety and hazardous material regulations, registration, permit and driver qualification compliance.

Scruggs has a Class A commercial driver's license but said her training didn't cover legal load limits. She also has some law enforcement background but that training didn't cover the topic either, she said.

"Nobody is given the education they need — either to be a responsible hauler or how to enforce the rules," she said. "We are all impacted by heavy trucks. Taxpayers pay for the roads, even if we aren't there to maintain them up."

Everyone who attended Thursday's meeting left with a to-do list to become better educated about the issues. "What I would like to do is obtain voluntary compliance with the industry, so they are all following the rules when

I'm not looking," said Port of Entry Area Supervisor Dennis Black. "Hopefully, we can begin a relationship with all of us working toward the same goal — to expedite commerce but keep it within the laws and regulations meant to protect our roadways."

"I will even come out and provide on-site training, because if we meet on the road, it's going to be about enforcement."

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607.

Big Sky

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comprehensive plan specifically references. He asserted that the commissioners never gave the application a fair shake and compared the process to a drive on a toll freeway.

"Every toll was paid ... but (McFarland) was still denied his permit," Lothspeli said. "The permit was denied from the beginning."

Jerome County Prosecutor Mike Seib criticized the plaintiff's argument as confusing. The county was still within its right to reject the application, he said — just because a permit is filed out doesn't mean the county has to accept it.

"Having to know the rules doesn't necessarily mean you're going to win the game," Seib said.

But he left Bevan confused at some points as well. The judge asked several times for Seib to explain what criteria besides its ordinance the county could use to deny the permit. Seib, in turn, argued that the county had concerns over the state-approved plan for dealing with the feedlot's

waste, but still intended the state regulations to be the criteria in question.

Rich Carlson, representing a number of the proposed feedlot's neighbors, attempted to interpret statements made by the commissioners in their denial. He called one section stating the application met all criteria for a permit "poorly worded," and said he took it to mean that Big Sky had submitted all necessary information.

"That's the only way that makes sense to me," he said. Bevan did strike a portion of an amicus "friend of the court" brief filed by the Idaho Dairyman's Association after Carlson argued the brief addressed information not already in the record. The information largely consisted of elaboration on the formation and content of the state waste-management plans.

Bevan said he will issue a written decision in due time.

Also still to be addressed is a motion made by Big Sky neighbor Dean Dimond on April 25 before the Idaho Department of Water

Resources to dismiss a pending groundwater transfer for Big Sky. McFarland confirmed in January that the property is up for sale. Though no transfer has been recorded yet with the Jerome County clerk's office, Dimond argued in the motion that several transactions have been made and people contracted to work with the site's new owners, and that the application was not made in good faith as a result.

In response to the motion made May 20, attorney Robert Williams, a partner in Lothspeli's firm, argued Dimond's facts were just "conjecture and hearsay" and pointed out no land transfer had been documented. McFarland declined comment about any possible sale on Friday.

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Water

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The project's influence hasn't gone unnoticed by the church at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, the main group behind bringing the World Vision Experience to town.

Run by the humanitarian group, the traveling exhibit contains a carefully crafted, maze-like exhibit with audio cues to introduce participants to the threat AIDS

poses to young children in Africa. Mike Smith, pastor of the church, said the church at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, said both Women of the Well and an effort by his church to put together more than 300 caregiver kits in June are examples of what's made a difference in their town.

"It seemed like another great way for that time in Twin Falls here to extend beyond just the experience," Smith said of the well project. As far as the women know, that extension will last indefinitely. The group plans to keep raising well money for as long as it can, Marks said.

"We don't know what's going to happen with it," she said.

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Unmarked chopper patrols New York City from high above

By Tom Hays Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — On a cloudless spring day, the NYPD helicopter soars over the city, its sights set on the Statue of Liberty.

A dramatic close-up of Lady Liberty's frozen gaze fills one of three flat-screen computer monitors mounted by a console. Hundreds of screens below are oblivious to the fact that a helicopter is peering down on them from a mile and a half away.

"They don't even know we're here," said crew chief Ashby. Speaking from the cockpit, he heads over the din of the aircraft's engine.

The helicopter's unmarked paint job belies what's inside: an arsenal of sophisticated surveillance and tracking equipment, powered by enough to read license plates — or scan pedestrians' faces — from high above the nation's largest metropolis.

Police say the chopper's sweeps of landmarks and other potential targets aren't available in helping guard against another terrorist attack, providing a see-but-avoid-being-seen advantage against bad guys.

"It looks like just another helicopter in the sky," said Ashby. Commandeer, who oversees the department's aviation unit.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has said that no other U.S. law enforcement agency "has anything that comes close" to the surveillance chopper, which was designed by engineers at Bell Helicopter and computer technicians based on NYPD specifications.

The chopper is named simply "23" — far the number of police officers killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The \$10 million helicopter is just part of the department's efforts to adopt cutting-edge technology for its counterterrorism operations. The NYPD also plans to spend tens of millions of dollars strengthening security in the lower Manhattan business district with a network of closed-circuit television cam-

eras and license-plate readers posted at bridges, tunnels and other entry points.

Police have also deployed hundreds of radiation monitors — some worn on belts like pagers, others mounted on cars and in helicopters — to detect dirty bombs.

Kelly even envisions someday using futuristic "stationary airborne detectors" similar to blimps to conduct reconnaissance and guard against chemical, biological and radiological threats.

Civil rights advocates are skeptical about the push for more surveillance, arguing it amounts to a NYPD evolution into ad hoc spy agency.

"From a privacy perspective, there's always a concern that 'New York's Finest' are spending millions of dollars to engage in peeping tom activities," said Dan Licata, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

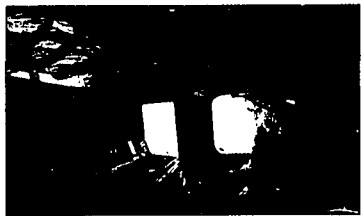
Police insist that law-abiding New Yorkers have nothing to fear.

"Obviously, we're not looking into apartments," Diaz said during a recent flight. "We don't invade the privacy of individuals. We only want to observe anything that's going on in public."

The helicopter's powers of observation come from a high-powered remote camera mounted on a turret projecting from its nose like a periscope. The camera has infrared night-vision capabilities and a satellite navigation system that allows police to automatically zoom in on a location by typing in the address on a computer keyboard.

The surveillance system can beam live footage to police command centers or even to wireless hand-held devices.

"The commander on the ground can see what we're seeing," Diaz said. On this flight, the helicopter used the camera to look for signs of trouble at several key transportation sites: the docks of Staten Island ferry terminal, the stanchions of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, the giant air vents feeding the Lincoln Tunnel. All of them passed inspection.



Crew chief Detective John Diaz uses the instruments in the New York Police Department's surveillance helicopter to patrol the streets below, May 6 in New York.

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Texas appeals sect ruling, lets 3 families reunite

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANGELO, Texas — State child welfare authorities on Friday appealed a stinging court ruling that said their seizure of more than 440 children from a polygamist sect's ranch was unjustified, but they also agreed to reunite 12 children with their parents while the case moves on.

The agreement narrowly specifies 12 children, some of whose parents had filed a motion with a state district court in San Antonio for their release from state foster care.

Lori Jessop cried when she and her husband, Joseph, were reunited with their daughter and two sons. "The little boy just grabbed for his daddy," when CPS workers handed him over, said his attorney Rene Haas. Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins declined to comment



Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints mothers Marie Stuedt, left, and Sarah Barlow smile as they leave the Tom Green county courthouse after a ruling in their favor in San Angelo, Texas, Thursday.

on the agreement. CPS agreed to allow the parents to live with their children in the San Antonio area under state supervision, said Teresa Kelly, a spokeswoman for Haas. The families cannot return to the Yearning For Zion ranch, where they

lived before the raid. Aside from mothers staying with their infants in foster care, no other parents from the west Texas ranch have been allowed to stay with their children. CPS's case for removing all children from the ranch was

thrown into doubt Thursday when the Third Court of Appeals ordered a lower-court judge to rescind her decision giving the state custody of more than 100 of the children. The ruling was broad enough to cover nearly every child swept up in the

April raid on the ranch run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

CPS said in its appeal to the Texas Supreme Court that the appeals court was wrong to say that the vast majority of children at the ranch did not face the sort of extreme danger state law requires for them to be removed without a court order. The agency cited evidence it said showed that the church pushed teenage girls into spiritual marriages with older men.

"This case is about adult men commanding sex from underage children; about women knowingly condoning and allowing sexual abuse of underage children; about the need for the department to take action under difficult, time-sensitive and unprecedented circumstances," the state agency said in its appeal. The state asked to keep the

children in foster care while the case is reviewed.

The limited agreement CPS offered covers 12 children who belong to three families.

Lori and Joseph Jessop had been scheduled to appear in Bexar County district court on their motion to release their three children — ages 4, 2 and 1 — but CPS offered the agreement instead, Kelly said. Similar agreements in the near future are unlikely, the couple filed their motion in a different court than the other families.

State officials said in their Supreme Court filing that it would be impossible to return all children covered in Thursday's ruling because they have not determined which children belong to which parents, and DNA tests were incomplete. The appeals court ruling technically applies only to the 38 mothers who filed the complaint.

No charges for two Marines accused in Afghan deaths

By Estes Thompson
Associated Press writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — Two Marine officers in a unit that was accused of killing as many as 19 Afghan civilians in 2007 will not face criminal charges, the military said Friday.

Lt. Gen. Samuel Helland, the commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command, made the decision not to bring charges after reviewing the findings of a special tribunal that heard more than three weeks of testimony in January at Camp Lejeune.

The tribunal investigated allegations that as many as 19 Afghan civilians died when a unit of Lejeune-based Marine special operations troops opened fire after a car bomb targeted their convoy on March 4, 2007 in Nangarhar Province. The Marines said Helland determined the Marines in the convoy "acted appropriately and in accordance with the rules of engagement and tactics, techniques and procedures in place at the time in response to a complex attack."

A message left Friday afternoon with Afghanistan's embassy in Washington was not immediately returned.

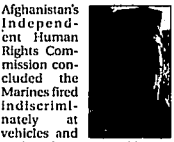
Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Sean Gibson said the finding of the Court of Inquiry — some 12,000 pages — will not be released to the public. Helland wasn't available for comment, he said.

It was the first time in more than 60 years the Marines empaneled a Court of Inquiry. The panel, comprised of two Marine Corps colonels and a lieutenant colonel, only considered the actions of the company's commander, Lt. Col. Fred C. Galvin of the Kansas City area, and a platoon leader, Capt. Vincent J. Noble, 29, of Philadelphia.

Gibson has said previously it was unlikely other Marines would be formally examined. "Obviously, I am delighted about the findings," said civilian attorney Knox Nunnally, who represented Noble before the Court of Inquiry. "From a legal standpoint, it was overwhelming that this was going to be the result."

The Marines, however, said the court uncovered unspecified "administrative, manning and training issues" in its investigation, and those findings have been forwarded to the commander of the Marine Corps's special operations command for action.

The Corps also said Galvin, Noble and a third officer — Capt. Robert Olson — will face administrative actions. It was not immediately clear what those actions might be, but Galvin's civilian attorney Mark Waple said he believed they would be related to a separate incident on March 9, 2007 that hasn't been publicly discussed.



Galvin


fire a disciplined response to a well-planned ambush.

Galvin and several other Marines were sent back to Camp Lejeune after the shooting. The rest of the unit was ordered to leave Afghanistan and returned to the ships of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Persian Gulf.

An Army report determined up to 19 Afghans were killed, but the officers' lawyers said they believed the death toll was no more than five.

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Eddie Haskel
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Medical records show McCain cancer-free

By Michael D. Shear and David Brown
The Washington Post

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz. — As he sought the presidency twice over the last decade, Sen. John McCain has been the object of unusually aggressive medical care by a large team of doctors, who on Friday released thousands of pages of records that document he has been cancer-free for almost eight years.

The extraordinary release of what the campaign described as "every single piece of paper" in McCain's medical records for the last eight years is an attempt to confront concerns about the 71-year-old Arizona senator's fitness to serve as president and questions about his age. He would be the oldest president ever elected to a first term.

"Senator McCain wanted to be very transparent," said Nick Muzin, a Washington doctor who is serving as a medical adviser to the campaign. "He wanted to dispel any notions that he is in any way unfit to be president. There are no surprises in the medical records."

The campaign also made available three of McCain's doctors at Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, the Arizona campus of the famous hospital with its headquarters in



A handaged Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., takes part in a Washington news conference in February 2002.

Rochester, Minn.

The records detail the five-hour operation in August 2000 to remove the most severe of McCain's four cases of melanoma, efforts to reduce the facial puffiness the surgery produced, and the strategy of dermatological hypervigilance that followed.

Melanoma is a form of skin cancer that is rapidly fatal if it spreads to distant organs, such as the lungs and brain. Physicians now examine the senator's skin every three or four months. He has had more than a dozen patches of abnormal skin cut out or chemically destroyed this decade.

McCain's doctors have also paid meticulous attention to

complaints unrelated to his skin. He has been treated for kidney and bladder stones, undergone surgery for an enlarged prostate and been evaluated several times for dizziness originating in the inner ear.

He has also had four

colonoscopies, two exercise stress tests and innumerable CAT scans and blood analyses.

The records, numbered at 1,173 pieces of paper by a McCain campaign official, shed light on why the 2000 surgery was more extensive than what is normally done for melanoma that has not spread beyond the deepest layers of skin.

In a meeting attended by McCain, his wife, Cindy, and an unidentified "physician friend" Mayo Clinic ear, nose and throat surgeon Michael Hinni described how he was going to remove a large oval piece of tissue from the left side of the senator's face. He told them "it seems feasible to use this incision to remove all of the lymph nodes in his neck that are at risk, as he is going to incur the morbidity (damage) of the incision" anyway.

Pastor says parting with McCain best for both

By Eric Gornik
Associated Press writer

A well-known Texas pastor and televangelist said Friday his life's work has been "mischaracterized and attacked" in the media storm over his endorsement of Republican presidential candidate John McCain.



McCain on Thursday rejected the Rev. John Hagee's endorsement after an audio recording from the late 1990s surfaced in which the preacher suggested God sent Adolf Hitler to help Jews reach the promised land.

At a news conference Friday at the San Antonio headquarters of his TV ministry, Hagee said parting with McCain is "best for both of us and the country." Hagee had withdrawn his McCain endorsement Thursday.

Hagee's months-old endorsement had proved problematic for McCain because of earlier controversy over the preacher's views on Roman Catholicism, including what some critics interpret as the pastor's labeling of the Catholic church as "the great whore."

When those comments started getting attention, McCain said he doesn't agree with all of Hagee's views, but that wouldn't prevent from accepting his support.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., steps away after a statement to the press at Sensible Foods in Brandon, S.D., Friday.

Clinton regrets RFK assassination remark

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton quickly apologized Friday after citing the June 1968 assassination of Robert F. Kennedy in defending her decision to keep running for the Democratic presidential nomination despite increasingly long odds.

"I regret that if my referencing that moment of trauma for our entire nation and in particular the Kennedy family was in any way offensive, I certainly had no intention of that whatsoever," the former first lady said.

The episode occurred as Clinton campaigned in advance of the June 3 South Dakota primary.

Responding to a question from the Sioux Falls Argus Leader editorial board about calls for her to drop out of the race, she said: "My husband did not wrap up the nomination in 1992 until he won the California primary somewhere in the middle of June, right? We all remember Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in June in California. You know I just, I don't understand it," she said, dismissing the idea of abandoning the race.

Clinton said she didn't understand why, given this history, some Democrats were calling for her to quit.

Her remark about an assassination during a primary campaign drew a quick response from aides to Democratic presidential front-runner Barack Obama.

"Senator Clinton's statement before the Argus Leader

editorial board was unfortunate and has no place in this campaign," said Obama spokesman Bill Burton.

Clinton spokesman Mo Eliehebe said the senator was only referring to her husband and Kennedy "as historical examples of the nominating process going well into the summer and any reading, into it beyond that would be inaccurate and outrageous."

She has said much the same thing before. In a March interview with Time magazine, she said: "Primary contests used to last a lot longer. We all remember the great tragedy of Bobby Kennedy being assassinated in June in L.A. My husband didn't wrap up the nomination in 1992 until June, also in California. Having a primary contest go through June is nothing particularly unusual."

Within a couple hours of the South Dakota news drawing attention, Clinton decided to make a personal apology.

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It's a church school's football field, for Pete's sake

JEERS: To the Twin Falls City Council, for giving in to NIMBY. NIMBY is the acronym for "Not in my back yard" and neighbors of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship are abuzz with speculation that the new church and school located in the former Anderson Lumber Building of Eastland Drive might bombard the neighborhood with noise.

At their urging, the council on May 12 denied Lighthouse's application to use lights and a public address system at its new football field.

They should get a grip: This is a Christian school's football field, not a pit or an Elmer Gantry-style tent revival. We're talking about three or four football games each fall that will likely end before 9 p.m.

"We feel they made a decision based on a lot of incorrect assumptions," said Kevin Newbury, the superintendent of the school. "They thought we would be holding revivals and rock concerts on

the field. Why would we do that if we have the largest indoor facility in town?"

His right. The council could place reasonable additional restrictions on Lighthouse, specifically prohibiting nighttime outdoor revivals or concerts. The fellowship would be limited to fewer than 78 decibels of noise. Events must be held between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.; lights shut off by 10 p.m.; and no more than 12 outside night events per year.

There's protecting your right to privacy and there's being unreasonably cautious. We think the neighbors' reaction falls in the latter category, and we hope the council reconsiders.



evaluate **Cheers** yearly, but the process varies among schools and districts.

Luna named 22 members to the task force, including Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood.

Had Luna taken this step earlier, his ISTARS pay-for-performance plan that foundered in the Legislature during the last session might have come closer to being enacted.

ISTARS failed in part because of opposition from rank-and-file teachers. Including a broader range of representatives on the task force could be an important step in making merit pay for teachers a

reality in Idaho.

CHEERS AND JEERS: Good for Lee Family Broadcasting for apologizing to parents of students at Rupert's Minico High School for the part its Spanish-language radio station, KF7A-AM, played in encouraging students to join a protest earlier this month that fueled racial tension throughout the community.

Now the company should take responsibility for comments some of its talk-radio listeners make on KF7A's sister station, KBAR-AM.

Talk radio is all about free speech, but as a responsible institution in the community Lee Family Broadcasting should make sure its on-air employees challenge statements about Latinos that are obviously false, defamatory or inflammatory. For as Lee discovered a few weeks ago, radio-fed rumors can do real damage.

On KF7A, students were asked to come to school wearing the green-white-and-red colors of Mexico's

flag after teacher Clint Straatman took a Mexican flag from a Latino student and placed it in a garbage can on May 5. The student had brought the flag to school to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. He said Straatman made derogatory comments, as well.

Straatman denied making the comments and said he removed the flag because it was a distraction to the class.

The situation escalated when Dan Luker, a Minico English as Second Language teacher, responded by desecrating an American flag in the office of a school administrator.

The protest encouraged by the radio station led to a counter-protest the next day at Minico as a group of students came to school dressed in red, white and blue.

Protests continued through the week. One student was arrested for allegedly threatening violence on school grounds.

Words still have real power for good or ill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gose-Eells is right woman for Twin Falls precinct position

Vote for Jennifer Gose-Eells, Republican Central Committee person for Precinct 9.

Republicans in Twin Falls Precinct 9 are lucky to have an energetic and resourceful woman volunteering her time to work as their precinct committee person. Jennifer Gose-Eells has devoted countless hours to Twin Falls County Republicans over the years, working on many state and local campaigns. Her assistance has been crucial in a number of local Twin Falls Republican events, ensuring they ran smoothly and were well-attended. Somehow she manages to be a working wife and mother active in her church and her children's school and still have time to dedicate to promoting Republican ideals.

Please join me in supporting Jennifer Gose-Eells for Republican Central Committee person for Precinct 9. Vote for her on May 27.

SUZANNE CRAIG
Twin Falls

Gill believes an effective government is a small one

I have known Dan Gill for more than three years; he is a friend who enjoys a tremendous reputation in the community.

Dan Gill is a dependable, courageous and determined Republican. He is proud of this country's heritage, and he is proud to be an American.

Dan is running to offer the voters of Precinct 23 a person that will hold Republicans accountable to the party platform. For too long, the local party has worked to support Republicans to office that only give lip service to the party platform.

Mr. Gill feels the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations. He believes the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

When elected Dan will work to support Republicans who are unilaterally opposed to tax legislation which deprives farmers of income averaging; capital gains treatment on the sale of livestock held for dairy, draft, breeding or sporting purposes;

and/or deferment of taxes by pre-payment of expenses.

I believe that you act favorably on his candidacy. Please consider voting for Dan Gill for GOP Precinct 23 on Tuesday, May 27.

JOHN WILLIE
Twin Falls

Gough has brought Gooding County into the future

For the past 12 years our, sheriff's office has been under the direction of Sheriff Shaun Gough. During that time, we have seen this office brought into the next generation of law enforcement.

Sheriff Gough has implemented a full-time narcotics team that works throughout the Magic Valley with the surrounding agencies including the Drug Enforcement Administration. This team has brought in thousands of dollars in seized property and monies taken from convicted narcotic users and dealers.

We have a full-time certified K9 and certified K9 handler. We have a marine program that works the waterways of the county through the summer months and responds to emergency calls on the water throughout the year.

Sheriff Gough proposed and brought great success to the Gooding County Jail Annex that houses low-risk prisoners from other agencies creating revenue for the county. At present, Sheriff Gough is heading a proposal for a multi-county jail that would bring even more revenue into our county. There has been a request that Sheriff Gough be the one in charge of it when it is completed.

Now is not the time to bring a new person on board to try and finish what Sheriff Gough has started and brought through to where it is now. We have all worked with both the sheriff and his opponent and hope to have Sheriff Gough continue to serve the citizens of Gooding County, a man whose leadership we trust.

On May 27, you have the opportunity to vote, and we ask that you re-elect Shaun Gough as Gooding County sheriff. Please be sure to vote!

In addition to my signature, we have gathered 27 additional signatures from the sheriff's office that would like to show their support for Sheriff Gough.

TAREN NELSON
Wendell

We're all boiling over oil prices

Previously on As the Oil Markets Turn: With average gasoline prices rising above \$3.80 a gallon nationally, President Bush travels to Saudi Arabia to ask for more oil.

But the Saudis say they're already producing plenty and blame the market speculators for the high prices.

Meanwhile, Congress, worried about consumer outrage at the outset of the summer driving season, hauls oil executives to Washington for two days of public lashings.



LOREN STEFFY

The oil executives suggest Congress actually do something, like opening more land for domestic drilling, and they get lashed harder. Across America, local TV news crews shoot footage of "real people" filling up their SUVs. Gas prices are too high, the people say. Then they drive off. And drive on.

In tonight's episode: Oil sets an intraday record above \$135 a barrel.

First, the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that oil inventories fell by 5 million barrels this week.

Then the Paris-based International Energy Agency said it will revise its worldwide production forecast.

Last year, the IEA had predicted oil production would increase to 116 million barrels a day by 2030 from the current 87 million barrels. Now it fears production may fall short of 100 million barrels and plans to study production figures from some of the world's largest oil fields, according to the Wall Street Journal.

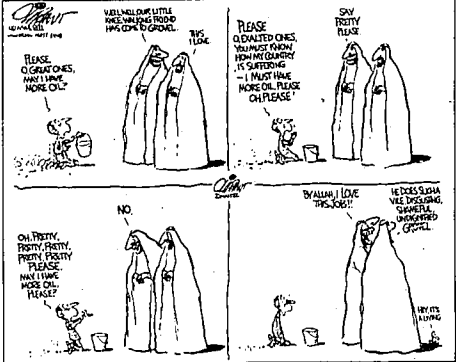
In seven years, the world's oil production may lag more than 10 million barrels a day behind demand, the IEA predicts.

Fatih Birol, the agency's chief economist, told the Journal that "this is a dangerous situation."

Flashback to Bush's meeting with the Saudis. What were they really saying?

The Saudis' response to Bush, echoed by other OPEC leaders, may reinforce the IEA's forecast. When pressed on production, OPEC insists there is no scarcity.

Yet the higher prices climb, the



more it works against OPEC's long-term interests. Affordability is a key ingredient in feeding additions, after all.

Even if OPEC believes there's plenty of oil, the market doesn't. By shooting some extra production into the pipeline, OPEC could quickly calm the market's fears.

Unless it can't.

Maybe OPEC's spliffs are opened all the way, and it simply doesn't have the capacity to keep pace with mounting demand.

As the soap opera of oil unfolds, we are reminded of a key plot element. Even at \$135 a barrel, we don't know if today's prices are too high because we have no idea how much oil is left in the world.

Most of the reserves are held by national oil companies that keep their reserves under wraps.

Even in its final survey, which it hopes to complete by November, the IEA will review only about 400 of the world's biggest fields. That comprises about two-thirds of the known reserves.

What's more, national oil companies are plagued by a lack of investment. Petrodollars are used to feed their countries' economies, and as living standards in oil-producing regions rise, there's less money to invest in developing new reserves. The result is a steady depletion of most existing fields.

Cut to the U.S., where the EIA also

is skeptical that worldwide production will meet demand in coming years. According to its forecast, we'll need 15 million to 20 million barrels a day of alternative fuels such as ethanol to push production to 100 million barrels a day by 2030.

If the demand forecast of its international counterpart is correct, though, that means even if we can produce that much biofuel — a big if — we'll still be almost 20 million barrels short. (Da-dummm.)

It's a big number without an easy answer, and so we lash out with the sincerity of a daytime starlet. We blame oil traders for driving up prices, we blame Big Oil for hoarding profits, we cling to the political candy of a "gas tax holiday" doled out by pandering presidential candidates.

There's no holiday from the reality of the changing oil market.

Speculation may contribute to oil's rise, as does the weak dollar, but both combined don't account for the doubling of crude prices during the past year. The economics of oil are moving again.

So we suren toward the cliff in our collective SUV of willful indifference, sucking on our gas tax candy, fighting over whom to blame. The preclipse looms. What will we do?

Tune in next week.

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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jerome does and can have civil discourse

I rebut your assessment of the present Jerome County commissioner race as being beyond compromise or civility.

My platform has always been to hold all public officials accountable for their illegal, negligent or unethical acts. From your own committee you must recognize one's integrity and responsibility to seek harmony? You would support consensus over right or lawful? It's difficult when one challenges those who are complicit to the public officials they wish to conceal from the public they serve.

Never have I challenged the Sheriff for his dominance as you assert in your article. I believe in and have always supported the chain of command. However, bully behavior is never acceptable and has no place in civilized discourse. If your leader must enforce decorum if anyone wants to call themselves an effective leader. It ensures growth, comradeship, and a healthy atmosphere for a genuine exchange of ideas and effective solutions given proper decorum.

My background and platform continues to bring about needed attention to our growing public health, growth and environmental concerns. This is why, if possible, I will vigorously pursue installing a professional county manager with degrees in public administration and law funded by total reduction in commissioner's salaries. Cassia County and the City of Jerome are proof that this works.

What substantive issues other than "civility" have you heard from Ms. Roemer? If harmony and civility are all that matters in government, why do we need three commissioners, or a Legislature or Congress? If you endorse someone, do not with substance, not reluctance. Your duty to the public demands this.

DIANA OBENAUER Jerome

Demeanor, skills make Bristol a good choice

I am writing this letter as a concerned registered voter in Cassia County. I wrote this letter in support of Cary Bristol as the new sheriff of Cassia County.

I have known Mr. Bristol for a number of years and find him to be an honorable man. His demeanor with the public and strong administrator skills makes him a perfect candidate for this expanding community.

On the other hand, Randy Kidd has been making bad choices to his office and this community. He has repeatedly been caught being deceitful both to the public and to the court system. His "cowboy" attitude and callous disregard for the truth makes him a danger to the entire community. He has, on more than one occasion, stretched the truth or conveniently failed to fully disclose facts in order to secure what he perceives as a financial activity. This is not only illegal but can subject Cassia County to immeasurable lawsuits if he is allowed to become our top law enforcement officer in Cassia County.

I really wish the voters would strongly consider Mr. Bristol. Our taxes would be going to a better county and a safer one. Our drug problem is one of the highest in the state, as smart as we are, Mr. Kidd allows his task force to do what they want. Defendants are forced to do controlled buys even if they are on probation. He allows them to do illegal tech buys and get search warrants and are allowed to get away with it. We need a sheriff we can

trust. Someone we can go to and ask for help. Someone that will stand by there patrol officers and make them proud and safe. Most important, someone that puts his community first.

CATHERINE HUNTER Burley

Kidd will work to solve Cassia County problems

I am writing to voice my support for Randy Kidd as the next sheriff of Cassia County. There are concerns that I have with the way law enforcement is presently being handled in the county. Two examples of problems are that the city of Burley does not have a law enforcement contract with the sheriff's department and the emergency response to the Jackson area.

I feel that Kidd is the best man for the job because when there is a problem, he works to solve it. This "can do" attitude was demonstrated by Randy starting the Drug Task Force. Randy has also done a great job of increasing the investigation department's productivity. Randy's department has a 25 percent increase in felony filings and that has been done with two fewer investigators.

We need someone more than just a "nice guy" to be our next sheriff. We need someone who will get the job done of protecting and serving the citizens of Cassia County.

Join me in voting for Randy Kidd for sheriff on May 27. TIM PRESTON Burley

Howell has put in many hours for Jerome County

I write this letter in support of Charlie Howell for Jerome County commissioner. I have worked with Charlie for years on the Jerome Butte Fire Department and have seen him put in countless hours of community service. Few realize how important firefighters are until they have a fire.

Charlie is extremely bright and has always given me good, well-thought out ideas. This is one of his qualities that I feel makes him the excellent county commissioner that he is. Charlie understands the community of Jerome, and he also realizes how the real world works. It is easy to say no, but Charlie has the ability to come up with a solution that usually makes most people happy and always follows the law.

Charlie tries to do what is best for our county and its employees. For example, when he suggested a higher pay raise amount than normal for the employees. He knew he had to keep quality employees in Jerome County, they need to be paid for the quality work they do. Unfortunately, not all of the commissioners wanted to do this and a compromise was met for a lesser amount. This is where Charlie's professionalism came in. He knows that he is part of a board and that he can only be accountable for his actions. Jerome County is lucky to have someone with the ability to affect change on its board of commissioners.

Charlie has my vote and, hopefully, yours to continue the great job he has done so far.

JOHN NELSEN Jerome

Democrats need to show strong support in election

Remember the caucus! Last February, the Democrats of Twin Falls County turned out in record numbers to vote at the caucus. More than 750 Twin Falls County Democrats showed up on that cold Tuesday night to cast their vote for our presidential candidates. The primary election on Tuesday, May 27, provides us with another opportunity to prove that Twin Falls County believes in the two party system.

Please vote the Democratic ballot in the primary to show your support for the Democratic candi-



dates running for the State Legislature. Carolyn Elcxure in District 24 and Mike Ihler, Peter Rickards and Bill Chisholm in District 23 are candidates who share our Idaho values. We also have a large number of Democrats running for precinct committeeman (precinct captain) in their individual precincts. By voting the Democratic ballot, you will have the opportunity to vote for and show your support for the precinct captain in your neighborhood.

For further information on the Idaho Democratic Party and the candidates running for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, visit the Web site www.idahodemocrats.org. LEROY HAYES Twin Falls

Support Stubblefield for Twin Falls sheriff

I am writing to ask you to support Robbin Stubblefield in his candidacy for Twin Falls County sheriff.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Robbin as a friend and a professional colleague. I know he will get the job done in Twin Falls County. I would not ask for your support if I did not believe in his expertise and experience in law enforcement for 22 years.

Robbin was faced with a dilemma in his personal life. As a parent, I believe he made the right decision. As a citizen, I know he will make the right choices to protect and serve Twin Falls County.

I ask you on May 27 to vote in the primary election. Please vote Robbin Stubblefield for Twin Falls County sheriff. MARIE ALEXANDER Kimberly

Candidate has intense interest in Gooding

I want to thank the voters of Gooding County for allowing me the privilege to serve as your county commissioner for the past two years. I am now seeking the Republican nomination for a four-year term on this county's primary election ballot, and I would greatly appreciate your support now and in the General Election in November.

The issues which face boards of commissioners are varied, challenging and constantly changing. It has been enlightening to meet and work with other groups and organizations that also have an interest in serving the needs of the Gooding County residents. I have been privileged to serve on the Reglon V Mental Health Board, the North Side Transportation Committee, the Mid-Snake Regional Water Resource Commission, Wood River RC and D, MAAC, Rural Economic Development, etc. in addition to my regular duties as a commissioner. Participating in these and other activities affords me the opportunity to share with my fellow commissioners the issues and concerns of our constituents and our county. I have an intense interest in the affairs of Gooding County and the time to devote to the job.

I am also running for precinct committeeman for Gooding No. 1. I believe it is important that a candidate for this position should exhibit an interest in the political process and plan to be an active participant. Most importantly, please remember to go to the polls for the May 27 primary election! HELEN R. EDWARDS Gooding

Candidate will push for ag issues in Idaho Senate

I decided to run for election in District 23 because I am truly representative of the strong traditions rooted in southwestern Idaho. I have been farming, ranching, educating and business, I am in a unique position to represent the citizens of

Twin Falls and Owyhee counties. I look forward to giving my full energies to the task of fighting excessive taxes, support small businesses, agriculture, natural resources and providing the best possible education for our children.

It seems like I cannot spend any time with my neighbors without three main subjects coming up for discussion: the growth of government and taxes, accountability and performance of public schools, and the increasing restrictions and resulting impact on agriculture. Agriculture is the lifeblood of our economy and financial base. The cultural traditions have been developed here for generations, and some of these farms and ranches have existed in the same families for more than a century. Despite these traditions, we face constant challenges over land ownership, grazing rights, and the production, processing and marketing of our commodities.

Having served as school principal for 12 years and superintendent of schools of nine years, I ask the question: Are Idaho children getting the quality education they need to succeed from Idaho's public schools? I look at state test scores and other measures of student performance. I can see we need to pay additional attention to public education. With all the talent of the educators in our state, we can set high standards for our students and achieve them.

My experience in each of these areas has given me the background necessary to listen to these concerns, take the necessary steps, and fight for the patrons of a Owyhee and Twin Falls counties. DORAN PARKINS Marsing

Bristol is right choice for Cassia County sheriff

There are two men running for the position of sheriff of Cassia County: Undersheriff Cary Bristol and Detective Lt. Randy Kidd.

I have known both candidates for quite a few years and have talked with each of them about Cassia County's needs in law enforcement.

Both candidates have strong law enforcement experience — though Bristol has half again as much as Kidd, including a number of years in administration. Kidd, and a couple of his supporters who separately came to my home to solicit my support, remind me much of myself when I was younger: glad-handing, truth-stretching, puerile, inconsiderate; improperly well-liked.

The wrong for Bristol. JOHN WALSH Burley

Kidd has knowledge of what happens in trenches

I feel compelled to support Randy Kidd for Cassia County sheriff, mainly because of his willingness to serve on the front lines with the many suppliers and users of meth, the most common killer I learned of in these dangerous first hand years ago while serving as a border patrolman along the Rio Grande between El Paso and Juarez. Our worst fear came from smugglers, while on foot patrol at night, in the adobe stacks of south El Paso, wondering when a silletto would be inserted into our kidney, or a bullet to the back of the head.

Randy Kidd has selected to serve in this very important and also the most dangerous area of law enforcement in our county. Randy has arrested suppliers and users, and it is ironic and commendable that many users have expressed gratefulness for his help in getting them free of drugs. Randy's demeanor enables him to "pick the goose" in order to get the most "feath-

ers" with the least "squawking."

Randy is a "doer" of the work and has full knowledge of what happens in the "trenches" and on the front lines of law-enforcement in our county.

Randy has "earned" my vote and has the qualifications necessary to be Cassia County sheriff. Hope you love the same. LOVELL TURNER DeLoe

Prosecutor casts his vote for Kidd in Cassia

On May 27, voters in Cassia County will have the opportunity to determine the direction of law enforcement in the county for the next several years. As prosecuting attorney for Cassia County, I have the privilege to work closely with Randy Kidd as he has served as a parole deputy, as an investigator and most recently as lieutenant in charge of investigations for the county.

Randy organized and has led the Drug Task Force; he has volunteered countless hours educating citizens about the dangers of drugs and has directed many difficult and complicated investigations.

As the elected prosecutor for Cassia County, I am very concerned about the direction of law enforcement in the county, and I would encourage you to vote for Randy Kidd for Cassia County sheriff. ALFRED E. BARRUS Burley

Stapelman has leadership abilities needed for job

We support Dan Stapelman for Minidoka County commissioner.

He has demonstrated his excellent leadership abilities for the past six years, as well as his integrity. He is willing to listen to all sides of an issue, make informed decisions and follow those decisions to completion.

He is community-minded, hard-working, resourceful, and honest and dependable. We need people like him in our local government. JEFF WOOD LOIS WOOD Paul

Stapelman supports future of Minidoka County

Some bright thoughts in support of Dan Stapelman for Minidoka County commissioner.

In a county where all are concerned about economic growth, Dan has shown a propensity for seeking that growth in ways that are economically sound and founded in common sense for our county. Many in our county are concerned about continued co-operation with the neighboring county. Dan is a strong supporter of this co-operation and currently sits on multiple joint committees including jail, juvenile justice, probation and Southern Idaho Solid Waste.

Dan supports the idea of future joint committees and has the influence that can help make these possibilities a reality under appropriate circumstances. He will stand up for the needs of Minidoka County and carefully consider each and every proposal that is introduced. Dan will work hard and is dedicated to our community. Please vote in favor of re-electing Dan Stapelman for Minidoka County commissioner on May 27. DR. TYLER HURST TELLYNN HURST Paul

Kirtland has the right plan for taxpayer savings

Ron Kirtland is the choice. Sheriff Tousey says that the biggest accomplishment since taking office is "organization." He says he has reached that goal "by bringing all the divisions together and working under one mission statement and guiding principle, while also working toward wages and benefits." Why did it take 15 years to "get organized"? He says that they solve 38 percent of crimes, so 62 percent remain unsolved? Wouldn't the

numbers be better the other way around?

Robin Stubblefield says he was fired for running against his boss and then sued the county, winning a huge chunk of cash. Did Sheriff Tousey pay the bill or did it come out of the county, i.e., the taxpayers' pockets?

Marty Jacobs was a sheriff reserve deputy who was also fired for winning a huge chunk of cash. Did Sheriff Tousey pay the bill or did it come out of the county, i.e., the taxpayers' pockets?

Mr. Kirtland states that "it's not fair that the boss can be out in the community campaigning on our dime and no other employee can do that." He will give overtime to deputies with less overtime pay, not salaried employees like the under-sheriff. Also by reducing 10 administration vehicles, the sheriff's department could save around \$30,000. That could equal more deputies on patrol protecting the citizens of Twin Falls County.

We have a sheriff now that cannot stay within his own budget; overtime alone for administrative employees for the last three years is more than \$179,000! Mr. Kirtland has a plan that could save the taxpayers almost \$250,000. Sounds great to me! SKIPP KER Twin Falls

Gannon has experience, knowledge for Idaho

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to endorse Tom Gannon for the Idaho State Senate, District 23.

I have known Tom for nearly 40 years and have always known him to be a honest, intelligent and hard-working person. I feel that Tom is the best interests of Twin Falls County and Owyhee County because he was raised in the Twin Falls area and his wife, Jeanne, was raised in Owyhee County. He is familiar with issues in both counties. Tom has served on the Senate Education Committee for six years and has always been available to visit with our school district regarding education issues.

Please join me in voting for Republican candidate Tom Gannon in the May 27 election. CATHY SELLMAN Bruneau

Carter has game plan for protecting Twin Falls

After reading this article, I am left with a feeling of discontentment. Although any change in the quality of such officers as well as insult the intelligence of the voting public by making his own file public.

As a longtime resident of Twin Falls County, I believe the best person for the job of sheriff is one with experience, know-how and one who is in touch with the true problems and concerns of this county.

It is my belief, and seems to be the feeling that with his calm professionalism and extensive experience dating back farther than several potential voters have been alive, Mr. Carter seems to have a game plan for bettering our communities as well as the system that "serves and protects" us all. This game plan appears to be not only realistic, but easily feasible. D'ARCY DANGERFIELD Twin Falls

Gas roars higher, pressuring Memorial Day travelers

By John Wiles
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As consumers begin hitting the road Friday for the Memorial Day weekend, they faced the sobering reality that it now costs \$87 to fill a Ford Explorer SUV, up \$14 from last year, and \$72 to fill a mid-sized Honda Accord, up \$12.

That's because gas prices, which took another jump higher overnight, are up nearly 20 percent, or 65 cents a gallon, over the past year to average nearly \$3.88 a gallon nationally. But unlike the time last year, when gas prices were at their peak for 2007, pump prices now show no signs of halting their daily assault on the record books.

"Four dollars (a gallon) is a done deal now," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates in Galena, Ill. "We could go significantly above that."

On average, drivers in Alaska, Connecticut, California, New York and Illinois are already paying more than \$4 for gas, and an increasing number of stations around the country are posting prices higher than \$4. In Alaska, where the average price of regular gas stood at a national high of \$4.181 Friday, it now costs \$94 to fill an Explorer, and \$77 to fill an Accord.

Nationally, the price of a gallon of regular gas rose 4.4 cents overnight to a record average of \$3.875, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices are headed even higher in coming days because of oil's dramatic rally this week to a new record over \$135 a barrel.

"We're going to see some more significant increases here in light of what we've seen in the last few days," said Tom Kloza, publisher

and chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service in Wall, N.J.

Oil prices fluctuated Friday after as investors placed bets before the long holiday week-

end. Light, sweet crude for July delivery rose \$1.38 to settle at \$132.19 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after alternating between gains and losses.

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The Twin Falls Western Days Parade will be held

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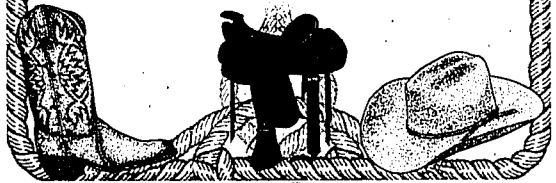
This year's theme is:

SADDLE UP & JOIN THE FUN

- All entries must be pre-registered. Your entry must be postmarked no later than May 28, 2008. We will accept no entries after this date. There will be no exceptions.

- When you arrive that morning, please come to the sign-up table which will be located on corner of Falls and Frontier, lawn of Fire Station, to pick up your entry number. All entries must be in place and decorated by 8:30am. The parade will start promptly at 10:00am.

If you are interested in participating in the Twin Falls Western Days Parade please contact **MaryAnn at 539-5270**, or entry forms may be picked up at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Office.



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Plenty of jobs for students this summer, officials say

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

Despite the recent economic lapse, combined with gas prices reaching levels normally associated with imported merlot, plenty of temporary summer jobs for students should be available this summer.

According to Jan Roser, regional economist with the Idaho Department of Labor, such jobs are somewhat insulated from economic changes, good or bad — at least in Idaho.

Summer jobs for kids are fairly steady. Low-paying jobs that won't turn into careers are always going to be there, Roser said. "They might be generated a little more from word-of-mouth this year, but I think the low-dollar value is affecting Idaho positively because of our agriculture, which is not doing everything else."

The detour of high gas prices notwithstanding, Roser expects

"It's fun to have cool people around to make the day go by. And it's not too difficult. The hardest part is cutting meat."

— Tucker Lierman, a 19-year-old University of Idaho student, on his summer job at The Pita Pit.

tourism to impact Idaho favorably. "We're also not seeing the foreclosures that are happening nationally," she said.

Roser recommended several sources of summer employment, including jobs at call centers. "They have very high turnover, but you get a lot of rejection ... There's a lot of burnout," she said, noting jobs that are more interesting to youth — camp counselors, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, lifeguards. "They're usually out in the sun," she said.

Grace Hall, a 16-year-old junior at Twin Falls High School, is working at the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club

for the third consecutive summer. "We do a lot outside," she said. "Because we're located on the College of Southern Idaho campus, we use their volleyball court and soccer field ... If I have to stay later at school, I just call — it's not a big deal. And it's fun because you play with kids all summer."

Of the Club's 22 part-time employees, about half of them are high-school students, the other half CSI students. Unit director Lindsey Westburg said, "A lot of people who work here want to get the experience of working with children."

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Grace Hall, 16, an employee of the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls, helps Alise Fiscus, 7, get up after jumping rope Friday afternoon. Grace has attended the Boys and Girls Club since the third grade and applied for a job when she turned 14.

Staff photo by STEVE JOHNSON

Burley man killed in possible hit-and-run

Staff report

A Burley man was killed early Friday when the bicyclist he was riding was apparently struck by a vehicle on U.S. Highway 30 about a mile west of Burley.

According to a report filed by Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Welch, Pauline Sanchez, 73, was found dead at 153 W. Highway 30 shortly after midnight. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Undersheriff Cary Bristol said Friday the incident appears to have been a hit-and-run crash. There are no suspects in the case at this time.

According to Welch's report, after speaking with witnesses who found Sanchez's body, the police were able to identify a hit-and-run driver. The driver of the Riverside Bar who told him she had served Sanchez several drinks before cutting him off at about 10:30 p.m. The waitress said Sanchez left the bar some time after that.

In investigating the scene of the crash, Welch found a watch believed to have belonged to Sanchez. "Pieces of Sanchez's watch were found a few feet from Sanchez. The face of the watch was stopped at 00:35 hours," Welch's report reads.

Any person with information regarding the crash is asked to call Cassia County Sheriff's Office at 208-870-2251 or Crime Stoppers at 208-870-2900. Callers may remain anonymous and will be eligible for a reward.

SPRINGTIME IN THE MEADOW



Camas lilies bloom in a field south of Timmerman Hill south of Sun Valley-Wednesday morning. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is a chance of thunderstorms and a high in the upper 60s.

Staff photo by STEVE JOHNSON

South Central Public Health District approves budget

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

In addition to reminding people about vaccinations, tracking infectious diseases, and recognizing May as Asthma Awareness Month, the South Central Public Health District has a budget to pass each year.

Wednesday afternoon, the budget committee, which comprises the chairs of eight-

county commissions: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls — unanimously approved the fiscal-year 2009 budget of \$6,585,746.

It was a standard increase, except this year — following a legislative directive — the committee adopted a 3 percent average pay increase for employees.

"It took all of 30 seconds to adopt the budget," Public

Information Officer Amy Lierman said. "They voted for it, and there was no discussion."

Director René LeBlanc explained why. "What happens and no one sees prior to the budget hearings is that I visit and brief each county commission. So we've already spent an hour with each commission going through the budget and answering any of their questions."

Asked if the public should be concerned about any particular health threats right now, LeBlanc said, "I don't think anything stands out as more important than others. We're always concerned about young mothers and their children getting proper access to neo-natal care."

Damon Hunzeker can be reached at (208) 420-4697 or hunzeker@aol.com.

Boise Police outline charge against Minico High coach

By Rich Greene
Staff writer

BURLEY — The alleged incident that led Minico High School baseball coach Ben Frank to turn himself in to authorities Monday occurred three months ago at a private residence in Boise, according to Boise police.

Charles McClure, a public information officer with the Boise Police Department, said the police report states that at around 3:40 a.m. on Feb. 22, Frank tried to strangle the victim to the point of unconsciousness. The police report also stated McClure was the victim.

Frank turned himself in to the Mini-Cassia Justice Center Monday, spent the night in jail and posted \$5,000 bail Tuesday after a warrant charging him with attempted strangulation was issued by Ada County.

Minico High School District Superintendent Scott Rogers said he was not aware of the incident until Thursday and could not comment on personnel matters.

A hearing or trial date has been set yet with Ada County Court.



Frank

AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho Department of Correction computers go back online

Computers went back online Friday for almost 1,000 Idaho Department of Correction employees who had lost e-mail, Internet, and an offender information database for two full days, according to an agency spokeswoman.

Teresa Jones said all servers are back up as of 9:40 p.m. Thursday.

"E-mail is flowing," Jones said. "Thank goodness. Now they can catch up on their 150 of them."

It was unclear Thursday what blocked Internet access for more than half of Idaho's 21 correctional facilities, including the district probation and parole center in Twin Falls and a maximum security prison in Boise. Erin Jones said work crews had identified a failed Wide Area Network switch in the

Meridian area.

Jones said the issue never posed any safety hazard, only an inconvenience.

Forest Service to begin restoration efforts in Castle Rock Fire area

Several treatments for the area burned last summer by the Castle Rock Fire have been approved by the U.S. Forest Service, and could begin as soon as Wednesday.

Developed by the Southwest National Forest Burned Area Emergency Response team, the treatments are meant to reduce debris-flows on bare soil and improve habitat conditions for wildlife. They will include planting more than 30,000 bitterbrush and sagebrush seedlings in the Warm Springs Drainage, mulching with wood fibers and straw and planting native shrubs. The team will also oversee trail improvements, road improvements and noxious

weed monitoring and treatments.

Some trails and areas in the burn will likely be temporarily closed in the next few weeks to ensure the safety of the public and the restoration team, officials announced. Closures will be posted at key trailheads and locations and at the Ketchum Ranger Station. Additional information will be available as efforts move along.

All restoration activities should be implemented by June 15, and the area will be assessed this summer to determine if any additional planting or seeding is needed.

Castelford passes supplemental levy

Voters in Castelford overwhelmingly supported a two-year supplemental levy for \$300,000 on Tuesday, school district staff confirmed on Friday.

Voter turnout was large, according to the school district, with 86.5 yes votes, and 24 people who said no to the measure.

The supplemental levy will fund general repairs, maintenance and technical assistance for the school district, a small bus, computers, dual credit classes and text books, according to a press release from the district.

The supplemental levy is expected to cost taxpayers \$301.70 for \$200,000 of assessed property value, without a homeowner's exemption, according to the press release.

Work to begin on U.S. 20 near Fairfield

SHOSHONE — Travelers preparing a trip to Idaho's central mountains should expect short roadwork delays if plans include U.S. Highway 20 east from Mountain Home as construction is set to begin

in that location Tuesday.

The Idaho Transportation Department plans a pavement overlay with installation of a new guard rail between Cat Creek Summit (mile 124) to the Elmore/Camas County line (mile post 136) will reduce traffic to one lane with a pilot car assisting motorists through the construction zone.

Work will be done during daylight hours. The road will be open to two-way traffic at night. Travelers are urged to use caution in the construction zone. Watch for flaggers and stopped traffic. Delays of 15 minutes can be expected. The speed limit through the construction zone will be reduced to 55 mph. The paving operation is being completed by Central Paving Company of Boise. For current driving conditions on Idaho highways, call 8-1-1 or visit 511.idaho.gov.

— From staff reports

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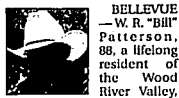
in the Magic Valley

Name: James Gary Larsen
Age: 24
Description: 5 feet 9 inches tall, blond hair, hazel eyes

Wanted for: Probation violation

Original charge: Grand theft, bond: \$75,000
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Larsen's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

W. R. 'Bill' Patterson



BELLEVEUE — W. R. "Bill" Patterson, 88, a lifelong resident of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Stoney Creek Living Center in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Antone Zagata

BUHL — Antone "Tony" Zagata, 84, of Buhl, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Stoney Creek Living Center in Twin Falls.

Edmond W. Ballance

RUPERT — Edmond W. "Jack" Ballance, 88, of Rupert, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital. A service will be held at 11

a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Grace Community Church, 1100 N. Meridian in Rupert; visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Paulino Sanchez

BURLEY — Paulino Sanchez, 73, of Burley, died Friday, May 23, 2008, from injuries in a bicycle accident. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley.

SERVICES

Charles Edwin Gilb of Arcadia, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, burial at 10 a.m. today at the Rose Hills Cemetery and Mortuary (Douglas and Zouk Mortuary in Norwalk, Calif.).

Dorothy Mae Rose of Burley, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. In Burley; memorial Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley (Ressumus Funeral Home in Burley).

Clifton Robinson Dixon and Thelda Thompson Dixon of Heber City, Utah, and formerly of Gooding,

joint funeral at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 114 S. 400 W. in Orem, Utah; visitation at noon today at the church; graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (SereniCare Funeral Home in Draper, Utah).

Anita M. Stanton of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 8305 Wilson Road, Hall B, in Bakersfield, Calif. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Ivan Hepworth, 85, of Jerome, services at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S.

Jerome, with Bishop Blain Hoppe officiating; visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Harriet B. Thomason of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Jesse Neil Simpson Jr. of Eden, memorial and celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Wilson Lake in Hazelton.

James H. Burgoyne of Jerome, services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome 5th Ward LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E., with Bishop Robert

Kinghorn conducting; visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Elmer H. Shade of Layton, Utah, and formerly of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln LDS Church in Layton, Utah.

Mary Marie (Sengwaes) Henrig of Idaho Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ketchum Cemetery followed by a gathering of family and friends at 3 p.m. at Cottonwood Condo, Sun Valley (Wood River Chapel of Hatley).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS — J. D. Ramirez, 19, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Thomas Ortiz, 16, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine; \$72.50 costs; two days jail, two suspended; three months probation.

Mandy R. Dyer, 22, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$100 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; 12 months probation.

Scott C. Hansen, 27, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Tyler J. Morris, 20, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$200 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; 12 months probation; 100 hours community service; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Steve M. Shirley, 41, Twin Falls; trespassing; one count disturbance of the peace/disorderly conduct; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; 180 days jail, 173 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS — Donald Harris, 65, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations. Tamara L. Martell, 39, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

MISDEMEANOR ACQUITTALS — Skyler L. Hills, 19, Kimberly; carrying a concealed weapon without a license; found innocent.

Twin Falls County

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS — Stephen R. Webb, 57, Buhl; one count driving under the influence; excessive; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days jail, 335 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; 300 hours community service; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one count open container; 10 days in jail, credit for time served.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Francisco J. Vazquez, 18; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; costs waived; 10 days in jail, credit for time served.

Mario A. Fierros, 33, Jerome; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; amended to theft; costs waived; 180 days in jail, 160 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Shane L. Lent, 41, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$300 fine; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Curtis R. Haight, 19, Kimberly; driving without privileges; \$300 fine; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; six months probation.

Shane L. Lent, 41, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; six months probation; one count unlawful entry; \$150 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; six months probation; \$390 court compliance costs.

Rhonda L. Koepnick, 41; felony drive vehicle without owner consent; amended to misdemeanor; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs; 180 days jail, 176 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; \$2,196.87 restitution; \$57 court compliance costs.

Marcie G. Jennings, 33, Twin Falls; receiving/obstructing an officer; amended to provide false information to an officer; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Monique D. Neilson, 28, Murtaugh; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Trevi R. Geber, 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

Garrett A. Digipolano, 21, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; amended; dismissed by prosecutor. Michael O. Ortega-Salazar, 36, Boise; driving without privileges; dis-

missed by prosecutor.

Zachary "Docketator" B. Rupert; carry concealed weapon without a license; dismissed by prosecutor.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Bayle A. Dona, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; no car; dismissed by prosecutor.

Dee A. Pendagriff, 64, Hollister; trespass; dismissed by prosecutor.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Evann D. Fischer, 18, Twin Falls; grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor.

Santos L. Alvarado-Zayas, 26, Gooding; intimidating a witness; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

CIVIL FININGS

Stanley M. and Barbara J. Allen vs. Latham Motors Inc. Seeking judgment for the defendant for special and general damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that they purchased a car from defendants and were told it was new. Plaintiff states that defendant's deliberately concealed from them that the said car had in fact been sold to a prior owner. Plaintiff also alleges that due to the prior ownership of the vehicle, the warranty for repairs has expired.

Idaho Power vs. Jason Lawrence. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$1,234.04; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges defendant's vehicle ran off the road and struck and damaged a power pole.

Bratton Morinax, a minor, and his legal guardian, Joel Wirmill vs. Aleksandr Khechaturav and Elizabeth Magee. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeks reimbursement for injuries sustained by Bratton Morinax in a vehicle accident.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The Division of Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:

Christopher J. Brookhiser. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$569 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Derek Z. Chambers. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$285 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$6,795.89 for uncovered medical costs.

Shelita J. Jares. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$475 monthly support plus 73 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$269.89 for uncovered medical costs.

Stacy L. Rieger. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$206 for public assistance and child support costs.

Dorothy A. Rieger. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,104 for public assistance and child support costs.

Daliaha A. Vaughn. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$200 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$800 for public assistance and child support costs.

Joshua Coleen. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$275 monthly support plus 68 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

DIVORCES FILED

Elizabeth M. Ford vs. Matthew B. Ford.

Timothy D. Engman vs. Beth A. Engman.

Rosann E. Schroeder vs. Clyde L. Schroeder.

Susan M. Easterday vs. David K. Easterday.

April A. Eames vs. Douglas R. Eames.

Kathleen M. Carpenter vs. Richard L. Carpenter.

Diana A. Rosalez vs. Marsha Rosalez. Diane R. Rowe Paids vs. Bruce R. Pauls.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MINICO HIGH SCHOOL



Minico High School's Girls State delegates for 2008 have been selected. They are, from left, Whitney Schult, Callee Nelwert and Kelsie Halverson.



Minico High School's Boys State delegates for 2008 have been selected. They are, from left, Trenton Raff, Trevor Stocking and Brigham Duncan.

Weak bears might miss a snack in Utah forest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Bears will have to work harder to get the smelly leftovers in these trash bins.

The Ashley National Forest near Vernal is introducing modified Dumpsters with a hefty steel plate instead of a flimsy vinyl cover.

Campers will lift a 20-pound trap door on the steel lid to deposit their trash.

"And we're hoping the bears aren't going to get smart enough to learn that," forest spokesman Louis Haynes said.

Some Forest Service campgrounds in Utah had to be closed last summer for trapping of nuisance bears, and a bear fatally maulled an 11-year-old boy in American Fork Canyon after dragging him out of his tent.

At the Ashley forest, about 175 miles east of Salt Lake City, trash haulers K&K Sanitation Inc. of Roosevelt made the Dumpster modifications free of charge.

The problem with that bears learned to jump on the vinyl tops and collapse them. Then they had plenty of food for the picking.

SERVICE NEWS

Christopher S. Perryman

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Pvt. Christopher S. Perryman has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Mary Lepler of Jerome and nephew of K.C. Belleu of Twin Falls.

Kabrina L. Barnes

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Reserve Pvt. Katrina L. Barnes has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is the daughter of Tom Barnes of Twin Falls and a 2007 graduate of Jerome High School.

Imelda King

Staff Sgt. Imelda King distinguishes herself through exceptional meritorious wartime service as the Material Control Supervisor and Fourth Platoon Sergeant for the 68th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

King's leadership, professionalism, and determination were directly responsible for the success of the 68th CSSB Support Operations Supply and Services Section.

She took on any assignment to meet the Battalion's wartime mission providing sup-

port for Multi National Division-Baghdad and Multi National Division-Central Area of Operations combining more than 100,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Department of State Officials, Contractors and Coalition Forces.

King is the daughter of Wiley and Imelda C. Early of Burley and is a graduate of Burley High School. She is the mother of Rico Suggs, who attends second grade at Dvorshtak Elementary School while his mother is deployed, and Jaiden Naomi who is 2 1/2 years-old.



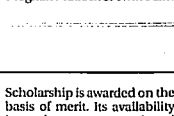
King

Casey S. Matlock

Lance Cpl. Casey S. Matlock of Twin Falls returned to Camp Pendleton on April 29 after serving a tour in Fallujah, Iraq.

He served with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, U.S. Infantry in Iraq.

His parents are Steve and Toys Little of Twin Falls and Gary and Meghan Matlock of Twin Falls.



Matlock

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Two valley students win Governor's Cup Scholarships

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the recipients of this year's Governor's Cup Scholarships to Idaho colleges and universities.

The recipients were chosen from more than 500 applicants by the Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Fund Inc.'s 12-member board of directors.

Selections were based on each applicant's commitment to public service, academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

The award is \$3,000 per year, renewable for up to four years, or three years for professional-technical programs.

Recipients from the Magic Valley area include Valerie Pantone, Shoshone High School, University of Idaho and Kabina Montgomery, Jerome High School, professional-technical, Idaho State University.

A reception honoring the recipients is scheduled for 2 p.m. June 6, in the 2nd Floor Courtroom at the Borah Building, Boise and Bannock streets in Boise.

Sixty-five high school seniors share \$136,500 in scholarships

Sixty-five Idaho high school seniors will share \$136,500 in scholarship money. The students, who have been awarded either the Robert R. Lee Promise A Scholarship or the Robert Byrd Scholarship, represent some of the best and brightest that Idaho has to

offer. The Robert R. Lee Scholarship was established in honor of Senator Robert Lee from Rexburg who was instrumental in the formation of the program.

The Robert R. Lee Promise Category A Scholarship is offered to Idaho students based on academic or technical merit. There are two categories available to students: academic and professional-technical. These \$3,000 scholarships, renewable up to four years, are available to Idaho residents enrolled full-time at an Idaho state-funded college or university.

Academic students are required to have a 3.5 GPA, while technical students need at least a 2.8 GPA.

The program is federally funded. Robert C. Byrd Honors

Scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit. Its availability is contingent upon continued federal funding. The amount of the award is up to \$1,500 per year, and it is renewable for up to four years.

Robert R. Lee Promise A Academic Scholarship recipients: Jacob Bow, Gooding High School

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship recipients: Timothy Johnson, Burley High School

Tashaena Crane, Declo High School

Tearsa Williams, Fier High School

Jacob Bow and Blair Gerratt, Gooding High School

Samantha Roper, Twin Falls High School

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Advertisement for Century Stadium 5 & Burley Theatre in Burley, featuring movies like Indiana Jones, Baby Mama, Narnia: Prince Caspian, and Iron Man.

In sign of change, Israeli, Palestinian officers meet

By Mattie Friedman
Associated Press writer

SALEM CHECKPOINT, Israel — The military men don't look like diplomats and the sun-baked checkpoint dividing the West Bank from Israel couldn't have been further from the Jerusalem hotels and ministerial residences where Israeli-Palestinian peace talks unfold.

But the fate of those negotiations depend in large measure on the success of

meetings like this one around a faux-wood desk in Lt. Col. Fareh Attala's utilitarian office. The Associated Press was given rare access to the meeting, this week, providing a glimpse of the minutiae and personal dynamics of the new contacts.

Attala, a 36-year-old Israeli army officer, heads the military unit that coordinates links between the Palestinian government and security forces in the West Bank town of Jenin.

A Druse Arab fluent in Hebrew and Arabic, he does his job not with a rifle — his M-16 lay unceremoniously on the floor — but with the two cell phones clipped to his belt and the two land lines next to his computer.

The meeting was conducted in Arabic. The Palestinians were represented by the Jenin commander, Sulaiman Amran, who wore a checked shirt and slacks. He was accompanied by a liaison officer in a smart forest-green uniform.

Sitting opposite them were Attala and a high-ranking Israeli officer who cannot be identified because of army regulations. The Palestinians had mustaches, the Israelis were clean-shaven.

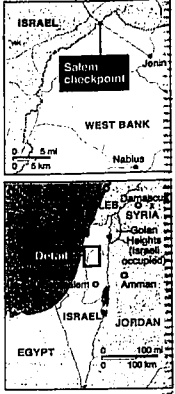
These twice-monthly meetings are key to the current U.S.-backed attempt to bolster the authority of President Mahmoud Abbas' nascent government in the West Bank, which remains under the control of the Israeli military.

But despite the contacts, Palestinians contend that Israeli actions on the ground — including military incursions and targeted assassinations — are severely undermining their efforts to establish authority in the West Bank.

What's more, little has changed since peace talks resumed at a U.S.-hosted conference in November to inspire confidence that peace efforts can bear fruit.

Sometimes the tensions are indeed about fruit — literally.

A truckload of watermelons can sit at an Israeli checkpoint for most of a day, a big blow to a farmer who may find himself or his sons drawn into the arms of the militants. But such trucks have been used in violence, including one case in 2001 when a militant tried to blow



SOURCE: ESAI

up a bus with explosives hidden inside watermelons.

Palestinians are discouraged because Israel has failed to lift these roadblocks, which hobble movement and trade, or to stop building of lands the Palestinians claim for a future state. A confiscated tract of land may have been that farmer's watermelon patch, and his sons may be among the thousands of Palestinians who remain in Israeli prisons.

Israel has not forgotten the waves of suicide bombings that came out of Palestinian-controlled towns like Jenin not so long ago. Although the Palestinians have moved against common criminals, Israel believes the Palestinians are not yet able — and possibly not entirely willing — to dismantle the hard-core militant groups that have spelled peacekeeping in the past.

This week's meeting at the Salem checkpoint took place during an important test for the Abbas government: Hundreds of armed security men were brought into Jenin to try to restore law and order in an area long known as a militant hotbed. A similar operation in the unruly city of Nablus restored a measure of security earlier this year.

The last security contacts like these, in the heyday of peacekeeping in the 1990s, were successful for a time, progressing with much backslapping and friendly talks over plates of hummus. But they ended in 2000 with the outbreak of violence and the subsequent disintegration of the Palestinian government and its security forces.

In one of the first incidents of violence that year, an Israeli soldier was shot to death by his Palestinian counterpart on a joint security patrol.

But now Israel and Palestinian moderates find themselves facing a common enemy: Hamas, the Islamic group that seized Gaza last June, and its extremist allies. The new security cooperation, like the peace talks themselves, are driven by that shared threat.

China, Russia condemn U.S. missile defense plans

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — China and Russia sharply condemned U.S. missile defense plans Friday, taking a harder common line that reinforces an already strong strategic partnership during Dmitry Medvedev's first foreign trip as Russian president.

Pushing forward their robust energy cooperation, Russia also signed a \$1 billion deal to build a uranium enrichment facility in China and supply low-enriched uranium for use in China's nuclear power industry over the next decade.

Rivals throughout much of the Cold War, Moscow and Beijing have forged close political and military ties since the Soviet collapse, seeking to counter the perceived U.S. global domination. They have spoken against the U.S. missile defense plans in the past, but Friday's declaration by Medvedev and Chinese President Hu Jintao sounded tougher than before.

The joint position appears to raise the stakes for Washington, which has been trying to persuade Beijing and Moscow not to see the missile shields as threatening.

China contains radiation in quake disaster zone

PENGZHOU, China (AP) — Emergency crews worked Friday to secure 15 sources of radiation buried in the rubble of China's devastating earthquake, the government said as it evacuated thousands of survivors downstream from rivers dammed by landslides.

Officials precariously balanced their efforts to clean up and rebuild with attempts to house, feed and treat the displaced and injured and search for survivors.

One senior official said China faces "a daunting challenge" to prevent environ-

mental contamination from other sources.

There has been no leak of radioactive substances into the environment, Wu Xiaoping, China's vice minister for environmental protection, told reporters in Beijing.

He said 50 sources of radiation were buried by debris from the May 12 earthquake in central China, 35 of which had been secured. The rest lay buried or located but unreachably under collapsed buildings. He gave no specifics about the radiation sources.

Myanmar to allow foreign help for Cyclone victims

By John Hejrin
Associated Press writer

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar — Myanmar's ruling junta said Friday it will let foreign aid workers and commercial ships help survivors in the cyclone-ravaged Irrawaddy Delta, but refused to relent on accepting aid from U.S., French and British military ships.

The ships, almost within sight of the coast for more than a week, offer a huge potential boost to the aid effort because they can send helicopters to the hardest-to-reach spots.

The military regime told U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Friday that all aid workers would be let into the country as long as it was clear what they were doing

and how long they would remain.

The Irrawaddy Delta, Myanmar's key rice-producing region, was decimated by Cyclone Nargis, but the xenophobic junta has kept it virtually off-limits to foreign aid workers.

An estimated 2.5 million people remain in severe need, threatened by disease, hunger and exposure because of the loss of their homes. The U.N. says only about 25 percent of survivors have received any kind of aid.

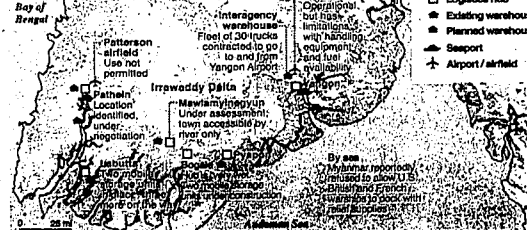
Official estimates put the death toll at about 78,000, with another 56,000 missing. Myanmar has estimated the economic damage at about \$11 billion from the May 2-3 storm.

Under intense international pressure — and with an aid donors meeting scheduled for Sunday — Senior Gen. Than Shwe said he would allow in aid workers "regardless of nationality," Ban said.

Struggling to overcome Myanmar's logistical hurdles

Relief operations in the Irrawaddy delta have been slowed by obstacles, including the government's initial reluctance to allow U.S. aid flights into the country, delays in processing visas and access routes made impassable by flood waters.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday the government agreed to allow all aid workers in.



SOURCES: United Nations Joint Logistics Center; U.S. Agency for International Development

Than Shwe refused to relent on the landing of the military ships, however. According to Ban, the Myanmar leader "agreed that international aid could be

delivered to Myanmar via civilian ships and small boats.

The U.S., Britain and France all have warships off Myanmar's coast ready to

help. But Myanmar's junta is nervous about any landings because it fears invasion or political interference. It moved its capital from Yangon, the largest city, to

this town in the north in 2005 in part because of such fears.

The junta is also wary of the political and psychological consequences of an efficient military-run aid operation by Western nations, which they have long accused of trying to undermine the country and turn it into a neo-colony.

Patience with the junta has been wearing thin.

At the United Nations in New York, France said Thursday it would push for a U.N. resolution authorizing the delivery of aid to survivors "by all means necessary" if pressure from Ban and Myanmar's neighbors does not open the aid pipeline quickly.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Friday that 50 U.S. C-130 transport plane flights have been permitted to Yangon, carrying more than 480 tons of relief supplies. But they have not been allowed to fly directly to the delta.

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IDAHO TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tiger boys second

Jerome's Jackson wins three golds

By John Derr
Times-News writer

BOISE — After being shut out of the gold Thursday, Magic Valley athletes made the most of Friday's finals, especially Aaron Jackson.

The Jerome junior will bring home a trio of gold medals, while proving he is definitely the fastest man in Class 4A with a sweep of the roundups sprints.

It's crazy, I didn't expect anything like this," said Jackson.

Tiger teammate Zach Ingraham was a double winner, while Burley's David Fillmore took the 800-meter title.

In team totals, the Tigers took home a pair of trophies. The boys title came down to the final race. Jerome was in the lead, but Moscow got second in the 4x100 relay and passed the Tigers by a single point, 75 to 74. Burley tallied 23 points while Minico also earned 23.

The Jerome girls, behind strong performances in the field and freshman Mackenzie Chojnacky in the distances, captured third place with 71 points. Rigby dominated the field with 125 points with Mountain Home second with 90.

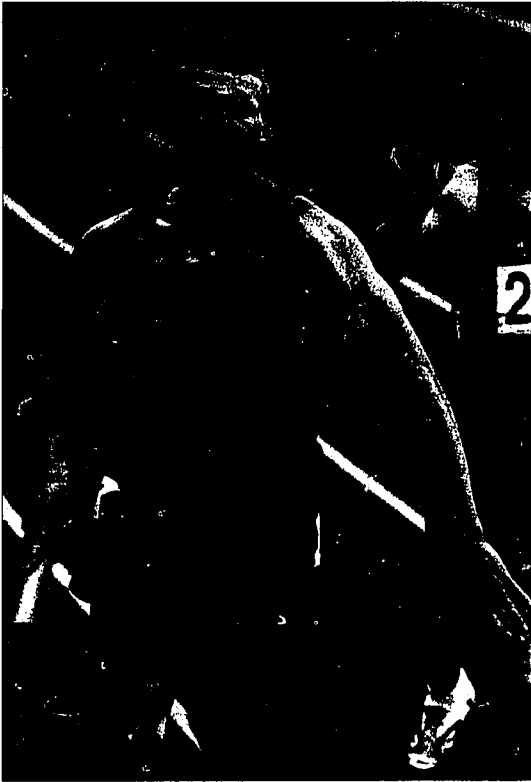
Burley tallied 16 points, Minico 15 and Wood River three.

4A Boys

Jackson took off strong and never let up despite a lingering hamstring injury.

"That was the best start I had all season. It was an amazing feeling," said Jackson. "I know the other runners were fast and the competition pushed me. It was better than I thought I would do with the injury."

Jackson wasn't done with the speed. He led the 200 from the start then held off



Jerome's Zach Ingraham anchors the Tigers' winning 4x100 relay team Friday at the Class 4A state track and field championships at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Mahonri Bostrom of Nampa by one-hundredth of a second.

"My legs burned out the last hundred meters, but seeing them pushed me a little more," said Jackson.

He added another gold in the 4x100 relay, grabbing the

lead on the opening leg. Ross Hillier, Tim Bowler and Ingraham kept it going to the end.

"We were ready to win. We had perfect handoffs, finally," said Ingraham.

Hillier also finished fifth in the 200.

Ingraham, who injured his right heel last week, took part in the long jump in the morning.

Leaping off his left foot, he led the whole way and saved his best for last — a winning

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Bruin girls win 4x200 as team finishes 3rd

By David Bashore
Staff writer

BOISE — After a struggle on Day 1 of the state track and field championships at Bronco Stadium, Twin Falls wasted almost no time in making sure Friday's finals night would be more successful.

In the second event of the session, Brianna Bowcut, Danielle Keating and Madi Worst built up a big lead for the Bruins, and Mercedes Blackwood held on to win the Class 5A girls' 4x200-meter relay state championship.

"It was really important to get out to a big lead, but not to jump the gun at the same time," said Bowcut, who made up a lot of the stagger in the opening leg.

Twin Falls led after Keating's second leg despite the stagger leaving other teams ahead on the track, and Worst dominated the third leg to give the Bruins an insurmountable lead as they finished in 1 minute, 44.55 seconds.

"I was worried in the beginning because there were a couple of people ahead (with the stagger)," Worst said. "But it all worked out in the end."

Given that big lead, Blackwood ran as hard as she could to fend off the late charge of Borah.

"All I thought about was how hard we'd worked all season," Blackwood said of what went through her mind in the final seconds of her anchor leg. "We wanted the gold medal and we have it."

Said Keating: "It was a great team effort."

Kyle Little finished seventh in the boys 800, and Amanda Ward capped off a sensational freshman year with a third-place finish in the girls mile. "It helped that it wasn't windy today. I just tried to stick with the front two as much as I could, and I did until the last lap," Ward said. "I'm really happy with what happened this year, and I'm hoping to keep getting better times and improve as a runner."

The Twin Falls boys finished seventh in the 4x200, as did the Bruin girls in the 4x400. The girls finished third in the 4x100, but it wasn't quite enough to earn a team trophy as the Bruins fell three points short in fifth place.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Austin Lynch finished second to Borah's A.J. Boutly by just two points.

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Twin Falls' Austin Lynch leads the 110-meter hurdles Friday during the Class 5A state track and field championships at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Bryant, Lakers cruise past Spurs in Game 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There would be no blown lead in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers saw to that.

Bryant scored 22 points, Lamar Odom added 20 points and 12 rebounds, and the Lakers took command late in the second quarter to rout San Antonio 101-71 Friday night for a 2-0 lead over the Spurs.

Games 3 and 4 in the best-of-seven series will be played in San Antonio, where the Spurs have a 6-0 record in the postseason and have won 20 of their last 22 games.

Only 14 of the 222 teams to fall behind 2-0 in best-of-seven NBA playoff series have come back to win, including the Spurs in their second-round matchup with the Hornets. But this figures to be a much tougher assignment — San Antonio has to be perfect at home and win a game at Staples Center, where the Lakers are 7-0 in the postseason.

The Lakers had to rally from a 20-point third-quarter deficit to win the opener 89-85, and didn't take the first lead in that game until the final 3 minutes.

They never trailed in Game 2 — the third time in their last four playoff games that



Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol reacts during the first half in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against the San Antonio Spurs Friday in Los Angeles.

happened. After a basket by Tim Duncan enabled the Spurs to forge the only tie, the Lakers scored the final nine points of the second quarter for a 46-37 halftime lead.

San Antonio would get no closer.

The Lakers had reason to be leery as the second half began, considering the Spurs outscored them 14-2 to begin

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Declo's Jones scores gold in the high jump

By Dustin Lapray
Correspondent

BOISE — She didn't get the height she wanted to reach. She didn't even equal her personal best. But Macey Jones won the Class 3A state high jump title Friday in Boise.

"I am really disappointed," said Jones, a Declo senior. "I know I can do it, so I'll just have to remember that I have done it before. I wanted to jump 5-4, but it just wasn't there today."

Jones, Flier's Danielle Schaaf and Gooding's Audrey Youren each cleared 5 feet, and none cleared 5-2, but Jones took the title because she made it to 5-0 in fewer attempts. Both Schaaf and Youren missed heights earlier in the competition.

"My coach told me 'State championships are won with no misses,'" Jones said. "You can't miss. That was my goal."

The three Magic Valley girls were the final trio, competing in the light rain when all the other competitors had fallen.

"It was weird," Jones said. "I kind of felt confident because I jumped against them all year, but they were jumping really well."

Jones, who placed sixth in the 3,200 meters on Friday, will run in the 800 and 1,600 today.

Destree Hepworth of Buhl took home fourth in the 3,200.

Kimberly Junior Lexa Murphy placed third in the long jump with a 16-5, a full foot ahead of Buhl's Hannah Gallon, who placed fourth.

"I feel OK, but I know I could have done better than I did," Murphy said. "It wasn't my best jump. It's a competition. It makes me want to do better

than I am. I think I could have done better, but I tried my hardest. That's all I could do."

Gallon just took up track and field this season. The junior said she will return next year.

"I think it could have been a lot better," Gallon said. "It was a new thing for me, so I am happy with what I got. This is my first year of track. I like it a lot."

Gallon also ran the 200 leg of the medley relay to help her Indians to a second-place finish. Rene Gwin, Christina Geleven and Liz Comer also ran legs to the big finish.

Flier's Natalie Hughes placed second in the shot put with a throw of 33-11. Nikole D'Alession of Homedale took state in the shot. Krista Lewis of Flier also placed seventh in the event, just out of the medals.

3A boys

THREE AREA RUNNERS PLACE IN 3,200

Three Magic Valley runners placed third through fifth in the boys division of the 3,200 meters. Matt Jones of Declo placed third with a time of 10 minutes, 5.27 seconds, while Mike McHann of Gooding finished fourth in 10:05.63. Kimberly's Andy Jung was just seconds behind (10:09).

McHann, a Gooding freshman, beat his personal best by 34 seconds and pushed Jones right down to the finish.

"It feels really awesome to do that well in the state meet," McHann said. "I was just trying to beat Matt."

Jones led for the first five laps, which can sometimes hurt in the distance runs.

"I thought I did pretty good, but the second-to-last lap my legs were just so weak," Jones said. "I think I exerted too much in the first part of the race. I should have stayed back a little. I am just really competitive. I should just go with them when people try to pass me, but I do. I want to stay with them."

The 3,200 had seven different leaders in the final three laps.

"Long distance races are pace races," Jones said. "When there are so many lead changes you have to adjust to the speed changes. It makes it a lot harder."

There was a lot of jostling within the lanes. Jung called it a "tight pack." These runners have seen each other multiple times in their careers. Jung and Jones admitted they have formed a sort of friendship from the ordeals.

"We're just a friendship," Jung said. "We just try to beat each other."

"Yeah, it's not like we're not friends when we are racing," Jones said.

AREA THROWERS FAULTER

Cameron Courtney, the senior thrower from Flier, finished a disappointing fourth in the shot put Friday at Bronco Stadium. His throw of 46 feet, 6 inches was three feet off his previous best.

"I think I could have done a lot better than I did," Courtney said. "I didn't throw as well as I should have. Some things just don't go right when you want them to."

Kellogg's Adam Furlin won the state title in the shot with a 40-6.

"I beat a lot of people to get here and

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Wendell's Ormond improves in high jump, taking second

Nelson, Valley girls win medley relay

By Dustin Layport
Correspondent

BOISE — There was just one man better than Nathan Ormond on Friday.

The Wendell sophomore took home second place in the high jump, finishing behind Nathan Struhs of Orofino. Ormond cleared 6 feet, 2 inches, a vast improvement from last year's ninth-place finish.

"It's pretty cool. I am pretty excited to get second at state, but a little disappointed that I didn't beat myself," Ormond said of falling short of his personal best of 6-4. "I am looking forward to next year. I will be back and get a little more muscle in me."

To catch some extra improvement this season,

Ormond took on the advice of Jack Nelson, the Gooding high jump coach. Ormond said he changed his approach from eight steps to 10 steps, giving him more speed.

"I am not a power jumper. I am a speed jumper, so the faster I can get going the higher I can jump," Ormond said. "I adjusted that and it helped me a lot."

Ormond said it wasn't weird at all taking advice from a rival's coach.

"He offered to help me, so I just called on it and he helped me out," Ormond said. "He's out to help everyone, no matter what school you go to."

Ormond also thanked Ken Brandema, the school record holder in the high jump at Wendell.

"Those two guys made me

think I am as a high jumper," Ormond said.

Ormond also took fourth in the long jump.

Justin Brandema, a Wendell junior, came out of nowhere to take second place in the discus.

"It went pretty good," Brandema said. "I am really happy with my results because there isn't much you can do to beat (Blake) Van Eiten. He can throw."

Van Eiten defended both of his throwing titles at the 2A level. He easily won the discus and the shot put.

"I have gotten a lot better," Brandema said. "I finally got my spin down and that made it all come together. The disc is a lot more technique, whereas the shot is just brute strength. I have got the feel for disc, with the long arms, so that helps a lot, but ever since I got my footwork down

Improved dramatically." Brandema admitted that the pressure of state got to him, but he wasn't going to let that happen two years in a row.

"I got past the jitters," Brandema said. "Last year I choked hardcore up here. Now that I got that out of the way, it will be a lot easier to come up here and perform."

2A girls

If you're last, you can be first.

At least that's how it worked for the Valley Vikings' girls 2A Medley Relay team. The group of Jamie Cauhorn, Camelle Sizemore, Alyssa Henry and Zandra Nelson earned a gold medal Friday and a 100 percent score.

Valley got a great start in the first two legs (both 100 meters), but by the time

200-meter leg had been run and Nelson prepared to receive the handoff for the 400-meter leg, the Vikings were in last place.

"We try and stay up with the girls that we are running against and we know that (Zandra) can pull it out in the end," Nelson's teammates said. "We appreciate it a lot."

Nelson picked up two places in the first turn and another in the second turn. The lead pack of four runners had about a 20-meter lead on Nelson at the start of the first straightaway. She took the final turns a little on the outside and blew past her opponents. She won by more than five meters.

"I know at the end I am the leader of my team," Nelson said. "I gotta come through for them."

Amber Bowers beat all comers to win the 2A state

title in the discus with a throw of 117-08. Bowers had the leading distance coming into the state tournament. She threw three feet farther than anyone else.

Clara Nebeker placed sixth in the girls high jump Friday at Bronco Stadium to take home her first state medal.

"I didn't start jumping until two meets into the season, so just to be here ... it's amazing," Nebeker said. "I didn't expect it."

The Wendell sophomore butted out a close pack of jumpers to get into the medal rounds. She was just really excited to be at state.

"I really love it," she said. "It's a lot of fun. I am hoping I am learning to keep my nerves under control and stay focused in the long jump for Wendell."

Jaci Lancaster placed seventh in the long jump for Wendell.

Shoshone's Astle defends title

Dietrich boys win medley, Lion boys hold Day 2 lead

By David Bashore
Staff writer

BOISE — Shoshone sophomore Taylor Astle didn't intend to race out to the lead as soon as the Class 1A girls 3,200-meter run started. She did anyway, and went wire-to-wire to win her second straight state championship on Friday at Bronco Stadium on Friday morning.

Astle, who was seeded second in the event but built up an 85-meter lead heading into the final lap. She finished in 12 minutes, 44 seconds, three seconds faster than the runner who was never truly comfortable with her lead or her defense of the crown until she crossed the finish line.



Photo courtesy: STEVE COOPER
Taylor Astle runs during the 3,200-meter race.

the long jump but finished eighth, one spot behind teammate Zarek Tupper and four behind Raf River's Bridger Barnett.

Lagle's mark of 19 feet, 3.75 inches was one of his worst marks of the season in any competition, he said, which just added to the frustration of jumping in cold and wet conditions.

"It's always hard when it's cold because your body is stiff and your muscles take a lot longer to get loose and stay warm," Lagle said. "But it's no different than normal. Every meet I've been at this year has broken at least 20 (feet). I'm very disappointed."

Lagle had to turn right around after his disappointment in the long jump to compete in the triple jump, in which he finished eighth for eighth. Ian Archibald of Oakley finished seventh, and Eric Gillette of Lighthouse Christian was fourth.

"It's a really big rush. I never expected to defend it with the title. I have been told it makes me feel really good," Astle said. "I always thought they were closer, and I thought they had a bigger kick than I did. I wanted to sit back and make my move later, but that all changed when the race started."

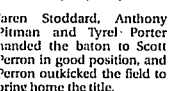


Photo courtesy: STEVE COOPER
Dietrich's Scott Perron comes down the home stretch in the last lap of the medley relay Friday in Boise.

Chris Bulcher, also of Lighthouse, finished second in the second event of the state championships, losing out to Anthony Beskoon, who beat Bulcher in the high jump Thursday, but just 1.25 inches.

Jaren Stoddard, Anthony Pitman and Tyrel Porter handed the baton to Scott Perron in good position, and Perron outkicked the field to bring home the title.

Raf River was third in the girls medley relay, and Camas County was eighth.

The discus was loaded with District IV competitors, led by Camas County's Jeff Ellington. Coming into the event he was seeded first, but he was disappointed to finish third.

But those results, combined with Aaron Boarder's sixth-place finish in the pole vault, let the Lions in first place after Day 2, but just half a point over Deary, with Council one point further behind.

"I was hoping for the championship, but state jitters got me. I guess. It was pretty difficult, there was a lot of moisture and people were slipping. It can affect your game a little," Ellington said. "I came into state thinking the other guys were going down, and I was going to win. But state is humbling like that. I need to work in the summer and get a lot stronger. But I'm only a sophomore."

John VanVleet of Lighthouse Christian finished eighth.

One person who didn't enjoy much luck on the day was Hagerman Junior Jake Lagle. He was seeded first in

the girls side, but Alyssa Larsen of Oakley finished fifth, and Kelly Perron of Shoshone was eighth.

Raf River's teammates Melissa and Jessica Jones finished in sixth and seventh in the girls pole vault. Oakley's Ethan Bench was eighth in the boys pole vault.

"I'm happy with second, but I'm mostly disappointed. It's my last year, and I really wanted to win," said Whitby, who finished third in last year's state race, won by Dalton. "Your heart's pounding and you know there's no tomorrow. You just have to go for it."

The Trojans put themselves in good position to compete for a trophy, hanging on to second place in the girls team scoring after Day 2, with the finals set to come up this morning. Shoshone is in sixth, three points off of fourth.

In the girls shot put, Alyssa Larsen of Oakley finished fifth, and Kelly Perron of Shoshone was eighth.

Raf River's teammates Melissa and Jessica Jones finished in sixth and seventh in the girls pole vault. Oakley's Ethan Bench was eighth in the boys pole vault.

Carey teammates Kade Peterson and Dillon Simpson finished fifth and eighth, respectively.

The Dietrich Blue Devils took home the boys medley relay championship in a time of 3 minutes, 41.7 seconds.

"This is your last chance to do anything. It's exciting, but you're not like, 'Ah, this is my last shot. I don't get to come anymore.' You're kind of happy and a little sad about that at the same time."

Filer's Nathan Hughes finished fifth in the discus and ninth in the shot put.

"I didn't do my best, but for the conditions, it wasn't too bad. Kind of cool, especially when you're sitting around for a while," said Goedhart of a day when rain stopped competition for about 20 minutes.

Goedhart started competing in the long jump two meets before districts. He said he grew in the event greatly in that short span. He also placed fifth in the triple jump.

3A track

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I am not exactly the lowest guy on the totem pole," Courtney said. "It just makes you feel good to be here, like you achieved something."

The strapping senior has just thrown his final shot and his final disc, after finishing fourth in the discus Thursday.

"The only thing that's different is that it's my last chance," Courtney said. "I don't get to come back. ...

SO CLOSE TO GOLD

Declan senior Harley Goedhart placed second in the long jump with a 19-10.

Lakers made it a blowout by outscoring the Spurs 14-3 to begin the final period to make it 88-60. Reserves played the rest of the way for both teams.

Idaho State Track and Field Championships

All Boise State University bronze students.

Boys

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Photo courtesy: STEVE COOPER
Camas County's Jeff Ellington winds up during the Class 1A discus competition Friday in Boise.

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Lakers

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL FOOTBALL: NCA Division I tournament, Super Regionals. HIGH SCHOOL: ESPN - NCA Division I tournament, Super Regionals.

TRACK AND FIELDS

TCG - European PGA Tour, BMW PGA Championship, third round, at Surrey, England.

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING: SPEED - NASCAR, Craftsman Truck Series, race 250. SPEED - NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for Carquest U.S. 500.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

ESPN2 - NCAAC Division I tournament, semifinal, Johns Hopkins vs. Duke.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

ESPN - Regional coverage, NCAAC Division I tournament.

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'Pacman' Jones paying Las Vegas gambling debt, according to lawyer

LAS VEGAS — Adam 'Pacman' Jones intends to pay a \$200,000 gambling debt to a Las Vegas casino to settle a criminal complaint alleging the suspended NFL player wrote three bad checks.

He had been quietly trying to arrange payment. "We were talking to the DA and trying to work out an arrangement," Aron said. "It's a debt that's out there. We're going to pay it."

Sports Shorts

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Winless on road in playoffs, Celtics need victory at Detroit

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Boston Celtics simply watched film and talked about adjustments the day after losing at home for the first time in the playoffs.

"Sometimes, I think you need a mental break," Boston coach Doc Rivers said Friday. "So, we're taking one and we'll be fresh."

At this point, it's time for Boston to try anything to stop its skid on the road.

If the Celtics don't, they're going home to watch the NBA finals on TV.

The Detroit Pistons ended Boston's home winning streak at nine with a 103-97 victory that tied the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

Now, the NBA's top-seeded team will have to take a game on the

road — or else.

"If we're going to win this series, we've got to protect the home for the rest of the series and try to get one on the road," Paul Pierce said.

Boston's first chance comes Saturday night at The Palace. "People are going to say, 'Well, they haven't won on the road. Can they win on the road?' They're going to come in with a great focus," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "We have to have the same focus and hope the adrenaline of the crowd will help us play with even more energy."

If the Celtics lose, they will be the first team to start 0-7 on the road in the playoffs to break a tie for the unwanted distinction with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971 and the Miami Heat in 2004.

"I don't think it's really bothering us, like, psychologically," Pierce insisted Thursday night after Boston fell just short of equaling an NBA record.

The Celtics were a few shots and stops away in Game 2 from matching a league mark by winning their first 10 post-season games at home. Six teams started 10-0 at home in the playoffs, including the 1986 Celtics and 1990 Pistons before both of those teams won titles.

"Detroit has been pretty good at home, too, winning five straight since losing the postseason opener a month ago to the Philadelphia 76ers."

"It's going to be crazy," Richard

Hamilton said. "We've got the best fans in the NBA. Everybody knows about the Palace at Auburn Hills."

Everybody also knows about Boston's Big Three and Detroit's true team.

Pierce scored 26, Kevin Garnett had 24 points and Ray Allen had a breakout game by scoring 20 of his 25 points in the second half.

"Their three main guys, for the first time in the playoffs, all played well together. Very well," Saunders said. "When we play well, usually it's a team effort and a lot of people are involved. Last night was a prime example of that."

While Boston's trio is going through the rigors of the playoffs for the first time, Detroit's nucleus is doing it for a fifth year in a row and a few key players have been together

in the postseason in six straight conference finals.

The four Pistons who helped win the 2004 title each answered Boston's clutch shots in the final minute.

Hamilton made a mid-range jumper. Chauncey Billups scored on a reverse layup off an inbound pass. Rasheed Wallace had a free throw and Tayshaun Prince made two at the line.

Before that decisive stretch, two more Pistons contributed, as Antonio McDyess made a jumper midway through the fourth and rookie Rodney Stueck had six of his 13 points in 3-minute span early in the final quarter.

"What makes Detroit good is you can't really home in on one guy," Rivers said.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Mickelson wedges into lead

FORT WORTH, Texas — Phil Mickelson is carrying five different wedges in his bag at the Crowne Plaza Invitational. He's used every one of them — very effectively.

Along with his putter, Mickelson had 11 one-putts and converted all six sand saves in a 2-under 68 in the second round Friday to take the lead by a stroke (39). The world's No. 2-ranked player led Matt Kuchar (64), Brian Gay (65) and Johnson Wagner (71) by one stroke.

"It was probably the best putting round I've had all year," said Mickelson, who needed only 25 putts.

That's because Mickelson kept setting himself up with the short clubs. From the fairways, the rough and the bunkers.

Only four of his one-putts were 9 feet or longer (the longest was 18 feet). Three of those came at Nos. 3-5, the trio of holes known as Colonial's "horrible horse-shoe" because of the difficulty and layout of that stretch, where he hit his approach into greenside bunkers each time and saved par.

That was part of his final nine holes.

Ammaccapane in front at LPGA Corning Classic

CORNING, N.Y. — On a seessaw day, Dina Ammaccapane liked what she saw when it was over.

Ammaccapane, who had 13 birdies and three bogeys, shot her second straight 69 Friday to gain a one-stroke lead after the second round of the LPGA Corning Classic.

Ammaccapane, winless since joining the tour fulltime two decades ago and non-existent this year, was at 6-11. First-round leader Erica Blasberg (74), Janice Moodie (68), Wendy Ward (70) and Katie Fitcher (69) were one shot back.

Two-time Corning winner



Phil Mickelson watches his drive from the 18th tee in the second round of the PGA Colonial golf tournament, Friday in Fort Worth, Texas.

Rosie Jones, who came out of retirement to help celebrate the tournament's 30th anniversary, followed her opening 74 with a 76 and missed the cut in her first appearance on tour since the 2006 U.S. Open.

Senior PGA lead belongs to Purtzer

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Closing with a 25-foot putt for birdie, Tom Purtzer put a dent in Oak Hill Country Club's stingy reputation to take the lead after the second round of the 69th Senior PGA Championship on Friday.

Purtzer, a five-time PGA Tour winner, shot a 3-under 67 to go to even-par, 140 for the tournament. That put him one up on Jay Haas, the first-round leader, who shot a 2-over 72, and Chassy Kuramoto, who finished the day with a round of 2-under.

Mark O'Meara scored the

tournament's low round of 66 to jump into a tie for fourth with Bernhard Langer at 142 in the \$2 million event.

While temperatures warmed to above 60 on Friday after a bone-chilling and wet opening round, a tricky and persistent wind played havoc with competitors along the East Course's narrow and well-protected fairways.

Purtzer was one of only eight players to post a sub-par round in the first two days, including Haas' 1-under on Thursday.

McGinley leads BMW

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Paul McGinley finished birdie-eligible for a 6-under 66 Friday and set a record 36-hole total to lead by four strokes at the BMW PGA Championship.

The Irish Ryder Cup player took advantage of softer con-

ditions on the West Course at the start to move to 13 under 131, putting some distance between himself and Robert Karsson and Miles Tunnicliff going into the weekend.

The list of those not making the cut included third-ranked Ernie Els, whose 73 for a 4-over total of 148 was three over the cut line. It was only the second time in 13 appearances that Els had missed the cut, the other coming in his debut year of 1992.

Colin Montgomerie also missed the cut for the first time since his first appearance in 1989. Montgomerie, playing here for the 20th consecutive year, shot 75 and was also 4-over. Others who have been lumpy all day and can't stop smiling, said Ingraham.

For Burley's Fillmore, the race went exactly as he planned, as he clocked a time of 1:59.24 for a personal best and his first time cracking the two-minute mark.

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mark of 21 feet, 8 inches.

"It was unbelievable. I hit my best jump on my last attempts, but we've been happy all day and can't stop smiling," said Ingraham.

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Minico's 4x200 relay set a new school record with a time of 1:31 and a third-place finish. Colton Mickelsen's third leg put the Spartans in contention for a medal.

"We all started quick and could not slow down, but we will be back next year," said Mickelsen, a sophomore who joined David Griffin, Fernando Navarro and Justin Martinez.

Burley's Taylor Bean earned took third in the 1,600.

4A Girls

The Spartans' 4x200 relay team came on strong for fourth place with Hayli Worthington, Breonna Phillips and Kendra

Red Wings, Penguins offer marquee battle for Stanley Cup title

DETROIT (AP) — Sid the Kid is set to take on Hockeystown.

With all due respect to the NHL's other 28 teams, no other Stanley Cup finals matchup could sizzle quite like this one.

Sidney Crosby has lived up to his name and in his third NHL season has the Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley Cup Game 1 of the first round since 1992 — when Mario Lemieux took black and gold to the top.

To earn their third championship, the Penguins will have to overcome Henrik Zetterberg, Pavel Datsyuk, Nicklas Lidstrom and the rest of the Red Wings. It all starts Saturday night in Joe Louis Arena, where fan-tossed oxtail will smack the ice as they have for decades of playoff hockey in Detroit.

If a matchup ever was going to capture the attention of the casual sports fan and make the NHL matter during its showcase event, this seems to be the one to do it.

"It remains to be seen. I can't say I hope this series goes long," 46-year-old Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios said Friday. "On paper it's so even — the stats, the matchups. You look at the rosters and there are stars and skill."

"I couldn't think of a better matchup, and I think everybody is happy that this is the way it ended up turning out."

The Red Wings are making their first appearance in the finals since winning the championship in 2002 over Carolina in the last title series played entirely in the Eastern time zone. Detroit is the last team to repeat as champion, doing it in 1997

and 1998 — six years after Pittsburgh pulled off the feat.

Crosby already has a scoring title and MVP award on his mantle. Now, he is four wins from a championship.

The Wings general manager Ken Holland called him "the face of the game" moments before Crosby took the podium in Detroit for the first time since the Penguins arrived.

"I don't think I pressure myself to be that," the 20-year-old center said. "I've always tried to be a good professional and tried to be a good role model, but I don't think I let that hang on myself. There's a lot of great players in this league and guys who can bring excitement to the game."

A lot of them will be on display — from Zetterberg, Datsyuk and Norris Trophy favorite Lidstrom, to Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Marc-Andre Fleury on the Penguins' side.

"The skill level is going to be very high," Lidstrom said. "That's one of the reasons a lot of people wanted the game. A lot of people wanted to see two highly skilled teams, two offensive teams, two puck possession teams in the finals."

Now the question remains if fans will watch. Judging from the conference finals, they just might.

The Motown buzz is that the Red Wings' television ratings in Detroit might top those of the NHL's Boston, who will be playing Boston in the Eastern Conference finals at home on Saturday and Monday — at the same time as the Cup contests.



Twin Falls' Mercedes Blackwood, left, anchors the Bruins' winning 4x200-meter relay team during the Class 5A state track and field championships at Brocco Stadium in Boise.

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0.08 seconds, 15.01 to 15.09.

The mark was better than his preliminary time, when Lynch found himself two-tenths off of Bouilly's top qualifying mark. That was enough cause for celebration despite narrowly missing out on the top prize.

"Second is fine with me. I mean, it's

state, and we're all here to win. But (Bouilly's) a great hurdler and he had that little bit extra," Lynch said. "I was hanging right there with him neck and neck and he got me at the end. That guy, he's good. This was the best race of my life."

Lynch finished eighth in the 300-meter hurdle final, and Worst finished fifth in the girls 300 finals.



Minico's David Griffin runs during the first leg of the 4x200-meter relay at the Class 4A state track and field championship in Boise.

Bailey joining anchor leg Kelsey Hamilton for the win.

"We just want to continue to get better and be back next year," said Phillips.

Worthington collected fourth in the 300-meter hurdles, while Hamilton took sixth in the 400 meters.

"I am pretty happy. This is my first year doing the 300," said Worthington.

Jerome's Molly Reid, who finished sixth in the triple jump, came back to take second in the long jump with a lead of 17-3.

"It was a few inches under my personal best. I just try to do my best on any given day," said

Reid, who will compete next year at Northwest Nazarene University. "I got it on the first jump, so I didn't need to worry about scratches."

Field added another medal, a sixth-place finish in the 100.

"I am just so happy I am able to come to state and compete," added Reid.

Chojnacky continued her run of medals with a fourth-place finish in the 800 meters, followed by a third in the mile.

"This was extraordinary. It was my race so I wanted to put it all in and I got a PR," said Chojnacky. "I learned it's 99 percent mental."

Ganassi working to calm Montoya after stressful week

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya posted the second slowest qualifying lap out of 48 entries and dejectedly climbed from his car.



Montoya

"What did you expect?" he asked. "Seriously what did you expect?"
Montoya is still reeling from the midweek firing of Jimmy Elledge, a personnel decision that's given the former Formula One driver his third crew chief in a month. Frustrated that his opposition to the dismissal went unheeded, Montoya is now worried that his team is ill-prepared for Sunday's race at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Because new crew chief Brian Huttan had just two days to dissect Elledge's setup on the No. 42 Dodge,

changes were made on the fly during a difficult Thursday practice session that saw Montoya post the 45th slowest speed. It didn't improve during qualifying, when Montoya was 47th out of 48 cars and will start next-

to-last in the Coca-Cola 600.

Team owner Chip Ganassi sympathizes with Montoya's frustration, but said Elledge's dismissal was warranted after the crew chief engaged in a heated argument with competition director Steve Hmiel during last week's All-Star race.

"We had an employee step over the line, and I'm sorry it happened because I like Jimmy personally, but it had to be done," Ganassi said. "I know Juan is upset and he comes out on the short end of this deal."

"I apologize for that, but unfortunately it was unavoidable collateral damage."

Elledge declined to comment on his dismissal, but Montoya has been vocal in his opposition to the deci-

sion. Elledge had only been atop his pit box for four races, dating back to an earlier crew chief swap that sent Donnie Wingo over to Reed Sorenson's slumping team.

"They told me 'We are thinking of getting rid of Jimmy' and I said 'Don't do it,'" Montoya said earlier this week. "Next thing I know, they did. That's what happened. You are going to have to ask somebody else about it, because I wasn't involved in this."

The emotional Montoya has rode a wave of them this week over the direction of his race team. The Colombian had a successful first season in NASCAR after making the highly publicized jump from Formula One, but this second year has not been as smooth.

Montoya has just one top-10 — a second-place in Elledge's debut race at Talladega — and he's currently 16th in the Sprint Cup Series standings.

Ganassi acknowledged the validity of Montoya's concern while insisting that his working hard behind the scenes to stabilize his NASCAR organization.

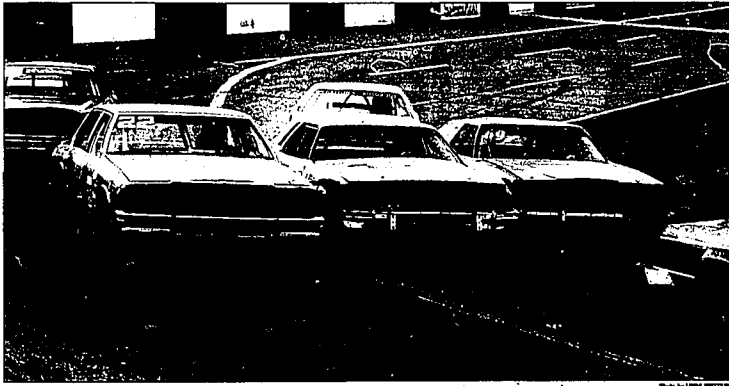
"I'm concerned about the forward progress of my teams every single day, and I work on it every single day," Ganassi said. "Just because the whole world doesn't know what I'm doing, doesn't mean I'm not doing anything at all."

The turmoil in stock cars comes when Ganassi's open-wheel organization is set to join Scott Dixon and Dan

Wheldon start first and second in Sunday's Indianapolis 500, and both drivers give Ganassi a tremendous shot to win the race for the second time as a car owner. Montoya gave him his first Indy 500 victory in 2000.

Wheldon said the disparity between the two organizations must be infuriating to Ganassi, who has a temperament similar to Montoya's.

"I'm sure it bugs the hell out of Chip, knowing that a professional he is," Wheldon said. "You know how motivated Chip is. He is a really determined individual and I know it irks him. I'm sure every time he goes to bed at night knowing that team's not as competitive as he would like it to be, it must tear him up inside."



Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks driver Stacey Jensen (13) likes to shake things up at Magic Valley Speedway.

Jensen looking for magic at MVS

By Linda Brittain
Correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Pipe and Steel Thunder Stocks driver Stacey Jensen does not believe in superstition.

"The old saying goes that you don't want to run green, the No. 13 and have black cats on your car," Jensen said. "I have all but the black cats, but I'm looking at finding some stickers."

Jensen's season has been anything but jinxed so far. He is currently on top in the point standings in the division at Magic Valley Speedway and has two main-event wins under his belt.

The 22-year-old expresses his goals for the season in the same way he drives on the track — he doesn't hold anything back.

"I want to have four to five wins and stay on top in the standings," he said. "And I want to stay on top in the standings through the chase for the championship. I'd love to have the championship, too."

Although only in his second season at MVS, Jensen does have some previous driving experience, racing sprint cars for a brief time in Minnesota where he lived as a teenager.

"My mom doesn't know that, but I guess now she will," he said. "I've been hanging around the track since I was about a year old and racing is something I've always wanted to do. My dad ran Super Modifieds. That's where I'm working my way up to."

"I got started here when Louie Lopez offered to sell me a car for \$75 and I just took it from there. Louie helped me with the setup, but I've been learning on my own ever since."

Although leading the points standings entering tonight's racing events, Jensen's margin is slim, just a single point separates Jensen and closest competitor Steve Edens.

Jensen, however, is not shy about announcing his strategy on race nights. But it's anybody's guess whether or not he's dealing the deception card. "I am very methodical," he said. "I like to mess with people's mind in the pits and on the track, having them think my car is not handling well to try and throw them off."

Tonight the Pepsi Premier, Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks, Quale's Electronics Hornets and Idaho Six Cylinder Racing League cars will all be in action to kick start the Memorial Day weekend of action at the one-third mile track.

Gates open at 4 p.m., with time trials set for 6 and green flag racing starting at 7. Monday afternoon, Magic Valley Speedway will present a special afternoon of racing action, highlighted by the Pepsi Premier Series in a 100-lap extravaganza. Also appearing will be the NAPA Pony Stocks, Quale's Electronics Jr. Stingers and the Idaho Six Cylinder Racing League cars.

Gates will open at 11 a.m., Monday, with time trials at 1 p.m., and racing at 2:00 p.m.

MVS Point Standings

- Pepsi Premier:** 1. Rob Vest 452, 2. Shelby Stroebel 418, 3. Mike Greco 417, 4. Steve Fisher 397, 5. Rick Fowble 372, 6. T.J. Woodhall 346, 7. Jonathon Gomez 332, 8. Kris McKean 326, 9. Dan Peterson 322, 10. Cliff Jones 304.
- Budweiser Super Stocks:** 1. Jonathon Gomez 465, 2. Kris McKean 442, 3. Norm Hanko 437, 4. John Hoogendorn 412, 5. Willie Dalton 325.
- NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks:** 1. Josh Pitz 485, 2. Brent Abbott 443, 3. Wade Henslee 380, 4. (tie) Jeff Couch and Kevin Grubbs 376.
- Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks:** 1. Stacey Jensen 424, 2. Steve Edens 423, 3. Rob Roche 383, 4. Rod Rudd 363, 5. (tie) Jim Shirley and Craig Nudhek 338.
- Quale's Electronics Hornets:** 1. Justin Sloman 226, 2. Danielle Shirley 220, 3. Bob Gilligan 195, 4. Mike Ehrntraut 182, 5. Evan Albright 181.

Start of Indy 500 the most dangerous moment

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The start of the Indianapolis 500 was once described as driving through a blender set to puree.

Thirty-three cars racing in rows of three toward a narrow left turn at more than 200 mph is one of the scariest moments in a fearsome sport.

"When I was sitting on the grid at the 500, and doing those two (pace) laps before the start, it's like you're just watching yourself up to go into turn one at full throttle, cars all around you, to me it was the most difficult thing I did every year," said Eddie Cheever, the 1998 Indy winner and now an analyst for ABC.

"With memories of his 14 starts at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway still fresh in his mind, the one-time Formula One driver added: "I hope somebody doesn't ask me a question at the start because I have absolutely no intention of speaking for the first lap. It is the most intense, frightening mixture of fumes and cars and tires and walls and people and speed to be separated by 100 feet, but there is no way to police that, and many of the stars over the years have been pretty ragged."

Some of the worst crashes in the first 91 editions of the 500-mile race have taken place at the start.

Among the stars in 1973, David "Salt" Walther spunwheel down the track, his legs sticking out of his torn up race car.

after slamming wheels with Jerry Grant and tumbling into the catch-fencing in a fiery crash near the starting line. Blinded by the fireball that spread across the front straightaway, several other drivers slammed into Walther's car. Walther was badly burned but eventually recovered.

In 1982, front-row starter Kevin Cogan skidded across the track and took out A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti as the field got up to speed for the start. In the melee, Roger Mears and Dale Whittington crashed behind the leaders and never even took the green flag.

In 1988, Scott Brayton, Roberto Guerrero and Tony Bettenhausen were involved in a crash in turn two on the first lap. In 1995, Stan Fox was badly injured in the first turn in a crash that also included Cheever, Lyn St. James, Carlos Guerrero and Gil de Ferran.

Generally, the best place to start is the front row, in clear air. But, in 2001, pole-winner Scott Sharp, pressured from behind by Greg Ray and Robby Gordon, hit the wall before he made it through the first turn.

"It is pretty intense," said John Andretti, who returned to Indy last year after an absence of 13 years. "These guys are like lions looking at meat."

"You just have to try not make any major mistakes, not get involved in anything, not create anything, let it kind of play out a little bit."

Andretti, the nephew of 1969 winner Mario Andretti and cousin of current driver Marco Andretti, said that, as much as he loves Indy, he had second thoughts last year as he walked onto the grid to prepare for his eighth Indy start.

"I thought to myself, 'What am I doing here?' This isn't going to be fun," Andretti said.

"It's sort of like being a rookle all over again," he added. "You have to act like this is the first time you've done it and err on the side of caution rather than aggression. That's hard to do as a race car driver. If you get too cautious, you can get run over in the back, too. It's unpredictable what the other drivers are going to do, and it's very unpredictable what last year as he walked onto the grid to prepare for his eighth Indy start."

Oriol Servià, one of the drivers making the transition from the defunct Champ Car World Series to the newly unified IRL IndyCar Series, will endure the Indy start for the first time Sunday.

He said he prepared himself for the race by buying a DVD compilation of all the 500s from the '60s through the '90s. "I've gone through the '90s and the '80s," the Spaniard said. "I still have to go through the '70s and '60s."

IndyCar's challenge: keeping its top stars

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — When the subject turned to NASCAR, Graham Rahal seemed just short of disrespectful.

The youngest driver to win an IndyCar race apparently didn't receive the memo that every open-wheel racer is just biding his time until he can get the green flag in a few of cars with Danica Patrick — gets a chance to cash in on America's most popular form of motor sports.

"This series has more potential than NASCAR," the 19-year-old Rahal said with a bit of disdain. "I think NASCAR has peaked. It's not going to get more popular than it already is. Besides, I think the racing over here is more exciting."

Could it be? Is IndyCar becoming a destination rather than a stepping-stone?

No one disputes the outlook for American open-wheel racing is brighter than it has been in the past decade. But the giddy talk of unified IndyCar, the series still faces a huge challenge: keeping its stars, especially with that cash machine known as NASCAR ready to scoop up the best talent.

When the green flag waves Sunday for the Indianapolis 500, the 2006 winner of the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" will be getting ready to crank his his Dodge in North Carolina. Sam Hornish Jr. left for NASCAR after last season, deciding the money was just too good to pass up.

He's not alone. Defending Indy 500 winner and series champion Danica Patrick also jumped to Sprint Cup, though he won't be racing this weekend; he's still on the mend from a broken foot sustained in a crash at



Danica Patrick heads through the pit area on the final day of practice for Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

Talladega last month.

One quick look at the 43-car lineup for Sunday's NASCAR extravaganza at Lowe's Motor Speedway reveals plenty of guys who parked their open-wheel wheels in a few of cars with fenders and bumpers. Tony Stewart, Juan Pablo Montoya, Casey Mears, AJ Allmendinger, Robby Gordon, Patrick Carpenter, J.J. Yeley.

And that doesn't even include those who likely would have gravitated toward Indy in another era, native sons such as Ryan Newman (born in South Bend) and four-time Sprint Cup champion Jeff Gordon, who was raised in the Hoosier state.

Just imagine what the 500 would look like with all those guys in the traditional 33-car field.

"It's probably going to be the best one we've ever seen, we see any change," predicted Eddie Cheever, who won the Indy 500 in 1998 and will be on ABC's broadcast crew for Sunday's race.

Funny Cide looks to spoil triple crown

NEW YORK (AP) — The roles are reversed for Barclay Tagg this time around.

The New York-based trainer tried to sweep the Triple Crown with Funny Cide last year, but he also jumped to Sprint Cup, though he won't be racing this weekend; he's still on the mend from a broken foot sustained in a crash at

Belmont. Tagg plans to send out Tale of Ekati in the Belmont Stakes in two weeks hoping to spoil Big Brown's attempt at becoming the first Triple Crown champion in 30 years. Tale of Ekati finished fourth in the Derby, then skipped the Preakness and appears refreshed and ready for the Belmont.

"I don't know if he's good enough or not," Tagg said Friday of Tale of Ekati. "He ran good in the Derby. He went off at 47-1 and finished fourth out of 21."

The time off seemed to agree with Tale of Ekati, who

sized in his first workout since the Derby earlier this week. The 3-year-old colt zipped a half-mile in 46.84 seconds at Belmont Park on Tuesday.

"He went faster than we would've ever liked," Tagg said, although he didn't seem too concerned as he leaned back on the chair in his office next to his barn. "We just wanted a maintenance workout, about 49 or 50 seconds. We'll see what happens."

In 2003, Funny Cide put in a blazing workout just before the Belmont that left many wondering whether the horse ran too hard before taking on the 1 1/4-mile "Test of the Champion," the longest and most grueling of the Triple Crown races.

Now in the role of spoiler, Tagg seems to be taking every day in stride. And he ran good in the Derby. He went off at 47-1 and finished fourth out of 21. The time off seemed to agree with Tale of Ekati, who

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U.S. to ease visa restrictions for seasonal jobs

Government to expand 'temporary' stay to three years

By Nicole Gaozette
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WASHINGTON — The Department of Labor announced Friday that it is rewriting rules to help employers find and hire work-

ers for temporary jobs such as field workers and day laborers more quickly and efficiently than current guidelines allow. In one major change, the definition of "temporary" will be drastically expanded — from the current 10 months to

three years. Adjusting the so-called H2B visa program is part of an ongoing administration effort to reconfigure immigration laws on a piecemeal basis in the absence of a comprehensive overhaul.

Last year, an attempt to remake the nation's immigration laws collapsed in Congress amid conservative anger over proposals to grant legal status to many illegal immigrants currently in the country.

A frustrated President Bush, who had favored the overhaul, responded with a 28-point plan to tighten enforcement at the border and in the workplace — moves largely meant to placate conservative Republicans. That has led to more aggressive immigration raids and an even greater shortage of workers.

Bush also outlined plans to simplify existing visa programs for foreign farm workers, highly skilled professionals and the short-term workers from all over the world who enter the country with H2B visas.

There are limits, however, to the administration's ability to

But in an effort to aid busi-

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'Staycation' sales

Retailers promote the backyard getaway

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press writer

WEST CHESTER, Ohio — Jenny Schwarz's shopping cart was loaded — a plug-in cooler, new cushions for her outdoor furniture, toys for the backyard pool. All things good to have for a "staycation."

That's what you call a vacation spent at or near home, and with gas prices still climbing in a belt-tightening economy, the Schwarzes are among the many Americans expecting to be in their backyards a lot this summer.

It's the normal time of year for stores to be pushing vacation-time cookouts, camping and games, but with shoppers cautious about spending, stores are promoting low-cost activities even more than usual. Retailers are also seeing more interest in small ways customers can make their homes nicer places to spend the season.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the nation's largest retailer, has launched an "American Summer" campaign, featuring tents, grills, coolers, wicker furniture sets and inflatable pools, saying a summer getaway is "as close as your own back yard." Rivals Target Corp., touting "fun under the sun" in its circular, and Kohl's Corp., with a "sale into summer" promotion were among other retailers cutting prices on swimwear, patio sets and other such merchandise.

With research showing that many households plan to cut back on summer travel — a Rand McNally survey found two-thirds plan to shorten or cancel summer road trips — Wal-Mart is rolling back prices on everything from mosquito repellent to portable DVD players to baked beans and barbecue sauce.

"Americans are still wanting to have a great summer," said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Melissa O'Brien. "They want



Jenny Schwarz is interviewed next to her shopping cart filled with a cooler and lawn chair cushions for the summer at a Wal-Mart store in West Chester, Ohio. One in three Americans will spend their vacations at home this summer because of tightening budgets and higher gas prices. Wal-Mart is among those trying to cash in by doing a big push on items like gazebos and barbecue equipment.

to enjoy those quick weekend getaways and socialization around the backyard cookout."

Like the retail promotions aimed at drawing people into stores with their federal economic stimulus checks, current efforts to spur summer spending will probably have mixed success, said Nick McCoy, a home goods and home improvement consultant for Columbus-based TNS

Retail Forward. "It's true that a lot of people are staying at home rather than traveling," he said. "However, because of the incredible pressures in terms of rising gas prices and food prices and job uncertainty, I don't see people spending a lot of money on things they wouldn't otherwise. They're still holding onto their wallets very tightly." He said discounters might

do best with lower-priced merchandise, such as Target's new Whim by Cynthia Rowley collection, which includes picnic supplies and backyard games.

"Things to make the yard just more fun, but not big expenditures," said McCoy. Schwarz, who stocked up on summer supplies at Wal-Mart, said that with five

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Existing home sales drop in April by 1 percent

By Martin Crutsinger
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WASHINGTON — Existing home sales fell for the eighth time in the past nine months, a string of weakness expected to continue as the housing industry, mired in its worst slump in decades, battles falling home prices, tight lending conditions and a weak economy.

The National Association of Realtors reported Friday that existing home sales dropped by 1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million units, matching the all-time low set in January. These records, which cover single-family homes and condominiums, go back to 1999.

The median price for an existing home dropped 8 percent, compared with a year ago, to \$202,300. It was the second largest price decline on record and analysts predicted prices would fall further in the months ahead given the huge backlog of unsold single-family homes.

The number of unsold single-family homes in April rose to a 10.7 months supply at the current sales pace, the highest level since June 1995.

"The housing market continues to slide away. The very large increase in inventories suggests that there are much larger price declines coming," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. The housing industry is being battered by a prolonged slump that has seen sales and prices fall sharply in many parts of the country and mortgage foreclosures soar. The slump in housing and a related credit crunch, which has resulted in multibillion-dollar losses at some of the nation's largest financial institutions, has depressed overall economic growth and raised worries about a possible recession.

Those troubles, along with soaring gasoline prices and higher job layoffs, have sent consumer confidence plunging, making a housing recovery even more difficult. "Credit remains tight, the economy is losing jobs and house prices are falling in more places and at an accelerated rate," said Patrick Newport, an economist at Global Insight. "All of this adds up to a dismal house-selling season."

Newport said he expected existing home sales would keep falling until the end of this year, probably dropping by another 10 percent, before starting a gradual recovery early next year.



FCC chief wants cell phone cancellation fees regulated

By John Dumar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The head of the Federal Communications Commission said Friday he wants to regulate fees charged to cell phone users who cancel their wireless contracts early.

At a news conference, FCC chief Kevin Martin would not say

whether he endorses an industry plan to help consumers avoid "early termination fees" as detailed by The Associated Press earlier this week.

But Martin said he supports regulating the fees at a federal level, even if it affects a series of class-action lawsuits against carriers in state courts.

Consumers would benefit from a national standard that addresses

many of the problems with the current fees system more than a potential lawsuit that may affect consumers in one state, Martin said.

Martin said industry and consumer groups were negotiating to reach an agreement to ease the fees, which have infuriated consumers. But so far, they have been unable to reach consensus.

Citizens will be able to speak their

minds on the subject during a public hearing at the commission's next meeting, scheduled for June 12.

Verizon Wireless, the nation's No. 2 cell phone company, has offered a plan that would give consumers a break on fees charged when they quit their service early. But it also would let cell phone companies off the hook in state courts where they are being sued for hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars by angry customers.

Cell phone companies routinely charge customers \$175 or more for quitting their service early. Under the wireless industry proposal, consumers would have the opportunity to cancel service without any penalty for up to 30 days after they sign a cell phone contract or until 10 days

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	23.38	▼ .41	Dell Inc.	21.19	▲ .30	Idacorp	30.44	▼ .62
Lithia Mo.	7.37	▼ .30	Micron	8.21	▲ .05	Supervalu	33.81	▼ .35

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	96.17	▲ 1.02	July Oil	132.19	▲ 1.38
May gold	925.60	▲ 7.70	May Silver	48.24	▲ .26

Monday in business

No reports are scheduled for a release on Monday as the markets will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, and various fund categories like Bond, Equity, and Money.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and various metals like Gold and Silver.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities such as Wheat, Soybeans, and Corn.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like Cheddar, Swiss, and Brie.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including Hogs, Cattle, and Sheep.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal prices for Gold, Silver, and various currencies.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like Soybeans and Lentils.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ performance.

INDEXES

Table of major market indexes like Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Russell 2000.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the Market Report, detailing how to interpret stock prices, volume, and market movements.

Retail

Article discussing retail trends, including the impact of the H2B program and consumer behavior.

Phone

Article discussing the phone industry, including the impact of the FCC and consumer protection.

Visa

Article discussing Visa's expansion into new markets and the impact of the H2B program.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Shiny mostly cloudy, but chances are small for additional precipitation. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Variably to mostly cloudy. Lows, 40s.
Tomorrow: Showers moving in once again. Highs, upper 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today/Perhaps a passing shower or two. Highs, lower 60s.
Tonight: Variably to mostly cloudy. Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with redeveloping showers. Highs, lower to mid 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 69, Low 46).

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

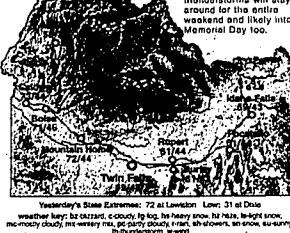
The current weather pattern will stay in place now through Memorial Day. Therefore, today through Monday expect daily chances for showers and even a rain shower in the higher elevations.

BOISE

The weather will not change much today through Monday, nor will the temperatures. Watch the skies for daily chances for shower and thunderstorm activity.

NORTHERN UTAH

Today's Highs were 68 to 74 for 48 scattered showers and a few embedded thunderstorms will stay around for the entire weekend and likely into Memorial Day too.

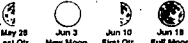


Yesterday's State Extremes: 72 at Lewiston, Low: 31 at Dale...

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't know how the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get ahead. It's always about making optimism."

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Moonset. Includes times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Low Moderate High. The higher the index the more sun protection is needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

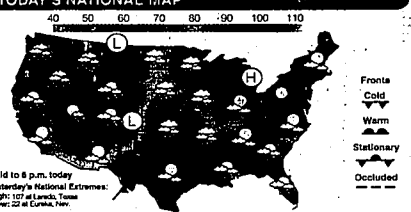
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists cities like Albany, Albany, Albany, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists cities like London, Moscow, Tokyo, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, etc.

Roomates disagree about who should clean up the clutter

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a dispute I am having with my roommates. The four of us "girls" have separate bedrooms, and mine is messy. I admit it is covered with clothes and papers. But there is my food, food wrappers or anything lying around that could attract "unwanted guests."

DEAR ABBY: My darling grandmother, a selfless pillar in our community, died just over three weeks ago. Her death hit me extremely hard, but I was lucky enough to see her one last time before she fell into a coma.

My roommates are always after me to clean my room, but I feel I shouldn't have to. I'm an adult. I work 20 to 30 hours a week, and my major requires that I have class for another 30 hours. On top of that I have homework, and I try to have a social life. I keep my door closed so my roommates and their guests won't see the mess.

Well, after seven years of being dormant, my beautiful amaryllis began blooming on the day of Grandma's funeral. This amazing, stately flower stands tall and reminds us of her. There is no reason why this plant should flower now. I haven't fed it in ages, it gets watered only when I can remember to do it, and I have never "conditioned" it to bloom out of season. I think it's Grandma telling me she loves me even though she is gone.

Now, here's the zinger: I am the only one who keeps the rest of the house clean. I am the one who does the dishes, takes out the trash, cleans the bathroom, vacuums, etc. I don't want my roommate to do anything, and many nights I come home to three stacks of dirty dishes and two bags of trash.

—JENNIFER IN LINCOLN, MONT.

I don't expect you to say it's OK to have a cluttered room, but do you think about people who barely lift a finger to help around the house telling me what to do in my room?

DEAR JENNIFER: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your grandmother. She may be sending you a message of love, reminding you that in death people of faith enjoy a new beginning, or telling you that you should not grieve for her, because wherever she is, she, too, is "blooming."

—THE MESSY ONE, HINESVILLE, GA.

DEAR MESSY ONE: Talk about a case of the pet collars, the kettle black! Frankly, it seems rather selfish for your roommates to keep their private spaces neat as a pin while ignoring the need to contribute to the upkeep of the common areas.

The time has come to hold a "roomies" meeting and offer "the girls" a proposition. You will find the time to straighten your room when they agree to post and abide by a "chores chart" so you no longer have to play Cinderella.

DEAR MESSY ONE: I think it's a great idea to have a "roomies" meeting and offer "the girls" a proposition. You will find the time to straighten your room when they agree to post and abide by a "chores chart" so you no longer have to play Cinderella.

FRENCH OPEN PREVIEW Tennis topsy-turvy entering tourney

PARIS (AP) — Everything about tennis is topsy-turvy heading into the French Open. Roger Federer, seemingly invincible against anyone but Rafael Nadal, is off to his worst start to a season since 2001. Nadal, meanwhile, recently lost a match on clay — for only the second time in three years.



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Rafael Nadal will look for his fourth straight French Open title as the tourney opens Sunday.

Justine Henin, like Nadal the three-time reigning champion in Paris, said she is "definitely retiring" next month at the age of 25, the first woman to walk away from the sport while ranked No. 1.

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player, because he will dictate you, and you will move you, and he will hit winners.

There's more: Andy Roddick, the highest-ranked American, is sidelined by a bum shoulder; new No. 1 Maria Sharapova and Serena Williams also pulled out of recent matches because of injuries; high-profile players are openly complaining about tour calendars and commitments; and the subject of retiring won't go away.

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That is precisely what Nadal does to great success at the French Open, and he will attempt to become only the second man in history to win it four years in a row, joining Bjorn Borg.

Start with Federer, whose 12 major singles championships put him two six of seven in the world's top 10. Consider this: Each of the past three years Federer arrived at the French Open with at least two — and as many as six — tournament titles to his credit. The past three seasons, he was a combined 103-9 with 13 trophies entering the French Open.

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"Whereas in years past, there was no doubt that Federer was going to be No. 1 — it was just a question of how many majors he was going to win. This year, it's very much in question."

"Whatever happened until now, I'm just happy I have enough matches in my legs, and I feel very positive about this upcoming tournament," Federer said. "These are the ones I really wanted to get ready for."

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"I'm feeling where I want to be shortly before a really important stretch of tournaments," he said Friday. "And it like Darfur and Tibet."

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Just a few weeks ago, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge described the games as "in crisis." They were being battered by pro-Tibet protests, health concerns about Beijing's notorious pollution, and calls for boycotts

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'Body of Evidence'



Kate Quinn, left, uses an interactive display to view how a human hand functions on April 16. It is part of the exhibit 'Surviving: The Body of Evidence' at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The exhibit, five years in the making, uses ancient fossils and interactive multimedia displays to tell the story about how the human race adapted, thrived and continues to evolve.



Valerie Eppolito looks inside the cast of a human skull on April 16. The skull is on display at the exhibit 'Surviving: The Body of Evidence' at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Exhibit spotlights human evolution

By Joann Loviglio
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA—A new exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania about human evolution gives a new meaning to the expression "nobody's perfect."

Scientists say we have evolution to thank for our survival, but that it's also where we can point the finger when we experience backaches, impacted wisdom teeth or difficulty giving birth.

The remarkable yet imperfect process that has brought homo sapiens to where we are now, and where it might take us down the road, is the theme of 'Surviving: The Body of Evidence,' at the Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

An exhibit five years in the making, it uses fossils and interactive multimedia dis-

plays to tell the story about how the human race adapted, thrived and continues to evolve. It leaves Penn in May 2009 for a multi-city tour.

Including stops at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and The Health Museum in Houston. The exhibit's message, right down to the title, is that finding evidence of the evolutionary process is as simple as looking at ourselves.

"You are a living artifact of evolution," said Janet Monge, co-curator of the exhibit. "We didn't want it to be something remote. It's about you — you're the artifact and this will tell you why."

Visitors can stand toe-to-toe with a skeleton cast of 3.2 million-year-old "Lucy," one of the world's most famous fossils, and children can see how they measure up to Nariokotome Boy, a nearly

complete skeleton discovered in Kenya of a child who lived 1.6 million years ago.

Also included are more than 100 touchable casts of fossil bones and skulls from the evolutionary history of primates and humans.

The show is more focused on concepts rather than artifacts, however, and is replete with child-friendly interactive elements such as peck holes, sliding panels and video monitors.

A 16-foot-long figure of a woman with transparent plastic skin, nicknamed "Janet" in honor of Monge, is the centerpiece of the show. Stationed around the recumbent figure will be interactive display screens using animation and 3-D graphics illustrating how and why our muscles, bones and joints evolved and their complex interplay that allows us a wide range of movement.

The exhibit also highlights what might be considered evolution's hiccup: the imperfect results of the evolutionary process common to

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people around the world, such as stiff backs and pelvic bones that haven't adapted to the larger brain size of newborns, making childbirth difficult for many women.

"The important aspect we tried to capture ... is evolution isn't just an interesting scientific idea," said Alan Mann, exhibit co-curator. "We wanted to let everybody know what it means to be a product of evolution."

The show also provides an unequivocally scientific message about what remains a topic of debate in some places more than 80 years after the Scopes monkey trial. Even as understanding is growing exponentially

because of advances in genetics and biology, "many Americans don't understand evolution, they mistrust it, they don't get it," said Andrew Brins, Penn associate provost for education. That's why exhibits like "Surviving" are so important as educational tools for children and adults, he said.

It's also a stepping off point for a citywide "Year of Evolution" sponsored by Penn and featuring additional events at The Academy of Natural Sciences, the Philadelphia Zoo, The Franklin Institute, the American Philosophical Society Museum and the Mutter Museum of the

College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Timed to coincide with the approach of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th anniversary of his seminal work "On the Origin of Species," both happening in 2009, programs will include exhibits and lectures on Darwin to geneticist Gregor Mendel, IMAX movies, and other events for children and families.

The "Year of Evolution" itself is an evolution of "Darwin Day" festivities, an effort at Penn and elsewhere to highlight evolution in science and counter "intelligent design," a concept favored by some religious conservatives.

Supporters of intelligent design hold that the order and complexity of the universe is so great that a supernatural entity must have created it. The concepts critics see it as creationism masquerading as science, and a battle is ongoing in several states about whether it should be taught in public schools.

Non-religious summer camps develop niche

By Valerie Basman
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — When Joe Fox sends his daughters away to summer camp, he's confident they'll be surrounded by kids who share his family's beliefs and values.

Caitlin, 16, and Elizabeth, 10, go to Camp Quest, which in 1996 created a niche camp away for children who are agnostic, atheist, or just not sure what to believe yet.

Parents have plenty of summer camp options, from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to the YMCA to soccer, dance, music and drama camps. Many claim no religious affiliation while others are Jewish, Catholic or evangelical Christian. The Camp Quest concept started in 1996 with 20 kids at a site in Ohio with the slogan "Beyond Belief."

Since then, demand has grown and "secular" camps have been added in Minnesota, Michigan, Ontario, California and Tennessee. In 2007 the camps accommodated 150 kids, generally ages 8-17. The projection for 2008 is



The Plasky family poses for a picture at their home in New York on April 23. From left to right, Eugene, 14, Lev, Margaret, 8, and Viktoriya. Lev sends his children to Camp Quest because he wants them to have a sense of belonging.

more than 200 campers and new camps are also being considered in Vermont and the United Kingdom. "They're good, moral kids without

organized religion," Fox said of his daughters. "They can feel comfortable

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Pause to see God's hints all around

ATLANTA—Some people refuse to believe in God for the strangest reasons. They may, for example, consider themselves too rational to embrace a being invisible to the human eye.

Country-music singer George Strait, however, begs to differ.

In his song, "I Saw God Today," he doesn't actually come face to face with God, but he runs into compelling evidence of the deity's presence in our world.

A couple walks by, holding hands, and he notices that she has that glow and is "starting to show." He also casts an admiring eye on the sunset, which is particularly glorious that evening.

Suddenly he realizes God's fingerprints are everywhere. Many folks relate to this song. They don't expect liter-



LORRAINE V. MURRAY

ally to "see" God, anymore than they would expect to glimpse courage and love.

Still, how sad and small life would be without these essential ingredients. We can't wrap our arms around courage. We can't measure it or weigh it. Still, we have seen courage manifested in family members struggling with diseases and refusing to succumb to bleakness that despair.

We don't actually "see" love either, but who would deny

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CHURCH NEWS

Spanish Christian concert to feature gospel singer

Center of Prayer and Worship announces a Spanish Christian Concert, with gospel singer Eddy Penta, to be held at 6 p.m. today at the Roper Auditorium, 1615 Piller Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Unitarian Universalists welcome guest minister

The Maple Valley Unitarian Universalists Fellowship announces a special sermon to be presented by Heather Starr, minister of the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Central Oregon in Bend, Ore., to be held at 10



a.m. Sunday at Step Ahead Learning Center, 273 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls. Unitarian Universalism is a spiritually alive and justice-centered liberal religion that affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice in society at large.

Starr was raised in Portland, Ore. She completed her Master of Divinity degree at Starr King School of Ministry in Berkeley in 2005. In August 2006, she completed a year-long chaplaincy residency at Portland's

Providence Hospital. She was ordained by the UU Fellowship of Central Oregon in Bend in 2007.

'End of the Year' celebration in Jerome

The Calvary Chapel North Valley Youth Group in Jerome will be sponsoring an End of the Year Bash at 7 p.m. Monday, June 2, at 900 N. Lincoln.

The night will feature an outdoor movie on a 12-foot screen and a free barbeque. A live performance by Priscilla, a local Christian hardcore band, will begin at 7:30 p.m. The event is free. Information: 644-9709.

German family research offered

The Family History Library is offering an all-day series of classes on German research.

Specific topics include: "Determining the Place of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors," "Basic Research Principles and Practices," "Identifying Records and Resources," "Use of Maps in Research," and "Intermediate to Advanced Research."

Classes will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 31 in the main floor classroom of the library, located west of Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City. To view the complete schedule: familysearch.org. To register: 801-240-4950.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thompson at ellen@magicvalley.com or, in the Milen Cassia area, Treva Tegan at ttegan@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Camps

Continued from page D1 being who they are." The family, from Furlong, Pa., has been sending their kids to the camps for years, even though it's more expensive and difficult to send them out of state.

Most Americans believe in some form of God — 94 percent, according to a 2007 survey from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. And 53 percent have an unfavorable view of atheists. Kids who attend the camps are not required to be atheists, or anything at all, said Amanda Mestas, president of Camp Quest Inc. "We really try not to label the kids," she said. "When a kid is out asking them to say, 'I'm an atheist, or I'm a Catholic' — at 8 or 10 we don't think that kids are able to make a decision about their world view."

Camp Quest is a not-for-profit backed by the Albany, N.Y.-based Institute for Humanist Studies, a think tank supporting the nonreligious Humanist philosophy emphasizes science, evolution, compassion and critical thinking.

At mealtime, kids learn about what the camp calls "freethinkers" throughout history — defining them as people who questioned or rejected religion. Examples can include people who believed in some version of a higher power, but held ideas conflicting with the social norm.

Some identified as freethinkers include cycling champion Lance Armstrong, science fiction writer Isaac Asimov, women's rights pioneer Susan B. Anthony, abolitionist Frederick Douglass and author Alice Walker, who wrote "The Color Purple."

Campers are exposed to science and learn about evolution. They also participate in typical outdoor camp activities, including swimming, horseback riding and roasting marshmallows.

The counselors will sometimes discuss world religions and philosophies. They say the focus is not on what is "wrong" about other beliefs, but they do sometimes use examples from religions when talking about errors in critical thinking.

In one exercise, counselors tell the kids about different invisible creatures that live in the camp and then challenge the campers to prove that they don't exist. In some cases, it's a pair of unicorns, in other cases, a dragon. In each instance, the campers are told they can't see, touch or taste the creature.

The point is that a belief isn't automatically valid just because it can't be proven wrong. The exercise is supposed to help kids learn to believe in God prepare for questions from their peers who ask them to prove a higher power does exist.

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If campers manage to prove the creatures don't exist, the prize is a \$100 bill from before 1954 — when the government put "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency, Carter G. Latham, 16, said the camp has helped her build confidence.

"Before I attended I used to feel really embarrassed," she said. "I was afraid my friends would reject me if I said I didn't believe in some higher power."

Critics say the camps appear to espouse a particular point of view.

Erika Chopich, a psychotherapist, chaplain and founder of the Jewish Hope America Ministries Foundation, said the invisible creatures in the exercise are obvious metaphors for God.

"It's clearly meant to teach that God cannot possibly exist," Chopich said. "There's obviously some teaching going on, there's some philosophy there. It's not completely neutral."

Lev Pinsky, of Brooklyn, sends his son, Eugene, 14, and daughter, Margaret, 9, to Camp Quest because he wants them to have a sense of belonging.

Pinsky considers himself a humanist and was raised without organized religion, but he came from a Jewish background, while his wife was raised in the Russian Orthodox Church. In separate incidents, Pinsky felt his children were rejected by both religious communities because neither considered their children to be their own.

"I don't want my children to feel isolated and like second-class citizens, because they're not," Pinsky said. "They have — as I do — a strong system of morals and rules that guide them."

Pinsky said Camp Quest has helped his family, especially his children, become more confident about their own disbelief.

"Nobody wants to live alone in a bubble," Pinsky said. "So it's extremely nice to find similarly minded people with the same world view."

Pope Benedict pens prayer for Chinese Catholics

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI has written a special prayer for Chinese Catholics who face "daily trials" in the officially atheistic country, the Vatican said Friday.

The prayer will be uttered during the weekly general audience on May 24, a day the pope has dedicated to praying for the Chinese church, which has long had a difficult relationship with the country's communist authorities.

The prayer — released in Chinese and six other languages — invokes the protection of the Virgin Mary and prominently mentions a shrine dedicated to her at Sheshan, in suburban Shanghai.

Chinese authorities have tried to restrict access to the shrine during this year's annual May pilgrimages, apparently out of anxiety over large religious gatherings.

The pope's conservative, succinct all those in China, who amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus," the prayer says.

China's officially atheistic Communist Party forced Chinese Catholics to cut ties with the Vatican in 1951, and the two sides have not



Pope Benedict XVI, left, greets the faithful during the weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 14. At right is Benedict's secretary, Monsignor Georg Gaenswein.

restored formal relations. Beijing sees the Vatican tradition of the pope naming his own bishops as interference in the country.

China appoints bishops for the state-sanctioned Catholic church. Still, many of the country's estimated 12 million Catholics worship in congregations outside the state-approved church and often suffer arrests and harassment.

Benedict has made the improvement of relations with Beijing a priority of his papacy. He sent a special letter to Catholics in China last year, praising the underground church, but also urging the faithful to reconcile with followers of the official church.

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Virgin Mary comes a day when Chinese Catholics throughout the world were united in prayer for the church in China.

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Evangelical group questions global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of conservative evangelical leaders wants to enlist 1 million Christians to sign a statement questioning whether human-caused global warming is a real threat and arguing that restrictive environmental policies harm poor people.

The "We Get It" campaign is the latest development in an ongoing disagreement among evangelicals about climate change.

Our stewardship of creation must be based on biblical principles and factual evidence," the statement says.

"We face important environmental challenges, but must be cautious of claims that our planet is in peril from speculative dangers like man-made global warming."

The campaign's materials argue that "recent, slight warming" is an unproven threat that could lead to restrictions in energy use and drive up the cost of energy and food for the world's poor.

Several leaders and groups on the evangelical right back the campaign, including James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention's

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, the Family Research Council, Institute for Religion and Democracy and Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation.

The effort is a response, in part, to the 2006 launch of the Evangelical Climate Initiative, which acknowledged humans caused global warming and argued Christian moral convictions demand an urgent response. The initiative, with more than 110 backers, has endorsed legislation to decrease carbon dioxide emissions.

In March, a group of

Southern Baptist leaders issued a statement saying the threat of global warming is too grave to wait for perfect knowledge about whether, or how much, people contribute to it.

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its existence? Just think of the last time a child shyly handed you a homemade birthday card or your sweetheart gave you flowers.

I have never seen God with my physical eyes, but I have run into some undeniable evidence. Like the day I accompanied four of Mother Teresa's nuns to visit folks at a nursing home.

Sitting by a window was a frail, very old lady, who smiled when she saw the diminutive sisters. "Would you like to say a little prayer?" she asked her.

The woman nodded, and all her hands and made a circle. Somewhere in the middle of the Lord's Prayer, something happened that I will never forget.

I felt an odd jolt of energy sweep through the circle, and noticed that the look on the old woman's face was one of pure joy. Later, I men-

tioned this sensation to the sisters, but they just smiled. They clearly had "seen" God many times before.

For sister Sr. Rita, the most undeniable proof of God's existence comes as he peers through the glass in the hospital nursery, and knows he's gazing at a miracle.

Yes, it's his baby girl, all snugly in her crib. A baby girl with his nose and her mamma's eyes. His song reminds me that God didn't stop being the creator at the end of the Book of Genesis. He still brings forth new life with the help of mothers and fathers.

And he still pours love into the world. There are dazzling shows every day at sunrise and sunset, but how often are we planted in front of the television instead?

There are flowers gracing our yards, but how often we walk right by them.

God leaves little hints for us all over the place, but some folks have blinders on. At times, it almost seems as if God is shouting, "I'm over here! Just stop and look!"

Some vision requires eyes, but other seeing comes strictly from the heart. The Bible talks about people who have eyes but fail to see, and people who have ears but cannot hear.

God's fingerprints truly are everywhere. All we have to do is open our hearts to see them. Sometimes that takes a moment in the nursery. Other times it's the nursing home.

In either case, though, the miracles are just waiting for us to embrace them.

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Patrixioser Maryanne Friedel takes a look at a statue of St. Joseph at the newly built St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Haven, Utah on March 25. An Ogden-based firm that designed the church and other Christian churches and schools, Building God's Way, combines economic and religious principles in its business model.

Thou shalt build places to worship

Firm assists with church construction

By Jeff DeMoss
Standard-Examiner

OGDEN, Utah — Homebuilding in Utah has slowed to a crawl this year, but demand for places of worship continues to flourish in the face of economic downturn.

For the state's leading denomination, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, new buildings are a natural outgrowth of being one of the world's fastest-growing religions.

"The church builds when they need to," said Rob Howell, a spokesman for the LDS Church. "Meetinghouses are constructed to accommodate the membership needs of the church."

An Ogden-based firm that designs Christian churches and schools, Building God's Way, combines economic and religious principles in its business model.

Founded 10 years ago by local architect Daniel Cook, Building God's Way seeks to provide cost-effective designs for various Christian churches and schools around the country, Chief Executive Steve Hartman said.

The company designed, and through its 20-plus contractor partners across the nation, built 27 churches and parochial schools in the United States last year.

It has designed about 400 buildings to date, and currently has about 200 projects in various stages of the design process, Hartman said.

"I'm heart in this whole business is to help churches and schools expand their ministries," he said.

Detailed, comparative figures on religion-related real estate are not readily available, but anecdotal evidence suggests the sector is at least somewhat insulated from the economic ups and downs that affect residential building and other forms of commercial real estate.

"It's just such a small segment of the overall market that I don't think anyone is really keeping track," said Robert Lindsey, Northern Utah manager for the commercial real estate firm Commerce CRG. "But I would think it's not really based on the economy."

For example, Arizona currently has one of the worst overall real estate markets in the nation, but the LDS Church recently announced plans to build two new temples there.

LDS churches are built based on recommendations from local leaders, primarily stake presidents, who monitor attendance and congregation statistics to church headquarters accordingly, Howell said.

The church completes construction on an average of about 1.5 new chapels every day worldwide, he said. The LDS Church had 13.2 million members at the end of 2007, and has added about 1 million members since 2004, he said.

Unlike other forms of real estate, churches don't count on rent or tenants for space in their new buildings, so the state of the market isn't as much of a factor in their building decisions, Hartman said.

"But while the market for

churches hasn't seen the same decline as the housing market, it still faces some of the challenges that others in the construction business are dealing with.

Most notably, rising costs for concrete, steel and other materials have affected all builders, and churches are no exception, Howell said.

"We experience the same fluctuations in the cost of building materials as everyone else," he said.

Large organizations like the LDS Church, as well as religion-oriented, for-profit companies like Building God's Way, are able to offset some of those higher costs by entering agreements to buy direct from manufacturers of building materials.

"Like a Sam's Club or a Costco, we purchase in large quantities and pass on the savings," he said.

"It makes it possible for a small congregation to build, when normally they couldn't imagine doing something like that."

However, Hartman said, churches and parochial schools are not immune to recession.

They rely heavily on member donations, which tend to shrink when the economy is in a downturn, he said.

"It impacts peoples' ability to give," he said, one of the major challenges churches and Christian schools face." he said. "But it's interesting that the economy hasn't really impacted the amount of construction."

The cost of new projects has risen as much as 25 percent in the first four months of 2008 alone, he said.

In cases where cost increases have outpaced budgets, Building God's Way Center in Twentynine Palms, or where they redesign the project to fit the budget or take a phased approach, in which the company will build part of the original design.

"We try to respond to their budgets in challenging times," Hartman said. "There's no project we've done where money wasn't an issue."

Meanwhile, Building God's Way is making waves in the North American community with its designs.

Two of the company's recent projects the 140,000-square-foot Northland church in Longwood, Fla. and the New Beginnings Christian Center in Denver, Colo. were recently named among the seven "Most Innovative Church Buildings in America" by the International magazine Ministry Today.

Partnering with ministries and various contractors gives Building God's Way a chance to reach out and spread religious messages to others, Hartman said.

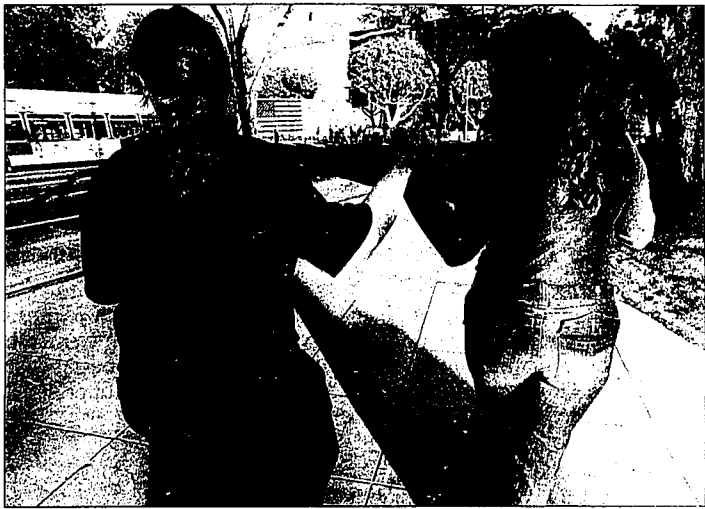
He said construction sites often take on an adversarial edge among the various parties involved, with territorial disputes and harsh language.

Bringing a philosophy he calls the "ministry of construction" helps create a more respectful and courteous environment, Hartman said.

"We're trying to run a good business model, but also make sure that ministry is why we do what we do."

"We're 100 percent biblical at the same time."

Religious quandary



A lesbian couple attend a street celebration of a recent California Supreme Court rule on Gay and Lesbian rights on May 15 in West Hollywood, Calif. The ruling would allow same-sex couples in the biggest U.S. state to wed.

California churches grapple with marriage ruling

By Maria L. La Ganga, Hector Becerra and Rebecca Truonson
Los Angeles Times

"As a straight, married man, I feel for my gay friends whose private life is once again going to be the subject of public debate."

— William McKinley, president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

LOS ANGELES — Pastor Gregory L. Waybright struggled from the pulpit Sunday to reconcile the laws of God with the laws of man. Although he wanted his church "to be a welcoming and loving house," he told worshippers at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, the California Supreme Court's decision last week to legalize gay marriage in California "is a contradiction of what God's word says."

The 4-3 ruling, which held that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, has prompted conservative and liberal congregations alike to discuss whether gay and lesbian members will be allowed to wed in their churches, synagogues and temples.

"These are the kinds of issues every religion has to grapple with," said James A. McIntire, president of the Graduate Theological Union, a Berkeley-based consortium of theological schools. "How do you factor in the role of contemporary human rights, civil rights, the data about homosexuality with 'core traditions and beliefs'?"

At Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena, the mood was celebratory Sunday, with Merideth Sobush's "Wedding March" played at services in honor of the decision.

At West Hollywood's Congregation Kol Ami — which offers "outreach to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community," according to its Web site — Denise L. Egan's e-mail box was filled almost instantly with requests from joyful congregants wanting to get married.

But at the Islamic Society of Orange County, Imam Muhammad H. Siddiqi led his congregation during Friday prayers that the high court's decision was a severe disappointment and goes against Islamic teaching.

The ruling "is a violation of God's law," Siddiqi said in an posting on Islamic law, said in an

interview. "I hope all people of faith — Jews, Christians and Muslims — speak up against this." At Lake Avenue, a large and diverse church that is part of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, Waybright told worshippers that he did not want to be "self righteous or condemn anyone."

Still, he said, "it's my responsibility ... to keep pointing you to God's way."

The Bible, he said, makes clear that marriage is between a man and a woman. A mile or so away at All Saints Episcopal Church, the Rev. Susan Russell led a between-services forum on the religious, legal and political ramifications of the court's decision.

"The justices have ruled in favor of the sanctity of marriage and against bigotry," Russell declared, as the audience cheered. "This is good news for all Californians."

But even though All Saints has been blessing same-sex unions for more than 15 years, the ruling unleashed uncertainty.

"At this point in the Episcopal Church, our prayer book still defines marriage between a man and a woman," Russell said. "There's some question about whether we can, within the canons of our church, extend the sacrament to same-gender couples."

The decision raises questions, too, about what All Saints' blessing ceremonies mean anymore, Russell said. Would couples who have such ceremonies get married, too? Will the civil steps suffice? Or should they go through another church ritual? And what kinds of ceremonies will All Saints provide as it moves forward?

The questions are personal

for Russell, who celebrated her union with her partner in an official blessing ceremony two years ago. Russell said she and her partner haven't begun discussing what the new ruling will mean for them. As for her church, she said, "I'm glad we have 30 days to think it through."

In recent years, conflicts over homosexuality and the Bible have unsettled many denominations, especially such mainline Protestant churches as Methodists, Presbyterians, Evangelical Lutherans and Episcopalians.

Although the specifics vary, the controversies for all these faith groups — and for Conservative Judaism, have resolved broadly around whether to provide official recognition to the unions of same-sex couples and whether to allow openly gay and lesbian clergy.

Thursday's court decision is expected to add fuel to the debate, with several denominations poised to take up gay-related issues again at their national conventions this year.

William McKinley, president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and a professor of American religion there, said the ruling was applauded on his campus, which is a multi-denominational, theologically liberal Christian seminary.

Yet, he said he felt an element of trepidation as well. "We're celebrating it on the one hand," McKinley said, noting that San Francisco's 2004 decision allowing same-sex weddings had given many people, both gay and straight, new appreciation for the powerful symbolism of marriage.

"On the other hand, though, this sets us up for another round of the culture wars," he said. "As a straight, married man, I feel for my gay friends

whose private life is once again going to be the subject of public debate."

Although gay unions are prohibited in Orthodox Judaism, other branches of the faith have varied widely in attitudes and practices.

For Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, who heads the Conservative Jewish congregation at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, the court's decision has changed the way he will handle celebrating the unions of gay and lesbian couples at his synagogue.

"I did not in the past, I will now," he said, "I was really waiting for this (decision). ... From my point of view, it's a very courageous thing and is part of the evolution of religious mores."

Schulweis has been a rabbi for more than a half-century and has seen his religion evolve, he said, first allowing women into the hill "ritual life" of the community, then ordaining them as rabbis and cantors, and eventually embracing homosexuals.

"It's one of the most exciting parts of seeing religion as not static and inflexible but as sensitive to different times and different information and different knowledge," Schulweis said. "What in the world did people in the biblical time know about homosexuals?"

At Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, the Rev. William Epps said his congregation has been focused on its 133rd anniversary — which it celebrated Sunday — and has given no thought to the Supreme Court ruling.

"I don't know if our churches would not embrace same-sex marriages," Epps said, although he would be happy to devote a Bible study session to the matter if anyone wanted.

He has never been asked to bless a same-sex union. And what would he do if a homosexual couple asked him to marry them now? "I'd have to prayerfully think about it," Epps said. "I would think it would be something I would have to seriously grapple with."

Bush will visit new Mormon leader in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church says President Bush will meet with its leaders during a trip to Utah next week. Church spokesmen say Bush will meet with the three-member

First Presidency, which includes Thomas S. Monson, the church's new leader.

Monson became president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints earlier this year after the

death of Gordon B. Hinckley. Bush is visiting Utah to raise money for Republican presidential candidate John McCain. The *Deseret News* and *The Salt Lake Tribune* say the meeting with

Mormon leaders is tentatively set for May 29.

Asked about a meeting, a White House spokesman, Blair Jones, said Bush's schedule hasn't been announced beyond May 26.

Mexico's homicides related to organized crime rise 47% in '08

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Homicides related to organized crime jumped 47 percent in 2008, Mexico's attorney general said Friday in a rare confirmation of how bad violence has become.

Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora told Radio Formula that 1,378 people have been killed so far this year, compared with 940 in the same period last year.

The statistic reflected what many in Mexico already knew: Drug-related killings have soared in recent months.

But the details were the

first official snapshot on the rise in killings. The Mexican government has been reluctant to release homicide statistics, leaving the public to rely on informal tallies by the news media.

Medina Mora broke that silence, saying 4,152 people have been killed since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 and declared war on drug cartels that controlled entire regions of Mexico. About 450 of those were police, soldiers, prosecutors or investigators.

Medina Mora said many of the recent killings have been

concentrated along the U.S. border, while homicides in the central part of the nation have subsided.

The government says the violence reflects drug gangs' desperation amid the nationwide crackdown, carried out by more than 20,000 soldiers and federal police.

"Evidently when they are cornered and weakened, they have to respond with violence," Medina Mora said.

Analysis say recent arrests have created a power vacuum and gangs are battling for valuable drug routes and territory.

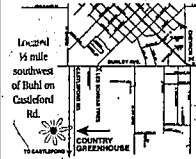
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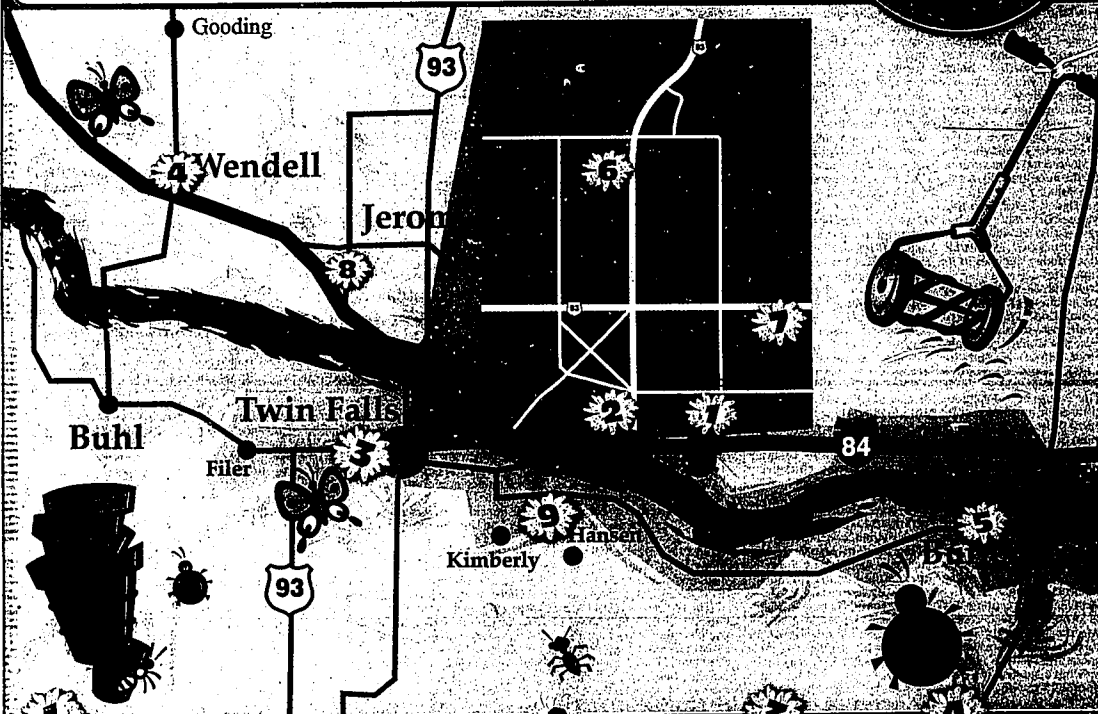
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GEAR UP FOR THE HOMEBUYING SEASON

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It's time to gear up for the busy spring and summer home buying season. Buyers and sellers alike have come to expect that there are greater options available during this time of year as more people tend to be in the market for a new home. So what is behind this trend and how can you make the most of the buying and selling season?

Why Now?

The Kids. Many homeowners, especially those with school-aged children, prefer to plan their move around the summer. By starting the home buying process in spring, most children can finish the year at their current school and start fresh at their new school in the fall.

The IRS.

Tax refund checks start hitting mailboxes in spring. For people in the market for a new home, a tax refund is an added bonus that they can put towards the down payment.

The Weather.

For people living in northern climates, the thought of moving during winter holds little to no appeal. As the weather turns milder, the idea of making a move becomes more realistic for many.

How do I Make the Most of the Season?

If you're one of the many millions of Americans buying or selling a home this year,

you'd probably prefer to make the move as smooth as possible. Start early.

"From searching and touring houses to the negotiation, home inspection and closing, buying the home that perfectly fits your needs can take a lot of time, especially if you don't know the process," says Frank Destra, managing director and senior vice president of national sales for Ditech, one of the nation's leading online mortgage lenders. "By learning and understanding the steps in buying a home, you will be ready to go through the process and complete it efficiently so you can soon begin enjoying your new home."

Here are some tips from Ditech that will help make your spring or summer move stress-free.

- 1) Review Your Credit Report. Whether this is your first time buying a home or your 10th time, it is always in your best interest to keep an eye on your credit report to make sure your credit history is accurately reported. Your credit history has an impact on what loans you can qualify for as well as the interest rate you will be offered. Report any errors to the credit reporting agencies right away, so that your credit report is accurate when you're ready to apply for home financing.
- 2) Get pre-approved. Getting pre-approved is one of the first steps in the home buying



process. By getting pre-approved, you will receive a loan commitment for up to a certain amount from your lender before you find a home, based on a review of your credit and finances. Pre-approval makes your home search more efficient by allowing you to focus only on the homes you know you can afford. It also is beneficial to have a pre-approval letter in your possession when you submit an offer on a home, so the seller knows you are serious about buying the home.

3) Know what you want.

Sitting down and figuring out what kind of home and neighborhood you would prefer in the beginning of your home search will save you a lot of time. Make a list of the features that are most important to you. Start with determining the number of bedrooms and bathrooms as well as other personal requirements you might have such as an office versus a den, one or two stories, etc. Also, think resale before you ever set foot in a home. The neighborhood, schools, parks, shopping, transportation accessibility, and proximity to key points in the city are all characteristics that will remain important when you decide to sell your home at some point in the future.

4) Review financing solutions.

There are a variety of financing options available

to home buyers, and your particular situation will play a factor in figuring out what financing solution might work best for you. An experienced loan officer will take the time to review the home financing process, define terms, and listen to your concerns to get you a loan that fits your needs. In addition, home lenders such as Ditech (www.ditech.com) offer a number of online resources, such as payment calculators, glossaries, etc. to help home buyers better understand which financing options might be right for them.

5) Negotiate. Once you find the home of your dreams, work with a real estate agent to negotiate the price and present your offer. Motivated sellers may be willing to reduce their price, or even pay part of the closing costs. Also, if you are looking at new construction, make sure any incentives being offered are tied to the home. For example, if a builder offers a cruise or flat-screen TV, ask for the value of the item to be discounted from the purchase price of the home. You are purchasing a home and that should be your focus -- not the giveaways.

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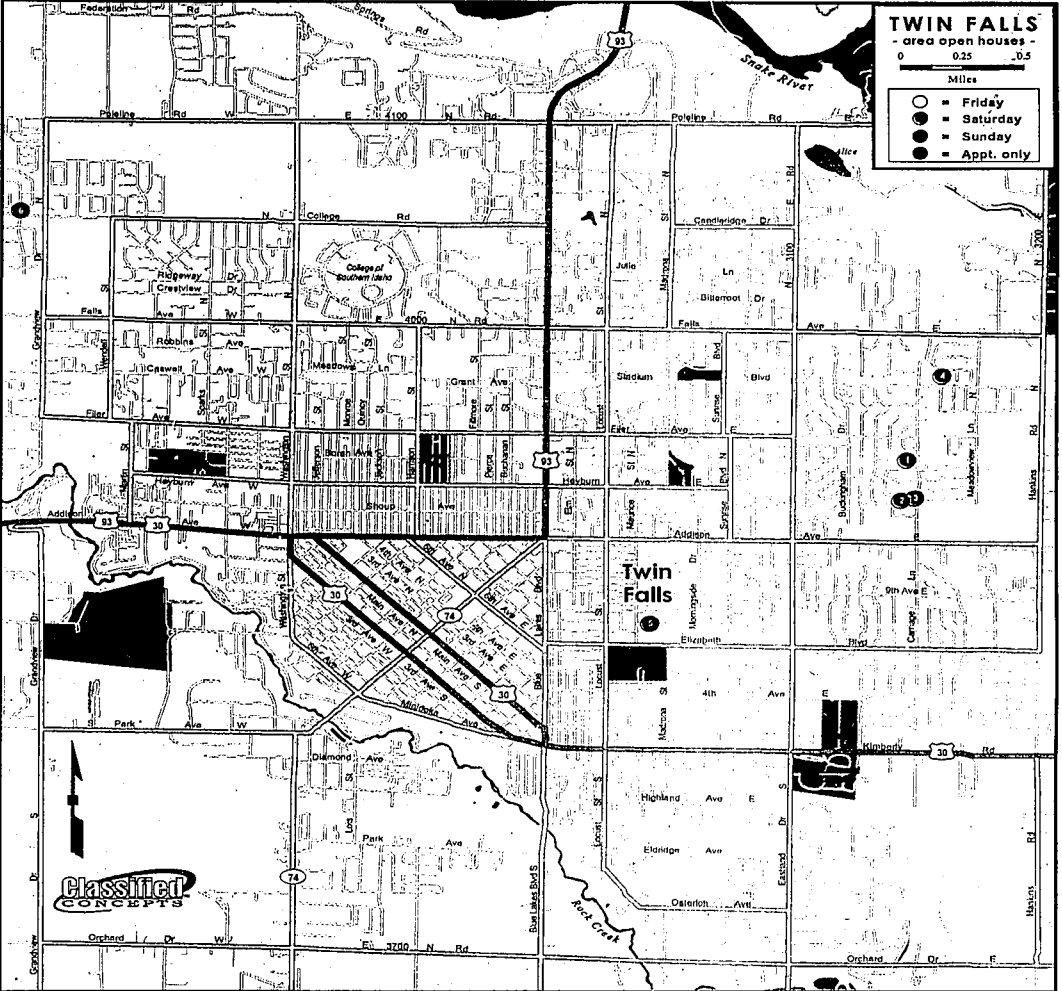
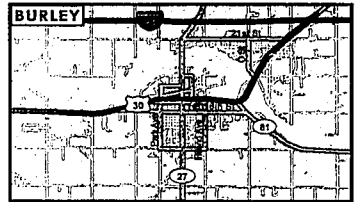
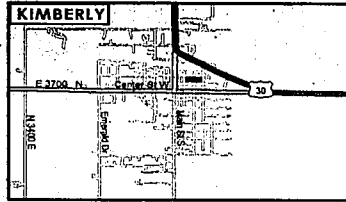
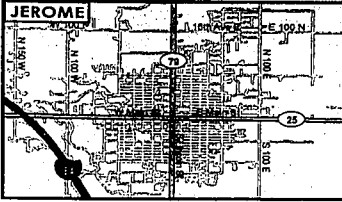
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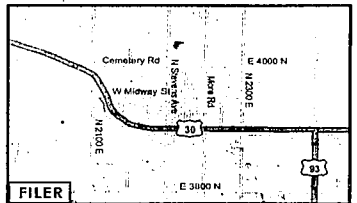
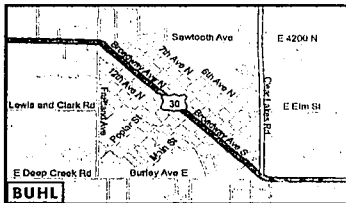
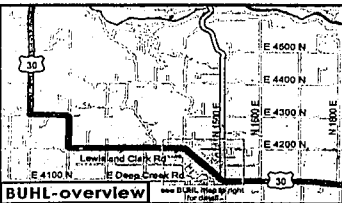


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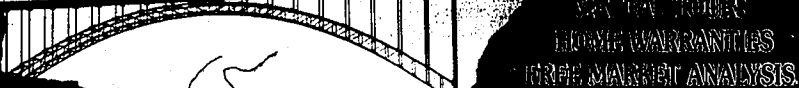
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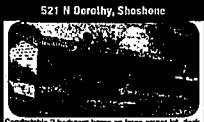
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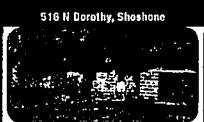
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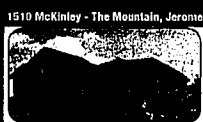
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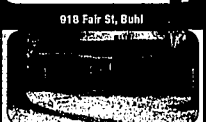
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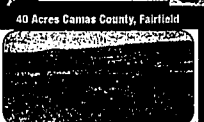
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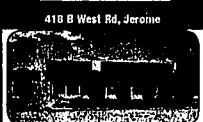
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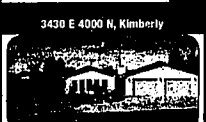
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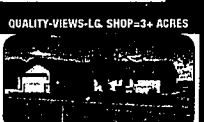
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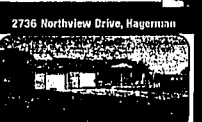
3430 E 4000 N, Kimberly

This home is FANTASTIC! It sits back on the lot letting you look over the beautiful grounds and it sits in front of a big away from the road. Large corals, a nice barn, and a large shop! It also has a 27' x 30' garage!
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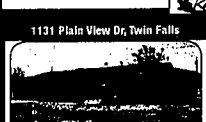
2736 Northview Drive, Hagerman

Enjoy the mid winter - Don't miss this lovely Hagerman lake view, 2 bed/2 bath, landscaped, partially fenced in home. Multiple family features.
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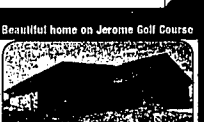
1854 E 3700 N, Filer

One of the nicest 4 bedroom homes out there! Beautiful Oak Cabinetry, hardwood floors, and 50 MISC. 11 MISC. 8 inch wash + all NEW! 100% water treatment! AMAZING open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, with warm neutral colors! \$363,883 MLS#0834744
Call Ron Bean 420-8070



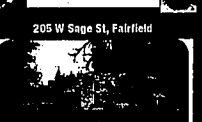
1131 Plain View Dr, Twin Falls

Large family home with lots of living space. Lots of updating new carpet, flooring, appliances, paint, tile, light fixtures & vinyl windows. Remodeled basement includes 2 bedrooms with new egress windows, walk in closet, hot bath, laundry room.
\$204,000 MLS#08311223
Call Barbara Morales 538-2272



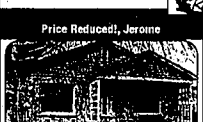
Beautiful home on Jerome Golf Course

Ready & Move! Wonderful center, built the floor, pitched but not a kitchen to die for, includes private membership claim to Jerome Country Club. Also has an unattached bonus room. MLS#08352754
Call Dan Wise 538-2809
Judy Holland 731-3141



205 W Sage St, Fairfield

Very nice old Fairfield site, 1 hr to Sun Valley. Minutes to hunting fishing, skiing, snowmobiling. Cash sale, Estate Sale. Multiple family features.
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Call Tom Gill 880-0778



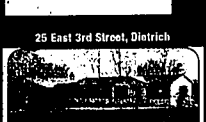
Price Reduced!, Jerome

Daring vintage style home with movable fireplace, hardwood floors and tiled kitchen. Basement has lots of storage room. Large backyard and nice covered patio. Don't miss this one! Home priced to sell!
\$90,000 MLS#08355606
Call Arroy Warner or Linda Ekren
420-5848, 538-3438



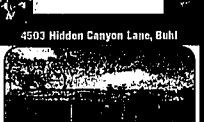
Fresh, clean and a few surprises!

This 2 bedroom home has the possibility of a 3rd large bedroom or a family room almost completed and has had a recent remodel of the bathroom with walk-in shower and new fixtures. \$129,900 MLS#0831061
Call Bonny Rosa 538-0785



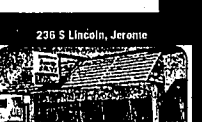
25 East 3rd Street, Dietrich

Very well cared for 3bed/2bath home on large corner lot with fenced yard, large detached garage/shop, within city of Dietrich.
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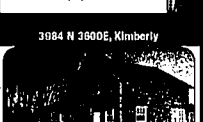
4503 Hidden Canyon Lane, Buhl

This beautiful two bedroom home offers outstanding views and complete privacy in desired neighborhood of Kamona Flacks. Home offers all the features you could hope for, hot parking, excellent winter, interior flooring, granite, ceramic tile, a 10' by 16' table.
\$215,000 MLS#08264888
Call Carly Walton 420-3980



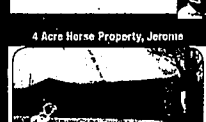
236 S Lincoln, Jerome

Great location in downtown Jerome. Lots of room for your new business in front, established hot action in the back.
\$110,000 MLS#0826266
Call Jim Catterall
404-2788



3084 N 3600E, Kimberly

New country home newly remodeled with a new septic on the edge of a new beautiful development. This property is close to the canyon and has a view that can occasionally be seen to the north. Animals are permitted according to county regulations.
\$206,000 MLS#0834879
Call Johnny U 280-0378



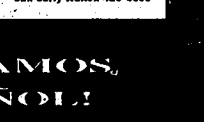
4 Acre Horse Property, Jerome

Home is updated and ready to go. 10 big trees and a 20' x 20' lot with 12' water stream. Don't wait because a won't last long priced like this.
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Call Louisa Harris 280-0822



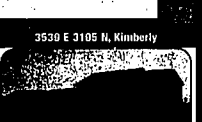
3538 E 3195 N, Kimberly

Beautiful home on Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Wide plank hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, brand new cherry barn. Buy much to sell.
\$140,000 MLS#08301231
Call Wanda Foster or
Kevin Ordway 731-4352,
283-2913



Nice Brick Home, Jerome

5 bed 2 bath home on 5 acres in city impact area. Lot features a barn, garden space, irrigation and nice view.
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Lost and Found

FOUND Keys with a "Spearfish South Dakota" key ring. Found on Diamond St. in Twin Falls. 738-9038 or 308-7283
FOUND Pomeranian type dog, identify by color and sex. Found by MV Speedway. Call 208-734-8228
LOST Camera Black Samsung S500 digital camera with black case. If found contact Scott @ 733-8286, 734-8760 or 734-4968

LOST Chihuahua, tan black points, male, lost 8/16 on Hwy 24. Reward. Offer of reward. Little girl misses her dog, please help us find him. 431-9910

LOST Golf Clubs 05/18 between Gooding Country Club and Clear Lake Country Club. If found please call 568-1563 Reward



LOST Rat Terrier, black/white, male, lost in the Bush Melon Valley area on 4/23 Reward. Call 404-4656 or 734-3990 with info

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Looking for extra vacation money? The classifieds can help you sell these items you no longer need for quick cash. 733-0931

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Exp. Framers wanted. Must have tools & transportation. Call 208-308-5435

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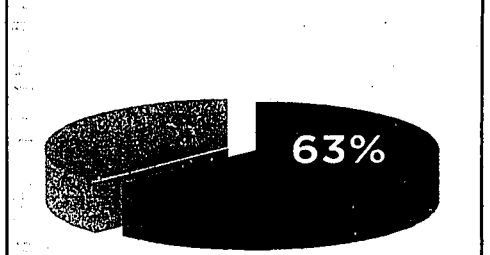
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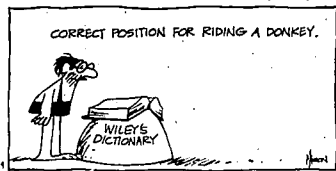
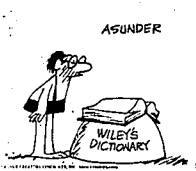
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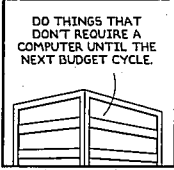
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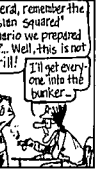
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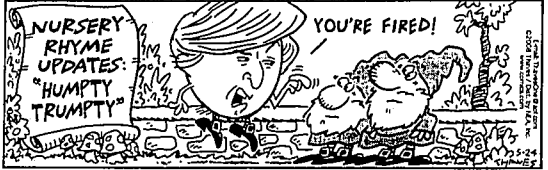
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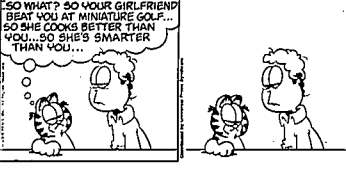
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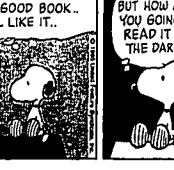
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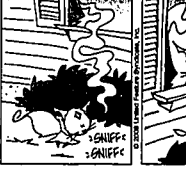
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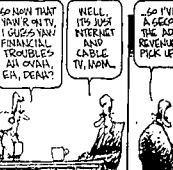
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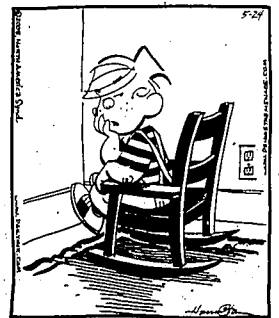
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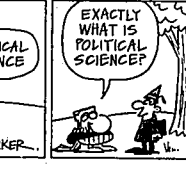
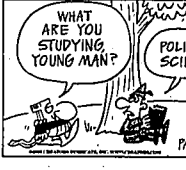
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