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Seniors get a monthly dose of casino fun.

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Changes on the HORIZON

South-central Idaho considering regional airport

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Twice a month for the past three years, Jeff Williams, CEO of Glanbia Foods in Twin Falls, has flown out of Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. He's developed a comfortable routine, taking the early-morning flight on SkyWest Airlines, whose employees know him by his first name.

But for his next trip to Minneapolis in June, Williams will bypass Joslin Field and drive two hours to Boise's Gowen Field for a better deal — a non-stop flight at half the cost of a \$1,200 ticket out of Twin Falls.

"This is just something new, but for \$600 I'll be driving to Boise a lot now," said Williams.

Joslin Field is considered a safe, well-managed facility. Its 8,700-foot runway is comparable to many international airports and easily accommodates most major commercial jets.

It's a tidy welcome mat for visitors, offering rental cars, a bar, restaurant and even high-speed Internet — all just 10 minutes from downtown.

"The only thing lacking is adequate commercial air service."

The sole air carrier, SkyWest, now flies 30-seat turbo-props round-trip to Salt Lake City five times daily. This month it will cut back to four flights.

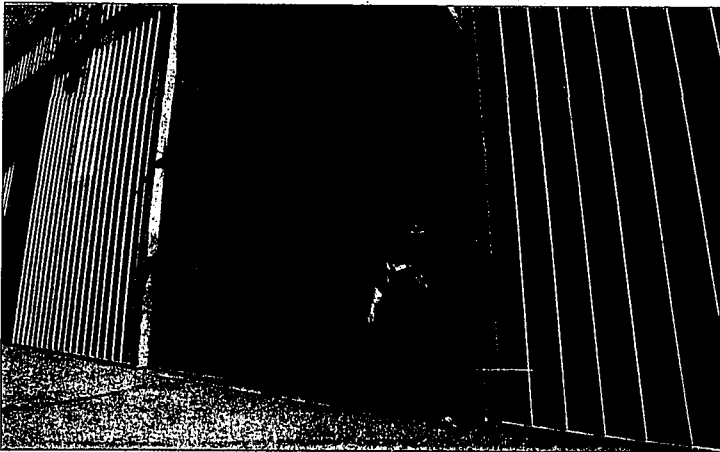
"Twin Falls has been kind of under the influence of the market dynamics, so that's why our air service opportunities have been static over the last several years," said Airport Manager Bill Carberry. "We certainly hope to retain our service for years to come and to improve it would be a goal."

Carberry said there are ongoing talks with various airlines, but no additional flights, destinations or more comfortable aircraft are on the horizon.

If anything, the trend is moving in the opposite direction. "With Blaine County poised to build a new airport, Joslin Field could lose what little commercial aviation service it now has."

"My guess is that you'll see a drop in travelers at Twin Falls," said Michael D. Floyd, an aviation consultant for Atlanta-based Kimley-Horn and Associates, which has offices in Boise.

They (Magic Valley residents) might have to travel a



Gesaro Garcia closes a Reeder Flying Service hangar door at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

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Take an aerial and ground tour of Joslin Field.

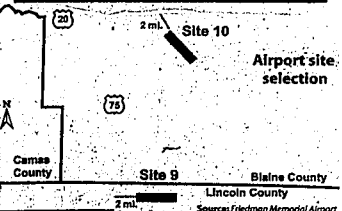
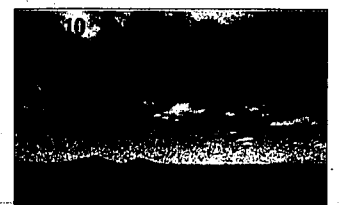
little extra but they get more service, better aircraft and more choices," Floyd said.

The aviation landscape

Modern Joslin Field got its start in 1947 with \$307,000 in federal construction grants. Today it is the commercial air hub for the Magic Valley's 250,000 residents — 40,000 of whom live in Twin Falls. Since 1968 it has been

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REPLACEMENT FRIEDMAN AIRPORT



Friedman Memorial Airport is looking for a new site to replace its current one in Halley. Of the two options above, site 10 is preferred by Blaine County. FAA officials in February estimated the new airport would cost \$100 million. Blaine County has said it's interested in considering a regional airport, but that this is simply a replacement.

Helena offers lessons for Twin Falls airport

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

There's great commercial service north of Twin Falls — you just have to travel 430 miles.

The Helena Regional Airport, in the shadow of four major airports within a 100-mile radius, has long been a successful enterprise, both financially and in terms of air service, even though it serves a smaller market than Twin Falls. It recently signed onto a grant program that attracted United Airlines — its fourth commercial carrier.

Once United Airways adds two daily flights to Denver, commercial service will have tripled — nine daily flights — since 1989, with non-stop flights to Salt Lake City, Seattle and Minneapolis.

The airport, which is three miles from town, has about 170,000 annual passengers and competes with Gallatin Field Airport in Bozeman — which handles 600,000 annual passengers just 90 miles

away, said Helena's airport manager, Ronald Mercer. It has about 100 hangars with 120 aircraft based there.

Mercer said the airport likely benefits from being in a state capital, but couldn't single out a reason why it's been so successful. The airport houses a number of government and private offices, and much of the town's new development is nearby. It has an \$11.5 million budget and relies on non-aeronautical income for half its revenue, he said.

"We don't have anything that I can say," boy that is really generating a lot of people," Mercer said.

Since 1993, the airport has been an independent government entity. Previously it was county-city owned, which Mercer said was less efficient. "You really need to hire someone who has contacts in the airlines, knows what proposals their looking for," he said. "It's a lot tougher environment than it was a year ago."

BY THE NUMBERS:

Helena Regional Airport	Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport
3 Miles to town	5 Miles to town
28,000 City population	40,000 City population
70,000 Regional population	250,000 Regional population
Annual air passengers	Annual air passengers
4 Airlines	70,000
4 Routes served:	Annual air passengers
\$11.5 million	1 Airline
Annual budget	1 Route served
	\$1.5 million Annual budget

Source: Helena airport manager Ronald Mercer; Twin Falls airport manager Bill Carberry; Twin Falls Finance Department.

T.F. fire victim lost family in earlier fire

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

John "Jack" Tabery had only one niece to play with.

"He would say 'You're my favorite niece,' and I'd say, 'I'm your only niece,'" said Elizabeth Prescott, now living in Springfield, Ore.

Didn't matter; she was still his favorite.

Tabery, 70, died Tuesday evening when a fire destroyed his trailer at 811 Falls Ave. West. Neighbors called the fire department, and then entered the trailer to get Tabery out. By the time emergency crews arrived, Tabery was already dead. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

But this week's fire was not the first in Tabery's life. Family members say that while living in Pasco, Wash., in the 1960s, another trailer fire claimed Tabery's wife and child.

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Democratic National Committee Rules and Bylaws Committee co-chairs Jim Roosevelt, second from left, and Alexis Herman, second from right, listen during a meeting Saturday in Washington, to determine how to count the primary votes for Michigan and Florida.

Officials: Fla., Mich. delegates will get half-votes

By Nadra Fickler
and Beth Fouhy
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Democratic Party leaders agreed Saturday to let Michigan and Florida delegates with half votes into this summer's convention with a compromise that left Barack Obama on the verge of the nomination but riled Hillary Rodham Clinton backers who threatened to fight to the August convention.

"Hijacking four delegates

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Find out what you can do in June. Monthly calendar, G1

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 505 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-9084.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Trinity Lutheran Church Inc. cream social and silent auction, 11:30 a.m. at the church, 909 Eighth St. Rupert, proceeds to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, 436-4180. Walk MS team fundraiser, for National Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Clarence Akira Tanaka (formerly of Twin Falls), checks to NMSS, memo: Tanaka; mail: National MS Society, Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 172629, Denver, CO 80217-2629 or http://main.nationalmssociety.org/Team-Tanaka. The Mike Lewis Benefit Fund, for John Michael Lewis, candidate for new Biodesigns Inc. prosthetic (with all financial implications), following hunting accident and months-of ongoing medical expenses, any First Federal Savings Bank, Magic Valley, any branch location, 734-9490.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Caracas Lily Days Celebration, annual Spring festival hosted by Caracas Chamber of Commerce includes Hearty HomeTown Breakfast (pm 8 to 10 a.m., Arts and Crafts show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with local vendors and Kids Fishing Derby (up to age 12), at the City Park and Kids Pond, Fairfield, (208) 764-2114 or kmnengag@aol.com, k12.id.us. The 27th annual Twin Falls Western Days, live music, food, beverages, craft vendors and more, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (live music begins at noon), City Park, Twin Falls, 733-3974.

HOME AND GARDEN

Magic Valley Iris Society 6th annual American Iris Society-affiliated Iris Show, includes two p.m. judging; submit entries: 8 to 10:30 a.m.; open to public viewing: 1:30 to 4 p.m., KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, free admission, 934-9366, 734-3613 or 733-0040.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

June 4 — Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) jammin' for the crowd and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

June 3 — Mary Time Club meeting and brunch, 9:30 a.m., home of Rose Crawford, Twin Falls, 735-5213. June 3 — New Neighbors Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Canyon Crest Event Center (north on Canyon Crest Drive, past Montana Steak House), \$12, 731-2082. June 4 — Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, tour of Dorothy Bormeman's iris garden, 11:30 a.m. meet, Dollar Store, donating bring bag lunch, 352-4260. June 4 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, with Chris Anderson of Horrell Center Observatory on "Night Sky Protection," noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.

LIBRARY

June 2 — Children's Summer Reading Kickoff, Bug Mint Golf for grades K-5th and Buggy Bean Toss for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@tffid.org. June 4 — Bluff Public Library teen summer reading program, Change Your Inside: book talks by staff about other worlds, lives and teens, 12:30 to 2 p.m., at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, no cost, includes prizes, 543-6500. June 4 — The Dye Extravaganza, for grades 6th-12th, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., bring clean, white cotton cloth, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@tffid.org.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

June 3 — "Mingle in the Zoo" live reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655. June 5 — Water Color Butterfly class, wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Parks and Recreation conference room, 136 Maxwell, Twin Falls, \$20 (includes supplies), 736-2265.

OPEN HOUSE

June 3 — Retirement Open House for Filier High School librarian Lucy Youngman, Filier School District personnel coordinator and accounts payable Sandra Roberts and Filier Middle School 6th grade Science teacher, 6th grade Math teacher and Filier High School Drivers Education teacher Cecil Nice, 3 to 5 p.m., Filier High School Library, 326-5944.

PUBLIC MEETING

June 3 — BLM Gateway West Transmission Line Project Scoping Meeting, review the project, ask questions and submit comments, 3 to 7 p.m., Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, http://www.blm.gov/nepa/cdoocs/gateway_west or (307) 775-6116.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with lottery results for Saturday, May 31. Columns include game names (Wildland, Power Play, 4/5 or 10/15, Queens of Diamonds, Pick 3, Pick 4, Lotto) and winning numbers.

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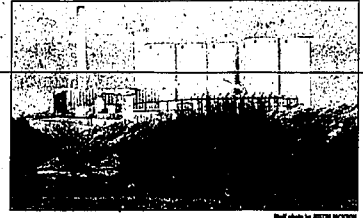
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The Magic Valley's history as seen through the lens of photographers, then and now...



The sugar factory southeast of Twin Falls was built in 1915 by the Amalgamated Sugar Company of Ogden, Utah. In 1916, the factory began producing sugar for White Satin Sugar. The factory produced 600 tons per 24-hour day. Due to a fairly vicious crop disease, the plant had to close in 1924, 1926, 1928 and 1934.

AROUND THE WORLD

ILLINOIS

Dogged by incendiary comments, Obama quits longtime church

CHICAGO — Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and his wife, Michelle, announced Saturday that they would leave their longtime Chicago church, Trinity United Church of Christ, after racially charged comments by a visiting pastor last week dragged him into yet another controversy over religion and race. The Obama campaign released a copy of the letter sent to the Rev. Otis Moss making their departure official Saturday night. "We are writing to make official our decision to end our membership at Trinity," Obama wrote. "We make this decision with sadness. Trinity was where I found Christ, where we were married and where our children were baptized."

Obama's decision to leave the church, where he has been an active parishioner for some 20 years, comes a week after the Rev. Michael Pfleger gave a sermon mocking Obama's opponent for the Democratic nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York. Pfleger, a former spiritual adviser to Obama, said he intended to expose "white entitlement and supremacy wherever it raises its head" and mimicked a teary Clinton upset over "a black man stealing my show."

When the priest's videotaped comments hit YouTube, Obama immediately said he was "deeply disappointed in Father Pfleger's divisive, backward-looking rhetoric."

LOUISIANA

FEMA finishing closing Louisiana trailer parks



BAKER — Cleveland Stampley grinned as he locked the door to his FEMA trailer one last time. Out front, a case worker's pickup truck waited to take him to his new home at a nearby apartment complex. "Hope I ain't got to come back here for nothing else," the 59-year-old said as he carried one last load of belongings to the truck. Stampley was among the last Louisiana residents displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 being moved from the state's remaining six trailer parks managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA planned to close all six by Sunday but said it would take a few more days to move everyone into apartments or motels. The last FEMA-managed trailer park in Mississippi closed in May, but by Saturday, the state still had eight group sites for mobile homes open. More than 800 families have come through Renaissance Village, where Stampley was living, since it opened in October 2005. By Saturday, only about 40 of the 575 units were occupied, and more than 20 of those households already have apartments to move into.

ILLINOIS (continued)

In this handout photo provided by Digital Frog International, a diagrammatic view of a frog's circulatory system is shown. This is part of a virtual dissection program, which could save schools money. It's also an alternative to students who find live dissection repulsive. Animal rights activists in West Virginia's Northern Panhandle were thinking of the frogs they could save from dissection when they donated The Digital Frog software to Wheeling Park High School.



ward-looking rhetoric," Pfleger apologized, saying the "words are inconsistent with Senator Obama's life and message." "I am deeply sorry if they offended Sen. Clinton or anyone else who saw them," he said in a statement.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, June 1, the 153rd day of 2008. There are 213 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On June 1, 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, said, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with a British frigate. ON THIS DATE: 1851, Kentucky became the 15th state of the Union. In 1796, Tennessee became

the 16th state. In 1926, actress Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson in Los Angeles. In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by the Germans during World War II, killing all aboard, including actor Leslie Howard. In 1960, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who earned a college degree despite being blind and deaf almost all of

her life, died in Westport, Conn., at age 87. In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut. Ten years ago President Clinton abruptly abandoned his claim of executive privilege in the Monica Lewinsky investigation. Thousands of refugees from Serbia's Kosovo province streamed into neighboring Albania to escape deadly fighting. Five years ago: Leaders of the world's seven wealthiest

nations and Russia pledged billions of dollars to fight AIDS and hunger at the opening of their summit in France. One year ago: The FDA warned consumers to avoid using toothpaste made in China because it might contain a poisonous chemical used in antifreeze. Jack Kevorkian walked out of a Michigan prison, where he'd spent eight years for ending the life of a man suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JUNE 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: For the next two weeks you've got the world by the tail and can begin any important project... TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sometimes the lesson learned is not the one the teacher taught. You are great at finding coupons, but not so great at finding high and can make major decisions and commitments without concern. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Continue to be generous and gracious. Someone might rebuff your advances or seem stiff and unrelenting. Everything will turn out for the best by midweek if you respect other people's privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sometimes the lesson learned is not the one the teacher taught. You are great at finding coupons, but not so great at finding high and can make major decisions and commitments without concern. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your bright, white, dazzling smiles might not be able to dissipate all the gloom or break through someone's more serious mood. You will have better luck being carefree and sociable after Monday. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Impatience can bring your undoing. There are things you want to own, but the bargain found today might be of dubious value. Money won't burn a hole in your pocket. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What you want and what you can afford could be miles apart. Don't be frustrated by a lack of funds that keeps you from satisfying fleeting desires. You

will reach a happy medium near the middle of the week. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is a good reason that a turtle wears a shell. You may be feeling vulnerable and apprehensive about exposing yourself. You will be able to drop your protective armor by the middle of the week. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask no questions and you will hear no lies. Concentrate on being a stickler for propriety. You aren't likely to feel like the life of the party until the middle of the week. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Quick like a duck! When the rain falls it runs right off a duck's back. In the same way, if people are somewhat dreary and negative don't let it get under your skin. Midweek cosmic weather is better. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your financial situation will appear rosier by the middle of the week. Right now

your spending habits may invite a special someone's disapproval. Your good intentions mean a lot however. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Gambling is fun, but conditions and the mood will improve by the middle of the week. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be sent to your room for a timeout and benefit from the time alone. You might not see eye to eye with others for a few days, but conditions and the mood will improve by the middle of the week.

Fire

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 He remained single for the rest of his life, rarely mentioning the tragedy, said court reporter Reynard, 71, of Redding, Calif.
 "He never talked about it," she said.

But that didn't stop him from sharing it with Prescott. She remembered how her uncle Jack helped comfort her when her own brother died, letting her know that he'd suffered his own tragedy, that it would be OK. He shrugged problems off and remained positive no matter

what, Reynard said.
 "When there was trouble, he'd say, 'Oh, that's the way it goes, kid,'" Reynard remembered.
 "But the man who cooked 'big, fat omelets' for breakfast hit a wall in 2007, losing his two sisters that year. He turned to drinking, and stopped eating as much as he should, Reynard said. Things got so bad that Reynard said she wasn't surprised when police called her Tuesday night to tell her about her cousin's death.
 "He'd been going downhill

ever since his two sisters have died," Reynard said. She remembered Jack Tabery recently saying he weighed just 120 pounds. "I just feel so bad for him that things turned out the way they did."
 Prescott said Tabery's sisters' deaths took the wind out of him. He felt guilty living after his sisters' had passed on.
 "He said, 'If anyone was supposed to die first, it was supposed to be me,'" Prescott recalled. "It tore him up."
 But for his family, Tabery's

life won't be remembered for how it ended, but how it was lived. Vern Tabery, another cousin, said he and Jack practically grew up together, spending time at an aunt's house playing together. Though they lost track after they finished high school and Jack Tabery joined the military, Vern made an effort to talk to him on New Year's Day. It was Jack's birthday, Vern said.
 Jack Tabery served in both the Navy and the Army, though he didn't see any combat. Second cousin

Kristen Tabery, of Albany, Ore., said he was proud of his service and the country.
 "I know Jack to be a very patriotic person," she said.
 And through his life, he managed to keep a level head, always approachable.
 "It was the most down-to-earth kind of guy I could imagine," Prescott said.
 Prescott said she and Tabery spoke a few weeks ago. He was sick, she said,

and still trying to cope with his sisters' deaths. But as Tabery leaned on Prescott, she knew she could do the same.
 "If I ever needed anything, I could call him."
 Funeral arrangements are being made by Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home.
 Sean Breslin may be reached at 735-3243 or at sean.breslin@lee.net.

Dems

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 is not a good way to start down the path of party unity," said adviser Harold Ickes.

Clinton's camp maintains she was entitled to four additional Michigan delegates.
 The decision by the party's Rules Committee raised slightly the total delegates Obama needs to clinch the nomination. Clinton advisers conceded privately he will likely hit the magic number after the final primaries are held Tuesday night, but said the ruling threatened to dash any hopes of a unified party.
 "Mrs. Clinton has told me to reserve her right to take this to the Credentials Committee at the convention, said Ickes, who is a member of the Rules Committee that voted Saturday.

The resolution increased the number of delegates needed to clinch the nomination to 2,118, leaving Obama just 66 delegates away from the majority needed to secure the nomination.
 "Our main goal is to get this resolved so we can focus on winning Michigan and Florida," Obama said while campaigning in South Dakota. "There were compromises... I'm glad the DNC worked it through and I hope we can start focusing on substance as opposed to process."

The deal was reached after committee members deliberated for nine hours, including three where they met privately and argued fiercely over their eventual deal, according to several people inside. They voted in front of a raucous crowd in a room that frequently interrupted proceedings and reflected deep divisions within the party.
 "How can you call yourselves Democrats if you don't count the votes? One of the audience yelled loudly and repeatedly before being escorted out by security. "This is not the Democratic Party!"

A senior Clinton adviser, speaking on a condition of anonymity about internal campaign decisions, said the decision could be used to help raise campaign donations for a scaled-down campaign that might focus on a signature issue — such as health care reform — rather than a traditional fight for the nomination.

The advisers said no decisions had been made, and it was still possible that Clinton would bow out once Obama goes over the top.

Clinton and her supporters wanted the Michigan and Florida delegations fully restored, according to January primaries that she won. But those contests were not recognized by the party because they were held too early, and both candidates agreed at the time they would not count.

But as Clinton tried to catch up to Obama's delegate lead, she has argued that the votes of the 2.3 million people who participated in the elections must be recognized.

Obama supporters argued that they did compromise by allowing her to take the majority of delegates in two contests where he didn't campaign.

The sticking point was Michigan, where Obama's name was not on the ballot. Clinton's camp insisted Obama shouldn't get any pledged delegates in Michigan since he chose not to put his name on the ballot, and she should get 73 pledged delegates with 55 uncommitted. Obama's team insisted the only fair solution was to split the pledged delegates in half between the two campaigns, with 64 each.

The committee agreed on a compromise offered by the Michigan Democratic Party that would split the difference, allowing Clinton to take 69 delegates and Obama 59. Each delegate would get half a vote at the convention, according to the deal.

The deal passed 19-8. Thirteen members of the committee had endorsed Clinton for president, so she wasn't even able to keep her supporters together.

Allan Katz, a Rules Committee member and Obama supporter, said the Obama campaign had enough votes on the committee to support the campaign's proposal to split the delegates 50-50 in Michigan. Ultimately, the campaign agreed instead to support the compromise negotiated by the Michigan Democratic Party as a way to resolve the matter.

"The ironic thing is Obama had the majority of that committee," Katz said. "The Obama campaign wants to move on and compromise. We did not muscle our way through it. It was a wise decision from a well run and wise campaign that will reverberate."

But the irate reaction from Clinton's campaign and her supporters in the sharply divided audience shows Obama will have a long way to go to bring the party together after a long and divisive primary.

"We just blew the election" a woman in the audience shouted. The crowd was divided between cheering Obama supporters and booing Clinton supporters.

"This isn't unity! Count all the votes!" another audience member yelled.
 Jim Roosevelt, co-chair of the committee, tried repeatedly to get it to order. "You are dishonoring your candidate when you disrupt the speakers," he chided.

There are three primaries left in the contest — Puerto Rico on Sunday and Montana and South Dakota on Tuesday. Obama should get at least 30 delegates in the remaining primaries, meaning he has to pick up no more than about

30 more superdelegates even if he loses Puerto Rico and South Dakota.

He will not clinch the nomination this weekend, barring a barrage of superdelegates Sunday.

The committee also unanimously agreed to seat the Florida delegation based on the outcome of the January

primary, with 105 pledged delegates for Clinton and 67 for Obama, but with each delegate getting half a vote as a penalty.

Proponents of full seating, continuously interrupted the committee members as they explained their support of the compromise, then supporters of the deal shouted back.

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Shuttle Discovery blasts off for space station

By Marcia Dunin
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Discovery and a crew of seven blasted into orbit Saturday, carrying a giant Japanese lab addition to the international space station along with something more mundane — a toilet pump.

Discovery roared into a brilliantly blue sky dotted with a few clouds at 5:02 p.m., right on time.

The shuttle's trip to the space station should take two days. Once there, Discovery's crew will unload and install the \$1 billion lab and hand-deliver a specially made pump for the outpost's finicky toilet.

The school-bus-size lab, named Kibo, Japanese for hope, will be the biggest room by far at the space station and bring the orbiting outpost to three-quarters of completion.

"It's a gorgeous day to launch," NASA's launch director, Mike Leimbach, told the astronauts just before liftoff, wishing them good luck and Godspeed. Commander Mark Kelly noted that Kibo was the "hope for the space station," then radioed: "Now stand by for the greatest show on Earth!"

Nearly 400 Japanese journalists, space program officials and other guests jammed NASA's launch site, their excitement growing as the hours, then minutes counted down.

Their enthusiasm was catching. NASA officials halted the mission as a milestone.

"Obviously a huge day," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said, for all of the space station partners "and really for all the people who hope to see space station come to fruition and do what it was designed to do."

The Japanese lab is 37 feet long and more than 32,000 pounds, and fills Discovery's entire payload bay. The first part of the lab flew up in March, and the third and final section will be launched next year.

The entire lab, with all its pieces, cost more than \$2 billion.

A large political contingent was also on hand led by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who's newly married to Kelly, Discovery's commander. They invited numerous bigwigs from Arizona and Washington.

Giffords acknowledged being nervous, far more so than the day she was elected to Congress in 2006. She gripped her mother-in-law with her right arm and held her own mother's hand in her left as she watched Discovery soar.

"It was pretty exciting, pretty exciting," Giffords told The Associated Press. Although it was a smooth launch — the only problem was the apparent failure of a

backup set of electronics for swiveling engines — she said she wouldn't relax until the Shuttle is back from its two-week mission.

About five pieces of debris — what appeared to be thin pieces of insulating foam — could be seen falling from the fuel tank during liftoff, but it did not occur during the crucial first two minutes and should be of no concern, said NASA's space operations

chief, Bill Gerstenmaier. This was the first tank to have all safety changes prompted by the 2003 Columbia disaster built in from the start.

Kelly's brother, Scott, didn't need an invitation to the launch — he's also a space shuttle commander. They're identical twins.

Scott Kelly said it was more nerve-racking to watch his brother launch than to be strapped in himself. Their

parents and 91-year-old grandmother are always anxious on launch day, he said.

"I know my grandmother, she would rather I work at Wal-Mart," Scott Kelly said, chuckling before liftoff.

Everyone — observers and professionals alike — was relieved once Discovery safely reached orbit. Griffin noted that NASA has enjoyed "a number of good events" in recent days: The Phoenix

Mars Lander survived its trip to the red planet last weekend and already has sent back pictures of what could well be ice.

"You make it look easy. I know it's not easy," Griffin told launch controllers.

Three spacewalks are planned during Discovery's 14-day flight, to install Kibo, replace an empty nitrogen-gas tank and try out various cleaning methods on a

clogged solar-wing rotating joint. The shuttle crew is made up of six Americans and one Japanese.

The space station's two Russian residents, meanwhile, will put in the new toilet pump. For more than a week, the three occupants have had to manually flush the toilet with extra water several times a day, a time-consuming, water-wasting job.



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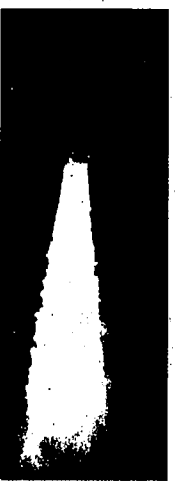
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The space shuttle Discovery heads for orbit during liftoff Saturday at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Vote aimed at curbing pot growing in Calif. county

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press writer

WILLITS, Calif. — Voters here took the state's official permissiveness on marijuana to new heights in 2000, allowing residents to grow up to 25 pot plants for medical, recreational or personal use.

But eight years later, some are campaigning to bring back the local law, saying it's time to weed out pot profiteers in this rugged region of Northern California.

"We want to take that welcome mat away," said Ross Liberty, spokesman for Measure B, which goes before Mendocino County voters Tuesday.

Opponents say they, too, want to curtail large-scale, criminal operators, but maintain that Measure B will affect the wrong people.

Measure B "redefines who gets arrested and the 'who' will be medical patients that are growing more than six plants," said Laura Hamburg, who became active in the "No on B" campaign after her medical marijuana garden was raided.

The issue offers a glimpse into the murky world of medical marijuana in California, legal under state law since voters passed Proposition 215 in 1996, banned by the feds and according to some reports, bringing some serious green into the Golden State.

State lawmakers allowed counties to issue ID cards to protect medical users from being prosecuted by local authorities. Each cardholder is allowed to have up to a half pound of dried marijuana or six mature marijuana plants, although local governments can set laws exceeding the state's limits.

Federal authorities, denying that marijuana has medicinal value, never recognized Proposition 215 and have won a number of legal showdowns over the measure.

Tuesday, voters in Halley approved an initiative to legalize medical use of marijuana; legalize industrial use of hemp; and make enforcement of marijuana laws the lowest police priority.

A fourth initiative, to require the city to regulate and tax distribution of the drug, failed.

Last November, city voters passed the same three initiatives, but city officials balked at recognizing them. And even though Halley voters approved them again, the initiatives still conflict with state law. The Idaho attorney gen-



George Hanamoto inspects some marijuana plants he is growing as his wife, Jean, right, looks on at their home in Willits, Calif., Wednesday. Under a law passed in 2000, county residents may grow up to 25 marijuana plants for medical, recreational or personal use. George Hanamoto, 74, uses marijuana to relieve glaucoma and for back pain.

"There's this perception that we're just a bunch of Cheech and Chong marijuana growers up here."

— Sheriff Tom Allman

eral's office has said state law criminalizing pot in all forms can't be overridden by a municipal ordinance.

In 2000, Mendocino County voters approved Measure G, which set a 25-plant limit and also permitted personal and recreational use — the latter a symbolic gesture since state law doesn't permit it.

Measure B would repeal that measure and set plant limits at state levels. It's not entirely clear what that will mean since the state guidelines are at issue in a Southern California court case that is under appeal.

Sheriff Tom Allman said the problem with the 2000 measure was that it gave the impression marijuana had been legalized in Mendocino County.

"There's this perception that we're just a bunch of Cheech and Chong marijuana growers up here," Allman said.

Mendocino County is famous for its ancient redwood groves and breathtakingly beautiful coast, but has long also been famed as a source of high-grade pot.

Estimates on how much money is generated by marijuana in Mendocino County and statewide vary, officials say it's hard to come up with a definite total since so much of the industry is clandestine.

The state's Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) said more than 220,000 plants were seized in Mendocino County last year, up from about 136,000 the year before. Statewide, CAMP reported seizures of 2.9 million plants with an estimated wholesale value of \$11.6 billion.

Hamburg grows medical marijuana for herself, her mother and her sister as well as a neighbor. She was raided last year by deputies who said they found an excessive number of plants.

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operated by Twin Falls city and county through a joint Airport Advisory Board. Last year the city and county each provided a \$276,000 subsidy to cover about a third of the airport's \$1.5 million budget. While acknowledging that passenger service is limited, Carberry points to the airport's healthy general aviation base — about 40 private hangars and as many as 100 aircraft, a Bureau of Land Management air tanker base and overnight cargo services such as Federal Express.

But with a relatively small population base and competition from Gowen Field just 120 miles west, the airport has long struggled to attract airlines and passengers. SkyWest typically hauls about 70,000 passengers in and out of Twin Falls each year while Gowen Field saw 3.3 million airline passengers on nine airlines in 2007, according to reports from each airport.

About 70 miles north of Twin Falls, Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport faces a different problem. It serves a smaller community — 12,000 combined in Halley, Ketchum and Sun Valley — but its two air carriers fly about 135,000 passengers, in and out each year. Resort traffic and a more affluent population help to nearby double the traffic seen at Joslin Field.

But Friedman, nestled along State Highway 75 in Halley, must close because it cannot meet Federal Aviation Administration safety standards.

Planning for the replacement airport, which began a decade ago, has required a long-running discussion of whether a single regional airport could be built to serve all of south-central Idaho. FAA and Blaine County officials say they're open to that idea, but a regional facility isn't their current goal.

"This is not a regional airport. This is a replacement airport," Friedman Memorial manager Rick Bied said of the new airport he plans to open in 2013. "We're not trying to solve a problem for the larger area."

Airport planners have studied sites, with Blaine County preferring a spot in Timmerman Hills two miles south of the junction of highways 20 and 75 — 15 miles from Halley; 55 miles to Twin Falls.

FAA officials in February estimated the new airport would cost \$100 million, financed by federal funding, sale of Friedman Memorial for redevelopment and revenue from new airport operations. Blaine County can pay for the new airport on its own, but it has invited other cities and counties in the region to share the costs and any benefits as partners in the project. One deadline for joining has passed with only Fairfield showing interest, but FAA and Blaine County officials say it's not too late to expand the partnership.

"We're not shutting any doors," said Blaine County Commissioner Tom Bowman.

Joining forces

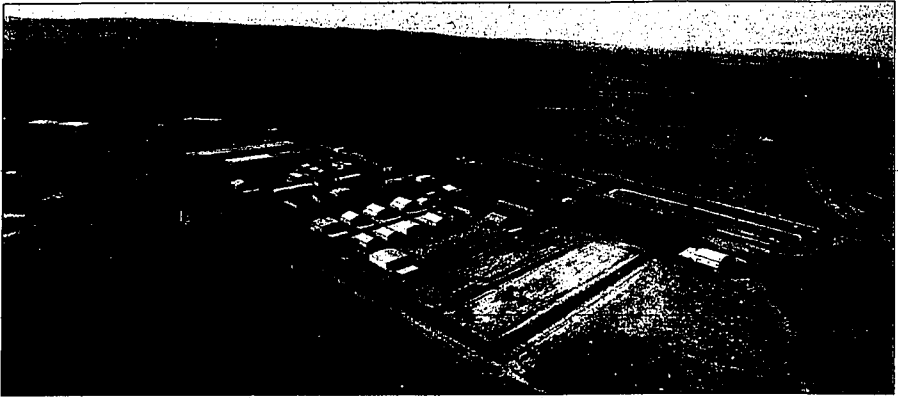
Though Blaine County can easily fly solo, aviation industry consultants say combining passenger loads from Friedman Memorial and Joslin Field would attract more airlines and better service than either airport can command on its own.

Combined service would mean 550 passengers per day, or 205,000 per year — enough volume to have seven daily flights with 50-seat regional jets, said Floyd, the aviation consultant.

"Seven flights a day is extremely good frequency," said Floyd. "A lot of airlines would love to come into a community for seven flights a day."

And air service might be even better as "latent passengers" who now drive to Boise or Salt Lake City shift to the new airport, Floyd said. That could mean as many as 500,000 passengers each year, he said.

Numbers like those would easily attract more airlines that would compete with



SkyWest will soon cut its service to Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport from five daily flights to Salt Lake City to four, but officials point to the healthy general aviation community.

"It's all about the service and affordability. The fact that a regional airport is on the north side of the bridge isn't the determining factor. The determining factor is 'where can I get to at an affordable rate?'"

— Jan Rogers, executive director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization

lower fares and bigger planes on more direct flights, said Bob Hazell, a former US Airways vice president now with consulting firm Oliver Wyman in Virginia.

"If you combined airport market demand from two airports to one, air service would increase," Hazell said. Combining forces would benefit Blaine County with steady, year-round traffic to even out seasonal peaks and valleys, the consultants noted.

There's little debate that a regional airport with better and more affordable service would not only benefit travelers but would also encourage region-wide economic development.

Jan Rogers, executive director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, said a regional airport, regardless of location, would help attract relocating businesses.

"It's all about the service and affordability," she said. "The fact that a regional airport is on the north side of the bridge isn't the determining factor. The determining factor is 'where can I get to at an affordable rate?'"

Rogers echoed the thoughts of many public officials by noting that recent studies show "Twin Falls can't attract better air service because of its size."

Checking the baggage

When asked about joining Blaine County for a regional airport, Magic Valley civic leaders focus on three issues:

• The public doesn't want it: Three times in the 1970s Twin Falls County voters overwhelmingly rejected "ballot measures to create a five-county regional airport authority," said Jim Gentry, a College of Southern Idaho professor and historian.

The last attempt was in 1978 — the year that airline deregulation dramatically changed airline economics, resulting in decreased service to rural areas. Since then, the Magic Valley has become more economically diverse and its population has grown by 70 percent. And voter approval isn't a factor. Current state law allows governments to negotiate joint regional airport agreements. Nine Idaho airports — including Joslin Field and Friedman Memorial — already operate that way.

Joslin Field would lose federal money. City and county officials worry Joslin Field would lose much of its \$1 million per year in federal entitlement funding, which is based on airline equipment. Some worry the FAA would even demand some money back.

Mike Fergus, a Seattle-based FAA spokesman, said it's unlikely the agency would ask for a refund. He and three

private-sector aviation financial analysts agreed that Joslin Field would not be forced to close even if all commercial service ended there. Based on general aviation alone, it would get at least \$150,000 a year from the FAA, plus grants for specific improvements.

About \$850,000 per year in federal entitlement funds and about \$109,000 in fees that Joslin Field now collects for passengers would shift to a new airport.

"That FAA support is more valuable than the actual flights," SkyWest paid just \$50,350 in landing fees last year. Revenue from car rental fees was higher.

Joslin's Air Traffic Control Tower would be shuttered; Airport Advisory Board members say the FAA would close it if commercial service ends.

Fergus, the FAA spokesman, says aircraft takeoffs and landings, not passenger numbers, determine the need for a tower. Eliminating

SkyWest flights wouldn't affect the tower in any way, Floyd said.

• Bad weather: Mountain weather and terrain make air service in Halley less reliable than at Joslin Field.

That's true, but either the replacement airport or a regional facility will be further from the mountains and would have all-weather runways and an instrument-landing system — the safety features now lacking at Friedman Memorial.

• Distance from Twin Falls: Would an airport more than 50 miles from downtown Twin Falls be more attractive than current options?

Answering that question will require more study, but a true regional airport would likely be built further south than Blaine County's solo effort. One potential site is just south of the Blaine-Lincoln county line, exactly half-way between the Ferrine Bridge and Halley.

Status quo

The only significant obstacles to creating a regional airport appear to be politics and a desire to protect general aviation at Joslin Field.

"It's all political," said Carberry, the airport manager.

Few local officials see expanded air service as a priority, and airport advisory board members all oppose the concept of a regional airport outside of Twin Falls County.

"I just don't think there's any money in pursuing it," said Twin Falls City Councilman Lee Heider, the city's liaison to the airport advisory board. "It takes a lot of time and energy to get it going. I think Twin Falls is happy to keep their airport the same and keep it as a fixed-base (general aviation) operation."

But Twin Falls City Councilman David Johnson

said he welcomes a regional airport — if it enhances air service.

"More flight choices for our citizens should take priority over 'who' owns the airport," Johnson wrote in an e-mail. "I like the regional airport concept and it appears north of the river is the most likely solution. Twin Falls could likely recover (its share of construction costs) by expanding commercial non-passenger (flights) and government opportunities, as well as becoming a partner in a regional airport concept."

Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell has been a leading proponent of studying a regional airport north of the river. But he and his colleagues said they are waiting for the city to take action because it has the largest population base.

"Unless the city of Twin Falls wants to be involved, it's hard for us to be involved," said Mikesell.

Blaine County, meanwhile, is forging ahead with its replacement airport.

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Texas welfare agency under magnifying glass over sect raid

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANGELO, Texas — For nearly two months, Texas child welfare officials had insisted conditions at a polygamist group's ranch were so abusive that none of its members should be allowed to keep their children.

Now, however, one of the of the largest custody cases in U.S. history is unraveling, and some are looking for what went wrong when the state raided the Yearning For Zion Ranch and removed more than 400 children.

Since the state Supreme Court ruled that the Texas Department of Child Protective Services overreached when it swept the children into foster care, agency officials have been unwilling to discuss the case, their strategy or what went wrong.

However, some close to the debacle say the operation was doomed from the start by a series of missteps.

First is the oddity of a religious sect the agency knew little about, exacerbating the inherent perils of balancing parents' rights and child welfare. Then there were the abuse allegations, starting with a mysterious telephone call and echoed by disgruntled former members, seemingly accepted at face value.

And an ill-fated 1992 brush with another religious sect — which led to the fiery deaths of 21 children at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco — still lingers on the agency's collective conscience.

"It's difficult to know whether, in fact, they screwed it up," said Linda Spears, vice president of the Child Welfare League of America, a national collection of nonprofits that had abused and neglected children. "It's the 20/20 hindsight thing."

Folks in Schleicher County, a dusty patch near the middle



Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints file out of the Tom Green County Courthouse following the custody hearing in San Angelo, Texas, on April 18. Child welfare officials on Friday took a nearby complete turnabout after the state Supreme Court ruled the agency overreached when sweeping more than 400 children into foster care.

of Texas, had been at least curious, if not suspicious, of members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a breakaway from the Mormon church whose members believe polygamy earns glorification in heaven.

Members of the group revered leader Warren Jeffs as a prophet. Since the start of the group's Texas ranch, he has been convicted in Utah as an accomplice to rape and is jail in Arizona awaiting trial on separate charges.

Sheriff David Doran cultivated a confidential informant to monitor the group's activities, and former FLDS members recounted abuse and forced marriages to anyone who would listen.

Investigators "listened to a lot of misinformation and allowed themselves to be kind of captivated by these anti-FLDS people," said FLDS spokeswoman Todd Tucker. "When someone purporting to be a pregnant 16-year-old called a domestic abuse hot line claiming her middle-aged husband beat her, authorities

went in with Child Protective Services workers on April 3. But the calls may have been a hoax.

"We had no choice but to treat those calls as credible. If we had not treated them as credible and something bad happened, people would be very upset," said Tola Manges, a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Safety, which is still investigating possible sex abuse at the ranch in addition to the origin of the hot line calls.

Children and mothers were taken away from the ranch because CPS workers thought it would be better to interview them at a neutral location, something that wasn't done in the last high-profile brush the agency had with a religious sect — the Branch Davidians.

CPS workers were confused about names, ages, and relationships of the children and adults in the complicated group marriages of the FLDS. "The agency said at the time it believed sect members were deliberately misleading investigators about the names, ages and parentage of

the children. Although caseworkers said when they took custody of all the children that the sect was forcing underage girls into marriage and sex and training boys to be adult perpetrators, only a few dozen of the children turned out to be teenage girls, and only a handful had children or were pregnant. Of 31 mothers CPS said were minors, at least half turned out to be adults.

David Schenck, an attorney for some of the mothers, said CPS workers were confronted with a decision when they arrived at the ranch: identify all the men who might be suspected abusers or grab all the children.

"They were interested in taking care of kids, but the problem is they took on more than the evidence is going to support," he said.

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— David Schenck, an attorney for some of the mothers from the FLDS sect

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(AP) All three indexes finished higher for the week, recovering from the previous week's sharp losses. The dollar stabilized and oil prices pulled back from record highs during

the past four sessions, giving investors some relief as they parsed data suggesting that the economy is weak but not technically in recession.

Week's close	12,638.32	12,479.63
Dow Jones Industrial average:	1,400.38	1,375.93
Standard & Poors 500:	213.99	219.96
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All in good time



Con Paulos, left, Bonny Ross, center, and Ralph Peters, three original members of Jerome's first economic development group, pose for a portrait in front of the Jerome County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon.

Jerome's first economic development group paved the way for today's development

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

In the city of Jerome it was known as the best and the worst of times. It was 1987, and about a quarter of all farms in Jerome County had been auctioned during the previous 10 years under federal bankruptcy laws, according to census records. To make matters worse, the town's largest employer, Tupperware, announced that it would shut down its manufacturing plant. Despite what was to become the most challenging economic time in community history, the situation was largely ignored by Idaho officials who were addressing similar issues in other parts of the state. "It was pretty tough for our town because (Tupperware) shut down an outfit that employed 900 people," said Ralph Peters, who was elected mayor the year before Tupperware closed. "But ironically, that same year Miron also laid off about 900 people in Boise. I remember how the Legislature was so worried about the affect it would have on the Treasure Valley, but nobody seemed too con-

cerned about the problems we were having in small-town Jerome." Peters, who would later become a legislator himself, said many people in Jerome felt like the town was being ignored. But amid an economic bust that was forcing residents to move elsewhere for employment, a group of business leaders decided the town couldn't wait for someone to rescue them. So the same year that Tupperware officially shut down, Jerome's two economic development groups met in a title office on Main Street to find a solution. Many of the volunteers could see the magnitude of the challenge as they walked to the office. "It seemed like most of the storefronts on Main Street were out of business," Peters said. The meeting brought together the Jerome Development Corporation and the Jerome Economic Development Task Force. The former organization was created in 1959 with the help of Jerome resident Frank Titus and about a dozen local businessmen. Please see JEROME, Page B3

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NOT FORGOTTEN

While working on this story I received phone call from a reader who asked that I write a story about his business. When I told him about the story I was already working on, he said, "That's in the past. Why would anyone care anymore?" "It was a valid question," I learned about this story in speaking with Con Paulos about an 'unrelated story. Maybe Paulos is a good storyteller, or maybe — I thought — the story itself was simply 'that good.' What struck me about the story was this: • A small community faced its most difficult challenge alone. More attention was given to problems in larger areas; Jerome was left to its own devices. • It was a local problem solved by local business leaders who had few resources to work with. • Although Jerome is enjoying phenomenal industrial growth today, much of the work that made that possible was done several years ago by a group that largely has been forgotten. — Josh Palmer



Sorted freight cars are seen on separate tracks as they await completion at the Belt Railway Co. of Chicago, one of the busiest rail yards in the country where cars are switched from incoming trains to outgoing trains based on destinations. The ailing economy has led to a 3 percent dip in freight-train traffic in the first few months of this year compared to a year ago, but a new U.S. Chamber of Commerce report warns that demand for freight trains is expected to double over the next 25 years.

Gridlock on the rails

U.S. rail network facing congestion 'calamity'

By Michael Tam
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Railway executive Matthew Rose stood before fellow industry leaders, pointing to a map meant to tell the future of the U.S. rail freight network. It was drenched in red — east to west, north to south. The blotches illustrated areas where, by 2035, traffic jams could be so severe trains would grind to a halt for days with nowhere to go. "For those of you who've ever seen a good rail meltdown, this is what it looks like," Rose, CEO of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., said as the crowded hall shifted uncomfortably in their chairs. "It's literally chaos in the supply chain." While the nation's attention is focused on air travel congestion and the high cost of fuel for highway driving, a crisis is developing under the radar for another firm of transportation — the freight trains used to deliver many of the goods that keep the U.S. economy humming.

And it's probably going to get worse over the next two decades, according to an analysis of government and industry projections by The Associated Press and interviews with experts on rail freight. The damage to the U.S. economy could climb into the billions of dollars. Higher shipping costs would raise prices for everything from lumber to grain. One analyst said the rail crunch could add thousands of dollars to the price of a car. "It's not rocket science to see we have a calamity coming down the road," said Paul Bingham, a transportation analyst at research firm Global Insight. Congestion around the country has remained chronic, even as the ailing economy has led to a 3 percent dip in freight train traffic in the first few months of this year compared with last year. And a new U.S. Chamber of Commerce report warns demand for freight trains is expected to double over the next 25 years. The problem is that there's no room. "Even if the estimates are half wrong, we can't put even 25 percent more freight in the system right now without serious implications," said Randy Mullett, an analyst for

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Food inflation winners

As food prices spiral, farmers, others profit

By Joshua Freed and Ashley M. Heher
Associated Press writers

WILLMAR, Minn. — The steepest run-ups in food prices since 1990 are hurting grocery shoppers, restaurants and school cafeterias but they're making others rich. The winners in the new food economy include crop farmers selling corn and wheat for near-record highs after years of crushingly low prices. Ingredient makers like Cargill and ADM are rife with profits. Fertilizer and tractor com-

panies are cashing in. Hedge funds who made big bets on rising wheat, soy and corn were spectacularly correct. Oil and gas companies, too — it takes natural gas to cook those Wheaties and diesel to haul them around the country. Travel along the nation's food chain and you'll find some of the biggest profits closest to the land. The nation's farmers, who raise everything from coves to cucumbers, saw their average household income climb about 7 percent last year to more than \$83,000. But in grain-rich states, the results were dramatically higher. In Minnesota alone, the median

income for crop farmers soared 80 percent to \$95,000. "That brings us to Chad Willis. ... Willis raises corn and soy beans on 550 acres near Willmar, some of the nation's best corn-growing country. He sells his grain nine miles up the road from an ethanol plant he invested in. His family's cars are powered by an 85 percent blend of the corn-based fuel. His black and gold-trimmed cap reads "I2B5 Everywhere." And he knows that

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Chad Willis, shown at his Willmar, Minn., farm, raises corn and soybeans on 550 acres in some of the nation's best corn-growing country. He sells his corn to an ethanol plant he invested in.

The week ahead

This week's economic data could go a long way toward confirming the budding consensus that the U.S. economy is holding up — or refusing it. The Institute for Supply Management will report on its May surveys of purchasing managers for manufacturing firms tomorrow,

and for service companies Wednesday. Economists are expecting readings that indicate slight contraction in the manufacturing sector and slight expansion in service businesses. The biggest news of the week, though, will be the May

employment report Friday. Analysts expect the nation to have lost 40,000 jobs and an uptick in the jobless rate to 5.1 percent from 5 percent in April.

— The Washington Post

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES



Maurices held a ribbon cutting ceremony recently to commemorate its grand opening at its new location, 725 Overland Ave. N. in Burley. The business was formerly located inside the Snake River Plaza. Pictured from left are Mary Gill, Ghisray Ronson, manager Monica Essenden, and Cassandra Contreras.

Maurices opens store in new location in Burley

Maurices, a leading national specialty store for young women, is re-opening its new young women's fashion retail store at 725 Overland Ave. N. (the old K-Mart location) in Burley. A ribbon cutting was held May 16 and customers could register to win one of four \$100 shopping sprees

through June 15. Maurices features a wide assortment of fashionable clothing styles that work for everyday casual to special occasions. Maurices in Burley now offers women an expanded range of sizes from 1-24 in most styles in select stores. In this 4,418 square foot store, customers will find Maurices' exclusive brands of Studio Y and Maurices fash-

Christy Davies, B.A.

Christy Davies is St. Benedict's new Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator. She comes with more than 15 years of experience in healthcare and has resided in the Twin Falls area for nearly 12 years. Christy originally is from Michigan and moved here with her husband in 1996. She holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration and is working towards an MBA with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration, B.S.

Matt Liden, B.S.

Matt Liden is St. Benedict's new Medical Staff Coordinator. Matt originally comes from the Twin Falls area and recently returned here from Pocatello with his wife. He holds a bachelors of science degree with an emphasis in healthcare administration from Idaho State University graduating in

CAREER MOVES

2007. His healthcare background includes experience in long term care and St. Benedict's looks forward to having him on board to assist with physician recruitment.

Taryna Goodman, FNP

St. Benedict's welcomes Taryna Goodman FNP to their healthcare team. Taryna completed her Bachelor of Science at Boise State and received her Masters of Science in Nursing from Gonzaga University in Spokane an invited member of Sigma Theta Tau and has experience in several fields of medicine. Taryna will be working at Jerome Family Practice and is looking forward to providing healthcare the community.

David Peterson

Professional Truck Driving School of Twin Falls

announced that David Peterson graduated on May 15 and obtained his Class A commercial driver's license.



Peterson

Jody Johnson

Congratulations to Jody Johnson who is a recent RN graduate from CSI. She works at St. Benedict's on the Acute Care floor.

Shirley Lee

Shirley Lee, an Independent Heritage Makers Consultant, received an award recently for highest consultant sales from Sept. 2007 - March 2008 at the Utah Regional Convention. As a Heritage Makers Consultant in the Magic Valley, Lee assists her customers with creating family

storybooks, life stories, vacation stories and a myriad of hard-bound books created by each individual. Her strong customer service skills, monthly workshops and home demonstrations have helped her to be a top sales person with Heritage Makers which is based in Provo, Utah.

William Jacobs, PA-C

St. Benedict's is pleased to welcome William (Bill) Jacobs to the St. Benedict's team. Bill comes to St. Benedict's and comes to St. Bens with 32 years experience as a physician assistant. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama and moved to the western states 15 years ago. Bill is working in the Jerome Family Clinic and looks forward to meeting the healthcare needs of the St. Benedict's community.

Rails

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the nonprofit Transportation Research Board.

Already, delays hamper the existing rail freight network. A lone train stopped in Chicago can force other trains to stop or slow as far away as Los Angeles or Baltimore.

"It's a domino effect," said Scott Heas, a vice president for United Parcel Service, which uses 3,000 freight cars every day, more than any other U.S. business. "Everything in my system backs up."

Atlanta-based UPS hasn't determined the total cost of freight route congestion, but says that just five minutes of daily delays for each of its drivers amounts to \$100 million in company losses a year.

Other modes of transport can't take up the slack: Trucking faces its own congestion problems, a shortage of drivers and high fuel prices. Ships and planes can't reach large parts of the country. Airplanes couldn't begin to carry the millions of tons of coal, waste, chemicals, grain and cars hauled by trains. And hauling freight by rail remains far more fuel-efficient than trucking.

Many politicians are joining rail executives in sounding the alarm.

"The amount of money we're investing nationally is pathetic," Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said during a recent congressional hearing on congested freight routes. "We're heading toward fourth-world infrastructure."

Others suggest the railroads are being alarmist.

Kenneth Kremer, another Global Insight analyst, said talk of a looming crisis serves industry interests as rail companies jockey for more money from Congress. He said investment in larger, high-tech train cars and computer systems that better price trains should help avert legions.

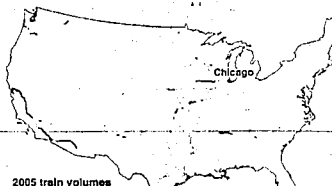
"It's illogical to assume nothing will be done," he said. "Railroads have an inherent interest in doing something. The more we respond, there's no reason to think they're headed for the abyss."

Amtrak, which shares the rails with freight trains, is also feeling the pinch. Its long-distance trains were on time just 42 percent of the time last year, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Transportation's inspector general.

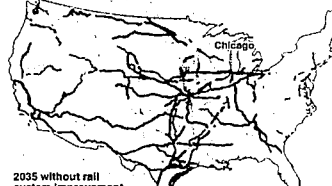
Increasingly crowded freight-rail system

The consequences of worsening congestion along the 140,000-mile U.S. freight-rail system could lead to disruptions to the nation's supply chain and eventually cap or even cut deep into annual U.S. growth.

Service below capacity At capacity Above capacity



2005 train volumes



2005 without rail system improvement

SOURCES: Association of American Railroads; Cambridge Systematics, Inc. AP



Rail traffic controllers direct freight traffic through the Belt Railway Co. of Chicago.

cheap. The Chamber says expanding capacity on the more than 150-year-old U.S. rail system would cost \$148 billion over 30 years. Private rail companies would have to pay most of it, with federal and state tax dollars covering much of the rest.

Any solution will have to include Chicago, which handles about 40 percent of all U.S. rail freight on 100,000 trains a year.

Expanding capacity here will cost \$1.5 billion over six years, a coalition of officials and rail executives estimates. David Burns, an independent railroad engineering consultant based in the Chicago area, put the cost closer to \$4 billion.

Bottlenecks crop up in other parts of the country, too.

Long stretches of busy Union Pacific Corp. lines in Southern California and the Southwest, vital routes for

Expanding capacity on the more than 150-year-old U.S. rail system could cost \$148 billion over 30 years.

once rolled along unencumbered.

The 500 freight trains moving through Chicago each day also have to share tracks with — and yield to, according to protocol — 700 commuter trains. In contrast, commuter trains in New York City don't share lines with freight.

Proposed solutions include building new overpasses to keep trains moving at track intersections. Elsewhere, single-track lines could be expanded to double or triple. And some advocates want to restore tracks that fell out of use in the 20th century.

Jacksonville, Fla.-based CSX announced plans this month to spend \$300 million on upgrades to allow trains with double-stacked freight cars to run from the East Coast to the Midwest.

That would mean raising clearance on bridges and tunnels on lines through the Appalachian Mountains. CSX would like the federal and state governments to kick in \$140 million more.

While the move would help congestion, it's not a cure-all. Double-stacked cars can't carry heavy, densely packed commodities, like coal, wheat and liquid chemicals, because of weight limits on tracks and because the heavy loads would make the trains dangerously unstable.

Expanding capacity to route trains around clogged cities may not fill with suburban and exurban towns. And then there's Amtrak. It already operates on tracks owned by the big railroads, which will be increasingly reluctant to make concessions to passenger trains.

But Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said it was only right that Amtrak also benefit from capacity upgrades. The service was formed in 1970 when Congress agreed to be railroads' unpaid passenger service they said was dragging them down. In exchange, the railroads were required to give Amtrak priority on their tracks.

It may be impossible to keep both sides happy. "There are areas, especially where there's a single track, where Amtrak takes as much as 30 percent out of the capacity of freight rail. That's huge when you're in a capacity crunch," said Mullett, the analyst. "There will be hard public policy decisions, and that would include Amtrak."

DIGITALBRIDGE



DigitalBridge Communications located at 1162 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. DigitalBridge Communication has launched a high speed wireless internet service in Twin Falls. It completes the first phase of their WiMax deployments in Idaho which began in July 2007. They are also serving Bellevue, Halley, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Rexburg. For more information: 734-8169 or (800) 979-3797. Pictured from left, Joe Kochan, founder; Karl Alcalá, account manager; Felix Gallegos, market manager. Not pictured, Dan Broner, maintenance supervisor; Nick Bell, sales rep.; Steve Mingo, tech; and Nick Benavidez, tech.

CONTRIBUTION

Local high school grad wins scholarship

Best Buy Scholarship recently awarded Meryanne Barrott with the Best Buy Scholarship.

Barrott is the daughter of John and Chris Barrott of Twin Falls and a 2008 graduate of Kimberly High School. She plans to attend the Skin Science Institute in the fall.

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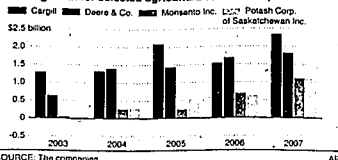
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Raking in profit on rising food costs

As consumers struggle with growing grocery bills, the 100 most run-up in food prices has been in the agricultural industry. Profit growth for selected agriculture-related companies



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grocery shoppers jolted by higher prices for cereal, eggs or chicken think it's because of ethanol, which consumed 20 percent of last year's corn crop.

"It isn't saying how much he made last year. While he acknowledges these are good times to be a farmer, he says he's not pulling in as much as the median income for crop farmers.

"But people are excited, yet, but cautious about when things are going to turn around, and how hard it's going to be to turn around," he said.

In between Willis' farm and town, the owners of Haug Implement are having some of the best times anyone can remember. The Deere & Co. dealer sells farm tractors that can run to \$160,000 or more. At times that can cost \$300,000, a major investment even in the best of times.

Normally Haug would still be taking orders for combines for delivery for the fall harvest. But Deere cut off new orders in mid-November because demand was so high. Owner Donald Haug Jr. says it wasn't long ago that he couldn't close on new equipment because he was having a gap between tractor and the sale price to \$100,000.

"We're seeing some substantial purchasing, and we're talking over \$100,000, and the guy just strolls the clerk," he said.

The boom times in farm country have arrived. Corn, soybean, and wheat prices have been pushed at or near record highs by a combination of demand and new money from hedge fund traders who used to show little interest in those markets. Over the past 20 years, Minneapolis Grain Exchange trading volume has risen almost six-fold to a new record last year. The run-up is because in the frenzied trading the same commodities are changing hands far more than they used to.

"Grain farmers are making a hell of a lot of money," said Peter Georgantones, president of Investment Trading Services, a commodities broker in Bloomington, Mo. "I get grain farmers a ton of them — who are going to improve their net worth this year — net, now — by a half a million bucks minimum. For one year. That's a nice thing. Not to mention their net worth is more."

Newspapers cover much of the floor in his office and 22 yellow Post-it notes cover much of his desk, where one computer terminal notes nothing but commodity prices. Every few minutes his phone rings with a call from a farmer checking crop prices.

"These guys, they grow 70, 80 thousand bushels of beans," he said. "They're now sitting on \$2, 53 million worth of grain right now. Farmers are making good money."

The International Monetary Fund estimates that almost half the increase in consumption of major food crops in 2006-2007, saying it has propelled prices for corn, other grains, meat, poultry and dairy.

Others dispute that. A report last month from the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University said higher corn prices have had little to do with rising food costs because other factors, such as rising energy costs, have been at least as important.

Willis, the farmer near Willmar, is quick to point out that farmers pay much of those profits right back out to their own suppliers.

The liquid propane that runs his corn drier cost \$1.55

per gallon last year. It's been told to expect \$2 this year. Fertilizer last year ran \$115 per acre. This spring it cost double that. He bought 2,500 pounds of diesel fuel for his tractors last year at a price that started at \$2.50 a gallon and rose to \$3.09 by the end of the year and has risen further since then.

"You look at the grain prices, yeah, that's nice," he said. "But everything's going up right along with it."

While virtually all businesses are contending with higher energy costs, the rising commodities prices are proving to be bottom-line boosters for other sectors, too.

Profits at seed and pesticide maker Monsanto Inc. reached nearly \$1 billion last year — a 14-fold increase since 2003. They've tripled to \$1.1 billion at agricultural maker Syngenta and agriculture divisions of DuPont Co. and Dow Chemical Co. have also done well.

Cargill, which makes ingredients and trades in commodities markets, boosted its profits to \$2.3 billion, up nearly six-fold since 2001.

Donwilco, a supplier of agricultural processor Archer Daniels Midland Co. have more than quadrupled to \$2.16 billion during the same period.

Smaller makers are winning big, too.

Mosaic Co. saw its third-quarter profits jump tenfold to \$520.8 million because strong demand from farmers is giving it power to raise prices.

Companies like Deere, the world's biggest maker of farm machinery, are in the midst of flush times, too.

Between 2005 and 2007, Deere's profit rose more than 25 percent to \$1.8 billion. Meanwhile, operating profits of the Moline, Ill.-based company's agriculture division rose nearly 50 percent to \$1.4 billion.

"Everybody is getting their little piece. Everybody wants a piece of the pie," said Lee Richardson, a 37-year-old farmer from Willards, Md., who sees the rubus profit of his grain harvest consumed by the increasing costs of raising more than 1 million chickens annually on his family's 2,200-acre farm.

Food prices in the U.S. rose about 1 percent last year, which may not sound like much, but it's the fastest rise since 1990, according to the Agriculture Department. Prices on some foods rose nearly 6 percent. White bread prices rose 13 percent last year, bacon 7 percent. Peanut butter jumped 9 percent.

And it's picking up speed. Food inflation is running at about 6.6 percent as of April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on May 14.

In addition, a weakened dollar makes American produce cheap and desirable abroad. The U.S. and China are creating nations of residents demanding higher-quality ingredients and food.

The rising prices are forcing changes in food and ingredients such as Kraft Foods Inc. Kraft Foods Inc. has seen its commodities costs grow 9 percent, or \$1.1 billion. This year, the company expects to see an even bigger input cost increase.

What's in store for the older worker

Retail finds workforce with 65 and older

By Maria L. La Ganga
Los Angeles Times



Jerry Coffey works at the Home Depot in San Carlos, Calif.

SAN CARLOS, Calif. — Five days a week, Max Gumbert drives up to the 95,000-square-foot Home Depot store in this leafy suburb at the northern edge of Silicon Valley, straps on an orange apron sagging with customer service badges and gets to work.

For eight hours a day, in a shift that often ends at 10:30 p.m., the flooring specialist answers questions: Hardwood or laminate? Ceramic tile or sandstone? Nylon or wool? Pergo or bamboo? Does cork absorb spills better than vinyl?

But it is Gumbert's presence here on the sales floor, with his cordial and courtly manner, that answers a crucial question perplexing demographers and policy experts: If you are 65 years old or more and you're still working in America today, what are you most likely to be doing?

Gumbert is 67, terrified of retirement and happy to go to work every day in the industry that employs more older Americans than any other retail. Nearly 350,000 men and women 65 or older work in psychology in the nation's stores, according to a report scheduled for release in June.

In recent years, the question of exactly where older workers retire has baffled people who have seen conflicting trends ripple through the nation's job sites: More older Americans say they want or need to work past retirement age, but employers are still reluctant to retain or hire them.

One result is that there has been little solid information about where people beyond their prime earning years of 63 work in greatest numbers, a critical issue especially now as benefits shrink and recession looms.

But statistics from the Urban Institute, a nonpartisan research group based in Washington, D.C., show for the first time that people 65 or older are still working in America are statistically most likely to do retail, farming or

janitorial work, in that order. In fact, the nation's stores employ more people 65 and older than the next two occupations combined, which worries some advocates who are trying to encourage the federal government, the country's biggest corporations and other employers to keep older workers on the payroll.

"These are not exactly the pines of reinvention that you get in your monthly issue of Fortune, Money or AARP magazine," said Marc Freedman, author of "Encore: Finding Work that Matters in the Second Half of Life." This is "an object lesson in the dangers of what could happen if we don't develop a compelling human resource strategy for an aging society."

Although Freedman worries that "The golden years" are being transformed into the "Wal-Mart decade," he does acknowledge that the retail industry provides benefits, flexibility and jobs, particularly for less-educated workers.

And there are few places better than this big-box store halfway between San Francisco and San Jose to see the effect of older employees in the workplace and few days better than Gumbert and his colleagues.

Home Depot will not divulge complete statistics on how many older workers stride the concrete floors of its huge home-improvement stores, but the number is on the rise. The company hooked up with AARP four years ago to woo a sales force that might otherwise be going and says it now has 5,000

employees older than 70. They are loyal and dependable, said Tim Crow, chief human resources officer for the Atlanta-based company. "We look at the demographics, and everyone is getting older. This is the future workforce."

In San Carlos, nearly a score of the 200-plus employees are 60 and older, from Irene Goble, 61, whose quarter-century as a bartender led retirement on an unaffordable luxury — "I'm gone here till I'm 70 in my walker" — to Guy Deid, 72, a former Silicon Valley electrical engineer who was laid off in his late 60s.

Their reasons for regularly punching the time clock in the locker-lined employee break room include "have to," "want to" and everything in between.

Gumbert would place himself in the middle of that spectrum, a German-accented mix of need and desire. Gumbert spent most of his work life in the hotel industry, rising from waiter to director of food and beverages and catering at venues including the San Francisco Hilton.

But by the time he hit his early 50s, the wear and tear were beginning to show. The days stretched to 18 hours. The phone would ring in the middle of the night. Contemporaries began having heart attacks and worse.

Gumbert switched to a restaurant work, then left the hospitality field "cold turkey" in search of a job at which, he said, he could "punch in and punch out. I don't want to be called at 2 in the morning."

A newspaper ad led him to

the company formerly known as Color Tile. When it went belly up, he landed at Home Depot. Nearly 11 years later, he is still here in the San Carlos store, cutting carpet swatches, calling customers to centers, seals, gutting ducts, you-seffers through the complexities of home renovation.

"I draw Social Security checks, but it gets right into the bank," he says. "I have a small pension from his decade at Hilton Hotels Corp. "I'm not dependent on it right now, but who knows what the future brings. It's my next step. When I was younger, I wasn't the saving type."

Gumbert's current soapbox is the future of Social Security and the legislators who have proposed changes in that safety net. He thinks everyone should see Michael Moore's "Sicko," an eye-opener about the state of the American health-care system. He is an ardent fan of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"I'm scared to retire," he says after weighing Gumbert's "friendly" attributes against the ease with which it can be scratched for a well-tanned man in a Hawaiian shirt. "I like to travel; I couldn't afford to."

"Eventually, I think I'll have to retire," Gumbert acknowledges. "When I'm 90, I don't think I'll be selling flour. But why not? You never know. At least I don't feel my age."

Gumbert and Deid, the 72-year-old former electrical engineer — are walking, hawking proof of another sobering statistic.

In a separate study scheduled for release later this year, the Urban Institute found that 43 percent of people working full-time in their early 50s will change jobs before their late 60s. More than one-quarter of these fifty-something full-time workers will have a new occupation. Nearly 1-in-4 will be laid off.

"Older people really need to prepare for a work life that is different," said Richard Johnson, a principal researcher on both studies. "There's a real strong possibility that you'll lose your job, and you're going to have to go out and find another one."

Jerome

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who sold shares to the corporation for \$25 a piece.

The money would later be used to help pay for the state's anti-economic development projects.

The latter was a loosely organized group created 10 years later, meeting in the morning at local cafes to brainstorm solutions to economic problems.

The obstacles faced by the combined groups were both local and national in scope.

In 1975 the nationwide prime interest rate reached 20 percent, inflating farm loan costs as crop prices fell to record lows. During the years that followed, about 20 Jerome County small farmers slipped into bankruptcy. One newspaper urged them to restructure its business to absorb rising production costs. The company employed 15 percent of all Jerome County workers.

Chris Ross, an auto dealer and member of the Jerome Economic Development Corporation, said the company also supported local businesses by buying televisions, cars and other goods to reward its employees.

"It was a good business to have because it was so sup-

portive of the community," Paulos said. "But I think we realized that we relied too much on one company, as well as agriculture."

The meeting called to discuss the future of Jerome's economy is recalled as relaxed, considering the gravity of the situation.

"Basically, everyone did what needed to be done," Peters said.

Members of the groups said the process was less complicated than is economic development today.

Boss said the keystone to the success of the development efforts was a group of dedicated Jerome businesspeople.

"We had attorneys, real estate brokers, business owners and bankers," Boss said. "And each one of them brought their knowledge to

the table so we could succeed — that was key to our success."

Much of the industrial growth Jerome sees today, such as the new Milk Products plant and the technology park east of Jerome, grew from efforts that began after 1987, when development groups bought land and then sold it to businesses at a reduced cost.

However, the work done almost 20 years ago has been largely forgotten.

"I don't think any of us wanted to put ourselves on the back," Peters said. "We just saw it as something we had to do."

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Bone drug Zometa helps fight spread of breast cancer

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A drug to prevent bone loss during breast cancer treatment also substantially cut the risk that the cancer would return, results that left doctors excited about a possible new way to fight the disease.

It is the first large study to affirm wider anti-cancer hopes for Zometa and other bone-building drugs called bisphosphonates. Zometa, made by Novartis AG, is used now for cancers that have already spread to the bone.

The new study involved 1,800 premenopausal women taking hormone treatments for early-stage breast cancer. Zometa cut by one-third the chances that the cancer would recur — in their bones or anywhere else.

"This is an important finding. It may well change practice," said Dr. Claudine Isaacs, director of the clinical breast cancer program at Georgetown University's Lombardi Cancer Center.

About three-fourths of breast cancers occur in women after menopause. Zometa may help them, too, but it hasn't been tested yet in that age group.

The study was led by Dr. Michael Gnant of the Medical

University of Vienna and reported Saturday at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago.

If a second, ongoing study also finds a benefit, doctors predict that Zometa will quickly be tested against other cancers that tend to spread, or metastasize, to bones, such as prostate and kidney cancer.

"Highly important is whether this has to do with the fact that it just makes the bone hostile, somehow, to metastasis or if there is a more global anti-metastasis effect," said the oncology group's president, Dr. Nancy Davidson of Johns Hopkins University.

"Either of those would be good and would teach us a lot about what to do next." Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. About 184,450 cases and 40,930 deaths from the disease are expected in the United States this year.

Standard treatments are surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and hormone-blocking drugs if the tumors are like those in the study — helped to grow by estrogen or progesterone.

The hormone-blockers often weaken bones, so bisphosphonates like the osteo-

porosis pill Fosamax have become increasingly popular to treat this side effect. However, using them to treat the cancer itself is a very different approach. Lab studies hinted it would work, and Gnant's is the first to test it in a large group of breast cancer patients.

All had surgery to remove their tumors and were taking hormone-blocking drugs — goserelin plus either tamoxifen or anastrozole — treatments that made them menopausal. Half also were given infusions of Zometa every six months.

The women were treated for three years and studied for two more. By then, only 6 percent of those given Zometa had suffered a relapse or died, compared to 9 percent of the others. That translated to a 36 percent

decline in risk. Sixteen women given Zometa died versus 26 of the others — a difference that could have occurred by chance alone but an encouraging trend that doctors hope will mean better survival as the groups are followed for a longer time.

There were no big differences in serious side effects, though minor ones like fever and bone and joint pain were more common among women given Zometa. Two percent of all study participants developed a rapid heartbeat, but only three were hospitalized — two on Zometa and one of the others.

The study was sponsored by Zometa's maker, Swiss-based Novartis, and British-based AstraZeneca PLC, which makes Arimidex, the brand name of anastrozole.

Gnant consults for the companies and several other breast cancer drugmakers.

"With doctor fees for the infusion, a Zometa treatment can run more than \$1,200. The other large study is testing it in 3,360 pre- and post-menopausal women with cancer that has spread but not extensively.

Experts stressed that the results so far are only in women who were made menopausal by hormone-blocking treatments — not women who develop breast cancer after natural menopause.

For now, using Zometa to prevent breast cancer recurrence should be confined to those who develop breast cancer before menopause, said Dr. Eric Winer of Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston.

"This is a treatment that doctors should talk to a patient about" because of these encouraging new results, Winer said.

In other news at the conference, women with advanced breast cancers who were given Avastin plus Taxotere were a little less likely to have their cancers progress than women given Taxotere alone. However, side effects including high blood pressure were more common for those taking both drugs. Taxotere treatment is more common in Europe and Asia; in the United States, doctors are more likely to use Taxol.

In the study of 736 women, 44 percent of those given just Taxotere had their tumors shrink versus 55 percent of those also given a lower dose of Avastin and 63 percent of those given a higher dose.

Erbtux slightly boosts survival in lung cancer study

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Adding the novel cancer drug Erbitux to standard chemotherapy helped advanced lung cancer patients live just a month longer than chemo alone, a study found.

Although this is the first study to find a survival benefit from a novel targeted cancer drug as initial treatment for lung cancer patients, the results left doctors mostly disappointed.

"It's a very small benefit. No one should try to make any more of it than that," said Dr. Roy Herbst, lung cancer chief at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

He consults for Erbitux's makers but had no role in the study, which is to be presented Sunday at a meeting in Chicago of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Results were released Saturday because a news release was inadvertently published early.

Lung cancer is the world's top cancer killer, claiming 1.3 million lives each year. In the United States, 215,000 new cases and 162,000 deaths from the disease are expected this year.

Most are non-small cell — the type in the new study. Five-year survival is only 15 percent, mostly because the

cancer usually has already spread by the time it is diagnosed.

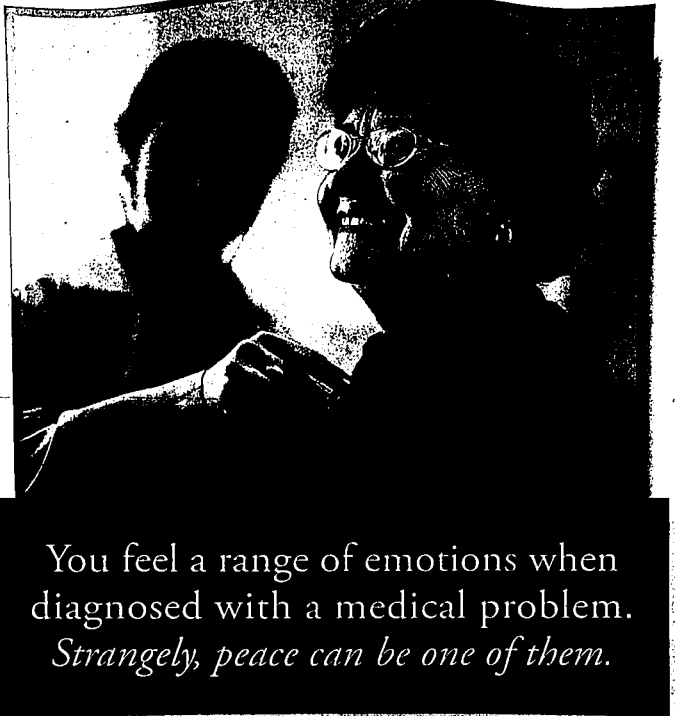
Erbitux is already used to treat advanced colon cancer, and is best known for embroiling homemaker queen Martha Stewart in an insider trading scandal several years ago.

The new study tested it in 1,125 people with lung cancer that had already spread widely. Average survival was just over 11 months for those given Erbitux on top of standard chemotherapy, versus just over 10 months for those on chemo alone.

The study was led by Dr. Robert Pirker at the University of Vienna in Austria. It was sponsored by Germany's Merck KGAA, which markets Erbitux with the drug's initial developer, ImClone Systems Inc., and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

The companies announced last fall that the study had met its main goal of improving survival, but no numbers were released until now.

Several other targeted drugs are used to treat advanced lung cancer but not as initial treatment. Erbitux is another possibility "in a field that needs all the help it can get," because the cancer is so lethal, said Dr. Nancy Davidson, a cancer specialist at Johns Hopkins University who is president of the oncology society.



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Music and politicians: Uneasy alliance

EDITOR'S NOTE — This latest chapter of "The Measure of a Nation," a yearlong series of multimedia story packages about the presidency and the 2008 election as seen through the prism of the culture, explores the ways candidates use — and misuse — music in their efforts to capture the White House.

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press writer

So let's say it's the early 1980s, and you're a rising young musician named John Cougar Mellencamp. You cut a song with a chorus that oozes Jeffersonian democracy and adds a touch of post-war suburban placidity. Ain't that America — for you and your fellow young groovely Indiana voice. "Ain't that America" was something to see. Ain't that America: home of the free. Little pink houses for you and me."

Now let's say you're a strategist for Sen. John McCain, Republican candidate for president in 2008. You hear "Pink Houses" 25 years after it was recorded and think to yourself, hey — this is perfect. Let's blast this out at the big guy's rallies and hitch our wagon to Mellencamp's imagery.

That scenario proved problematic when it unfolded earlier this year. First, Mellencamp is a Democrat and activist who has supported John Edwards. He didn't like his work being co-opted and asked McCain to stop. Second, and just as important, "Pink Houses" is an odd, melancholy song about chances lost and potential wasted.

"Cause they told me when I was younger, said, 'Boy, you gonna be president.' But just like everything else, those old crazy dreams just kind of came and went."

For someone covering the White House, that's not exactly staying on message. In the 21st century, music and politics exist at an intersection as volatile as the lonely crossroads in Mississippi where bluesman Robert Johnson supposedly bartered his soul for guitar prowess. And let's not pick on McCain; he's been the victim — or perp — of this music minifield.

For a generation, candidates who have tried to dip their toes into the pop-culture ocean have tended to fall



Former President Bill Clinton and current Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., dance on stage during a 'Get-Out-The-Vote' rally at the Brendan Byrne Arena in East Rutherford, N.J., in November 1992.

in, "Happy Days Are Here Again" may have worked for FDR in 1932, but ever since Reagan asserted in 1984 that Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" was a patriotic paean, Democrats and Republicans alike have reviled its ears as they try to set mood, convey message and show that they, too, are regular people attuned to the mass entertainment as their fellow Americans.

And in doing so, they offer glimpses into the national temperament. "Interesting thing about campaign songs: They mirror the life of America. It's as if we're taking snapshots," says Oscar Brand, an 88-year-old folk musician and radio host who recorded an album of campaign music ranging from the eras of George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Brand, though, focused mostly on what prevailed until roughly John F. Kennedy's time — songs crafted expressly for the candidates, among them "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," "Lincoln and Liberty" and the recently obscure "Get on a Raft with Taft." These days, the zeitgeist dictates that candidates invoke existing tunes. We've seen how that turns out: Shouldn't presidential hopefuls bother to get a culture Maven to idiot-proof song choices — or, at the least, print out a lyric sheet?

George H.W. Bush's 1988 co-opting of Bobby McFerrin's ironic smile music — "Don't worry be happy" — was about as astute as a helmeted Michael Dukakis poking his head out of a tank. His son's re-election theme in

2004, "Still the One," seems nice until you hear the verse, sometimes I never want to see you again." Same with one of Barack Obama's 2008 choices, U2's "City of Blinding Lights," which features this line: "The more you see the less you know, the less you find out as you go."

Often the songs are played in fragments as attempts to capture a mood rather than convey a message. Hillary Rodham Clinton has used pieces of Tom Petty's "American Girl" and Mellencamp's "Small Town" to convey the basic imagery of their titles: at a recent rally in a Pittsburgh suburb, her husband came on stage to the Police's "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic." What the other lyrics might be didn't much matter.

Misses are understandable. Candidates and handlers are fumbling their way through the untamed frontier territory of iPod-Nation, a confusing geography where remix culture, sampling, shuffles and playlists rule the day and context is often absent. In a prepackaged, portable, drive-thru culture, is it any wonder that they go for the microwave meal instead of baking from scratch?

"These songs are a quick and easy substitute to establish a connection between candidates and voters," says Sean Wilentz, a leading presidential historian and scholar of American musical traditions.

"This music is everywhere," Wilentz says. "And if you can choose the right song that can capture a bit of your message and a bit of your

essence, you're going to choose it."

The key word is "essence" — particularly the essence of the American working class, whose approval and credibility candidates covet.

Clinton, for example: Her quest to appeal to her base can only be strengthened if it perceives her as an "American girl, raised on promises" who "used to daydream in a small town." (No matter that "American Girl" also contains the lyrics, "Take it easy, baby — make it last all night.")

It's not that different from, say, a beer ad. It's about comfort and familiarity, about whispering to a voter, hey — you've had life experiences while listening this song, and I'm associating myself with it, so I must understand your daily trials, right?

But finding common ground is growing more difficult.

"The good old 20th-century model of everyone feeding from the same cultural trough, that doesn't work in 2008," says Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University. Today, he says, "You pull songs out when you need them, some work, some don't, and then you move on."

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Neurologist, choir explore music's healing power

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Noted neurologist Oliver Sacks has found common ground with the pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church: Both men believe in the healing power of music.

Sacks, the best-selling author of "Awakenings" and "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat," was to share the church stage Saturday with the famed gospel choir as part of the inaugural World Science Festival, a five-day celebration of science taking place in New York this week.

"It should be an exciting and unusual event," Sacks said in an interview last week. "I will talk about the therapeutic and beneficent power of music as a physician, and then their wonderful choir will perform. ... And the audience will make what they can of it."

Sacks' most recent book is "Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain," which examines the relationship between music and the brain, including its healing effect on people suffering from such diseases as Tourette's syndrome, Parkinson's, autism and Alzheimer's.

"Even with advanced dementia, when powers of memory and language are lost, people will respond to music," he said.

A Baptist church is an unusual venue for Sacks, a professor of clinical neurology and medical psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center who was brought up Jewish but is not a religious believer.

But the central role of music in church makes Abyssinian a

good place to discuss the myriad ways that music affects the human brain, said Sacks, who was played by Robin Williams in the movie version of "Awakenings."

Abyssinian's pastor, the Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, said the choir is looking forward to performing with Sacks. He noted that music plays a central role in the healing power of prayer.

"What we have been studying... is that when you pray, there's actually a physiological change in the body," he said.

"Music is very much a part of this. There are certain notes that generate in the human body a kind of peacefulness."

Abyssinian was founded by Ethiopian sea traders in 1808 and is celebrating its bicentennial. It is a popular destination for European tourists who line up around the block in Harlem for Sunday services.

The event there is one of two Sacks is participating in during the World Science Festival. The other focuses on vision and the brain.

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EDITORIAL

Got roads? Not unless the dairy industry helps

Secondary highways in the Magic Valley are a mess. Milk, feed and manure trucks; fully loaded 18-wheelers; beet trucks, and interstate rigs dodging traffic congestion in Twin Falls are hammering our country roads into pebbles. And the Legislature, in its wisdom, declined to provide a dime's worth of additional funding to fix them last session.

Things are so bad that the Murtaugh Highway District, located in the heart of dairy country, may let some roads go back to gravel because it can't afford repairs. That could happen in the Wendell, Gooding, Jerome and Hillsdale districts, as well.

So what are the alternatives? Most rural roads in Idaho are the responsibility of highway districts, which are supported through property taxes and vehicle registration fees. But there are about 100 districts in the state, which means funding is fragmented and unequal.

The Twin Falls Highway District, for example, maintains its road network well, but it doesn't have the volume of big trucks on some of its roads that the Wendell and Jerome districts do.

The Legislature could make up the difference with any of dozens of possible fees or sales tax transfers, but it's shown no appetite for doing so. That leaves one realistic option: Owners of the trucks that break up the roads must pick up much of the tab for repairs.

Idaho already charges weight-based fees for trucks, but it's a standardized system not designed to fit the specific circumstances affecting secondary roads in the Magic Valley.

Higher taxes won't be popular with the powerful dairy industry and with its allies in the Legislature. But the facts are inescapable: A fully loaded milk truck can do as much damage to an asphalt surface — especially during spring break-up — as thousands of cars.

The industry could help extend the lives of highways by self-policing and education, especially when it comes to load limits.

But that's a short-term solution. Big Dairy collected at least \$1 billion in revenue in south-central Idaho last year; it can afford to help maintain the infrastructure that keeps it — and the rest of the Magic Valley's agriculture economy — in business.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reporter left his mark on CSI sports coverage

First, we would like to congratulate Eric Larsen on his promotion to night city editor of the *Times-News*. We fully expect him to bring the same journalistic professionalism to this new job as he did to his sports-writing job.

While we wish him well, we also are devastated by his leaving the College of Southern Idaho sports beat. Eric has brought a whole new dimension to the reporting of CSI sports. We have thoroughly enjoyed everything he has ever written about every CSI team he has ever written about.

Not only has Eric fairly and completely reported on each team, their statistics and news, but he has given a human interest slant on nearly all his writings. Eric has the ability to report sports, and about the players, with a sensitivity and emotion that comes

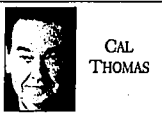
from the heart. He has the ability to make the reader become a part of the team and share in their emotions whether in victory or defeat. He makes us realize that student athletes at CSI are, in fact, young men and women in the process of growing up as they pursue their education at the same time they are providing us with first-class entertainment. Their feelings are part of who they are, and Eric has found ways to let us share in them.

Larry Hovey, former *Times-News* sports writer, was a legend in his time and has left us all with many great memories. Now Eric Larsen has become a legend in his time and is leaving us with many great and happy memories of great CSI teams in all sports. Thank you, Eric, for all you have meant to us, and great success in your new venture!

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Democrats, too, have lied about Iraq

Fraud, deceit, trickery ... or breach of confidence, perpetrated for profit or to gain some unfair or dishonest advantage. The HBO movie "Recount" tells the story from the Democratic Party point of view that the 2000 presidential election was improperly won by George W. Bush because of the trickery of his fellow Republicans and the Supreme Court. That has been shown to be untrue by no less a source than the reliably liberal and pro-Democratic New York Times, but facts rarely influence propaganda.



CAL THOMAS

Here's a better example of fraud straight from the donkey's mouth that you can bet will never be told on film. It comes courtesy of 12-term Congressman Paul Kanjorski. During a town meeting last August in his Pennsylvania district, Rep. Kanjorski made a remarkable statement about the 2006 election in which Democrats recaptured the majority. Rep. Kanjorski acknowledged that he and his fellow Democrats "sort of stretched the facts" about their intention to end the war in Iraq and bring American troops home.

A video of his remarks, now on YouTube, shows Kanjorski explaining that Democrats pushed the rhetoric about the war "as far as we can to the end of the fleet — didn't say it, but we meant it." But if we won the congressional elections we could stop the war. Democrats also promised to bring down gas prices if they won a majority. That worked out nice, didn't it?

"Now anybody who's a good student of government," continued Kanjorski in a condescending manner,



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"would know it wasn't true." I wonder how non-students of government felt about that insight? But you know," he said, "the temptation to want to win back the Congress — we sort of stretched the facts."

Kanjorski would have done well to reflect on that part of the Lord's Prayer that asks that we not be led into temptation. Many politicians "stretch the facts" at some point in their careers, but this was more than that.

While Republicans do the same thing on another level — like campaigning for spending cuts and then outspending Democrats when they become a majority — what Kanjorski has admitted is outright fraud. Those who don't believe in the war, which includes

some Republicans, had a right to believe that if they cast their votes for Democrats in the 2006 election, a Democratic congressional majority would end the war. Instead, while huffing and puffing about it, Democrats have continued to approve funds for Iraq and Afghanistan, attaching numerous pet pork projects. Pork covers a multitude of sins.

Some Democrats have made their careers by lying about Republicans and their attempts at necessary reforms of Social Security. My Democratic friend, Bob Beckel, likes to tell the story of his mother who lived in Florida and called him after seeing campaign commercials, which he pretended that claimed Republicans were about to eliminate

Social Security. Beckel says he told her, "Mom, don't worry about it. You vote for Democrats on Tuesday and come Wednesday your Social Security will be back."

No wonder the disapproval rating of Congress is higher than it is for President Bush — 76 percent disapprove of this Democratic Congress, according to both the latest Quinnipiac and Gallup surveys; 67 percent disapprove of President Bush.

In cases of fraud, the victim usually has redress in the courts. With political fraud, voters must seek redress at the polls. They should start — but not stop — with Rep. Kanjorski, who is faced with his first competitive race since 2002. But he has a lot of co-conspirators and even one who is not a "good student of government" ought to know when they've been duped by fraudulent political practices.

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Giving readers more bang for their buck

We're making some changes here at 132 Fairfield St. West, and not everyone is happy about it.

In recent months we've dropped stock tables and re-focused the former Money section to cover more local Business and Agriculture.

We've cut four comic strips and moved some to other sections of the paper and trimmed some pages from our Sunday TV guide, all to cut production costs so that we could use the savings to hire another copy editor.

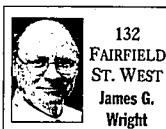
We're putting more local news on the front page and running national and international stories longer.

Each of those changes has resulted in complaints from a small number of readers, but we've convinced that our slow evolution will result in a newspaper that is more people-oriented than in the past. Simply put, we're going through some growing pains because it's better to grow than to avoid the pain.

Early results are surprisingly positive.

As of April 30, our audited circulation numbers are up. By a lot.

Last year we sold an average of 22,090 papers each Sunday. Our average paid Sunday circulation is now 23,843 — a healthy 8 percent



132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST
James G. Wright

increase year-over-year, and we're still growing.

Our daily circulation remains essentially flat, which wasn't unexpected or even a bad sign. Most newspapers have seen marked declines in both daily and Sunday circulation in recent years. Ours remains constant at just under 21,000 — even though we raised the price of weekday single-copy papers (not home delivery) from 50 cents to 75.

Keep in mind that these are just paid circulation rates. Each paper sold has an average of 2.5 readers, which means we reach more than 60,000 people on our highest circulation days.

Guess we must be doing something right.

Last Tuesday was primary election day, and we reported all of the races of local importance in Wednesday's paper — plus the vote for the Republican presidential nomination and various statewide races

from both parties.

But Wednesday morning my office message machine was flashing wildly, bringing some rather rude comments from readers taking me to task for ignoring the Democratic presidential primary. Clearly we must be a bunch of Republican hacks to do this!

One caller raked the *Times-News* over the coals for ignoring the Jerome County sheriff's race. Obviously, we don't care about anything beyond Twin Falls!

Another said we blew off the vote for Cassia County's top lawman. We should be ashamed!

I was happy to ring back those who left their numbers with this startling news:

You may recall that the paper extensively covered the Feb. 5 Idaho Democratic caucuses. Barack Obama won in a walkaway. We ignored the presidential tally from the Tuesday primary because the Democratic Party does exactly the same thing.

The following comes straight from the state party's own Web site:

"Why is there a vote for Democratic Presidential nominees in the regular Primary Election in May? The Secretary of State will still put the Democratic

Presidential candidates on the ballot in the Primary Election on May 27. However, the Primary vote will not count toward anything, as far as Democratic Presidential candidates are concerned. The Caucus will determine who Idaho delegates support, not the Primary Election."

The Secretary of State's office says it continues to list the Dems on the ballot just for fun because people would be even more confused if they didn't. Also, that's the way they've always done it and, well, that's the way they've always done it. So what about that donnybrook for Jerome County sheriff?

There are three candidates for Jerome County sheriff: a Republican and two independents. There's no primary for independents, so all three will listed on the ballot in November.

That Cassia County race? The caller who complained about that apparently didn't bother to read the results we published on the Magic Valley's page.

There's some truth in that old adage about leading a horse to water ...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidate will continue to guard voters' trust

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who voted for me

and supported my campaign for Jerome County commissioner in District 2.

I will continue to guard the trust you have shown in

me in my capacity as your city council president.

There are always citywide projects in the works and your interest and concerns are always welcome.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to come out and vote.

MARJORIE SCHMIDT
Jerome

OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho's newspapers are saying about ...



... blaming Borah

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

You would have to dust off Idaho history books to find much mention of Sen. William E. Borah, though he served six terms in the Senate and was a presidential candidate in 1936.

Borah was the object of disdain in a speech by President Bush before the Israeli Knesset on May 18. Although the president did not identify Borah by name, Bush was criticizing "some who believe we should negotiate with the terrorists and radicals, as if some ingenious argument will persuade them that they have been wrong all along."

Bush then harkened back to 1939, when Germany invaded Poland, and said, "As Nazi tanks crossed into Poland, an American senator declared 'Lord, if only I could have talked to Hitler, all of this might have been avoided.' We have an obligation to call this what it is — the great comfort of appeasement."

Bush's speechwriter had to reach into the distant past for Borah's words, but it was clear they were intended as a barb aimed at Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, who has said he would pursue talks with Iran without insisting on "preconditions" that could prompt Iranian leaders to spurn the request.

Bush' remark touched off a flurry of Democratic responses, most of them observing the past presidents ... met with communist leaders.

As for Borah, his reputation was that of a maverick isolationist who declined to endorse fellow Republican Herbert Hoover in 1932, and who fought President Woodrow Wilson over the Treaty of Versailles that ended World War I. He became known as the "Lion of Idaho," but certainly was never described as an appeaser.



... lessons from a cliffhanger

Idaho Statesman, Boise

The Supreme Court race of 2008 is history. After losing by a mere 276 votes, challenger John Bradbury is ruling out paying for a recount out of his own pocket ...

Bradbury also challenged a court system he considers too costly and too secretive. He raised some good points and some good

issues.

Now, we'd like to see Horton and his fellow Supreme Court justices act on some of these ideas ...

Bradbury has argued for non-binding sentencing guidelines for judges, in an attempt to limit discrepancies based on geography or demographics.

Bradbury criticized the secrecy that surrounds the Idaho Judicial Council, which investigates complaints against judges.

What happens next? We'll see ...

Horton acknowledged that the Supreme Court needs to request the funding needed to handle Idaho's caseload. He also said the court is putting together a committee to look at sentencing trends.

But Horton ... bristled at a question about the Idaho Judicial Council — pointing out that council records and proceedings are confidential because of language in state law. It would be up to legislators to seek a repeal.

True enough, but part of the Supreme Court's job description is to set the tone for a court system that is accessible, fair and transparent.

Based on Tuesday's election results, Bradbury's message of judicial reform resonated with most Idahoans ...

While we would enjoy watching Bradbury make another spirited run in the future, we hope the Supreme Court takes a message from Tuesday's election.



... the fires next time

Post Register, Idaho Falls

For almost a century, the U.S. Forest Service has had a one-size-fits-all response to forest fires.

That's had a debilitating effect on the forests because fuels build up to unhealthy levels.

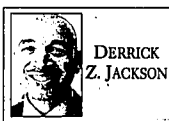
Firefighters have been put at risk. Since 1910, when Idaho's largest ever forest fire burned in the northern and central areas of the state, 950 firefighters have been killed nationwide, 125 in Idaho ...

As the Wilderness Society emphasized, spending more on fighting all fires has come at the expense of other Forest Service programs such as protecting watersheds, restoring wildlife habitat, maintaining recreational opportunities and supervising public land industries.

There will be trade-offs. For instance, county officials in rural areas with large public land holdings and small tax bases view a "let burn" policy skeptically because of their support of timber.

But it's certainly time for a new, flexible approach ... However late, the AMR reflects common sense.

America needs more male schoolteachers



DERRICK Z. JACKSON

Patrick Cunningham taught my youngest son a decade ago in first and second grade at the Cambridgeport School in Cambridge, Mass. Now 59, he still teaches the same grades at the same school, one of the relatively few men in the nation working with children so young.

"Maybe it was just Cambridge, but from the beginning, from the first job I applied for, the day-care center director and all the other teachers and parents told me they were thrilled to have a man," Cunningham said.

"It's not until I go to some large gathering of elementary teachers and I see that I'm one of maybe six men in a room of 200 that I feel like an oddity."

Cunningham tells a cruel truth about the low status of elementary schools. According to the National Education Association, 9 percent of elementary school teachers are men.

"There are so many elephants in the room with a man in a classroom of young children," said Johnson, 30, who was a fifth-grade teacher in Washington, D.C. "Token males routinely say they are under higher scrutiny by principals and parents. Men get the message something is wrong with them, from being told they can't change diapers in child care to you must always leave your classroom door open."

Even when they are valued, it often comes with a stereotype. I've heard men teachers complain that they're always sent the problem students because people see them as the disciplinarian who strikes the fear of God in them.

Recently, the Cambridge-based Schott Foundation for Public Education held a conference at Cambridge College on this issue. Bryan Nelson, director of MenTeach of Minneapolis, said the problem is not that boys need men for academic achievement — little data supports that. It's the lack of men in the lower grades reinforces an endless cycle of inequality in men's and women's roles.

"We are missing so much," said Nelson, 50. "For instance, there is a playfulness about men kids desperately need at a time the system is so absent of play. I know one man who turned around some kids by simply throwing a tennis ball at them to call on them for answers. The kids got into wanting to have the ball thrown at them and started to prepare better."

This rings true to me. I had male teachers in the third and fifth grade in Milwaukee, Wis., in the

1960s. My fifth-grade teacher had many "action-oriented" tricks to inspire learning, such as taping a solar system along a wall. Every student had a rocket that "traveled" throughout the system based on spare-time reading.

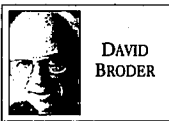
Cunningham said the particularly is drawn to the type of learning such as taking "an old radio or fan and take it apart and put it back together again."

But male teachers also nurture. I once saw former Cambridgeport fourth-grade teacher Frederick Park create a safe environment for a girl who was called names on the playground to tell the class how hurtful that was. He coaxed a classroom discussion where nearly every one came to the girl's emotional aid.

That is a good argument to coax more men into the profession. "The problem is, for both men and women," Cunningham said, "is that this is a job where too many people ask, 'Why would anybody do this?' It is almost like becoming a priest or nun or something like that."

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Obama must beware the fate of Jimmy Carter



DAVID BRODER

WASHINGTON — A year after Jimmy Carter lost his reelection to Ronald Reagan, Hamilton Jordan, his former White House chief of staff, sat down for a lengthy interview with scholars at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

Last week, after hearing the news of Jordan's death, friends at the center sent me a transcript of that 27-year-old interview. As they predicted, it was of intense interest for current politics, and particularly on the challenge facing Barack Obama.

The main theme of Jordan's interview was this intriguing observation: "One of the reasons of the fragmentation that had taken place in the Democratic Party and its allied groups was Carter able to be nominated and elected in 1976."

"One of the reasons of the fragmentation made the challenge of governing so difficult that he was almost doomed to fail. What he meant was this: In the two previous elections,

es and New Hampshire primary with less than 30 percent of the votes, as four more liberal candidates — Morris Udall, Birch Bayh, Fred Harris and Sargent Shriver — split up the rest.

But once Carter was in the White House, the liberals who controlled Congress quickly took his measure. They put their obligations to their constituencies and interest groups ahead of any loyalty to him. He never had a "honeymoon" and by his third year, his presidency had unraveled, not because of Republican obduracy but because of Carter's inability to lead his fellow Democrats.

What has Carter's case to do with Obama? The individuals and the times seem very different. A white Southern governor versus a mixed-race Hawaii-born senator. A Navy veteran-union farmer versus a lawyer-intellectual elitist.

But the two have more in common than meets the eye. Both were largely unknown to the nation's Democrats at the start of their election

years. Both faced more-credentialed rivals. Both ran as outsiders, vowing to reform Washington. Both relied on generalized promises to raise politics to a higher standard than the outgoing Republican administration.

Both benefited from early plurality victories over large and divided fields. Obama gained his first and most important win in Iowa with 37.6 percent of the votes, while Hillary Clinton and John Edwards split almost 60 percent evenly. Both Carter and Obama lost several of the late primaries, but held on to the delegate lead they had staked out earlier.

Of course, Obama has yet to win the White House, but it is almost as if Jordan were warning him that his toughest challenge lies ahead when he sets out to govern against the grain of his own party.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bros Club has earned its right for waiver

For 10 years, the Southern Idaho Bros Club has had a good run. The commissioners have granted it waivers every year because it did not have any major problems the year before. This year should not be any different. They are worried about something that may or may not happen.

In my life, I have known some undesirable cowboys. So does that mean we should not have the Cassia County Fair and rodeo because some undesirable cowboys may show up?

The majority of bikers are veterans who have fought and are proud for the right to assemble the way they see fit. So who are the commissioners to deny them that right? I believe the Bros Club has earned its waiver with a decade of proving it. So if they do not receive it, no other organization should ever receive a waiver again for any reason.

Remember the proceeds of the river run goes to the community. This is a charity event. GRANT KOYLE Burley

There is no place for gay group's float in TF.

A rose by any other name — I don't care what the homosexuals call their float, then still is no place for such a float, especially in a small, conservative town.

sented there and will not support. Also said is the fact that the parade organizers felt they had to back down and allow this float that is obviously not a good representation of Twin Falls for fear of "controversy."

Unfortunately, liberals are much more outspoken and cry foul at the slightest deviation from political correctness,

but conservatives, by nature, tend to hide in their homes not willing to make their voices heard for fear of sounding like a bigot.

I, for one, will take a stand and say this is wrong and must be stopped. There is no good reason why a person's sexual orientation needs to be included in a community

parade. Interesting side note: Why is it that the Times-News is reporting only one side of the story and not giving the people who object a chance to speak? Why are they giving front-page spots to only one side?

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Calif. clerk hopes to have first legal gay marriage

By Lisa Left
Associated Press writer

MARTINEZ, Calif. — For 18 years, Stephen Weir has been in charge of the office that hands out marriage licenses in California's ninth-largest county. And for just as long, Weir has been unable to get a license himself because the love of his life is a man.

The irony did not escape him. "Always the bridesmaid, never the bride," he quips with a rueful smile.

So Weir hopes the citizens of Contra Costa County understand if their clerk-registrar invokes executive privilege and opens up for business a little early on June 17, when same-sex couples may be able to legally wed in California.

He and his partner, John Henn, want to be first at the counter that day. They plan to be the first to exchange vows and kisses in the conference room Weir converted into a wedding chapel that hosts 1,200 couples a year, but that he could never use.

"I've waited all of this time to be able to walk into my own office and stand in line and pay what used to be \$64 and now is \$85 to buy a license and have a ceremony," says Weir, who also is president of the state clerks association.

"It's a big deal." To understand how exceptional it is for the 59-year-old Weir to bring his personal needs into his professional life, it's helpful to know what a precarious line

he's had to tread during 35 years in city, state and county politics.

He spent nine years on the Concord City Council, two of them as mayor, but took pains to keep his sexual orientation a secret. Concerned he would be outed as gay in the high-profile position, he sought the county clerkship as "a safer place for me" when the longtime clerk died.

Within months of assuming the job, he had to oversee in his dual capacity as registrar of voters the counting of local ballots cast for a March 2000 initiative that strengthened California's ban on gay marriage.

That same year, when Weir and Henn were getting serious, he started taking Henn to events where they would see other elected officials. If his colleagues thought differently about him afterward, they never let on, Weir says.

"I said to myself, 'If he and I are going to be a couple, there is no hiding this thing anymore,'" he says.

For the most part, though, shouldering the contradictions he encountered at

work came easily for Weir, who has spent his whole life in Contra Costa, a suburban county that is conservative by San Francisco Bay area standards.

He is the consummate civil servant, the type of administrator who waxes poetic about document scanning software.

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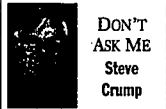
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Finding character in a land without legroom

I have a friend who has two problems: The first is a 2005 Dodge Ram 3500 Crew Cab SLT 4x4 Quad Cab Diesel. It costs \$164.15, at current pump prices, to fill the gas tank. The second is a 2006 Cadillac Escalade. It gets 14 miles to the gallon, and costs \$100.62 to fill up. The Ram has been parked in the garage for three months now. The Escalade has been in the driveway long enough to grow cobwebs over the custom chrome wheel covers.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

And Jack is driving his 17-year-old sons '02 Ford Taurus to work. So it shows these days in the sticker-shocked world of sport utility vehicles, and those who love them.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported last week that between March and April of this year, average used-car prices fell 4.5 percent for large SUVs and 5.6 percent for large pickup trucks, according to J.D. Power & Associates.

A separate study by Kelly Blue Book found that large luxury cars, such as the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and BMW 7 Series, "are depreciating even faster than SUVs," Kelly spokeswoman Robyn Eckard told the newspaper. She said large luxury cars get the same lousy gas mileage as SUVs — about 12 miles per gallon. But unlike most SUVs, they generally require premiums.

But wait, there's more: Because of depreciation, folks who trade in gas-guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles can wind up losing more than they save at the pump, according to a new study by *Consumer Reports*.

Especially if they financed the first vehicle and traded it within three years for a new car.

That, of course, describes Jack. He, like many of us, owns a house that isn't worth as much as it was a couple of years ago and has an adjustable-rate second mortgage.

I suggested he rent out the house and move into the Quad-Cab and the Escalade. Shoot, he could even line the truck bed, fill it with water and attach a diving board to the tailgate.

The other day we went to Home Depot and walked past a Prius in the parking lot. I thought Jack was gonna cry.

"It gets 55 miles to the gallon," I said.

"I know," Jack replied. "But when I get on the gas in my Quad Cab, 325 horsepower roars back. When you step on the accelerator in a hybrid, all you hear is a whirr."

Gustave Flaubert, the French novelist, wrote "One mustn't look at the abyss, because there is at the bottom an inexpressible charm which attracts us."

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Air show tickets on sale today

Blue Angels will perform June 26-27

Staff report
Tickets go on sale today for this summer's two-day Magic Valley Air Show at outlets across the Magic Valley. Here's a tip: Tickets for both Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, cost the same and get you a front row seat at a spectacle that includes high speed aerobatics. But word is that Saturday's show promises an added perk. "The flying will be the same," said Jill Trowell, marketing chairwoman for the air show. "The difference is the Blue Angel C-130 will do a JATO launch — a Jet Assisted Take Off where they put rockets on the side of (the plane) when it takes off."

Trowell said, "This is something you will not want to miss." Other stunts that will be performed on both days include the four-plane Diamond Formation and a six-jet Delta Formation, both of which will be punctuated with racing solo maneuvers.

The Blue Angels have performed for more than 442 million fans since the group's inception in 1946. Trowell wrote in a press release. In the 2008 season alone, the Blue Angels will fly 64 shows at 33 sites in the United States. The show guarantees the piloting ability of "Jacquie B." will raise the crowd to its feet. Look out for the Air Force F-16 Viper Demo team. There is no limit to the number of tickets to be sold.

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Rolling along



The girls from the U12 Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club try to juggle blow-up soccer balls Saturday morning as they wait in line for the Western Days parade to begin.

Sunny day welcomes Western Days crowd

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Saturday ended up sunny overall. But a cold breeze and threatening clouds led rain a concern in some people's minds as more than 100 area groups gathered on Falls Avenue for the 27th annual Western Days parade.

The mood was still upbeat, regardless of the weather. Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey sat on his floor reading a newspaper. Kids planning to dance as part of the Cheer Factory played on that group's trailer. KTVB meteorologist Larry Gebert, walking with the Boise station's Twin Falls affiliate, took time to shoot a spot in front of a horse while waiting for things to start.

New to the parade this year — and to the Twin Falls City Park Bandshell — was the Magic Valley Mall Marching Band, with band students from five different high schools in the area. More than half Jerome students this year. Gina Ordaz, moderator for that school's Music Boosters, said organizers hope to expand the group next year and already have promises from Burley students to perform.

"It's good, healthy entertainment," she said. "It's



Austin Clinger, a mortician with Parke's Funeral Home, takes his nine-month-old daughter Lillian for a ride on his long board as others prepare their floats for the Western Days parade.

Today's events

Western Days continues today with these events in Twin Falls City Park:

- 12-15 p.m. — Announcements for parade winners
- Performances: Mountain Home Air Force Base Color Team Honor Guard, national anthem by Chalis Johnson
- 12-45 p.m. — Villa Nights concert
- 1-15 p.m. — Christmas concert
- 1-30 p.m. — Parade float auction
- 3-45 p.m. — Cowboy Country concert (Johnny U)
- 4-45 p.m. — Eddie Haskell concert
- 5-15 p.m. — Cobalt Blue concert

Maiden Dance Academy performs between the above concerts.

good for them." Thanks to a \$4,000 federal grant, the South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition joined

the fun, with a semi truck filled with plats of Kirkland-brand bottled water. The brand, from Costco, was one

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Mitch McRoberts, 18, wears a 'Don't Hate' T-shirt as he holds a banner of colorful handprints. McRoberts and a dozen teens gathered at a spot on Shoshone Street to hold signs and chant 'Pride!' in support of the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center's float that was allowed in the Western Days parade with certain restrictions.

Controversial float provokes limited reaction in Western Days parade

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

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The float was approved. The parade was held.

And the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center's entry into the 27th annual Western Days parade caused barely a ripple in the crowds who gathered to watch the event.

That, center spokesman Mitch Silvester said, was because no one knew who the controversial float belonged to. Rejected last year, it was allowed this year

Another, he said, was the restrictions, which resulted in a float bearing a cowboy-and-Indian diorama, signs such as "Who pays for school supplies?" and a giant question mark in the middle of it. Asked whether people understood the question — shortening the

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group's name to the Southern Idaho Community Center — was actually a typo the group made when it applied. But speaking to several media representatives after the parade, with another center member waving an American flag in the background, he blamed the name change as one reason no one recognized the group.

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The GLBT float makes its way down Shoshone Street Saturday morning during the annual Western Days parade. The float could not have rainbow on it and the group's name was left off the float but member Jeremy Lane said spectators along the two-mile route would know who the group was.

Jerome educator honored by Southern Idaho Learning Center

Staff report

A first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome, Carrie Easterly, was honored May 22 by the Southern Idaho Learning Center as "teacher of the year."

Easterly said she was surprised by the recognition. "I think everyone in our school district, especially at Jefferson Elementary, deserves the award,"

she said. "I felt blessed that one of my students felt they should nominate me."

The Southern Idaho Learning Center has given teacher of the year awards for five years, but this year's award ceremony was open to the public at large for the first time, said Melody Lenkner, Southern Idaho Learning Center director. "It's a chance for people who

work quietly in the classroom to have public recognition for what they do," said Lenkner.

The Southern Idaho Learning Center provides assessments to kids from across the Magic Valley to help people through learning differences. The center is funded through donations, special events, grants and client fees. Easterly just finished her first year at Jefferson, having previously

taught special education with the Twin Falls School District. "I work on trying to build self-esteem with motivation," she said.

Easterly was nominated by a student diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, a form of autism, who wrote the nomination letter himself, said Lenkner.

About 85 to 90 people attended the recent ceremony held at the Turf Club, Lenkner said.

Russell Keith Haszler

RUFF COLLINS, Colo. — Russell Keith Haszler passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2008, of natural causes.

Russ was born Aug. 3, 1958, in Deer Springs, Wyo., to the late Charles J. and Connie Haszler of Boise.

He is survived by two brothers, Charlie (Christy) Haszler and Steve (Lori) Haszler; one sister, Yvette (Shane) Smith; and two sons: Shawn and Julie. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Grace Anderson of Buck Springs, Wyo.; along with several nieces and nephews.

Russ graduated from Shoshone High School in

1976 and attended the University of Idaho, majoring in mining engineering. He worked in the Mining and Underground Petroleum Scientist industry in Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Texas and Colorado. Russ will be remembered as a happy, easy-going, kind person with an entertaining sense of humor and always smiling. His face lit up loved people and gave selflessly.

Although he was far away in miles, we always held him close to our hearts. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Glenn P. Chaney



BOISE — Glenn P. Chaney, 88, of Boise, died Dec. 11, 2007.

A committal service will be held at noon Thursday, June 12, at the Bellevue Cemetery in Bellevue, Idaho. A gathering of friends will follow at the home of Dan and Julie Springer, 211 W. Elm St. in Hailey, Idaho.

Shane R. Clough



LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz. — Shane R. Clough, 39, of Litchfield Park, Phoenix, Ariz., died May 16, 2008, at the Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Shane was born March 28, 1969, to Phillip and Donna Clough at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital in Twin Falls. Shane attended Memorial Lutheran School through the eighth grade. He graduated from the Twin Falls High School in 1987. Shane moved to Arizona in 1988, graduated from De Vry University with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer system analysis in 1991.

Shane was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Clough; paternal grandparents, D.C. and Margaret Clough of Jerome; and maternal grandparents, Olen and Alice Turner of Twin Falls. He is survived by his wife, Teresa of Litchfield Park, Ariz.; his father, Phillip E. Clough; stepmother, E.J. Baker; Donna Taylor of Arizona; brother, Tony (Debbie) Clough of Twin Falls; four nieces, Lacey J. Taylor of Arizona; Kody Taylor of Utah; Amber (Clough) Castillo of Mountain Home; and Heather (Clough) Cristobal of Twin Falls; three step-siblings, Sylvia Krambule of Syracuse, Utah; Debra Mathis of Twin Falls and Lynn Harrison of Nampa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lutheran Camp Perkins, 2050 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A memorial service for Shane will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Last memorial service site: shane-clough@last-memories.com.

Amanda Frayer



BURLEY — Amanda Pauline Frayer, an 87-year-old resident of Burley, was called home May 28, 2008.

She was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Eureka, Ark., the daughter of Goslon and Mary D. A. Row.

She married Robert Lee Frayer in Eureka Springs, Ark., on April 1, 1940. Several years later, they moved to Idaho.

Amanda was employed at One-Ida Foods for many years, and later opened a daycare in her home, where she saw many children come and go and loved every one of them like her own. She was a member of TOPS, where she was crowned Queen of Idaho for the most weight loss in the state. She enjoyed being a senior companion at different extended care facilities in the Mini-Cassia area and most recently helped at the Rosetta Assisted Living.

She was active in church activities. Anywhere there were new faces to see or people who needed help, she could be found. She was loved by all and known by many. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by two sons, James "Jim" (Dorothy) Frayer of Heyburn and Robert "Bob" (Linda) Frayer of Rupert; one daughter, Diane Rudolph of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 4 1/2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband on Jan. 26, 1972; her parents; three brothers; one sister; an infant son; one daughter; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the New Life Assembly of God Church, 256 Highway 24, in Rupert, with Pastor Randy Gardner officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

Donald Pickering Sr.



HEYBURN — Donald Jacob Pickering Sr., age 73, of Heyburn, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008, from congestive heart failure. He was surrounded by his family.

Donald was born June 12, 1934, in

He especially loved to fish and camp out, going to Lake Alturas on several occasions.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence John Pickering and William Thomas Pickering; and his twin sister, Dorothy Olson.

Survivors include his three sons and their wives, Jeffrey (Carmen) Donald, Jeffrey (Carmen) Donald, ZYA (Dee) McKenzie, Ada (Fred) Hlickman, and WKL Engle; four step great-grandchildren, Bryndin McKenzie, Abey and Isiah Gonzalez, and Layton Hlickman; three brothers, Charles Lawrence Jr., Paul and Jacob Albert Pickering; and one sister, Darlene Mary Emma Hoffland.

Rupert, Idaho, the son of Charles Lawrence and Mary Josephine DeNaughel Pickering. He was the third of eight children. He was raised in the Rupert area, where he received his education. He worked for the city of Burley for a short time and for Idaho Concrete.

He graduated from heavy equipment school and worked on farms part-time and Amalgamated Sugar Company during campaigns sometimes getting hired back to work during the summer. He was kept on year round in 1962, and worked there until his retirement.

He married Betty Rae Draper on Aug. 17, 1962, and to that union were born three sons, Jeffrey Lynn, Donald Jacob Jr. and James Ryan. Don and Betty later divorced. He then married Bertha Hutchison and they, too, later divorced.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with President Ferrell King officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Martha Holcomb



BURLEY — Martha Schoessler Holcomb, age 91, of Woodburn, Ore., and a former long-time resident of Burley, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Colonial Gardens in Woodburn.

She was born March 2, 1917, in Yale, Idaho, the daughter of John and Katherine Elizabeth Braun Schoessler. She attended schools in American Falls, Idaho, and business school in Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Burton "Doc" Holcomb on July 27, 1937, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ogden, Utah.

She was an active member of the Burley United Methodist Church, the PEO Sisterhood, Better Homes and Garden Club, various bridge clubs, and in her younger years was a Campfire leader.

She is survived by her children, Burton Terrell (Kay) Holcomb of Portland, Ore., and Kay (Richard) Dutcher of Bremerton, Wash.; four step-granddaughters, Amy Dinmond, Lisa Kase, Lori Dinmond and Mary Roberts; and five step-great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Kase, Sydney Kase, Abigail Kase, Casey Roberts and Alec Roberts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burton; her beloved sister and best friend, Rachel Kircher; two additional sisters; and five brothers.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darcey Gritzmacher officiating. Urn placement will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Burley United Methodist Church Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Lawrence E. Friedrich



BURLEY — Lawrence Friedrich returned home to our Heavenly Father on Friday, May 30, 2008, at the age of 90, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 1, 1918, in Stoddard County, Mo. He resided in Burley for the past 50 years.

He married Dorothy Lawrence on Dec. 16, 1938, in Benton, Mo. She preceded him in death. He later married Donna W. Brinkerhoff. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the Philippines, and receiving a Bronze Star. He worked as a carpenter for many years and also worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 17 years. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and story teller.

He is survived by wife, Donna; his children, Donald Friedrich (Elaine), Kathleen Dick (Glenn), Doneva Sayler (Don), Brenda Betts, Ralph Friedrich (JoAnna), all from Burley; JoAnna Powers (Ernie) of Sparks, Nev., and 14 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren, as well as one brother and three sisters in Missouri, and also 10 stepchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Burley, with Pastor Sparks, Nev., officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, June 2, at the Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

SERVICES

J.R. Simplot of Boise and formerly of the Burley area, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Qwest Arena, between Fremont and Main streets on South Capital Boulevard in Boise (Summers Funeral Homes in Boise).

Evan O. Tyler of Twin Falls funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551

Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral Monday at the mortuary.

Edith Louise Taylor Warr of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m.

Monday at the church. Ryan Layne Barfuss of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS West Lake Center, 26 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Melvin G. Lewis of Caldwell and formerly of

the Burley/Rupert area, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Caldwell United Methodist Church in Caldwell.

Mary H. Harris of Boise, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

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NOTICE

Twin Falls Cemetery will begin clearing all flowers and personal items from graves beginning Tuesday June 3. Please have these items picked up by Monday June 2.

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Edward Jones

Larry D. 'Roundy' Miller

JEROME — Larry D. "Roundy" Miller, 64, of Jerome, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Jerome.

He was born Sept. 25, 1944, in Paragonville, Ark., the son of Donald Gene Miller and Dorothy D. R. n e W 11 1 a m s



Miller. He was raised in Bakersfield, Calif., and graduated from Arvin High School. He married Sharon Wood on June 10, 1969, in Las Vegas. Not They made their home in Bakersfield, where they raised two children. Larry spent most of his working life farming and truck driving. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. He was an all-around family man who loved to spend time with

his wife, children and grandchildren. Larry is survived by his wife, Sharon Miller; their children, Tammy (Teddy) Reeves and Bobby (Sandra) Miller, all of Jerome; five grandchildren, Darcy Talley, one brother, and Tracer; one grandson, David Herren; one sister, Michelle Blackwell; his lifelong friend, Adelph Hood; and many extended family members and friends. He died peacefully in death by his parents.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, ID 83336. A visitation will be held Tuesday evening, June 3, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome.

Donald C. Mahoney Sr.

DONALD C. MAHOONEY SR. passed away Thursday, May 27, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho. He passed away peacefully in sleep with his family nearby. He was born Oct. 11, 1917, in Waterbury, Conn., the son of Michael Mahoney and Helen Stieler Mahoney. He was the elder of two children. Don was raised in Waterbury and graduated from Cross High School. One of his fondest memories is of working on his uncle's dairy farm in Prospect, milking cows and making deliveries in his horse-drawn milk wagon. After high school, Don worked at the Waterbury Clock Co., where his father was employed. Soon after, he was apprenticed as a tool and die maker. Due to this specialized trade, he eventually moved his country through World War II, being first employed at the Torpedo Station in Providence, R.I., in 1942. There he met his future wife, Noreen Hamilton, who was working in the Tools and Dies Department. They married on June 7, 1943. They would have been married 65 years.



Don had a strong case of wanderlust. After their marriage, Don and Noreen moved to Somers, Mass., where their oldest daughter, Patty, was born. They soon left Somers for Los Alamos, N.M., where Don was a civilian employee of the Navy at the weapons, research and design laboratory, now known as Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he and others built the parts for the world's first atom bomb, known as "The Manhattan Project." After the war, they returned to Connecticut.

where their son, Donald Jr., was born. Next they traveled to Ridgecrest, Calif., where he was employed at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center. It was there that their third child, Kathy, was born. Corona, Calif., was the last stop, with employment at the Naval Ordnance Lab in Pomona, Calif., from which he retired in 1978. After retirement, Don and Noreen took to the road in their camper and traveled to many places, including Canada and around the North and Southwest. At various times, Don was a member of the Coronairs, Riverside Barbershop and St. Edwards Church Choir in Corona.

He bowled for many years with Noreen and friends on a league, and loved dancing at the German Club in Anaheim, Calif. He was also an avid woodcarver. They remained in Corona until 2003, when they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be near their youngest daughter, Kathy.

Donald is survived by his sister, Helen Bernier of Bethlehem, Conn.; his wife, Noreen; daughters, Patty Gregg of Walnut, Calif., and Kathy Morrison of Twin Falls; and his son, Donald Mahoney Jr. of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; his five grandchildren, Sarah Gregg of Walnut, Calif., Kristy Morrison of Twin Falls, Kerri (Brian) Metzger of Filer, Idaho, Michael Morrison of South Korea and Sean Mahoney of Coeur d'Alene; and one great-grandchild, Naryana Simon of Twin Falls.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Please join the family in celebrating Don's life by signing the online guestbook and viewing the video tribute at www.Mem.com.

Lillie Mae Alger

BUHL — Lillie Mae Alger, 83, of Buhl, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008, at her home in Buhl, Idaho.

Lillie was born at home, May 11, 1925, in Buhl. She went to Buhl schools for 11 years but graduated in Portland, Ore., in 1943. On Dec. 21, 1944, she married the love of her life, Ray A l g e r .



Together they farmed, and Lillie worked in retail sales for many years. She retired in the 1960s. Ray passed away in 1978.

Lillie enjoyed watching birds, crocheting, reading, cooking and gardening. She had a booming laugh and a beautiful smile. Lillie deeply loved her family and many friends. She cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived her daughter, Linda Rae (Larry) Miller of Buhl; grandchildren, Tom (Jodi) Quesnell of Sheridan, Wyo., Travis (Molly) Quesnell of Rapid City, S.D., Tomna Quesnell of Kimberly, Idaho; great-grandchildren, Tracy, Taylor, Abbie Rae, Trevor, Aspen and Collin; sisters, Shirley (Iyle) Washington of Wiggins, Utah, Marilyn (David) Prince of Littleton, Colo., and Joyce (Roger) Prince of Littleton, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside interment will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. June 3, at Lillie's residence at 1390 Miller Ave in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Donald Culley

PAUL — Donald Wayne Culley, 80, of Paul, died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

A graveside committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley; celebration of life will follow at noon at the Paul First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th E. (Glassman Funeral Home in Burley).

Marvin J. Heinrich

RUPERT — Marvin J. Heinrich, 86, of Rupert, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be

announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Don Jones

GOODING — Don Jones, of Gooding, died Friday May 30, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Ralph H. Watson

BOISE — Ralph H. Watson, 79, of Boise and formerly of Paul, died Friday, May 30, 2008, at an area hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

DEQ seeks comment on draft plan for air quality monitoring

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on the draft annual network plan that outlines how the agency intends to operate its air quality monitoring stations throughout the state during the next year.

The plan, subject to approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, contains information on former, existing and proposed air quality monitoring stations including their locations, sampling and analysis

methods, and operating schedules.

The draft plan can be found at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov> by selecting "Public Info & Input" on the left-hand side and clicking on "Public Comment Opportunities."

Written comments can be submitted to: Chris Ramsdell, Air Quality Division, DEQ, State Office, 1410 N. Hillton, Boise, ID 83706; fax (208) 373-0154; e-mail: christopher.ramsdell@deq.idaho.gov.

M.B. Bessire

Maydon B. Bessire, 64, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born Aug. 7, 1943, to Glen and Phyllis Bessire. M.B. spent his childhood in Idaho and later moved to Green River, Wyo., where he graduated from high school. In October 1962, he married Shelia Fowler in Paris, Idaho, and to this union two children were born, Blake and Shawn. M.B. and Shelia moved to Rock Springs, Wyo., where he ran the Chevron Station and did upholstery on the side. He later opened his own upholstery shop, "M.B.'s Custom Upholstery." He enjoyed doing upholstery in street rods and was very well known in the street rod association.



M.B. and Shelia owned a cabin at Boulder Lake in Hayden, Wyo., where he enjoyed fly fishing, spending time outdoors and just spending time at the cabin.

M.B.'s passion was for his family and everything he did for them. M.B. and Shelia moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1999, where he lived until his passing.

M.B. was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, NSRA and Magic Valley Speedway.

He is survived by his wife, Shelia Bessire; son, Blake Bessire; daughter, Shawn (Albert) Bazzanella; grandchildren, Chelsie and Albie Bazzanella, Joshua and Tyler Bessire; great-grandchild, Jayleah Bazzanella; brothers, Glenn (Wynne) Bessire, Duane (Carole) Bessire, Scott (Sandy) Bessire; sisters, Sadie (Glen) Breeding, DeAnn (Monty) Crawford, Susan (Kelli) Foster; and step-sisters, Vickie and Patsy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen, Phyllis and Thor Bessire.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Orpha Meacham

CAREY — Orpha Meacham, 93, died May 30, 2008, at the DeSano Assisted Living Center in Gooding, Idaho.

Orpha was born July 21, 1914, in Carey, Idaho, to Lafe and Lottie Smith. Her grandparents, Joseph H. and Ann Smith, were the first permanent settlers in the Carey valley, arriving in 1800 from Utah. She attended grade school in the Red Brick School that was located on what is now the Carey airport. When she was in eighth grade, she accompanied her mother and older brother, Cecil, to Salt Lake, where she attended school while her brother was taking art classes. The following year she reentered Carey school and attended high school there. During her sophomore year, the high school caught fire and burned, which made it necessary for the students to continue their education in the church house until the school could be rebuilt. Orpha graduated from Carey High School in 1931 and continued her education for another two years at Albion, where she obtained a lifetime teaching certificate from the state of Idaho. Later, she finished her undergraduate work at Idaho State University.



After graduating from Albion, Orpha returned to Carey to take her first teaching job in the Tikura School. It was located south of town and included seven students in five grades. The following 40 years she taught in Fish Creek, Picabo, Arco, American Falls, Gooding and Carey. The majority of those years were in the Carey schools, where she retired in 1979. She then, substituted for the Blaine County School District until she was 80 years old.

On Oct. 13, 1952, she was married to Lowell Meacham at a new LDS church in Elko, Nev. A year later, on May 29, 1953, they were sealed in the LDS temple at Cardston, Alberta, Canada. They returned to Carey and built their own log home on a ranch five miles north of town. To them were born two sons, Doug and Krea.

She is survived by her son, Krea (Valerie) of Cedar City, Utah; her two brothers, Marcellus (Ellouise) Smith of Siltus, Idaho, and Sherm (Clarita) Smith of Soda Springs; her sister-in-law, Marie Smith of Sommers, Mont.; and four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell; Sharlot Deloris (a daughter of a previous marriage); a son, Douglas Lowell; a brother, Cecil; a grandson, Kelly; and her parents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Carey LDS Church. The viewing will be at 12 p.m. at the church, and interment will follow the service at the Carey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it was her desire that donations be sent to the Carey School library in care of Amy Meacham, Carey School, Carey ID 83320. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Services in Gooding, Idaho.

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Together they farmed, and Lillie worked in retail sales for many years. She retired in the 1960s. Ray passed away in 1978.

Lillie enjoyed watching birds, crocheting, reading, cooking and gardening. She had a booming laugh and a beautiful smile. Lillie deeply loved her family and many friends. She cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived her daughter, Linda Rae (Larry) Miller of Buhl; grandchildren, Tom (Jodi) Quesnell of Sheridan, Wyo., Travis (Molly) Quesnell of Rapid City, S.D., Tomna Quesnell of Kimberly, Idaho; great-grandchildren, Tracy, Taylor, Abbie Rae, Trevor, Aspen and Collin; sisters, Shirley (Iyle) Washington of Wiggins, Utah, Marilyn (David) Prince of Littleton, Colo., and Joyce (Roger) Prince of Littleton, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside interment will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. June 3, at Lillie's residence at 1390 Miller Ave in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Grant will be used to record oral history from residents

JEROME — Jerome County Historical Society has received a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant, along with funds from the Jerome

Centennial Committee, will be used for equipment and training for recording oral history from local residents. A training seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 for volunteers to learn interviewing techniques and

how to use the recording equipment. To be a part of this training seminar or to be put on a list to be interviewed: Kim Lickley at 324-6963. Seating is limited for the training seminar.

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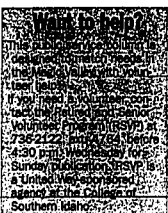
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Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers to assist with office work, patient assistance, fundraising, grocery shopping, yard work (at both hospice Visions Home and office) and grant writing. Information: Flo at 735-0121.

Volunteers — Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum is in need of a few retired farmers and ranchers to help with light clean up, building repairs and old machinery restoration at the farm museum in preparation for Live History Day June 14. The museum is northeast at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84. Information: Jim at 736-8696.

Volunteers — South Central Public Health District is in need of volunteers to lead the Fit and Fall Proof Exercise class in the Twin Falls, Burley and Albion areas. Volunteers will be trained. Information: 737-5988.

Donations/volunteers — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of summer clothing in all sizes, linens, pots and pans, kitchen items, irons, clocks, lamps, phones, vacuums, cleaners and household furniture. The center also is



looking for volunteers to tutor English as a second language or to be a social and cultural ambassador to a new family. Bring donated items to the office at 1526 Highland Ave. fr, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Information: Shannon, 736-2166; scp-stove@spr.net.

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5084.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is inviting caring people to be a part of the hospice team by making a difference for caregivers and

for those facing end-of-life issues. Information: Heidi, 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Internountain Hospice is in need of hospice volunteers to provide companionship, spiritual support and comfort, assistance with hobbies or projects, work with children, caregiver support, light housekeeping, developing office skills and fundraising education. Training is provided and begins Thursday. Information: Marcie, 678-8044.

Respite — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in Twin Falls for two to four hours, once a week. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Mentors — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteers, age 65 and older, in Jerome and Twin Falls counties to mentor children of prisoners. Volunteers must undergo a complete background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of one hour each week for one year.

Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, kvwhiting@coia.cs.edu.

Drivers — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 877-4872, ext. 2.

Volunteers — Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging, research and greeting the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Information: Darleen at 736-4675.

Volunteers/donations — Safe Harbor is in need of volunteers to help conduct a door-to-door survey. Volunteers will go in groups of two, so bring a friend. The nonprofit group also needs clothing donations (preferably for adults) and canned or packaged food for the pantry. Bring donated items to 2699 Flirt Ave. or to have items picked up. Phyllis, 735-8787.

DEQ submits crop burning plan to EPA

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has finalized its crop residue burning revision to the State Implementation Plan and will submit it to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the next step in allowing crop burning to resume in Idaho.

Field burning has been prohibited in Idaho since January 2007 as a result of a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling. The revision,

created by a group of government officials, farmers and environmentalists, was opened to public comment from April 2 to May 2. The plan simply awaits approval by the EPA before taking effect. Field burning could resume as soon as late summer or early fall, according to DEQ officials. For more information or to read the revision, visit http://www.deq.idaho.gov/alr/prog_idm/iss/burning/agricultural.cfm.

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Western

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way that store is working to support the coalition, store representative and coalition member Carlee Wunderlich said. The group also passed out surveys about perceptions of food safety in the region.

"We all want to feel good eating in restaurants," Wunderlich said.

Parade attendees lined the route, including residents of the Twin Falls Care Center, who have regularly been provided a tent to watch the parade for many years. But it was far from the only event planned Saturday morning.

For three years, members of Valley Christian Church at 1708 Hoyburn Ave. E have

held a large yard sale on the Saturday of Western Days. While the sale attracted a good number of shoppers before and after on Saturday, church member Dick Howard said, it was likely the last time the church will hold it. The people running it, he said, are just getting too old.

"The church's secret to

drumming up company? Same as the vendors set up in City Park, he said.

"If you offer food everyone will come," Howard said, pointing out the pies being cut in the church's kitchen.

Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

Float

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mark, he said he wasn't sure.

"That's the question," he said.

"It was good for our first protest, I think."

— Alisha Neal, high school student in favor of the GLBT float

The float seemed to produce little response from parade-goers, even when the group's name was announced as it passed City Park. At one point, attendees seemed to pay more attention to Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Larry Lattoco, who had fallen behind his own red convertible in the course of courting voters on foot.

The protest vocal group may have been a handful of high-school students set up a few blocks earlier with signs and T-shirts in support of the group. As the parade wrapped up around 10 a.m., the students said they received a few "death glares" but overall felt their morning had been a success, highlighting how unfairly they thought the center had been treated.

Silverstein said the center plans to submit for a float again next year, and that he hopes to sit down with someone from the event's board well in advance to work out any problems before they occur. Lisa Cuellar, chair-

woman of the Western Days board, said she was happy with the outcome and wouldn't have a problem with the group next year as long as they followed the same requirements — no rainbows, and nothing making it obvi-

ous who they are.

"That's all we would ask of them next year," she said.

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Nearby parade-goers willing to give their names seemed to support the float, or at least have no strong feelings against it.

"They can do whatever they want, long as they keep it away from me," said Twin Falls resident Stacy Randall.

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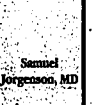
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
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As gas prices rise, so does theft at the gas pump

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Call it Pump and Run, or Gas and Dash. Whatever the case, police are seeing increasing numbers of gas thefts as the cost of fuel continues to rise. Fueling up and then leaving without paying has long been a fairly common problem. But Salt Lake Police Detective Jeff Bedard says they've seen a dramatic increase over the last six months.

"It's been a pretty quick jump," Bedard said.

Criminals have become more savvy, too. Some show up with stolen license plates — or have their plates blacked out — so they're harder to track down.

"Sometimes they've kept an old plate around, like in the garage, and place it on their vehicle," said Salt Lake County sheriff's deputy Levi Hughes.

As prices along the Wasatch Front hit \$4 per gallon, law enforcement officials fear the problem may worsen.

Aside from gas drive-offs and license plate switching, officers are keeping an eye out for people puncturing cars to steal the gas.

Earlier this spring, a minivan and a delivery truck owned by Alpine Medical Equipment were straddled: one had its gas tank drilled into and another had its fuel line cut. The crime left the company unable to deliver its supply of oxygen tanks, wheelchairs and other equipment to about 30 people.

Not only is puncturing gas tanks illegal, but it's dangerous, officers said. A spark could set off a disastrous fire.

Law enforcement officials are encouraging gas station owners to take preventative measures against gas theft.

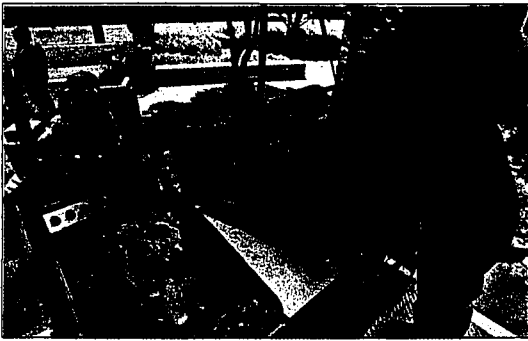
Many in Utah have already switched to prepay pumps. Police are also urging stations to install surveillance cameras at their pumps. Cameras, if well-placed,

can be a better tool than simply relying on attendants to jot down license plates of thieves. Hughes said that even if one or two letters or numbers is wrong, the thief probably won't get caught because it takes so much time to scroll through all of the plate number variations to find the right one.

Police in Salt Lake say they've been able to close about a dozen gas thefts by using information obtained from video surveillance.

Free-range ranchers prosper from changing tastes in fast food

By Jacob Adelman
Associated Press writer



Russell Nelson, right, serves K.C. Conarty, second from right, and Cindy Sheffield at Let's Be Frank, which uses grass-fed cows in its franks, May 21 in Coeur City, Calif. The fledgling chain of hot dog stands — two more operate in San Francisco — is among a small but thriving segment of the fast-food world that is offering the masses meats that were once confined to fancy restaurant menus.

LOS ANGELES — It's been said that hot dogs — like laws — are something you never want to see being made.

But Steve Elzer is glad to know what goes into the winners he buys from a new hot dog stand near his office — 100 percent grass-fed beef raised in the sunny, wind-swept pastures of California's Central Coast.

"I love the feel, the taste, the pedigree that this meat is free-range," the 46-year-old movie publicist said between bites at the chrome and ketchup-red Let's Be Frank stand.

The fledgling chain of hot dog stands — two more operate in San Francisco — is among a small but thriving segment of the fast-food world offering grass-fed and other naturally raised meats to the masses.

Others include Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., which operates more than 730 eateries in over 30 states, and Burgerville, which has 39 restaurants in Washington and Oregon.

These eateries and others are providing a new market for beef and pig ranchers around the country who eschew the widespread factory-farm model and instead raise animals the old-fashioned way in pastures and outdoor pens.

"They're a big part of our business," said Brian Kenny, a manager at Hearst Ranch in San Simeon, Calif., where Let's Be Frank buys beef.

"We've been growing with them."

It's difficult to put a price tag on the market for naturally raised meat, since it's produced on thousands of small ranches across the country, said Jo Robinson, who runs the EatWell.com Web site.

But Bob Goldin, executive vice president of Chicago-based food industry consultancy Technomic Inc., said the market for fast food prepared with such meat is bound to keep expanding as consumers grow increasingly

disenchanted with the industrial model of meat production.

A recent study funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts found that intensive industrial livestock production has yielded antibiotic-resistant bacteria, degraded the environment and devastated rural communities by replacing farm and ranch jobs with poorly paying feedlot positions.

By contrast, operations such as Hearst Ranch raise their animals without growth-promoting hormones or antibiotics, and don't confine their livestock to teeming feed lots.

"In the consumer's mind, there's a connection to better health and to better for the environment and to good corporate citizenship," Goldin said. "It's just starting, but I think it's going to be a very powerful movement."

Many customers are willing to pay a premium to feel better about their fast food.

For example, a hot dog at Let's Be Frank sells for \$5, while a meal costs about \$8 at Burgerville — a few dollars more than a typical fast food lunch.

Steaks and loins from naturally raised pigs and cattle have been an increasingly easy sell to fine restaurants and upscale supermarkets.

But until now, that hasn't been true for fattier, more sinewy cuts such as pork shoulder and beef chuck that ranchers have long been forced to sell at commodity prices.

The growing demand by fast-food chains for those cuts is becoming "part of a distribution chain to get our products to the public," said Paul Willis, who manages Niman Ranch Inc.'s network of some 600 small family farms that supply pork for Denver-based Chipotle.

"They became part of the solution to marketing the whole pig."

The natural offerings have helped Chipotle post 10 consecutive years of same-store sales growth, company spokesman Chris Arnold said.

Let's Be Frank co-owner Sue Moore said her stands have made enough money to cover the initial cost of marketing her winners to super-market chains.

Jack Graves, an executive

with Vancouver, Wash.-based Burgerville said the chain plans to add at least three new stores this year after finding success with its naturally raised beef burgers, shakes-from seasonal berries, and onion rings made from locally grown produce.

Country Natural Beef, a cooperative of 120 cattle ranchers in 15 states that supplies beef to Burgerville, also sells steak and round cuts to Whole Foods Market Inc. and other national grocers.

But having Burgerville as a customer for its chuck has allowed ranchers to earn a better return on each animal, said central Oregon rancher Doc Hatfield, who established the cooperative with his wife Connie.


The Niman Ranch pig-farming network, which raises animals on diets of corn and alfalfa, grew from about 100 small farms when it started supplying Chipotle earlier this decade to its current roster of 600, Willis said.

"We used to say that every time they opened a store, we could take on another farmer, but they grew faster than we did," he said.

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Plane crash kills former Reclamation boss and Arizona man

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — A former Bureau of Reclamation commissioner and an Arizona man died after their plane crashed in Canyonlands National Park.

The San Juan County Sheriff's Office says John W.

Keys III, 66, of Moab, and Gary Kramer, 49, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died when the plane went down around 10:30 a.m. Friday in the park's Needles District.

Keys was flying the Cessna 172 on a scenic flight over Canyonlands when it went

down. Keys worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for nearly 40 years and once served as the Pacific Northwest regional director.

The plane's wreckage was found Friday and the bodies were recovered. The crash is under investigation.

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Tropical Storm Arthur moving across Yucatan

By William Yasguire
Associated Press writer

AMBERGIS CAYE, Belize — A weak tropical storm formed Saturday off the Yucatan Peninsula and quickly made landfall along the border of Belize and Mexico, dumping rain and kicking up surf.

The first named storm of

the 2008 Atlantic Hurricane Season, Arthur was moving northwest across the Yucatan with maximum sustained winds near 40 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. It formed one day before the official start of the season June 1.

The storm hit land near the Mexican port city of Chetumal, dumping rain as

far south as Belize City and kicking up strong surf on the popular tourist island of Ambergris Caye.

Tropical storm warnings were issued for Belize and Mexico's Caribbean coastline.

In the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, which includes the popular resort of Cancun, ports were closed and all water sports were

banned. Residents and tourists were encouraged to take precautions in coastal areas, said state Civil Protection Director Carlos Rodriguez Hoy.

Ports were also closed on the islands of Cozumel and Isla Mujeres and in Chetumal, Rodriguez said authorities expected rains of up to a little more than 1 inch due to the

passing remnants of Arthur.

The storm was projected to weaken as it crosses Yucatan before moving out into the Gulf of Mexico as a tropical depression early Sunday.

There was chance it could strengthen back into a tropical storm before hitting Mexico's southern Atlantic coast on Wednesday, said Jamie Rhome, a meteorolo-

gist with the Hurricane Center. But it was not expected to become a hurricane.

At 2 p.m. EDT the storm's center was located about 50 miles northwest of Belize City.

The storm was expected to stay well away from the U.S. Gulf Coast. "This is not a danger to the United States," said Rhome.

Hurricane season outlooks of little use

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — Each April, weather wizard William Gray emerges from his burrow near the Rocky Mountains to offer his forecast for the six-month hurricane season that starts June 1. And the news media are there, breathlessly awaiting his every word.

It's a lot like Groundhog Day — and the results are worth just about as much.

"The hairs on the back of my neck don't stand up," hoots Craig Fugate, director of emergency management for Florida, the state that got raked by four hurricanes — three of them "major" — in 2004. When it comes to preparing, he says, these long-range forecasts "are not useful at all."



Beachgoers are shown along the strand at North Topsail Beach N.C., May 14. The island has ongoing difficulties with erosion that may make it particularly vulnerable to hurricane strikes.

After high-profile, back-to-back busts by Gray and others, critics have questioned whether these long-range outlooks do more harm than good. But the very question presupposes that Gray, et al., have been promising more than they can deliver.

They can pretty accurately predict an above- or below-average season, even predict the likelihood a major storm will hit SOMEWHERE along the U.S. coast. Beyond that, they're not promising anything.

"Honestly, I think people get a lot more excited about it than I do in terms of what its usefulness is," says CSU scientist Phil Klotzbach, who has largely taken over the hurricane work of Gray, now semi-retired.

From the beginning, Gray

issued disclaimers with his forecasts, like the one from May 1989 that asserted the forecast "can only predict about 50 percent of the total variability in Atlantic seasonal hurricane activity."

NC State's Liam Xie says in a boldface disclaimer in his 2008 forecast: "Results presented herein are for scientific information exchange only... Users are at their own risk for using the forecasts in any decision making."

So how did these things become such a big deal? Fugate thinks part of the problem is that the media and some public officials picked up the cloudy crystal ball and ran with it.

"Particularly national media has been using these forecasts inappropriately," he says. "I'm as guilty as anyone

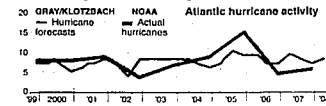
else."

Hurricane-prediction researchers are like chefs tinkering with a recipe for the same dish, and working from the same list of ingredients. In this case, decades worth of data from NOAA's National Center for Environmental Prediction.

Studying past seasons, scientists look for patterns that might explain why one year was more active than another. Teams have developed computer models that emphasize different conditions — everything from ocean salinity and rainfall amounts over West

Forecasting a daunting season

Former Colorado State University climatologist William Gray pioneered the hurricane predictions in 1984. Now that he is semi-retired, CSU scientist Phil Klotzbach has largely taken over the forecasting for the June 1 through Nov. 30 season.



NDTE: Initial forecast is released in December for the season; updated periodically. SOURCE: Climatologist William Gray and Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Africa to sinusoid cycles and the influences of the Pacific warm-water current known as El Niño.

They test their theories by "hindcasting" — basically, plugging in known conditions from past storm seasons and seeing how well the models recreate the historical results.

When Gray burst onto the scene a quarter century ago, some wondered what business a man nearly 2,000 miles from the Atlantic had predicting hurricanes. Still, writing about his predictions became a rite of spring. (The Associated Press transmits urgent stories for his initial Dec. 1 forecast, and for the April, June and August updates.)

Reporters would note when Gray missed, as in 1989 when he predicted a relatively mild season with only four hurricanes. Instead, a total of seven hurricanes and four tropical storms killed 64 people in the United States.

But most years, they have published his forecasts with little or no commentary on his overall record — or even analysis of how he'd fared the season before.

That is, until 2005. That spring, Gray and Klotzbach forecast 15 named storms, eight of them hurricanes. In fact, there were a record 28 named storms in 2005, including 15 hurricanes — most notably Katrina.

The following year, the team overestimated the storm activity. Instead of the predicted 17 storms and nine hurricanes, the final numbers that season were 10 and five.

Coincidentally, 2005 was also the year Xie and his students published a journal "breaking paper in the ground," "Geophysical Research Letters." In it, they suggested that the interplay of sea surface temperatures in the tropical North and South Atlantic, and not El Niño, was responsible for Florida's disastrous 2004 season.

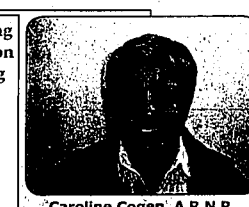
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FCC scrutiny of phone fees may broaden

By Cecilia Kang
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A planned federal hearing on penalties that cellphone users pay for canceling their contracts early may be expanded to include a discussion on similar fees for ending cable and Internet services ahead of schedule, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said in an interview.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said the June 12 hearing on early-termination fees will be broad-reaching, an attempt to rein in complaints that have begun to spread to other industries.

"The issue has been highlighted in the context of the wireless industry, but what I'd also point out is that this is a practice that seems to be migrating to other platforms," Martin said in the interview Friday. "To the extent that the commission takes action and says that these kinds of practices are reasonable and that are not, that could have implications for other industries."

The attention to cancellation fees illustrates a growing frustration among consumers, who spend an average of \$200 each month for wireless phone, cable and

A softer view of early cancellation

WASHINGTON — The major wireless companies are softening their policies on early-termination fees, knocking off \$5 for each month of service.

COMPANY: Verizon Wireless
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PRORATED AS OF: Nov. 11, 2007

COMPANY: AT&T
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FEE: \$200
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— The Washington Post

Internet services. Many see the fees as an unfair penalty that makes it difficult to switch providers. Early-termination fees were among the five most common complaints by cellphone users, who filed 20,300 service-related complaints in 2007, according to the FCC.

Many wireless companies are fighting lawsuits seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in fees that have been collected from former subscribers. Cable, DSL Internet

and paid television services such as Verizon's FiOS also have had an increase in complaints from consumers about early-termination fees. Now wireless carriers are pushing a policy that, if adopted, could provide relief from the fines, which typically range from \$150 to \$200. Verizon and AT&T have recently softened their policies, with prorated plans that would knock down the penalty by \$5 for each month of service. T-Mobile intends to introduce a similar plan next month; Sprint has promised to do so by the end of the year. The proposals being discussed by carriers and the FCC would provide more safeguards, such as a 30-day grace period and no penalties for subscribers who extend their contracts.

In exchange, carriers are asking for protection from the numerous lawsuits underway in California and other state courts.

"This is less about the revenues the carriers will lose because of the (fee) issue and more about the lawsuits and how this will lessen the lock that carriers have on customers," said Rebecca Aronson, an analyst at the brokerage and investment banking firm Stifel Nicolaus. Wireless carriers, however, argue that cancellation fees

are linked to the discounts they provide for cellphones. They say they are able to offer cheap phones because they pick up much of the costs charged by manufacturers. Those costs are made up over the length of a one- to two-year contract, they say.

Early-termination fees "are critical to keeping wireless rates affordable and in-the-economic fibres that becomes even more critical," said Joe Faren, a spokesman for CTIA, a trade group that represents the wireless industry.

It's the same argument the carriers have made for why they have in some cases locked their phones, or made them unusable on competing networks. The Supreme Court, however, recently upheld the right of consumers to pursue a class-action suit against T-Mobile and AT&T in their phone-locking policies. Verizon Wireless and Sprint Nextel agreed to provide the software code to unlock cellphones after customers nationwide have completed their original contract.

At stake is \$1 billion in potential damages faced by Verizon Wireless in a class-action suit in California on termination fees. A similar suit is underway against Sprint Nextel in a

California court.

Consumer groups are calling for carriers to explain what kinds of costs are put into an early-cancellation fee on cellphones, cable and other paid television, and Internet services.

"We'd rather see carriers hang on to customers through better quality of service — and — competitive prices rather than locking people into indentured servitude," said Chris Murray, senior counsel for Consumers Union.

In response, the carriers have renewed a lobbying effort in recent weeks to persuade the FCC on a legal definition that would stave off

the state lawsuits on cancellation fees. On May 6, 2008, Verizon Wireless chief executive Lowell McAdam and the company's chief lobbyist, Tom Tanke, met with Martin, urging him to adopt a federal policy, according to FCC records.

They are pushing the agency to rule that cancellation fees are part of the rates carriers charge their customers, as opposed to a fee. That distinction would put early-termination fees under the supervision of the FCC, which could then adopt a federal policy. That would preempt lawsuits currently underway or about to begin in state courts.

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AP NEWS ANALYSIS U.S. terrorism list also a political tool

By Foster Klug
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — North Korea has not been linked to a terrorist attack in more than two decades, but it is still on the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism. Now, it may be on the verge of the coveted goal of getting removed — for reasons having little to do with terrorism.

Meanwhile, Washington has what appears to be fresh evidence that Venezuela supported Colombian guerrillas that the U.S. considers terrorists. Yet the terrorism list does not include Venezuela, a major oil supplier to the United States.

Nearly three decades after its inception, the state sponsors of terrorism list is not just about terrorism. It has become a diplomatic tool to win concessions from U.S. adversaries eager to end the stigma and sanctions that come with the designation. It may also be too blunt a tool to be used against strategically important countries, even if the terrorism link appears clear-cut.

The United States has many headaches for people, groups and countries it deems unsavory. But the state sponsors of terrorism list has perhaps the highest profile, though only five countries are on it: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria.

Those countries designated by the U.S. face restrictions on foreign aid, a ban on defense sales and other sanctions that can hinder their acquiring U.S. technology or doing business with U.S. financial institutions. The penalties can extend beyond U.S. borders. The United States will use its weight at the United Nations and world financial organizations to try to block assistance to designated countries. The designation could also discourage U.S. allies and multinational corporations from dealing with the designated nations.

By contrast, getting off the list is a sign of a return to the global community.

"This is exactly the purpose: to offer carrots and sticks to engage states and then get states to desist from activities that we think are harmful to America," Hoffman said.

The president may rescind the terror designation by submitting a report to Congress. But if a country has changed policies and has provided assurances that it will not support future acts of terror.

But terrorism often is not

the only factor that determines whether a country will be removed.

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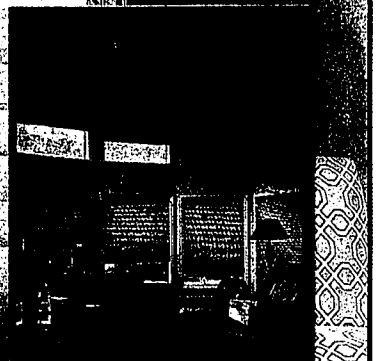
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Red Wings grab 3-1 lead over Penguins with 2-1 win



Detroit Red Wings forward Jiri Hudler celebrates his goal during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, Saturday.

By Iva Poddell
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Detroit Red Wings "wrecked" the Pittsburgh Penguins' home-ice advantage and gave themselves a shot to hoist the Stanley Cup in Hockeytown.

Jiri Hudler snapped a third-period tie for the Red Wings, who rallied from an early deficit to beat the Penguins 2-1 Saturday night and grab a 3-1 lead in the finals.



Detroit will get the first three potential chances to win the Cup back home in Game 5 on Monday night.

The Penguins were a perfect 9-0 in the Igloo during the postseason and hadn't lost at home since falling in a shootout to San Jose on Feb. 24 — a span of 17 games. Now they will have to figure out how to win at Joe Louis

Arena to force the series back to Pittsburgh for Game 6.

That'll be a tough task indeed considering they couldn't even score a goal in two games there to open the series.

Six teams have survived long enough to reach Game 7 after trailing 3-1 in the finals, but only the 1997 Toronto Maple Leafs — who fell behind 3-0 to the Red Wings — came all the way back to win.

Pittsburgh would have to win twice in Motown, where the Red Wings are 9-1 during the postseason, to capture the Stanley Cup for the third time. Detroit is on the brink of title No. 11 and its fourth in 11 seasons.

Chris Osgood made 22 saves to improve to 13-3 in the postseason. He has allowed four goals in the series. Fleury stopped 28 shots.

Pittsburgh had a golden chance to tie it just past the midway point of the third when Andreas Lilja's interference penalty on Sidney Crosby gave

the Penguins a 5-on-3 power play for 1:27. Crosby had the best scoring opportunity, but Selke Trophy finalist Henrik Zetterberg tied up the Penguins' captain's stick at the right post and didn't allow him to get off a shot.

With less than a minute left in the advantage, Penguins coach Michel Therrien called timeout to give his struggling power-play unit a rest. It didn't help.

Evgeni Malkin put a shot off the outside of the net, and the red goal light switched on — giving the home fans false hope.

The night didn't start out in the Red Wings' favor, even though an octopus splattered in the Pittsburgh end near the completion of the national anthem. Dallas Drake took a roughing penalty that led to Marian Hossa's power-play goal early in the first, before Nicklas Lidstrom tied it for the Red Wings 4:15 later.

Who are these guys?

Many collegians who declared for NBA draft face long odds

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Keith Brumbaugh doesn't want to hear the odds.

He doesn't want to hear the irrefutable numbers, that there are far more players on the court at the NBA pre-draft camp than there are available spots in the June 26 draft. Doesn't want to hear that the overwhelming majority of players at the Disney complex near Orlando won't be in the league next year, either.

It's not a harsh assessment. It's simple math. The demand for jobs in the NBA just exceeds the supply, plain and simple.

But to someone like Brumbaugh, these days, it's easier to shun reality.

He's never been closer to his dream. He's got to get there. Right?

"I'm trying to make my own reality right now," Brumbaugh said. "I don't have a magic ball. This is my first time officially really playing in a game where scouts are seeing me. So I'm optimistic."

So was everyone else wearing the NBA-issued blue and white jerseys that served as their uniforms during the last week of May. For some, this is just the start. For others, this might be the only time they play before the likes of Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Pat Riley, whether they want to realize that or not.

The names of 60 players will be called on draft night. And 69 players who still had college eligibility applied for those spots — some of which will be gobbed up by graduating collegians and international players.



Keith Brumbaugh (33) from Hillsborough (Fla.) Community College tries to squeeze in between Kentucky's Joe Crawford (16) and Vanderbilt's Shan Foster (38) at the NBA pre-draft camp in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Thursday. Brumbaugh, the leading NCAA scorer this season, is one of many players facing long odds to be selected in this year's draft.

"You just want to believe, man, there's still a chance, still a chance, still a chance."

— NBA Draft hopeful Keith Brumbaugh

Derrick Rose and Michael Beasley, their spots are obviously safe.

Brumbaugh and dozens of other campers might be looking for a miracle.

"You just want to believe,

man, there's still a chance, still a chance, still a chance," Brumbaugh said. "I guarantee there isn't one person out here saying, 'I'm not going to get drafted.' Not one person. And I'm definitely one of them."

He says it matter-of-factly, absolute in his belief. Maybe he's on to something. Hey, he's beaten long odds before.

He was Florida's high school "Mr. Basketball" in 2005, declared for the NBA draft, then pulled out and decided to enroll at Oklahoma State, one of the hundreds of colleges that do D2

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L.A. native Pierce leads the other side

By Jimmy Golien
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Paul Pierce grew up in Los Angeles watching the Lakers play the Celtics for NBA titles. Now he's the captain of the Boston team that is back in the finals for the first time since losing to the Lakers in 1987.

"As a kid, I hated the Celtics," Pierce said Friday night after Boston eliminated Detroit to advance to the NBA finals and a matchup with the Lakers.

"I'm going back home to play against my team that I grew up watching. It's a dream come true, man, just thinking about it. I think that rivalry really revolutionized the game of basketball, and now I'm a part of it."

The Celtics have won an NBA-record 16 championships, the last of them over Houston in 1986 to interrupt a run in which Larry Bird and Magic Johnson faced Game 1: 7 p.m., Thursday

NBA Finals
Lakers at Celtics

TV: ABC

While the Lakers beat the Celtics in 1987, won again against Detroit in '88 and then added three more trophies in the Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal era, the Celtics have missed the playoffs entire nine times from 1994-2007. Twice, the team all-but tanked the season in the hopes of winning big in the draft lottery; twice they failed.

There was a time, in fact, when the Celtics legacy was a burden on the team. The constant reminders of the past finally forced Rick Pitino to the breaking point, with his memorable rant that Larry Bird, Kevin

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Martin Truex looks to rediscover winning ways at Dover

By Dan Gelsston
Associated Press writer

DOVER, Del. — Martin Truex Jr. remembered it all. Every minor race, all the hard work tinkering with cars, even the failures were on his mind as drove toward the finish line with the lead.

Truex spent a lifetime imagining the feeling of winning a Cup race. Now, he was about to live it for real at Dover.

"It's a sweet feeling, man," Truex said.

One year after his first career Cup victory, Truex still thinks often about how much it meant to take the checkered flag so close to his hometown. Right now, the enthusiasm of recalling the win is tempered by a cruel reality for the DEI driver now International Speedway.

"It's been a long year since," Truex



said on Saturday. "We need to get back into Victory Lane."

Truex has failed to build on last season when he earned a spot in the Chase and appeared on the brink of becoming one of the next elite drivers. Truex, of nearby Myrtle, N.J., has slumped this season with only three top 10s and holds 15th place in the Sprint Cup Series points standings. He's 163 points out of 12th, the cutoff for the Chase, and knows he needs to get the No. 1 Chevrolet going strong soon to turn the season around.

Career victory No. 1 is stuck as his only Cup win.

"The results tell a different story. He finished 34th last week at Charlotte after a multi-car, wreck knocked him out. Truex had two

other finishes in the 30s in the previous five races, with a blown engine in Texas and another late-race accident at Talladega spilling what had been solid gains.

"My luck is terrible," he said. "Every time we run good, something bad happens. We had a shot at winning a couple of races last year and things would happen. It's hard to be the leader at the end of 500 miles."

Truex qualified 20th for Sunday's 400-mile race at Dover and hopes the mile-long concrete track can spark his season. He also has two Nationwide Series wins and another top 10 in the Cup Series.

There must be something about the concrete that suits his driving style.

"It seems like one of those places where it changes a lot throughout the weekend and we always hit on something that works for us," Truex said.

Hamlin wins Nationwide race

By Dan Gelsston
Associated Press writer

DOVER, Del. — Denny Hamlin made it nine victories for Joe Gibbs Racing in the Nationwide Series this season, leading all but 69 laps to win Saturday night at Dover International Speedway.

Rookie phenom Joey Logano finished sixth in his NASCAR national-level debut, running near the front of the 200-mile race with veterans such as Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle and JGR teammate Hamlin.

The 19-year-old Logano drove the No. 20 Toyota, that entered leading the Nationwide Series in owner points and has won six races in 14 starts this season with

Kyle Busch, Hamlin and Tony Stewart behind the wheel.

Edwards, who started on the pole, was second. David Stremme was third and David Reutimann fourth.

Logano was eligible to drive once he turned 18 last week, and JGR immediately put him to work. Logano expected better than sixth in his Nationwide debut.

"It ain't much in my book," Logano said.

The race was delayed three hours by rain, but ended with the one and the only concrete track dry. The race looked like a replay of last September's race on the Monster Mile when Hamlin dominated in that win.

Big Brown gets fresh sutures in hoof

NEW YORK (AP) — Big Brown has new sutures in his hoof, and trainer Kirk Dautrow Jr. says his unbeaten colt "knows it's time to get ready" for a shot at the Triple Crown.

There was concern when Big Brown raised three days of training this week with a slight crack on the inside of the left front hoof. Hoof specialist, lan McKinlay inserted steel sutures Monday to pull the crack together and changed them Saturday.

"The little crack looks like it's in pretty good shape," Dautrow said from Belmont

Park. "It's not bugbling the horse in any kind of way, lan is very happy with it. We're right on course, right on target."

Big Brown, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, will try to become the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978 when he goes in the 196-mile Belmont Stakes on June 7.

"It's ready to do what we want him to do," Dautrow said. "He's ready to do more right now. We can feel it. He knows the time to get ready to do something to keep his mind

right and his fitness."

Big Brown went for a routine gallop Saturday morning at Belmont and Dautrow was happy with the condition of the track.

"I really liked it," Dautrow said. "It had a really nice cushion. That's what I'd like to see him run on, but come game time, we're going to run on whatever is out there. We'll be ready. We won't have an excuse."

McKinlay said he "put in a new set of wires and drew it down nice and tight." Big Brown, he added, is

responding well.

"When you push on it now, he doesn't even feel it," he said.

McKinlay also intensified the solution of alcohol and iodine to ward off possible infection.

"We changed the solution and made it a little stronger," he said. "By Monday, it should be in fabulous shape."

The final step will be the application of a protective adhesive patch next week, tentatively on Monday. Big Brown will have his final workout after the patch is applied.

Celtics-Lakers breakdown

A capsule look at the NBA Finals between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers, which begins Thursday night:

BOSTON CELTICS (68-16)
vs. L.A. LAKERS (67-25)
Starters
Celtics — G Kendrick Perkins (7.2 ppg, 6.8 rpg), F Kevin Garnett (21.1 ppg, 9.8 rpg), F Paul Pierce (19.0 ppg, 5.1 rpg), G Ray Allen (14.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg), G Rajon Rondo (10.5 ppg, 6.6 apg, 4.2 rpg).
Lakers — C Pau Gasol (17.7 ppg, 8.9 rpg), F Lamar Odom (14.7 ppg, 10.3 rpg), F Vladimir Radmanovic (8.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg), G Kobe Bryant (31.9 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 5.8 ppg), G Derek Fisher (10.0 ppg, 2.2 apg).

Key Reserves
Celtics — F James Posey (6.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg), G Sam Cassell (4.7 ppg, 1.2 rpg), F PJ Brown (2.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg), G Eddie House (1.2 ppg), F Leon Powe (4.6 ppg, 2.5 rpg), F Glen Davis (2.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg).
Lakers — G Sasha Vujacic (8.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg), F Luke Walton (7.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg), G Jordan Farmer (5.1 ppg, 1.3 rpg), F Ronny Turiaf (2.1 ppg, 1.8 rpg).
Season Series: Celtics, 2-0. Winning by a combined 32 points. However, both meetings came in late 2007, long before the Lakers acquired Gasol to give Bryant some much-needed help. Bryant averaged 25 points but shot just 32.6 percent against Boston. Odom managed only 3.4 points, also hitting one-third of his shots. Garnett averaged 21.5 points and 4.5 rebounds, while Pierce averaged 26.5 per game, including 33 in the Celtics' 110-91 romp in Los Angeles on Dec. 30, when the Lakers struggled

while wearing throwback "short" shorts in the first half. Storyline: The NBA's most storied rivalry returns with the 11th NBA finals matchup between the teams. Boston won the first eight before the Lakers took the last two with victories in 1985 and '87. The Celtics hadn't been back, until riding the All-Star trio of Garnett, Pierce and Allen to a league-best 66 wins. But the Lakers have been the best team in the postseason, winning 12 of 15 games behind league MVP Bryant, who won three titles from 2000-02. A victory gives Lakers coach Phil Jackson a 10th title, which would break a tie with the Celtics' Red Auerbach.

Key matchup 1: Allen vs. Bryant. Just when Allen appeared to snap out of his postseason shooting slump, he now has to play against Bryant, a tenacious defender who will try to keep Allen from getting in a rhythm. Bryant has followed his first MVP award by leading all players in postseason scoring, and after taking apart San Antonio in the Western Conference finals, he now turns his attention to the Celtics, who held teams to the lowest shooting percentage in the league this season.

X-factor: Cassell and House. Bryant could make things difficult for Allen, and Rondo struggles from the perimeter, so the Celtics probably have to look elsewhere for someone to hit from the outside. Cassell and House have shot poorly and seen their minutes slashed, but their playing time will increase if they can come off the bench and knock down a couple of jumpers.

Prediction: Lakers in seven.

Finals

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McHale and Robert Parish aren't walking through that door.

But — cheerleaders aside — the new owners have embraced the history.

"The whole reason to buy this team was to be trustees for the past," Wyc Grosbeck, one of the partners who bought the team in 2002 and named their company Banner 17, said Saturday. "We're trustees of one of the great franchises in the history of sports, and we're trying to extend the past. The legacy's the whole idea."

Ray Allen got his first taste of it when Los Angeles visited in November. "The crowd broke into a 'Beat LA!' chant, and the building was abuzz.

"Somebody asked me in the beginning of the year what was like to be a part of it, and I said, 'Well, we haven't been a part of it yet, because we haven't created our own rivalry,'" he said. "And it would take us to play in The Finals to create that rivalry, and here we are."

Kevin Garnett, who also joined the Celtics this off-season to form the final piece of the new Big Three, is not just a new comer to the rivalry; like Pierce and Allen, he's also a newcomer



Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce (34) kisses the NBA Eastern Conference finals trophy in Auburn Hills, Mich., Friday. The Celtics defeated the Detroit Pistons 89-81 to advance to the NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers.

to the NBA finals.

"This is my first Finals, my second or third Lakers-Celtics game," Garnett said. "I'm looking forward to it — all the things I used to watch on Sunday, that big plate of food in front of me watching the Lakers and Celtics play on Sunday. Hubie Brown and Dick Stockton doing the game. I remember that like it

was yesterday.

"Fire going. I'm gonna grab me a seat right in front. Mom telling me, 'Don't get too close to the TV. I'll kill your eyes.' I remember it like it was yesterday, man. I'm looking forward to this.

Boston beat the Lakers both times they met this season, winning 107-94 at home on Nov. 23, and 110-91 in Los

Angeles on Dec. 30.

"I thought the atmosphere was nuts in LA, and I told the guys after the game, 'Boy, it would be great if we could see them again.'" Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "The only way we could have seen them again would be the finals. That's the way it should be. We'll see as far as I'm concerned."

Draft

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the lanky 6-foot-9 player who averaged more than 30 points per game as a senior at Deland High, not far from the site of the pre-draft camp.

"His troubles were already beginning.

The NCAA questioned his ACT score, forced him to retake the standardized test, and Brumbaugh simply couldn't get the required score for college eligibility. He started having run-ins with police and running with the wrong sort of people. He got arrested six times, for things ranging from evading police to weapons possession. He eventually spent 77 days in jail, his only sentence being that guards at one of the two facilities he spent time at had taken a liking to him and decided to let him work out, alone, starting at 6:30 every morning.

"I've been down, man," Brumbaugh said. "Sitting behind them bars, man, come on. Sitting behind them bars, that's not a place for an aspiring basketball player. After that, I'm just trying to will my way back to the top."

"It's not easy to do that at a pre-draft camp, where players are assigned to teams and play three scrimmages under the watchful eyes of virtually every executive and scout in the league.

Out of last year's pre-draft camp, only 20 players were drafted, with only three of those making their way into the first round.

Most of the 20 were veritable non-factors in the NBA draft season. A handful didn't even make it into the league. To some, that's sobering news.

"It's like starting all over at the pre-draft camp," said Mike Taylor, who starred for Iowa State before being dismissed from the program and taking his game to the NBA Development League this past season.

Taylor could be the first player from the League to get drafted. He scored 27



Michael Jordan, part-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats, watches workouts during the NBA pre-draft camp in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Wednesday.

points in the league's championship game, helping the Idaho Stampede win the title.

Having some experience at the pro level gives Taylor a leg up in this camp, where just about everyone else is a collegian.

That doesn't mean he believes getting his name called on June 26 is a slam-dunk.

"After I left school, I was at home for three months and I couldn't get into a gym. I had a lot of downtime to think," Taylor said. "It humbled me. And it made me decide that if I ever got the chance again to make my dream of becoming a professional basketball player happen, I was going to do it. Doors have been opened for me. I need to be ready for the opportunity."

That's Brumbaugh's philosophy as well.

He's had some moments during the camp. Several scouts commented on how they like his energy. He's a better ballhandler than some of them expected; since he played at Hillsborough Community College this season, his 35 points-per-game average leading the NJCAA by a huge margin, some scouts hadn't seen much of Brumbaugh in years.

However, scouts from three different franchises all said essentially the same thing: "The NBA isn't for him quite yet."

That will be the reality for most players here, and in

some cases. It does hit home.

NBA officials held a meeting at the start of the camp, asking players what they wanted to get out of the week. Of the five or six dozen players in the room, one — Charles Rhodes of Mississippi State — offered the most succinct answer.

"I want a job," Rhodes said.

North Carolina's Ty Lawson is one of the lucky ones at the camp. If he doesn't believe that he'll be a top-20 pick in the draft, he'll head back to the Tar Heels and play in one of college basketball's most storied programs for another season. He has options. He doesn't feel the

same pressure as players like Brumbaugh.

"It hits home for a lot of people that this is their job, this is what they want to do for the rest of their life, or try to do, anyway," said Lawson, the Heels' star point guard. "It's not easy. You can't think about that on the court. You've just got to play your game and do your best and let things happen."

Enstorf said that done, especially for Brumbaugh.

Life got away from him for a few years. He blew some golden opportunities. But now he's the father of a 17-month-old girl. He's changed his cell phone number countless times, trying to keep the bad influences from his past out of his life. And he already feels he's overcome some things far tougher than trying to make the NBA.

"It's a personal thing for me right now," Brumbaugh said. "I'm about business, man. I've learned from my mistakes. I've paid my dues. I'm ready to just play basketball and get back to being a basketball player. And I'm in it for the long haul. I've been playing basketball since I was 7 years old. I come from a fleet of athletes in my family. And we aren't quitters."

NO WORRIES



NBA Draft hopefuls O.J. Mayo, right, and Michael Beasley share a light moment at the NBA's pre-draft camp in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Friday. Mayo and Beasley, both star-fire first-round picks, don't face the pressure or the long odds players like Keith Brumbaugh will experience as the draft nears.

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Griffey hits No. 599 in Reds win

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 599th career home run Saturday, leaving him one shy of a seldom-reached mark, and Jay Bruce extended his amazing weeklong debut with a 10th-inning homer that lifted the Cincinnati Reds to an 8-7 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Bruce's first big league homer off Manny Acosta (2-2) sent another crushing road defeat to the Braves, who couldn't hold a one-run lead heading into the ninth.

Griffey was on deck when Bruce connected for the game-winning solo shot. The 21-year-old, rookie rounded the bases, flipped his helmet into the air halfway to home, then got pummeled by teammates who had hopped on the plate.

The first-year prospect is 11-for-19 in his first five games in the majors, providing one big hit after another. He has a pair of three-hit games and a four-hit game.



Cincinnati Reds right fielder Ken Griffey Jr. watches his two-run home run during Saturday's game in Cincinnati. The home run was the 599th of Griffey's career.

improved to 25-4 at Wrigley Field this season and handed the Rockies their sixth straight loss.

Ryan Dempster (7-2) struggled with his command and lasted just five innings, but managed to get the win. He walked four, hit a batter with a pitch and was charged with three runs and three hits.

PIRATES 14, CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS — Luis Rivas hit his first career grand slam and Xavier Nady and Ronny Paulino drove in three runs apiece for Pittsburgh.

Nady hit a three-run double in a four-run first and Rivas finished a five-run third with a two-out drive to left-center. Rivas' third home run of the season came on the second pitch he saw from Kelvin Jimenez, who entered to face Rivas in relief of rookie starter Mike Parisi (0-2).

BREWERS 4, ASTROS 1

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets got within one out of pitching his third complete game of the season, and Prince Fielder and Russell Branyan homered for Milwaukee.

Sheets left after walking Lance Berkman in the ninth inning, but Sidom Torres came on to get Carlos Lee to fly out for his fifth save. Sheets (6-1) gave up seven hits while striking out five to win for just the second time this month.

PADRES 5, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Josh Banks pitched a six-hitter for his first career complete game and sent the Padres to their fifth win in six games.

Banks had a shutout going into the ninth, but allowed Aaron Rowand's RBI single.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run single in San Diego's four-run first as San Diego staked Banks (2-0) to a comfortable cushion, and added another RBI single in the seventh that scored his big brother, Edgar.

—The Associated Press

DIAMONDBACKS 4, NATIONALS 0

PHOENIX — Brandon Webb threw his eighth career shutout, Mark Reynolds homered twice and Arizona snapped a five-game losing streak.

Webb (10-2) scattered six singles in his second complete game of the year and 14th of his career. He struck out eight and hit two.

Reynolds hit solo shots off Jason Bergmann (1-2) in the second and the seventh for his 10th and 11th homers. Reynolds also made a sprawling over-the-shoulder catch to rob Dmitri Young of a hit in the ninth.

MARLINS 7, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Ricky Nolasco pitched 6-2 strong innings and Florida roughed up Cole Hamels in a victory that ended Philadelphia's five-game winning streak.

Luis Gonzalez hit a go-ahead two-run homer and Cody Ross and Jorge Cantu also went deep for the upstart Marlins, who moved back into first place in the

NL East — a half-game ahead of the Phillies.

Chase Utley hit his major league-leading 19th homer for Philadelphia. Utley also leads the NL with 49 RBIs.

METS 3, DODGERS 2

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran hit a tying homer and Fernando Tatis singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning for the Mets.

Mike Pelfrey tossed seven solid innings to keep New York close, making a strong case to stay in the majors. Stuffed all afternoon by Los Angeles starter Chad Billingsley, the Mets came back against Jonathan Broxton (2-2) in the eighth to win for the fourth time in five games following a 1-7 skid.

CUBS 5, ROCKIES 4

CHICAGO — Alfonso Soriano homered and drove in three runs to help Chicago earn its sixth straight win.

The NL Central-leading Cubs

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American League									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	LD	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Tampa Bay	34	22	.607	—	7.3	W2	23.10	13.12	1.2
Boston	34	22	.607	—	7.3	W2	21.5	13.19	3.0
Toronto	31	26	.544	3.6	8.2	W3	15.11	16.15	2.1
New York	28	27	.509	5.9	8.2	W3	14.12	14.12	0.2
Baltimore	26	28	.481	7.8	13.6	W3	16.10	10.18	2.1

National League									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	LD	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	30	25	.545	—	2.5	L2	13.9	17.16	3.0
Atlanta	28	27	.509	2	5.5	L2	17.12	15.12	1.2
Cleveland	25	30	.455	5	7	L1	16.16	9.14	0.3
Detroit	23	32	.418	7	8.5	L1	12.14	11.18	0.2
Kansas City	22	34	.393	8.6	1.9	W1	11.16	11.18	2.1

National League									
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	LD	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Los Angeles	32	24	.571	—	2.4	L2	16.13	16.11	2.1
Oakland	29	27	.515	1.6	1.2	L1	17.12	15.12	1.2
Texas	29	28	.509	3.7	2.3	W2	14.11	15.17	2.1
Seattle	21	35	.375	11	3.7	W1	14.15	7.20	2.1

American League									
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	LD	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Florida	31	23	.574	—	2.4	W1	18.12	13.14	1.2
Philadelphia	31	23	.574	—	2.4	W1	17.12	15.12	1.2
Atlanta	29	27	.518	1.6	1.2	L2	22.17	7.20	2.1
New York	27	27	.500	4	5.5	W1	16.11	11.16	2.0
Washington	24	33	.421	8.9	4.6	L1	13.15	11.18	1.2

American League									
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	LD	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	31	21	.625	—	7.3	W6	25.8	10.13	0.0
St. Louis	33	24	.579	2.4	1.1	L1	20.12	13.12	2.1
Houston	27	28	.508	5.6	2.6	L4	15.9	15.18	1.2
Milwaukee	28	30	.481	7	6.4	W2	15.10	13.18	0.3
Cincinnati	27	29	.482	6	6.4	W2	18.10	9.19	3.0
Pittsburgh	26	29	.473	8.6	5.5	W1	15.11	11.18	0.0

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
Saturday's Games									
Boston 5, Baltimore 2, 13 innings	Tampa Bay 2, Chicago White Sox 1								
Cleveland 3, Oakland 1	N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 5								
Oakland 5, Kansas City 4	Toronto 10, L.A. Angels 4								
Detroit 7, Seattle 4									

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
Saturday's Games									
Seattle 5, Detroit 0	Tampa Bay 2, Chicago White Sox 0								
Boston 6, Baltimore 3	N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 12								
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2	Texas 8, Oakland 4								
Toronto at L.A. Angels, late									

Sunday's Games									
Chicago (Colo 2) at Baltimore (Bres 4)	11:35 a.m.								
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2) at Tampa Bay (Seminzine 6)	3:11 a.m.								
N.Y. Yankees (Rasner 3) at Milwaukee (Backlund 4)	12:10 p.m.								
Cleveland (Burdette 2) at St. Louis (Lincecum 4)	12:10 p.m.								
Oakland (Smith 3) at Texas (Feldman 1)	2:05 p.m.								
Toronto (Burnett 5) at L.A. Angels (Gallardo 5)	1:35 p.m.								
Detroit (Bonderman 3-4) at Seattle (Baltz 3)	6:10 p.m.								

Monday's Games									
Boston at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 5:10 p.m.								
Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.	Detroit at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.								
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 8:10 p.m.									

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
Friday's Games									
Chicago Cubs 10, Colorado 9	Philadelphia 12, Florida 3								
L.A. Dodgers 9, N.Y. Mets 5	Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 2, 11 innings								
Milwaukee 5, Houston 1	St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4								
Washington 7, Arizona 4	San Diego 7, San Francisco 3, 13 innings								

Saturday's Games									
Chicago Cubs 5, Colorado 4	N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Dodgers 1								
Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 7, 10 innings	San Diego 5, San Francisco 1								
Cleveland 4, Houston 1	Philadelphia 12, Miami 3								
Pittsburgh 14, St. Louis 4	Arizona 4, Washington 0								

Sunday's Games									
Houston (Hudson 7-3) at Cincinnati (Cotto 5)	11:15 a.m.								
Florida (Miller 4-4) at Philadelphia (Moyer 5-1)	11:35 a.m.								
Atlanta (Chacon 2-0) at Milwaukee (Burr 1)	12:05 p.m.								
Pittsburgh (Snell 2-4) at St. Louis (Looper 4)	12:15 p.m.								
Colorado (Jennings 1-5) at Chicago Cubs (Gallagher 2)	12:20 p.m.								
San Diego (Wolf 3-4) at San Francisco (Lincecum 7)	2:05 p.m.								
Washington (Haren 5-1) at Arizona (Haren 5-1)	2:10 p.m.								
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroki 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 6-3)	6:05 p.m.								

Monday's Games									
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m.	Florida at Atlanta, 5:10 p.m.								
Arizona at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m.								
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.	Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.								
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.									

and four runs the night before — came through with his floater into shallow center field.

Mike Lamb just missed ending the game for Minnesota in the 10th, hustling for a triple

after a high drive off the right field wall against Ross Ohlendorf (1-1). Nick Punto was intentionally walked, but Carlos Gomez struck out on a pitch way out of the zone.

—The Associated Press

Manny gets No. 500 against Orioles

BALTIMORE — Manny Ramirez became the 24th player to reach 500 career home runs, connecting in the seventh inning of Chad Bradford to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-3 Saturday night.

The 500-home run club has only two dozen members, but Ramirez also joined an even smaller fraternity. He is only the seventh player in baseball history with 500 homers, 1,500 RBIs, 1,000 walks, 475 doubles and a .300 batting average. The others are Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Mel Ott, Frank Thomas and Ted Williams.



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez hits his 500th career home run in the seventh inning of Saturday's game against the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

RAYS 2, WHITE SOX 0
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir won his fifth straight start, allowing three

hits in seven innings in AL East-leading Tampa Bay's win.

The 2007 AL strikeout champion sent a Rays record for wins in a month, improving to 5-1 since spending all of April on the disabled list with a left elbow strain.

ROYALS 4, INDIANS 2
KANSAAS CITY, Mo. — David DeJesus homered and Kyle Davies pitched five strong innings just hours after being called up from Triple-A to help the Royals end a 12-game slide.

Davies (1-0) gave up one run on five hits and became Kansas City's first winning pitcher since Zack Greinke on May 18.

RANGERS & ATHLETICS 4
ARLINGTON, Texas — Josh Hamilton homered and drove in three runs and the Rangers the month of May 19-19, the first time they've won 19 games in a month since June 1993.

The Rangers (29-28) have won 22 of 34 games since starting the season 7-16, and crawled over the break-even

mark for the first time since they were 5-4.

MARINERS 5, TIGERS 0
SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez allowed just two hits in seven innings, and Kenji Johjima likely scored the most unusual run of his career with a steal of home in the Mariners' win.

The big-budget Tigers have been shut out a major league-leading nine times, three times their total from last year.

YANKEES 7, TWINS 6, 12 INNINGS
MINNEAPOLIS — Bobby Abreu gave the New York Yankees another big hit, breaking a 12th-inning tie with a one-out single Saturday in a 7-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Juan Lincecum (2-2) gave up singles to Johnny Damon and slumping Derek Jeter before Abreu — who had three hits

While attorneys for Bonds maintained there wasn't much similarity in either Graham's trial or his legal strategy to their case, they were paying close attention last month when cyclist Tammy Thomas was convicted of four counts of perjury for denying she used steroids to the same grand jury that Bonds testified before.

They watched prosecutors produce medical records that showed Thomas gave a full beard and underwent dramatic

physical changes that a doctor said were side effects of heavy steroid use. They had to imagine the impact of pictures that would inevitably be passed around by prosecutors in Bonds' trial showing how much his body and head changed for the bigger during just one offseason.

Still, there is good news for Bonds' defense team, and it comes in two other numbers. One is 12, the number of jurors who will be on his jury and the same number that need to vote guilty for him to be convicted.

The other is one, because if just one juror has misgivings, Bonds could escape with a deadlocked jury.

That's nearly what happened in the Graham case when jury foreman Frank Stapleton came close to derailing the prosecution's best-laid plans by voting against conviction on two of the three counts. Stapleton was alone on one of the three counts and joined by just one other juror on the second, but it was enough to cause a

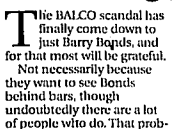
deadlock on both. Even better for the Bonds team was that the jury foreman believed the government had a vendetta against Graham.

"I hope this verdict satisfies the Justice Department's lust for blood and there is no retrial," Stapleton said.

"You can expect attorneys for Bonds' trial to plant the same thought with his jurors when the time comes. They'll portray Bonds as the innocent victim of overzealous prosecutors who came up with a late-in-the-game attempt to close the BALCO case with the scalp of their biggest name.

Unlike the prosecution, they don't need to prove it. All they need to do is make one juror believe it.

If they do, Bonds won't need a home run. Because he'll have gotten the biggest walk ever.



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find someone who provided steroids to the pitcher.

But for now it's just the government vs. Bonds. Mano-a-mano sometime later this year or early next in a federal courtroom in San Francisco.

In the prosecution's corner will be FBI intimidator Jeff Novitzki, some damning grand jury transcripts, and, of course, the cream and the clear.

Across the ring will be Bonds and a brigade of attorneys who can't wait to start casting aspersions on both the government's case and the people who put it together.

There's little doubt it will be a circus. Just the sight of a cartoonish Bonds walking up

the courthouse steps every day surrounded by a phalanx of expensive suits will be worth the price of admission.

What remains in doubt is how it will all turn out. And a reading of the tea leaves from Trevor Graham's just-completed trial reveals a muddled path ahead for both sides in the final — and biggest — showdown of an intriguing trial that began when Bonds was still clubbing game runs at a prodigious pace.

Perhaps fittingly in a sport that defines players by numbers, there are a couple of key numbers that could decide whether Bonds is eventually fitted for a prison uniform or measured for induction into the Hall of Fame.

The first — and most ominous for Bonds — is 10-0. He wouldn't want to face a pitcher with that record, and he sure doesn't want to face a relentless team of investigators and prosecutors who have gained convictions in all 10 previous BALCO cases.

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Goggin maintains Memorial lead

DUBLIN, Ohio — Matthew Goggin kept birdies and mistakes to a minimum on a long Saturday at the Memorial, shooting a 1-under 71 that was good enough to build a three-shot lead as he tries to win his first PGA Tour event.



Matthew Goggin watches his tee shot on the par-4 second hole during the third round of the Memorial golf tournament Saturday, in Dublin, Ohio.

an eagle and two birdies on her first six holes to go four up on the Australian Hall of Fame.

Gustafson continued to grow her lead, bouncing back from a double bogey on the 12th — her first bogey in 33 holes — with two birdies down the stretch. Na-Yeon Choi shot a 68 to tie Webb (73) for second.

Price leads Principal Classic

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Nick Price shot a 5-under 68 Saturday and took a one-shot lead after the second round of the Principal Charity Classic.

Price will enter the final round at Glen Oaks Country Club with a 6-under 136 total. Six players, including Bobby Wadkins and Mark McNulty, were one shot back.

Joey Sindelar and Tom Purtzer shot

even-par 71s and were two shots back at 4-under. Defending champion Jay Haas, who last week won the Senior PGA Championship, shot a 3-under 68 and also was at 138.

Wales Open still led by Strange

NEWPORT, Wales — Scott Strange maintained a three-shot lead after the third round of the Wales Open on Saturday, despite feeling dizzy at one point on the back nine.

The 31-year-old Australian, who began the day with a four-stroke lead, shot a 2-under 69 to reach 15-under for the tournament. He led Spanish tour rookie Alvaro Velasco, who shot a third-round 68, on the Celtic Manor Thursday two-course.

We lose ground at Ladies German Open

MUNICH, Germany — Michelle Wie shot a 2-under 70 in the third round of the Ladies German Open on Saturday to fall seven strokes behind leader Amy Wang, who had a course-record 63.

We came into the day at 7-under, and birdied the third and seventh holes. The 19-year-old Hawaiian had a bogey on No. 9 before finishing up with a birdie on the 11th to sit at 9-under 207.

U.S. leads in Curtis Cup

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Former NCAA champion Stacy Lewis and Alison Walsh stayed perfect on the Old Course, hanging on to win the final fourball match Saturday to give the Americans a 7½-4½ lead in the Curtis Cup.

— The Associated Press



Robby Ginepri returns the ball to Florent Serra during their third-round match at the French Open in Paris on Saturday.

Ginepri prevents a U.S. shutout in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Robby Ginepri is easy to spot at the French Open in his oh-so-American getup: black baseball cap turned backward and sleeveless t-shirt.

His game, remarkably, has the feel of someone from somewhere else. He slides across the court comfortably. He plays defense. He waits, patiently for openings. Even more remarkably, he is into the fourth round at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament, the first man from the United States to reach that stage since Andre Agassi in 2003.

That Ginepri would beat Florent Serra of France 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday is not necessarily newsworthy, in and of itself. Ginepri is 25 years old, ranked 88th and was a U.S. Open semifinalist in 2005; Serra is 27, ranked 94th and lost in the first or second round at each of the previous 13 major championships he entered.

Yet consider this: A week ago, Ginepri owned an 0-5 record at Roland Garros and a 6-24 career mark on clay. He was ranked 171st in January after losing in the first round of qualifying at the Australian Open.

"It's back," Serra said.

Had Ginepri lost, one day after Venus and Serena Williams were sent home, this French Open would have been only the second Grand Slam event in the 40-year history of the Open era at which zero American men or women reached the fourth round. The only time it happened was at the 1973 Australian Open, where, it must be noted, zero American men or women were in the field.

"Last guy standing. It's a good feeling," said Ginepri, who shares coach Jose Higuera with Roger Federer. "I would definitely like to have a lot of the other Americans still in the tournament, of course, but really not trying to let that weigh on my shoulders."

There are other countries finding far more success. Despite Serra's departure, for example, five men from France reached the French Open's fourth round, something that last occurred in 1971. There also are five Russian women still around, and, coincidentally, four find themselves in the same quarter of the draw, led by No. 1 Maria Sharapova.

She faces No. 13 Dinara Safina for a place in the quarterfinals; the winner will meet No. 7 Elena Dementieva or No. 11 Vera Zvonareva. All won in straight sets Saturday, as did No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion and 2006 French Open runner-up, who eliminated yet another Russian, No. 25 Nadia Petrova.

Federer, the No. 1 man, put himself in the second week at the 16th consecutive Slam by beating Mario Ancic 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Ancic was the last player to beat Federer at Wimbledon — back in 2002, before the Swiss star won any of his 12 major titles — but has since lost all five of their encounters.

If Ginepri is to reach his second Slam quarterfinal, he will have to beat 2007 Australian Open runner-up Fernando Gonzalez for the first time. Gonzalez, who got past No. 9 Stanislas Wawrinka in five sets Saturday, won all three previous meetings against Ginepri, though none was on clay.

Webb stumbles at Ginn Tribute

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Sophie Gustafson shot a 67 Saturday to push past a faltering Karrie Webb and take a six-stroke lead into the final round of the Ginn Tribute.

Tournament host Annika Sorenstam, meanwhile, continued to struggle with a 75.

No one could keep up with Gustafson in the third round.

Tied with Webb when the round began, Gustafson started quickly with

Unification produces traffic jam at Milwaukee Mile

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — One of the biggest benefits derived from the unification of the two American open-wheel series is bigger fields.

Nobody expected a traffic jam. "Turns out that more cars also cause more problems, not the least of which is finding enough room for all of them on pit road and on the race track Sunday in the ABC Supply A.J. Foyt 225.

Twenty-seven cars were on hand Saturday for practice and qualifying on the Milwaukee Mile. That's nine more than raced here a year ago, before the IRL's IndyCar Series absorbed its former rival, the Champ Car World Series. And it's just one fewer than the record, when Champ Car — then known as CART — brought 28 to the track in 1996, the first year of the schism.

A crash in practice on Saturday forced Marty Roth to withdraw his entry and cut the race field by one. But it remained one of the biggest in the long history of the suburban Milwaukee track.

"I think the race is going to be a problem," said Indianapolis 500 winner Scott Dixon before Roth's crash. "With 18 cars, or however many we had last year, it was almost impossible to get around the track without incidents. So, with 27, it's going to be interesting for everybody."

Tony Kanaan wasn't racing in CART in 1996, but he was here in 1998 when there were 27 cars in the lineup.

Asked what it was like on the wide, flat, one-mile oval in that race, the two-time defending race winner shook his head and said, "Crazy, crazy, totally crazy. Traffic jam. New York traffic jam."

"I think it's exciting for the fans because it's not about who has the faster car anymore," the Brazilian added. "It's going to be the driver who has his car set up for traffic and has the best skills to go through traffic. Not that this track needs any more difficulties, but I think it's great. It's a good problem to have."

The former IndyCar Series champion said a driver needs a different mind-set

with all those cars on a short track like the Milwaukee oval.

"You know you're going to be passed and you're going to pass people so, basically, that's how you approach it," Kanaan said. "You try to start as far up (track) as possible because, once you get it like that, it's easy to get a lap down at this place."

"You're just going to have to be patient and wait to see what's going to happen. It's only 225 miles on a mile oval, it's a long race and a lot of things are going to happen."

Another factor that will likely come into play is that most of the nine drivers making the transition from Champ Car have limited oval racing experience.

"I can't believe what it's going to be like with 27 cars, because with 11 cars (in Thursday's one-hour practice for rookies and series newcomers) it was already busy on track," said 19-year-old Graham Rahal, racing on an oval for only the fourth time.

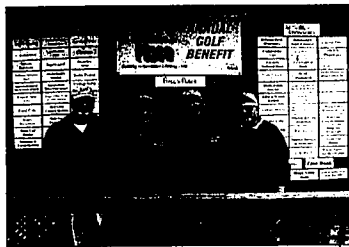
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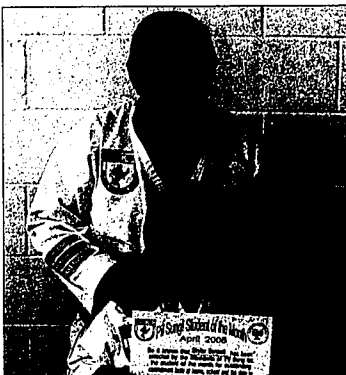
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BILLS PLACE WINNERS



Bills Place, a non-profit transition home in Twin Falls, recently held its fifth annual golf benefit tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Members of the first-place team, pictured, from left, are Terry Morrill, Rod Reeves, Earl Clyde Molyneux and Earl Molyneux, Sr. The second place team was comprised of Judge Stokes, Judge Barrios, Judge Butler and Judge Harris. Proceeds from the benefit will aid Bills Place in helping young men ages 18-26 who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible and independent living.



Skyler Bennett, pictured with Master Bill Fulcher, was named Pil Sung Martial Arts student of the month for April.



Alex Lopez, pictured with Little Tiger head instructor Jan Farnsworth, was named Pil Sung Martial Arts Little Tiger student of the month for April.

Anderson, Beaver win in M.V. Ladies Intercity play

Staff report

Rosemary Anderson shot a low round of 74 to win the gross title at the Magie Valley Intercity event on Tuesday, May 27 at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls. Carolyn Beaver's round of 85 took top net honors.

Rounding out the top seven on the gross side were Dianne Guiltes (82), Helen Odenwald (84), Janis Larson (84), Robbie Robertson (85),

Leslie Crabtree (89) and Larle Hersh (90).

The group behind Beaver in the net scoring included Mary Lou Alves (88), Gayle Kemp (89), Teddy Frey (70), Linda Roberts (71), Naomi Stansell (72), Carol Bennett (72), Patty Lee (72) and Jean Eckhart (72).

But Clear Lake Country Club leads the team scoring after two outings. The next intercity tournament will be held Tuesday, July 22 in Burley.

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U.S. military, Iraqi deaths down, but for how long?

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. military deaths plunged in May to the lowest monthly level in more than four years, and civilian deaths were down sharply, too, as Iraqi forces assumed the lead in offensives in three cities and a truce with Shiite extremists took hold.

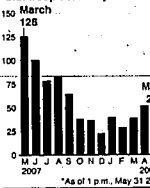
But many Iraqis as well as U.S. officials and private security analysts are uncertain whether the current lull signals a long-term trend or is simply a breathing spell like so many others before.

U.S. commanders also warn the relative peace is fragile because no lasting political agreements have been reached among the Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish communities.

U.S. troop deaths

U.S. troop deaths in May were at the lowest level since Feb. 2004. At least 4,068 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war began in March 2003.

U.S. troop deaths by month



SOURCE: AP News Research Center AP
Talks on returning Sunnis to the government broke down this week, and tensions

among rival Shiite parties remain high despite a May 11 truce that ended weeks of bloody fighting in Baghdad's Sadr City district.

Iraqis have experienced lulls in the past — notably after the January 2005 elections — only to see violence flare again.

"The security situation is much better than in the past three or four months, and I am — making — more — money — now," said Falih Radhi, who runs a food store in eastern Baghdad. "Despite this, I have a feeling that this positive situation won't last long and that violence may come back again."

Nevertheless, the figures for May are encouraging, especially coming as the United States continues withdrawing the nearly 30,000

reinforcements that President Bush sent to Iraq early last year to curb the wave of Shiite-Sunni slaughter.

All five of the "surge brigades" rushed to Iraq last year will be gone by July, lowering the troop strength — to about 140,000, U.S. officials say.

There are currently about 155,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. At least 21 American troops were killed in May — four in non-hostile incidents. That's one more than the lowest monthly figure of the war set in February 2004.

Meanwhile, Iraqi deaths were down, too.

At least 532 Iraqi civilians and security troopers were killed during the month, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press from

Iraqi police and military reports. That's down sharply from April's figure of 1,080 and the lowest monthly total this year, according to the AP count.

Last Sunday, military spokesman Rear Adm. Patrick Driscoll said the number of attacks in the previous week fell to a level "not seen since March 2004," although he did not give specific figures.

At the same time, Iraqi forces have taken the lead in offensives against the Sunni extremist al-Qaida in Iraq in the northern city of Falluja, and Shiite militiamen in Baghdad and Basra in the south.

U.S. and coalition forces assumed a support role in the three offensives, enabling them to avoid direct military ties which would have been

expected had they been doing all the fighting.

With the trends looking positive, the top American commander in Iraq Gen. David Petraeus said in Washington last week that he is likely to recommend further troop cuts in Iraq but won't promise more details until fall — as the U.S. presidential election campaign is approaching its climax.

But U.S. officials and private security analysts warn against rapid withdrawals and optimistic forecasts.

Former Pentagon analyst Anthony Cordesman wrote this week that despite some improvements among Iraqi forces, both Iraqi and U.S. officials continue "to sharply exaggerate the real-world readiness" of the country's army and police.

Al-Qaida's stance on women sparks extremist debate

By Lauren Frayer
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Muslim extremist women are challenging al-Qaida's refusal to include — or at least acknowledge — women in its ranks, in an emotional debate that gives rare insight into the gender conflicts lurking beneath one of the strictest strains of Islam.

In response to a female questioner, al-Qaida No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahiri said in April that the terrorist group does not have women. A woman's role, he said on the Internet audio recording, is limited to caring for the homes and children of al-Qaida fighters.

His remarks have since prompted an outcry from fundamentalist women, who are fighting or pleading for the right to be terrorists. The statements have also created some confusion, because in fact suicide bombings by women seem to be on the rise, at least within the Iraq branch of al-Qaida.

Aeda Dabshah is a Palestinian mother of four in Lebanon who said she supports al-Zawahiri and has chosen to raise children at home as her form of jihad. However, she said, she also supports any woman who chooses instead to take part in terror attacks.

Another woman signed a more than 2,000-word essay of protest online as Rabeeat al-Silah, Arabic for "Companion of Weapons."

"How many times have I wished I were a man... When Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri said there are no women in al-Qaida, he saddened and hurt me," wrote "Companion of Weapons." The site listened to the speech 10 times. "I felt that my heart was about to explode in my chest... I am powerless."

Such postings have appeared anonymously on discussion forums of Web sites that host videos from top al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. While the most



Iraqi men mourn relatives killed after a pair of female suicide bombers blew themselves up in two Baghdad pet markets, killing at least 64 people and wounding dozens, in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 1.



In this file image made from television on Nov. 13, 2005, Iraqi Sajida al-Rishawi opens her jacket and shows an explosive belt as she confesses on Jordanian state-run television to her failed bid to set off an explosive belt inside one of the three Amman hotels targeted by al-Qaida.

popular site requires names and passwords, many people use only nicknames, making their identities and locations impossible to verify.

However, groups that monitor such sites say the postings appear credible because of the knowledge and passion they betray. Many appear to represent computer-literate women arguing in the most modern of venues — the Internet — for rights within a feudal version of Islam.

"Women were very disappointed because what al-Zawahiri said is not what's happening today in the

Middle East, especially in Iraq or in Palestinian groups," said Rita Katz, director of the SITE Intelligence Group, an organization that monitors militant Web sites. "Suicide operations are being carried out by women, who play an important role in jihad."

It's not clear how far women play a role in al-Qaida because of the group's amorphous nature.

Terrorism experts believe there are no women in the core leadership ranks around bin Laden and al-Zawahiri. But beyond that core, al-Qaida is really a movement

with loosely linked offshoots in various countries and sympathizers who may not play a direct role. Women are clearly among these sympathizers, and some are part of the offshoot groups.

In the Iraq branch, for example, women have carried out or attempted at least 20 suicide bombings since 2003, al-Qaida members suspected of training women to use suicide belts were captured in Iraq at least three times last year, the U.S. military has said.

Hamas, another militant group, is open about using women fighters and disagrees with al-Qaida's stated stance. At least 11 Palestinian women have launched suicide attacks in recent years.

"A lot of the girls I speak to... want to carry weapons. They live with this great frustration and oppression," said Huda Naim, a prominent women's leader, Hamas member and Palestinian lawmaker in Gaza. "We don't have a special military wing for women... but that doesn't mean that we strip women of the right to go to jihad."

Defense secretary slams Myanmar over response to aid offers

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

SINGAPORE — Myanmar's rulers "have kept their hands in their pockets" while other countries sought to help cyclone victims, the Pentagon chief said Tuesday, branding the military government as "deaf and dumb" for obstructing aid efforts.

Despite the dire situation, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said at an international security conference in the U.S. will not force assistance on the country.

He also said the next U.S. administration would maintain a strong commitment to Asia and the rest of the world, no matter what political party won the fall election.

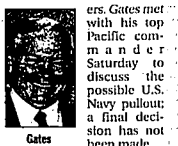
The speech focused heavily on Asia, with subtle calls for China to work more amply and fairly with other Pacific nations. It was when Gates discussed Myanmar that he was the most emotional.

"We have reached out, frankly, to Myanmar multiple times during this crisis in very direct ways," the Pentagon chief said. "It's not been us that have been deaf and dumb in response to the pleas of the international community, but the government of Myanmar. We have reached out, they have kept their hands in their pockets."

He said the government's obstruction of international relief has cost "tens of thousands of lives."

U.S., British and French Navy ships off the coast of Myanmar are poised to leave because the government has blocked them from delivering assistance. Gates said the U.S. will not bring in supplies by force without permission of the government and will continue to "respect the sovereignty" of Myanmar.

The growing displeasure with the Myanmar government was clear at the conference, coming up in nearly all conversations among lead-



Gates

ers. Gates met with his top Pacific command staff Saturday to discuss the possible U.S. Navy pullout, a final decision has not been made.

In the speech, Gates said the next U.S. president will inherit the worrisome issue of North Korea's nuclear ambitions, but will continue the U.S. commitment to Asia.

While he said he could not make specific policy predictions for the next administration, Gates said there will be "no change in our drive to temper North Korea's ambitions, a policy not possible without China's valued cooperation."

Despite the often divergent views of the Republican and Democratic candidates, Gates said he is confident that the strong U.S. ties to Asia will continue regardless of who wins in November.

When a questioner suggested that the U.S. may not have the time, money or energy to maintain interest in Asia, he quoted former President Ford, saying, "We ought to be able to walk and chew gum at the same time."

On China, Gates extended a hand while also offering a subtle but somber warning.

Gates noted improved relations with communist power. He said leaders have begun discussions on issues to "help us understand one another better and to avoid possible misunderstandings."

A long-sought direct telephone link between the U.S. and China has been established, and Gates said he used it recently to speak with the defense minister.

Gates said "unmistakable" jobs without mentioning China by name. For example, he urged greater openness about military modernization in Asia.

Chinese authorities prepare to drain swelling lake that poses flood risk

By William Foreman
Associated Press writer

MIANYANG, China — Chinese authorities prepared on Saturday to drain a swelling lake formed by a devastating earthquake, completing work on a drainage channel to divert water that threatens hundreds of thousands downstream.

Officials are expected to discharge flood water from the lake into the channel between Sunday and Tuesday, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, quoting Xu Yi, deputy chief of the water and electricity section of the People's Armed Police, lake.

Tanglianshan, formed above Belchuan town in the Sichuan province when a hillside plunged into a river valley during the May 12 quake,



A soldier disinfects the rubble of buildings which collapsed after the May 12 earthquake as a swollen river runs next to him in Hanwang town, Sichuan province, Saturday. The confirmed death toll from China's worst quake in three decades was raised Saturday to 68,977, an increase of about 120 people from a day earlier. Another 17,974 people were still missing, the State Council, or Cabinet, said. The daily increase was the smallest since the government started announcing death tolls shortly after the quake hit.

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warned more than 1 million others to be ready to leave quickly if the lake floods.

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State television showed bulldozers and other heavy

earth-moving equipment working on the water diversion channel. It did not show how far up the landslide the channel had been carved.

Xinhua said Tan Li, the Communist Party chief of Mianyang, had issued another order for all 1.3 million people in the area to be evacuated if "the barrier of the quake lake fully opens" and floods the area.

There was no sign that the banks of the lake were about to burst. Troops have sealed off Belchuan to the public.

Tanglianshan is the largest of more than 30 lakes that have formed behind landslides caused by the quake, which also weakened man-made dams in the mountainous parts of the disaster zone.

Millions of people in Sichuan are already living in tent camps and prefabricated housing, which are strewn on the tone of new villages.

In Mianyang, about 200 families left their camps in flood-prone areas of the city and moved to higher ground in a wooded park on Fule Mountain. Most had pitched tents and shelters made of tarps pitched under trees; amid ornate gazebos and tea houses with traditional sloping yellow-tiled roofs. Red signs on the buildings said, "Dangerous building, don't come near."

One woman who only gave her surname, Wang, said life was uncomfortable but fine under the circumstances. "We've got on the basics. Those who are out of work are being given food, but my company is taking care of me," Wang said.

Wary Basra begins to awaken after four-year dormancy

By Sodarsan Raghavan
The Washington Post

BASRA, Iraq — Mohammed Zaki's black hair glistened with gel, his muscular body bulged through his T-shirt, and on his chin, he sported a wide, toothy grin. He held the hand of his girlfriend, Sabreen Jawad, whose cascade of hair was unfettered by an Islamic headscarf. The sounds of violins and saxophones flowed through the corridor, notes of musical freedom.

This was anything but an ordinary day inside Basra University's College of Fine Arts. Until recently, strict constraints imposed by extremist Shiite Muslim clerics and militias that until recently controlled this city, men with Western hairstyles were frowned upon and beaten. Women without headscarves were sometimes raped and killed. Love was a sacred ritual.

"I wouldn't even be able to stand next to her," said Zaki, 26.

Two months after the Iraqi government ordered its fledgling military to root out the religious militias here in Iraq's third-largest city, Basra is beginning to awaken from a four-year dormancy. A recent week-long visit that included several dozen interviews revealed that many of the city's nearly 3 million residents are returning lives that have been interrupted by an austere interpretation of Islam.

But their new freedom in this historically cosmopolitan city near the head of the Persian Gulf comes with boundaries drawn by fear of the future. The cause of their previous grievances — an array of well-armed militias, the political dominance of conservative Shiite parties — continue to exert great influence over day-to-day life.

Shiite religious factions still control government ministries. Security is brittle, with cities still in a temporary deployment of 30,000 Iraqi soldiers and expedition political cease-fire agreements. Corruption as well as a lack of basic public services, jobs and investment are depressing frustrations.

And in today's Iraq, even moderate Shiite clergy view themselves as protectors of the nation's Islamic identity, warning that Basra might never fully regain its free-wheeling, secular past.

For now, though, a collective sense of relief is washing over this sprawling port city, which sits at the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

On this day, Zaki embraced the forbidden. He walked to a piano and played "Listen to Your Heart" by the 1990s Swedish pop band Roxette. He then swung into a medley of Western and Arab tunes, as Jawad, 23, watched adoringly.

Another student joined him, strumming the oud, a traditional pear-shaped instrument outlawed here because its music was branded secular.

When the pair finished, their classmates applauded loudly. Itself an act of courage. Even enjoying music was banned in recent years.

Zaki smiled. A tattoo in Chinese on his right arm, which he once hid because body art was deemed un-Islamic, read:

"I love life."

Once Iraq's most vibrant city, Basra attracted traders and seamen from across the Arab world, Asia and Africa. It was dubbed the Venice of the Middle East because of its network of canals.

Now most of those carry sewage. The city was shelled repeatedly during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. The following decade, President Saddam Hussein brutally crushed two Shiite rebellions here. His government then purposely neglected the city, allowing it to collapse into a state of desert decay.

In 2003, some of the heaviest fighting of the U.S.-led invasion unfolded on the city's outskirts. The British soldiers who then took control were greeted by thousands of Basrans, many of



Mohammed Zaki, 26, plays the piano at Basra University's College of Fine Arts. In recent years, even enjoying music was banned by extremists. The city is enjoying a tentative revival following the Iraqi army's crackdown on religious militias.

them with flowers. But religious hard-liners flourished despite the British administration, inflicting every nook of society, including mosques and universities. Shiite militias with such names as Vengeance of God and Soldiers of Heaven mingled with the larger and better-known Mahdi Army of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Assassinations and kidnappings gripped the city.

"People called them the 'Taliban,'" said Abdul Sattar Thabit al-Haydari, dean of the College of Fine Arts, referring to Afghanistan's puritanical former rulers.

Three months after the British handed over control of Basra in December, Iraqi forces, backed by U.S. and British airpower, launched their crackdown. It was intended to return Basra, the checkpoint of Iraq's oil, to the central government's control. For three weeks of fierce battles, and a cease-fire agreement signed with al-Sadr, Iraqi forces fanned out across the city.

Today an Iraqi army battalion occupies the Sadrists' headquarters at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, pocked with bullet holes like a giant slab of Swiss cheese. The office and mosque of the Iranian-backed Vengance of God militia has been reduced to rubble.

Where Mahdi Army fighters

once manned checkpoints across the city, Iraqi soldiers and policemen check vehicles behind blast walls on virtually every stretch of road. Iraqi army Humvees patrol militia strongholds.

In a traffic circle, al-Sadr's face has been scratched out on a billboard, the same treatment given to Saddam murals in the weeks after the invasion. Fresh graffiti in many neighborhoods praise Nouri al-Maliki, Iraq's Shiite prime minister who sent in the troops despite U.S. warnings that they were ill-prepared.

"It shows the government is tough," said Ayad al-Kanaani, 43, a tribal leader and local council member. "Now there is more confidence in Maliki's government and in Iraq's army."

Along Basra's corniche, a road running along the Shatt al Arab waterway that empties into the Persian Gulf, a rebirth is underway. Restaurants stay open late, no longer forced by insecurity to shut early. Men smoke water pipes in outdoor cafes, unconcerned about kidnappers.

On a recent night, Salam Hassan, 20, said Arabic pop music CDs and cellphone ring tones on the sidewalk. A few months ago, Sadrists beat him up and fired a bullet that grazed his knee.

His crime: selling non-Islamic religious songs and ring tones.

After the offensive, he reopened. Now his CDs 20 CDs a day, a sign that his customers also are bolder. Weddings in Basra had become silent affairs. Kidnappers often targeted them, and gunmen sometimes tossed grenades into the wedding processions of rivals.

The sounds of drums and dancing now fill the streets every Thursday, when most weddings take place. Cars and buses are decked in flowers and play loud music as revelers head to local hotels for ceremonies.

"It's like a gift from God," exclaimed Abdul Emir Mujid, 52, whose nephew was getting married on a recent day.

In the weeks after the crackdown, local vendors sold alcohol, a capital crime in the eyes of the Islamist militias. Now the concerns are different.

The new police chief recently ordered the vendors to stop alcohol sales. His reason? Once the ban was lifted, too many men were getting drunk in public.

"The first thing I did was drink whiskey on the corniche," said Ali Jassim, 20, another CD vendor, who and dressed in a tight orange shirt. He then grew out his hair, now shiny and slicked back with gel. The militias used to grab young men with long hair and lop it off in public.

In Al-Andahs Park, seven families held picnics on a recent evening. Children played on colorful slides and swings. Vendors sold ice cream and toys. It was a remarkable scene given that this park was the reason picnics were banned in Basra.

In March 2005, Mahdi Army fighters barged into a picnic held in the park by engineering students, killed a Christian woman and her fiancé, and injured 15 people. They confiscated cellphones and destroyed table players and music cassettes.

"They beat up everybody who was walking with a girl," recalled Salih Fouti, 22, as he stood near his stall of Spider-Man dolls and toy saucer sets. "For those girls not wearing a head scarf, they punched their faces. They broke one woman's jaw."

On this evening, Zainalabedeen Sabah, 20, and his fiancée, Iman Emad, 17, sat at a table in a rare corner. The park, they thought, was now one of the few public places in Basra where they could enjoy each other's company.

As a precaution, they arrived separately. "We can't walk everywhere together," said Sabah, slim, with long Elton Presley sideburns. "Sometimes, in some places, I can't even hold her hand."

As Fouad watched the families enjoy the new security, his eyes drifted toward two young men floating around the park, listening intently to conversations.

"The Mahdi Army is still here," Fouad said. "They didn't totally finish them."

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Located in the Cottonland Strip Mall, across from Arctic Circle

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th • 11 AM

Preview begins at 9 AM

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT

True SS 60" Prep Cooler, double doors	(2) 30" x 36" SS Prep Tables
True SS 60" Prep Cooler w/rolling board top, double doors	(3) 72" SS Prep Table w/rolling board top
Volcan Cheese Melter (Galamarino)	(3) 60" SS Prep Table
220 volt	(3) 48" x 16" x 72" SS Shelves
Voltrair Cream Table, triple well w/roll top, 110 volt	(2) 30" x 36" SS Prep Table
Magik Chef SS Microwave Oven	(2) 30" x 36" SS Prep Table
Blak Bar Convection Oven (full size)	(2) 48" x 16" x 72" SS Shelves
Federal 10" Lighted Display Case	(2) 30" x 36" SS Prep Table
6-track	(3) Wilder SS Storage Bins on casters
Somerset 20" Dough Roller, sheet, adjustable	(2) Baker's Cooling Racks on casters
Imperial SS 3-Stack Blisk Pizza Oven, 220 volt	Greenback 75 SS Suppression Hood w/ cold air return (purchase to remove in a professional manner, and send any holes left in the roof)
Genova 30" Gas Slove w/oven, 10 burner	(1) 30" x 48" Rectangular Pedestal Tables
Wolf 24" Gas Broiler, 4-burner	(12) Black & Chrome 30" Bar Stools
Saturon Deep Fat Fryer, double basket, 60A	(3) Wood High Chairs
(2) Fry Master Deep Fat Fryers, double basket, gas (both have leaks)	(2) Black Wrought Iron Patio Tables w/ chairs
Nemco Fry Wamer	(3) Pepsi Menu Signs
(2) True SS Double Door Freezers	Large Neon Sign
True SS Double Door Refrigerator	10 Can Opener
True Triple Glass Door Refrigerator	Stony Silver System
Refrigerator	Carbide Storage Containers
Beverage Air Single Glass Door Display Refrigerator	Delivery Bags
Thunderbird 30-Quart Mixer, floor model	Catering Linen
Hobart A-200 Mixer	Flatware, Dishes & Silverware
Teleste Model 5102 Meat Slicer	Full Size Sheet Trays
Scotman 30" Ice Maker	Food Scales
(1) 24" x 30" SS Prep Table	Everything is Approx

Dale's Dogs is closing on May 31st. Everything must be sold to the benevolent terms. Cash or bankable check day of auction. No credit cards.

DALE'S DOGS AUCTIONS AND REAL ESTATE
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Estate & Collectible Auction

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 • CHUCK WAUGH

SALE TIME: 5:30PM • 10% Buyers Premium • www.auctionidaho.com

LOCATION: 1435 Edinger • Twin Falls • 1 mile west of the Montana/Idaho border

FURNITURE: Ornate kitchen queen, Corner entertainment center, Hide-a-bed bed cases, Child's bedroom set, Large screen TV, Bookcase, Queen bed, Dressers, Walnut vanity, Bar stools, Patio set, Stereo cabinet, Oak plant stand, Old school desks, Glass display cases, Iron wheels, Large TV, Treadle machine, and more

COLLECTIBLES: Vintage dolls, Primitives, Copper boiler, Old Lionie rain set, Baseball train engines, Fiesta pitchers, Clocks, Old toy train collection, Full china set, Crystal vase, Bohemian set, Silver Dollars, US coins, Dragon figurines, Sterling candle holders, Capodimonte flower, Bear signs, Lone wolf picture, Old records, Boyds Bears Collection, Coke collectibles and more, much more.

APPLIANCES: Washer & Dryer, Range, Refrigerator, Upright freezer, TOOLS & MISC: Metal saw, power, Tool boxes, Power tools, US sockets, Scroll saw, Angle grinder, State pool top table, Echo Weedeater, Husky Power washer, Double wheel sander, Ryobi drill, cyclone fence and more 2 auctioneers.

IDAHO AUCTION BARN 208-734-1635

Auction CALENDAR

Through June 14th

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1:00PM
Edna Mae Alexander Estate, Buhl Appliances • Furniture • Shop Glassware • Sporting • Lawn
Times-News Ad: 5-30
MASTERS AUCTION
www.mastersauction.com

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 6:00PM
Antiques & Collectibles, Twin Falls
Furniture • US Coins • Tools
Appliances • Commitments Welcome
734-1635 • 731-4567
IDAHO AUCTION BARN
www.auctionidaho.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 11:00AM
Dale's Dogs Restaurant, FF
Quitting Business Liquidation
Times-News Ad: 6-1, 6-4
UNITED COUNTRY MUSSEY BROS.
www.mbauction.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 11:00AM
JKD & Fabrication Material, Heyburn • Candy Machines
Fabrication Material • Tools
Times-News Ad: 6-5
US AUCTION
www.us-auctioneers.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 11:00AM
Alpha Omega Preschool & Child Care, Jerome • Playground Eq
Toys • Furniture • Liquidation
Times-News Ad: 6-5
J/J AUCTIONS LLC
www.jjauctionsllc.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 12:00PM
Rowe & Dunthorn, Twin Falls
Hover Machine • Jewelry
Furniture • Knuckle Boom
Times-News Ad: 6-6
MASTERS AUCTION
www.mastersauction.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 11:00AM
Stoken, Lumber, Vehicle & Equip
Ogden, Utah • Trucks & Cars
Trailers • Pickups • Forklifts
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US AUCTION
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 11:00AM
Ardeell Wyland, Twin Falls
Furniture • Household • Shop
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Times-News Ad: 6-12
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 11:00AM
Larry Jolley Estate Auction, Burley • ATVs • Guns
Sporting Goods • Household
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and mild, widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs lower 70s. Tonight: Partly clearing skies and light winds. Lows in the middle to upper 40s. Tomorrow: Partly sunny and pleasant, high will be mid afternoon thunderstorms. Highs mid 70s, lows low 50s.

BOISE TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and rain.

MOON PHASES

Table with 3 columns: Moonrise, Moonset, Moon Phase. Includes icons for moon phases.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists various cities and their forecasted temperatures.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists various cities and their forecasted temperatures.

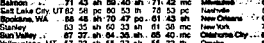
CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists various cities and their forecasted temperatures.

WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Quote by Regg Middlekauff: 'I see over 4000 very talented students by simply doing what I do. I see it in the amount and excellence of their work and above the required that they do. I see it in the amount and excellence of their work and above the required that they do.'

Suicide bomber kills at least 10 west of Baghdad

By Kim Carnel Associated Press writer BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a police checkpoint west of Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 10 people including the local police chief, an official said.

Fearing more attacks, authorities imposed a vehicle curfew and closed all entrances to the targeted town of Hiti.

The attacker detonated his explosives belt after approaching the checkpoint, which was near a bridge, at about 9 p.m., said the town's administrator, Hikmat Jubari.

Jubari said six policemen were among those killed, including the town's police chief, Col. Khalil Ibrahim. Four civilians also were killed and 12 other people were wounded, he said.

Hiti, 85 miles west of Baghdad, is in Anbar province, which was the center of the Sunni-led insurgency before local tribal leaders joined forces with the U.S. military against al-Qaida in Iraq, a key factor in a steep drop in violence nationwide.

The town itself was among a series of communities along the Euphrates River used by al-Qaida and other insurgent groups to smuggle weapons, ammunition and fighters from Syria southeast toward Baghdad.

The bombing was a grim reminder of the dangers that continue to face Iraqis despite the recent security gains.

It raised the number of Iraqis killed in May to at least 532, the lowest monthly death toll this year, according to an Associated Press tally compiled from Iraqi police and military reports.

In political developments, loyalists of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr stepped up their opposition to a long-term security deal being negotiated between the Iraqi government and the United States.

Senior Sadr critics, including lawmakers Fathi Hassan Ghanshal and Maha Adel Ad-Douri, met in the cleric's Sadr City office in Baghdad and called on the Iraqi government to stop the negotiations and to hold a public referendum on the issue.

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- Phys. Operator (FT)
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TWIN FALLS 2 years old 4 bdrm, 2 bath, new paint, carpet, & appliances, large lot, \$135,000 under county assessment. Must see 157,400-1302 Valencia St. 731-4116

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TWIN FALLS Development Potential: 2 brick warehouses. 1. Large 13,500 sq. ft. plus basement. Price reduced to sell \$199,000. 2. Small 4,800 sq. ft. on two lots. 12,500 total sq. ft., \$79,000. Sell both - \$260,000. 3. Bare Lots over 35,000 sq. ft. 310,000. Contact Jeff, 734-0702 or 490-0831 (gray)

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3 bed, 2 bath, 1647 sq ft. Large home with beautiful layout. All APPLIANCES INCLUDED! \$154,000/3500 sq ft.
Michele Yoncoski 208-625-0918

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1 bed, 2 bath, 1405 sq ft. Great location in shopping area. \$124,900. About 1/2 mile from school.
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3 bed, 2 bath, 1251 sq ft. 1100 sq ft. open floor plan. Large family room with wood floors and tile. 2 car garage. \$149,900/3000 sq ft.
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COUNTRY HOME W/ 7.7 ACRES
3 bed, 2 bath, 1600 sq ft. Located on 7.7 acres. Full country home with kitchen with granite, wood floors, 2 car garage. \$209,000/5000 sq ft.
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3 bed, 2 bath, 1100 sq ft. Full kitchen, 2 car garage. Open floor plan. \$140,000/3000 sq ft.
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CENTER OF LOCATION
2 bed, 2 bath, 1100 sq ft. Located in the heart of downtown. \$140,000/3000 sq ft.
Shelley Thompson 734-7777

GREAT HOME FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS!
7 bed, 2 bath, 6000 sq ft. Located in a new subdivision. \$149,900/3000 sq ft.
Tanya Lutz 961-1997

WHAT A VIEW!
5 bed, 3 1/2 bath, 7500 sq ft. Home with a spectacular view. 2 car garage. \$299,000/10000 sq ft.
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4 bed, 3 bath, 2700 sq ft. 2 car garage. Many more amenities and details here. Many more like homes. Located in \$200,000 area.
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3 bed, 2 bath, 1000 sq ft. Full kitchen, 2 car garage. \$140,000/3000 sq ft.
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601 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 40 acres... Exc. location across from new Joyce park...

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518 Mobile Homes

KIT 76 mobile home... \$18,000. To be moved.

PARTY wants to purchase home park, fast close.

521 Manufactured Homes

BUHL 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1560 sq ft, on 25 acres...

HAZELTON RENT-ARANCH back on the beach...

BUHL 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1560 sq ft, on 25 acres...

JEROME 1 1/2 bdrm, 1 bath, rent \$400...

JEROME Why Pay Rent, nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath...

KIMBERLY 3 bdrm, no smoking, \$700 month + deposit.

KIMBERLY 3 bdrm, 3 bath, garage, 500 sq ft...

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TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm home, clean, \$435...

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, yard, no pets, no smoking...

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 2 month short term...

TWIN FALLS 655 Bracken St N. 5 bdrm, 1 bath, kitchen...

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced, gas heat...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, newer home, fireplace...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, clean, no smoking...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, garage, nice lot...

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 3 car garage...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 car garage...

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JEROME North Side Court Apartments...

KIMBERLY Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appis, included...

RUPERT nice 2 bdrm county app, attached garage...

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, no carpet, paint, super clean...

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, charming, 2nd floor unit...

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602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 598 Lynwood, 6 bdrm, 2 bath...

TWIN FALLS Bracke-Enid Park Estates, 4 bdrm...

TWIN FALLS Deluxe 3 bdrm, 2 bath home...

TWIN FALLS Newer 2 bdrm, 2 bath car garage...

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TWIN FALLS Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1447 Tara St...

TWIN FALLS Spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bath, gas heat...

TWIN FALLS Beautiful townhouse for rent at 511 N. 2nd...

TWIN FALLS Clean 2 bdrm duplex, unfinished...

TWIN FALLS Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage...

TWIN FALLS Nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage...

TWIN FALLS Move-In Special! Fawnbrook Apts...

TWIN FALLS NE of High school, 3 bdrm, 2 bath...

TWIN FALLS Nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath apartment...

TWIN FALLS Nice 1 bdrm apt, no down town...

TWIN FALLS Nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath, appis, car port...

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom with extras, W/D hookup...

BUHL Immediate move in Special at Kacy Meadows Apts...

EDEN Apartments, 1 bdrm avail, no pets...

FILER 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, appis, 1 1/2 car garage...

HAZELTON 1 bdrm 1 bath, appliances, wator and garbage paid...

JEROME Immediate move in 2 bdrm, bath, all appliances...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appis, water and garbage paid...

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605 Rooms for Rent

TWIN FALLS Microwave, refrigerator Call for prices.

TWIN FALLS Motel Call for prices.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Just about everybody we play bridge with has a different opinion on how to respond to an opening bid of one club...

ANSWER: By a short club I assume you mean that a one-diamond opening always delivers four, and that with specifically 4-4-3-2 shape you open one club...

Dear Mr. Wolff: I picked up ♠ 9-6-4-2, ♥ Q-9-2, ♦ 8-5, ♣ A-10-8-3, and my partner raised clubs as opposed to responding one spade...

ANSWER: It makes sense to bid a major in a noncompetitive auction when you can because it might be your side's only making game...

Dear Mr. Wolff: I've seen mention of your book "The Lone Wolf," in your column. How many bridge hands are there in it, or is it an autobiography?

ANSWER: I'm pleased you asked me that. The book is far more about my bridge career than it is about bridge hands...

Dear Mr. Wolff: At a bridge party, a person we did not know dealt and opened by saying "double." When we asked what that meant, he said that it showed a strong hand...

ANSWER: As you suspected, an opening double is not a legal action. It reminds me, though, that 20-30 years ago when the methods allowed in international competition were freer than they are now...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Playing with a new partner, I picked up ♠ A-Q-3, ♥ 5-3-2, ♦ Q-9-7-4, ♣ K-10-8 and responded with a forcing no-trump to my partner's one-heart opening bid...

ANSWER: There are some partners who would rather you made the correct systemic call and got a bad result than used your intelligence and scored a top. Here, your choice was not by any means bad to work, but it was an intelligent bid because of your honor location...

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FOUND blind in O'Leary/Harbors area. Call 733-8088 to identify and claim.

FOUND Sony PSP on Falls Ave. Call to identify 320-6616

FOUND white female dog with blue collar north of Paul, Hildary, needs a home. Call 430-8284

IN JEROME
Lost Male Border Collie mix, white with black patches. Lost around 2100 South and Golf Course Rd. Answers to the name Patch. Call 416-1137 or 420-9224.

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FOUND Black Lab, small female, found behind Sugar Factory. Call to identify. Call 208-530-4017 or 208-212-1554, v. msg.
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3. Border cross, red Merle, male, 3200 South.
4. (2) Rott cross, black/white, female, Shoshone 10' Ave. E.
5. Lab cross, yellow male, 3298 E 3400 N. Kimberly.
6. Border Collie cross, black/white, female, puppy, Addison Ave W.
7. Bassett Hound, tri colored male, with a black collar, 1660 E. 3900 N.
8. Pomeranian cross, tri colored female, purple collar, Twin Falls.
9. Aussie cross, Merle, female puppy, Buhl
10. Shiba Inu, gold/white, female, Flor Avonue.
11. Schnauzer cross, brindle/white, neutered male puppy, on Victory Ave.
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14. Border Collie cross, female, black/white, Del Rio.
15. Aussie cross, white/black male, 3849 N. 1500 E Buhl.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on a draft Waste-water Reuse Permit for the City of Richfield facility (permit no. LA-000046-03). The draft permit specifies loading rate limits and monitoring requirements established by DEQ to adequately protect public health, surface water quality and ground water quality. Copies of the draft permit and supporting documents are available for review, upon request, at the following locations:
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5. Lab Husky, black, spayed female adult
6. Dalmation cross, white/black, neutered male, adult
7. Pit Bull cross, tan, spayed female adult
8. Australian Shepherd cross, black/white, spayed female adult
9. Shepherd cross, tan, female adult.

HEALTH QUALITY PLANNING COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC INPUT
You are invited to attend a presentation and provide comment on a proposed statewide health data exchange plan developed by the Health Quality Planning Commission. A health data exchange will provide statewide access to medical records of Idaho residents by health-care providers.
The presentation will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 83302, in the Aspen Building, classroom 155. Attendees should bring to arrive no later than 3:45 as the meeting will start promptly at 4:00 PM. Public comment on the plan will be solicited after the presentation. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 6:00 PM.
The plan is available for review at: http://www.healthandwellness.idaho.gov in the "What's New" section, and at http://idahohealth.org under "Public Documents"
Written comments on the plan will also be accepted through June 11, 2008. Please submit written comments to: Sheri Kovach, Program Supervisor, OHV - Administrative Procedures Section, 450 West State Street - 10th Floor, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036 (208) 334-5558 phone, (208) 334-6558 fax, kovachs@dhv.idaho.gov e-mail
To request a copy of the plan or if you have questions about the plan, please contact LaDonna Larson at (208) 337-1407 or via e-mail at larson@dhv.idaho.gov.
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7 Across: Dresser or mirror
8 Down: Oscar
9 Across: Best color combo
10 Down: First name
11 Across: In talk shows
12 Down: End of
13 Across: Chest side
14 Down: Cold feet
15 Across: Roman 103
16 Down: New of pain
17 Across: Brightest star in Virgo
18 Down: 33
19 Across: White escape location
20 Down: Man of the house
21 Across: 102
22 Down: TV series
23 Across: A/C figure
24 Down: Best of the night sky
25 Across: Of lit rings
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27 Across: One
28 Down: In
29 Across: Close at hand
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Old Lady Luck



Seniors depend on monthly dose of casino fun

By Melissa Davlin
Staff writer

A sea of white and gray hair bobs up and down on the bus. The passengers aren't spending their retirements watching "Wheel of Fortune." They're on their way to find their own fortune in Jackpot, Nev.

The West End Senior Citizens Center in Buhl is one of the centers in south-central Idaho to take its seniors on a monthly trip across the state border to Jackpot. For \$8, Buhl seniors can ride a bus to the casino town for an evening — always on Wednesdays, when the buffet is half price.

For the unacquainted, Jackpot is a tiny roadside town. Gas is already up to \$3.99, and there is little to do except play slots and eat. So why do the seniors go? "To gamble, of course," says Wilma Mosece. The bus picked up Mosece and her friend Al Reeder at her home in Filer. Filer's senior center has its own trip, but Mosece and Reeder feel like going to Jackpot twice this month.

The driver pauses in front of Mosece's house and waits for another couple to show up. When the tardy two board, the passengers burst into song.

"Here we sit like birds in the wilderness, birds in the wilderness!" the seniors sing. The previous driver started the tradition when someone boarded



Slot machine pals Helen Lyon, left, and Marilyn Norman, both managers of the West End Thrift Store in Buhl, pose for a portrait Thursday afternoon.

late. The couple settles in, and the bus is on its way. "Usually the bus isn't full," Mosece says. She and Reeder are banished to the uncomfortable back seats, where they chat about a recent windstorm and Mosece's late husband. The passengers talk quietly among themselves or duze in their seats. Most are regulars. At least one woman is

playing hooky from work. Good thing pictures usually aren't allowed in casinos. Mosece didn't always gamble. She started joining the trips after her husband died. She "accrued" Reeder by convincing him to come along, she says, and now the pair board the bus monthly. "It's just something to look forward to in our life," Mosece says.

After nearly an hour of bumpy roads and strong wind knocking the bus around, they make it to Jackpot. Passengers are dropped off at different casinos, and Mosece and Reeder decide on Cactus Petes Resort Casino. They say goodbye and disappear into the jingle and clang of the casino crowd.

The slot machines aren't a novelty to Fabiola and Nick Salazar. They lived in Nevada for years and just got back from a Las Vegas vacation two weeks ago. Instead, they come mostly to get away from their Buhl home for a day. Fabiola is comfortable in

the casino. She lights a cigarette and navigates the floor with ease. Cactus Petes switches out its slot machines every few months, but she still seems to know exactly where she's going. Nick gets a soda from the free dispensers and wordlessly follows her around.

"These seniors, they spend a lot of money," Fabiola says. The Buhl and Filer ladies keep an eye on each other, though. "They take care of each other."

It's a good thing. Spending a lot of money is easy to do, even for gambling-savvy Fabiola.

"I put a 20 in the quarter machine and started playing," she says. "Before I knew it, my 20 was gone."

She makes her way back to the penny keno machines, where she and Nick sit in a line of silent players, who seem annoyed when conversation interrupts.

"At the one-cent machine, at least I can have fun," Fabiola says. She and Nick play keno as quickly as the others.

Fabiola won't spend the whole evening on the machines. Throughout the night, she will make time for the buffet and wander through the gift shop. It's going to be a long evening. The bus won't get back to Buhl until nearly 11 p.m.

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Looking for the best pet-finding devices

By David Colker
Los Angeles Times

How do you know when a dog is a Geek?

When he's wearing the latest in doggy hi-tech bling, a Global Positioning System locator.

The satellite-linked devices, which have found their way to cars, big rigs, boats and even bicycles, are now available for the canine set.

Two companies are making collar-attached models that send a warning if a dog leaves its designated area. The gizmos then gives the animal's location, allowing you to find it without driving endlessly around the neighborhood, shouting its name.

In theory, it's a cool idea. In practice, neither of the devices — Pocketfinder or Zoombak — is quite ready for puppy prime time. And both are rather expensive because of monthly fees.

But as anyone who has lost a dog can tell you, it's an

exceptionally cool gadget for dogs with wanderlust. It works this way: The owner activates the device, which is attached to the pet's collar via Pocketfinder's Web site. This allows it to be digitally located, a trick it accomplishes not only through the global positioning system but also with use of the cell-phone network.

The next step is setting a geographical boundary — the area you want your unaccompanied dog to stay within. That could be a backyard or a field. This was where the product really

intriguing use of digital tech. Here's a look at the two products, based on real-life dog tests.

Pocketfinder

Location Based Technologies is taking orders for its product, which is in the final stages of development. Executives at the Anaheim, Calif., company say they're confident they'll be able to start shipping it this summer.

But here's hoping that they'll take their time and wait until the bugs in the product are ironed out and that it's made easier to use. Based on the prototype that was tested, Pocketfinder is potentially an

shines. To set the boundary, you use clearly marked aerial photo maps from Microsoft's excellent Virtual Earth platform. For example, I was able to pinpoint my backyard, which is not at all spacious. Then I designated the yard as a "safety zone."

As long as the device was active, I got a cell-phone text message and e-mail whenever my dog Earl left the yard.

However, this brought up a problem. I didn't get the message until Earl was out of the yard (safely on a leash and up the street for this test) for about four or five minutes. That amount of time can be crucial if you live near busy streets.

When you get the warning that your dog is outside the safety zone, you can locate him on the site map. But in the test, the map could be refreshed only once every five minutes. That can make for a nerve-racking delay. (Ideally, when looking for the dog, one person would be stationed at the computer to direct the search. Or if you have a cell phone that clearly shows the Web site map, you can do it yourself.)

By the time the product is released, users' will be able to shorten the

Doggy detectors

Two new gadgets promise to help track of wandering pets.

Pocketfinder

- Does what: Uses GPS and cell network to locate dog
- Price: About \$130, plus a \$15 monthly service fee

- Made by: Location-Based Technologies, Anaheim, Calif.

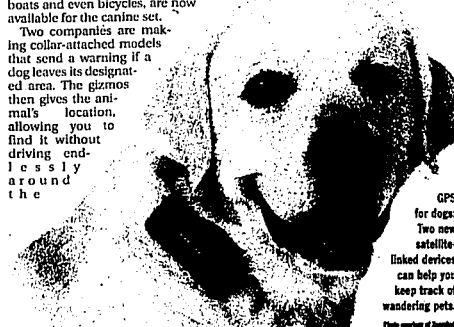
- Pro: Safety zones can be precisely set using online maps
- Con: Locate function can't refresh on command

Zoombak

- Does what: Uses GPS to locate wandering dog
- Price: \$200; plus \$15 monthly service fee

- Made by: Zoombak, New York

- Pro: Locate function can refresh on command
- Cons: Maps are less useful; unit is more expensive



GPS for dogs: Two new satellite-linked devices can help you keep track of wandering pets. Photo courtesy of Zoombak.

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Too many online shoulders to cry on

By Joel Garreau
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shadee Malakou has lots of friends. A whole lot — 1,295, according to her latest Facebook count. But whom exactly can she count on?

Malakou, 22, acknowledges that if she ran into some of her "friends" on the street, she might not remember their names. When she went to Duke, where "I was quite unique popular," social life was so competitive that sometimes invitations were based only on online determinations of how hot a person was, and whether her "friends" were cool.

Now that she is working at a Washington non-profit, Malakou is planning on pruning her "friends" as a rite of spring cleaning, defriending people who have come to mean little to her.

She does stay Facebook friends, however, with professors who might be good for letters of recommendation to graduate school. "The biggest value-added is that it helps maintain relationships — somewhat superficial but not worth getting rid of," she says.

The word "friend" has long covered a broad range of relationships — roommates, army buddies, pals from the law firm, old neighbors, teammates, people you used to smoke dope with in back of your high school, people you see once a year at the Gold Cup, scuba instructors and carpool members, along with fellow gun collectors, Britney fans and cancer victims. The Oxford English Dictionary traces "freond" back to "beowulf" in 1018, and "to be friended" to 1217.

But MySpace and all the hundreds of other social networking Web sites, from Flickr to Twitter to Bebo, have caused us to think afresh about the boundaries and sensitivities of these relationships.

Never before in history has it been so easy to keep up with so many people with whom you otherwise would have lost contact. These new electronic messengers, more than mere improvements over alumni magazines, holiday cards with pictures of families and those horrible letters that bring their lives, initials, yearbooks, organizations, newsletters, and birth and death notices in the newspaper.

Summer friendships, for example, have been transformed. The ritual of meeting again at the beach after winter was once marked by hours of catching up. Not today. Networked people who haven't seen each other in forever already know about the new boyfriend, and what happens to the old one — in very great detail. They also know about the old school and the new job. They have known, every day, no matter where in the world they roamed, the instant that an emotional change occurred. Now, after the initial hugs and swaying hugs, conversations pick up in mid-sentence. It's a mind-melded uncertainty to want to talk to someone.

"This is a world of 'participatory surveillance,'" says Anders Albrechtstund of Denmark's Aalborg University in the online journal First Monday.

Real online friends watch over each other — mutually, voluntarily and enthusiastically, in ways that can be enduring.

Others have referred to it as "empowering exhibitionism," Albrechtstund says.

Call it Friends Next.

You can pick, but you can't

Life was once so simple. "I'll be there for you, when the rain starts to pour," were the "Friends" theme. "I'll be there for you, 'cause you'll be there for me too."

Today, when you join a social network, the first thing



Jessica Smith of D.C. saw a darker side of social networking when a stranger — who turned out to be her boyfriend's ex — tried to befriend her. Before social networks, she wouldn't have called me, or written me a letter.

you start questioning if you really want to embrace every "friend" request. Such promiscuity's downside quickly becomes obvious. Do you really want every petitioner — no matter how unclear his identity or intent — to see your revealing personal information? Much less those pictures of Ashley, Courtney and Jason from last Saturday night?

There's this girl at school "who won't even say hi" in the hallway," says a 16-year-old junior at a Washington, D.C., high school who desires anonymity for fear of social ostracism. The aloof girl keeps asking to be a virtual "friend" on Facebook, arguably the most sophisticated popular site, no matter how often the answer is no.

"This junior struggles with the relationship dilemma. 'Why would I want to be friends' with this person? I occasionally smile at her. I guess it's kind of really impersonal to me, if she's not even going to say hi,'" the high schooler says she's "selective in acceptance of friends" — she has a total of 131 on Facebook. But if she had a relationship blow up, on the shoulders of how many could she cry?

"Probably like 20," she says. For two decades, online social networks have been touted as one of the finest flowerings of our new era. But what is the strength of ties so weak as to barely exist? Who will you launch money? Who will bail you out of jail? Who's got your back?

A remote Wyoming cattle ranch was home to internet pioneer John Perry Barlow when he was a boy in the '50s. In the '60s, when he encountered the first settlers of online communities such as the Well, he felt like he was back in the small towns he once knew. He revealed in the '90s that he was a compulsive complainer — comforting and harassing each other, bartering, engaging in religion — beginning and ending love affairs, praying for one another's sick kids. "There was it, seemed about everything one might find going on in a small town, save dragging Main or making out on the back roads."

He has since developed a more jaundiced view of the Internet's utopian promise to dissolve barriers between people — "the reason I got involved in that stuff" in the first place, he says.

Barlow hoped for a distinctly 19th-century understanding of what community was. Where it was not just bail you out of jail, but stand behind you with a loaded gun — the Wyoming version. Instead, he sees people collecting and displaying enormous numbers of "friends" on MySpace, "for the same reason that elk grow antlers, I expect."

Some encounters can be novel and strange. Jessica Smith, 23, remembers the time someone shed never heard of from Vassar tried to friend her. It happened when Smith was an undergraduate at George Washington University and had just started dating her boyfriend, Peter. Turned out the stranger was Peter's ex.

"There was nothing friendly about this," she says. "She only wanted to know about me." When Smith didn't fall

for this probe — like it was the ex's business how cute she might be, or clever — "a friend of hers friended me. Like that would trick me — 'Ooo, a new friend from Vassar.' It was weird. Really creepy," before social networks, "she wouldn't have called me, or written me a letter."

Stitched together

We're inventing Friends Next every day.

"For most people, when they thought of their close friends, it was people with whom they would share personal things," says Sherry Turkle, a sociologist and psychologist, at MIT who has studied online social networks from their beginnings.

"What's changing now is that people who are not in the other person's physical life meet in this very new kind of space. It is leaving room for new hybrid forms."

The weirdness of Friends Next is that it comes at you like a melodrama: "Is he married yet?" "Is he still single?" "She's changed her religious views to 'rain dancing.' I thought she had a cross tattooed on her hip."

"Facebook is more about entertainment than work," says Nicholas A. Christakis, a physician and sociologist who studies social networks at Harvard. "Instead of watching soap operas, they're watching soap operas of people they sort of know." "It sucks you in," says Mary Washington's Clark. "The public conversations — it's 'digital eavesdropping.'"

Losing friends in this new world is as fraught as making them. "Real-world friendships are not usually intentionally ended," Adams says. "Folks just let things naturally cool off. On Facebook, decisive action has to be taken."

Defriending cements that a friend is over. "It's the best socially interactive occur when a couple breaks up. Change your profile from 'In a Relationship' to 'Single' — or even more ominously, 'It's Complicated' — and little press releases blast out to all your gossip-hound friends." Massive e-mailing and tongue-wagging ensues.

It's futile to try to erase latent trails of Friends Next. "The digital trails of an online friendship — true or not — really do last forever," Albrechtstund says. Its evidence is stored on servers indefinitely, beyond the control of the persons involved.

The real thing
So in Friends Next, what matters? Is being good company enough? Is trust a key ingredient? Or loyalty? Or self-verified?

"Go through your phone book, call people and ask them to drive you to the airport," Jay Leno once said. "The ones who will drive you are your true friends. The rest aren't bad people; they're just acquaintances."

"It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter," said Marlene Dietrich. While Facebook will allow you as many as 5,000 "friends," enduring realities impose far more significant limits.



Shadee Malakou plans to trim the list of nearly 1,300 friends she accumulated on Facebook as an undergrad at Duke. Never before in history has it been so easy to keep up with so many people with whom you otherwise would have lost contact.

When your worlds collide

By Joel Garreau
The Washington Post

You know all those separate lives you lead when you're not being the PTC lawyer, or the hair-metal band freak, you're the wife of a glassblower and mother of two who likes to spend every vacation she can on the black-sand beaches of Dominica?

Forget about keeping those lives neatly partitioned in Friends Next. "It's the postmodern nightmare — to have all of your selves collide," says Rebecca G. Adams, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who edits Personal Relationships, the journal of the International Association for Relationship Research. In villages of the agrarian age, you wouldn't even have developed those various personalities. In Friends Next you can't escape them. "If you really welcome all of your friends from all of the different aspects of your life and they interact with each other and communicate in ways that everyone can read," Adams says, "you get held accountable for the person you are in all of these groups, instead of just one of them."

This became dramatically clear in September 2003, on an early site called Friendster. Two 15-year-old students approached a young San Francisco teacher with two questions: Why do you drag us, and why are you friends with pedophiles? So reports danah boyd, a PhD candidate at the University of California at Berkeley's School of Information who has become

renowned for her research into online social networks, and who insists on rendering her name without capital letters.

The teacher's profile was nothing extraordinary or controversial. Her picture showed her hiking. But she had a lot of friends who were devotees of Burning Man — the annual week-long festival in the Nevada desert that attracts tens of thousands of people experimenting with community, artwork, self-expression, self-reliance, absurdity and clothing optional revelry.

"The drug reference came not from her profile but from those of her Friends, some of whom had signaled drug use (and attendance at Burning Man, which for the students amounted to the same thing)," boyd writes. "Friends also brought her the pedophilia connection — in this case via the profile of a male Friend who, for his part, had included an in-joke involving a self-portrait in a Catholic schoolgirl outfit and testimonials about his love of young girls. The students were not in on this joke."

In Friends Next, all your lives and circles of relationships are collapsed. Extreme cases of friend mash-ups resemble the bar-room scene in "Star Wars."

"You can be friends with someone you know well and don't like," reports Susannah Clark, a sophomore at the University of Maryland. "In Friends Next, all your profiles and blogs and are well aware of their life. It's a love-to-hate type arrangement."

"I even agreed to be one person's friend because he's so psychotic I was scared of what would happen if I said no," writes blogger Dan Kaufman.

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Luck

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 It's 4:15 p.m., 15 minutes before the Canyon Cove Buffet is scheduled to open. Thirty-plus seniors stand in line for a first crack at the endless supply of food — pasta, garlic mashed potatoes, fried chicken and a heavenly dessert bar.

With their pink jackets, Bull friends Marilyn Norman and Helen Lyon are easy to spot in the line. They wait next to a couple from Montana and discuss the area's recent windstorms. The trip gives Norman and Lyon a chance to interact

with people from around the country.

"We'd meet a lot of people from Canada," Norman says.

The friends have been monthly regulars for years. They reminisce about the days before Cactus Pies got rid of weekly gala shows.

Now, the buffet is the trip's highlight. The sugar-free section of the dessert bar especially appeals to Norman, who has diabetes. She nibbles on apple pie while Lyon — prepared with a baggie — swipes a few chocolate-covered straw-

ries for tomorrow's snack. It's a luxury they can enjoy now that their families have moved away. That's why so many seniors spend time in Jackpot, unlike younger adults, Norman says.

"Their money needs to go towards their families," she says. Because the Magic Valley seniors don't have the same obligations, they're free to come and spend, spend, spend.

But do they win, win, win? Most are coy.

After dinner, Norman and Lyon hit the slots. After an hour, Norman breaks even

and walks away with the \$10 she put down. Lyon does even better, making some money — of course, she won't say how much.

It's nice to win, but that's not the point for the pair.

"It's to get away from home," Lyon says. "Four weeks gets to be monotonous."

"Otherwise, you just sit in your rocking chair till you keel over," Normans says. "Ain't no point in that."

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Honor a child with epilepsy

Staff report

Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho is searching for a child to represent the state, and Idaho's children with epilepsy, and those who have overcome difficulties or succeeded in a special activity. Smaller victories by more seriously affected children are equally important.

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where we were.

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Zoombak is more expensive. The price listed on the site is \$200, plus a \$15 monthly service fee. When I was testing it at a local dog park, one woman spotted it on my dog's collar and asked, "Is that a little cell phone?"

Maybe that's next.

GPS

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refresh time to about a minute. Pockettfinder said.

That's lots better, although it will drain the device's rechargeable batteries faster.

A more minor and easily fixable problem was that the instructions for using the Web site tools were a bit confusing.

The prototype device was bulky, but that will be fixed, Pockettfinder said. The device, when released, will be a thin disk about 2 inches in diameter.

The device will cost about \$130, plus \$15 a month for the service.

Zoombak

This system, from Zoombak in New York, works in a similar fashion.

But it has one distinct advantage — when trying to find a dog, the device can be refreshed manually to give a location that's only a few seconds old.

Here's how it worked in testing. I was out with Earl, who was wearing the Zoombak device on his collar, while a friend searched for us from the company site. All my friend had to do was hit the "Locate" button on the site and within a few seconds he would get a map showing

where we were.

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'I look at mother and baby as dance partners, both physically and emotionally,' says lactation consultant Pat Shelly, holding baby Claire Miller. Behind her, Trisha Christopher holds daughter Margaret McCommons at the Breastfeeding Center for Greater Washington.

'Breast whisperer' aids new moms

By Katherine Slaver
 The Washington Post

Laura Osurl's eyes, bloodshot from lack of sleep, rimmed with tears as 2-week-old Isaac slept in his car seat carrier, oblivious to his mother's worry and frustration.

"The first week he was nursing fine, no problem," said Osurl, 31, as she collapsed into a chair at the Breastfeeding Center for Greater Washington. Then the baby started to arch his back and cry, she said. He had become so uncooperative and she so sore that she'd stopped nursing four days earlier.

"It just wasn't worth it," Osurl said, almost apologetically.

It was another mystery for lactation consultant Pat Shelly, who explored Isaac's mouth with a rubber-gloved pinkie and quietly studied the baby as he finally began trying to suck.

Nicknamed "the breast whisperer" by some clients, Shelly's work has gained traction as breastfeeding has gradually increased nationwide. She is part of a booming breastfeeding industry that in the past 15 years has given rise to specially designed pillows such as "My Best Friend," hands-free pumping bras and charm bracelets that keep track of a baby's feedings.

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income families.

For Shelly, breastfeeding is less a business than a 25-year cause. Her center is nonprofit, and many of its classes are free. Her message: Breastfeeding may not always be easy, but it's the healthiest option for babies' development and immune systems, as well as for their mothers' stress levels and improved protection against some cancers.

Getting that message out, she said, means battling the influence of well-financed formula companies, brief maternity leaves that allow little time for mother and baby to get in sync, workplaces with no place or time for working mothers to pump, and an American society squeamish about a woman's breasts providing a child's food.

Shelly is like a detective with her clients, ferreting out problems a baby with a small tongue or high palate, a mother with a low milk supply.

"I look at mother and baby as dance partners, both physically and emotionally," Shelly said.

Clients have included breast cancer survivors, women who have undergone breast surgery and those who want to nurse their adopted babies (yes, it's possible).

She also helps women with breastfeeding long-term, particularly after returning to work. Government studies show that almost 75 percent of newborns are breastfed, an amount that falls to 42 percent by six months and 21 percent at a year. The

American Academy of Pediatrics recommends breastfeeding exclusively for six months and then continuing along with iron-rich solid foods, until the baby is at least 1.

"Women need a village, and we're in a big city," said Shelly, 52, a self-described "earth mother" to two adult sons who she breastfed for two years. "Some women don't want to listen to their mothers when it comes to breastfeeding. They want a professional."

Many clients say they found Shelly a cheerleader who withheld judgment.

"Breastfeeding is the most natural thing in the world, but it's not natural for everybody," said Erica Pressman, 37, who turned to Shelly when daughter Tall, now 4 months, was losing weight at a few days old and developed reflux at 3 months.

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Niomel Barry-Perez's baby, Emilio, now 4 months, had problems nursing from the start. She was battling postpartum depression and felt that "if I couldn't breastfeed competently, I was a bad mother," she said.

Shelly found that the ligament beneath Emilio's tongue was too tight, something a physician confirmed and fixed with a simple procedure, said Barry-Perez, 34, who works for the Department of Labor.

"I went in hanging my head and saying, 'I'm using formula,'" Barry-Perez said. "She said, 'You're doing the best you can do for your baby, and you should be congratulated for that.' That was huge."

Shelly urges women with newborns to make breastfeeding a priority, putting off thank-you notes and other chores if necessary.

"The minute the baby is born, all eyes are off the mom and on the baby," Shelly said. "But the mothers are going through a huge life change."

Shelly tells a class of pregnant women that their breasts will have different "personalities" and warns that their first time using a breast pump may feel "kind of bovine." She encourages those having problems to hold the baby naked against their bare chests as much as possible to keep the infant "loving the breast."

She realizes that some women physically can't nurse while many others will choose not to at some point.

"If a mom says, 'I'm only going three months,' I try to make the most out of her three months," Shelly said. "I'll be there to help her wean. Once they know that, I think they can relax a bit and enjoy their baby."

That's why pediatrician Amy Pullman said she refers mothers to Shelly: Unlike some hard-core "purists," Pullman said, Shelly will work with a doctor's wishes if a baby needs formula supplements to treat jaundice or significant weight loss, for instance.

"We like to be flexible with mothers in terms of breastfeeding so they don't feel like failures if they can't or don't want to," Pullman said. "Pat doesn't tell them that they're poisoning their baby if their kid needs formula."

Shelly hopes someday to open a small hotel on Capitol Hill, a place where breastfeeding mothers could stay overnight to get help or support. She plans to call it a breast and break-

STORK REPORT

- Cassia Regional Medical Center**
- Ethan Hank Barlow, son of Jason and Mary Barlow of Rupert, was born May 15, 2008.
- St. Benedict's Family Medical Center**
- Jose Andres McLaughlin, son of Kimberly Ann McLaughlin of Bliss, was born May 23, 2008.
- Cristal Sarah Cruz Castro, daughter of Ruben E. Castro of Jerome, was born May 19, 2008.
- Corbin Lee Glauner, son of Jason and Hope Glauner of Wendell, was born May 22, 2008.
- Estrella Diaz Rivas, daughter of Felipa Rivas and Miguel Nava of Shoshone, was born May 22, 2008.
- Jose Eduardo Ruiz Hernandez, son of Blanca Ruiz Hernandez and Eduardo Ruiz Madrigal of Jerome, was born May 23, 2008.
- Judd Daniel Wood, son of Stephanie and James Wood of Jerome, was born May 23, 2008.
- St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center**
- Dillon J. Derricott, son of Amanda Sky and Jason Royce Derricott of Twin Falls, was born May 15, 2008.
- Carter Jay Morrison, son of Cindy Louise and Lanning Jay Morrison of Twin Falls, was born May 19, 2008.
- Christian Joovani Lazaro Arroyo, son of Lorena Arroyo and Jesus Lazaro Garcia of Jerome, was born May 20, 2008.
- Autumn River Hoge, daughter of Shana Dawn and Cameron Nathan Hoge of Twin Falls, was born May 20, 2008.
- Ava Ranao James Andrea, daughter of Katelyn Lind and Aaron Thomas Endres of Rupert, was born May 21, 2008.
- Tristin Charles Bellem, son of Amber Lynn and Bradford Charles Bellem of Twin Falls, was born May 21, 2008.
- Alexa Isabel Salazar-Pineda, daughter of Yuri Salazar and Jalma Salinas of Dietrich, was born May 21, 2008.
- Zoexandra Shea Senn, daughter of Heather Ann Walls and Rodolfo Senn Jr. of Twin Falls, was born May 23, 2008.
- Emigdio Julian Banuelos-Simental Jr., son of Rosa Banuelos Simental and Emigdio Banuelos Nava of Eden, was born May 23, 2008.
- Clayton Siml Smrlok, son of Adelita Simic and Allen Smrlok of Twin Falls, was born May 23, 2008.
- Ryan Alan Surbrook, son of Dee Ann and Carl Lee Surbrook of Kimberly, was born May 23, 2008.
- Abel James Tawney, son of Autumn Lynn Tawney of Kimberly, was born May 23, 2008.
- Bridget Marilyn White, daughter of Tracie and David White of Gooding, was born May 23, 2008.
- Phoebe Rae Studebaker, daughter of Bethann Sticellene and Eric James Studebaker of Kimberly, was born May 24, 2008.
- Alexandria Franche Ramos, daughter of Gloria Marie Cater and Arthur Jackson Ramos of Hansen, was born May 24, 2008.
- Zack Ray Walton, son of Cary Rene and Casey Nielsen Walton of Twin Falls, was born May 24, 2008.
- Keaton Isaac Dumas, son of Lacie K. and Jaren Eric Dumas of Twin Falls, was born May 25, 2008.

Baby, baby, baby

Watch the Olson triplets come home to Twin Falls.

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BALIOLAS

Tony and Mercy Balliola of Burley and formerly of the Philippines will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 7, at Makati Sports Club in Manila, Philippines.

The couple was married June 26, 1958, in Manila.

They moved to Burley in 1991 and retired from Simpliot Company in 2002.

The event is hosted by their 10 children, Amee (Tim) Fiscus, Mhae (JASON) Korb, Gerald (Rachel) Balliola and Anna Balliola, all of Burley; Cora (Rose) Obeta, Luisa (Avelth) Libad, Eleanor



Mercy and Tony Balliola

Baliola, all of Philippines; Jean Balliola of Twin Falls; Anthony Jhun Balliola of Seattle; and Julius (Linda) Balliola of Poffland, Ore. The couple has 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Wally and Wanda Bernard

THE BERNARDS

Wally and Wanda Bernard of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 24.

Wally Bernard and Wanda Emerson were married May



Gene and Beverly Huckfeldt

24, 1958, at the Presbyterian Church in Elko, Nev.

They have two children, Sonni Hyvonen of Tulsa, Okla., and Scott Bernard of Meridian; and five grandchildren.



Ella May and LaVern Jorgenson

THE HUCKFELTDS

Gene and Beverly Huckfeldt of Twin Falls celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home with friends and family.

The couple was married May 23, 1948, in Hastings, Neb.

They lived in Nebraska before moving to southern California, where he worked for Standard Oil and she taught school. He later was



Richard and Susan Nay

self-employed, while she managed the books for the business. He then worked for the Yuma County Parks Department in Arizona.

They have lived in Twin Falls for 20 years and spend the winters in Yuma, Ariz. The event is hosted by their nephews, Norman (Dorene) Huckfeldt of Twin Falls, David Koch of Vancouver, Wash., and Frank (Donise) Koch of Hastings, Neb.

THE JORGENSENS

LaVern and Ella May Jorgenson of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Jerome Recreation District Park on South Lincoln.

They were married June 8, 1958, at the Friends Church in Homedale.

The couple farmed most of their married life, moving to Jerome in 1966. They sold the farm in 1995, and he continues to do custom farming until 2006. They have been active on bowling leagues for



James and LaFae Wright

many years.

They have two daughters, Linda (Dan) Hadam of Jerome and Nancy (Jeff) Sauer of Hagerman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

THE WRIGHTS

Dr. James L. and LaFae H. Wright of Kimberly will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.

James Wright and LaFae H. Wright were married June 6, 1958, at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

They have lived in Kimberly for 42 years.

He worked as a research soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service research center near Kimberly.

She was a homemaker.

They are active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and on the Kimberly



Brent and Jerri West

They have seven children, Betty (Bruce) McIntire of St. George, Utah; Brenda Lafferty (deceased); Bonnie Lafferty (Ivonne) Minister of Fallsom, Calif.; Janette (Darrell) Jack of Jackpot, Nev.; Sharon (David) Weeks of St. George, Utah; Joanna (Jeff) Henry of Tualatin, Ore.; and Dr. Steven Wright of Novi, Mich.

The couple has 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

CALDWELL-WAYMENT

Mike and Renee Caraway of Kimberly and David and Evelyn Caldwell of Spanish Fork, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rashmi Ruth Caldwell, to Jacob Allen Wayment, son of Scott and Robyn Wayment and Lori Berney, all of Twin Falls.

Caldwell attended Kimberly High School and is a stay-at-home mom with their two boys. Wayment attended Kimberly High and works for his father in the construction industry.



Rashmi Caldwell and Jacob Wayment

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 7, at The White House, 365 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. A reception will follow from 8-10 p.m.

CASPER-HARTWELL

Earl and Rhonda Casper of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Casper, to Jeremy David Hartwell, son of Jim and Jan Hartwell of Declo.

Casper is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in bilingual elementary education. She works at ALA Magic Valley For Kids in Twin Falls.

Hartwell is a graduate of Declo High School and Brigham Young University. He works at KMTV in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Amy Casper and Jeremy Hartwell

Saturday, June 7, at the Reshure LDS Temple. Receptions will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the Burley Institute building and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at The White House in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

CUTLER-HERNANDEZ

Kelly and Deborah Cutler of Murtaugh announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Kelly Cutler, to Jeffrey Loy Hernandez, son of Juan and Reina Hernandez of Glens Falls.

Cutler is a 2004 graduate of Murtaugh High School and attended Idaho State University. She works at Fred Meyer in Burley.

Hernandez is a 2004 graduate of Glens Falls High School and attended College of Southern Idaho. He works at Fred Meyer.



Jillian Cutler and Jeffrey Hernandez

The wedding is planned for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at The White House in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls, where they will continue their educations.

NAY-SMITH

Richard and Susan Nay of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Nay, to Korrie Smith, son of David and Loreta Smith of Burley.

Nay is a graduate of Burley High School and works at A Star Inn in Burley.

Smith is a graduate of Declo High School and works at Pacific Ethanol in Burley. The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at



Samantha Nay and Korrie Smith

Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A reception will follow.

WEST-ERICKSON

Brent and Jerri West of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lynn West, to Jesse (El) Erickson, son of Johnny and Audrey Erickson of Almo.

West is a 2004 graduate of Declo High School and attends College of Southern Idaho.

Erickson is a 1999 graduate of Raft River High School. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 7. A reception will follow 6-8 p.m. at



Jesse Erickson and Tracy West

Marsh Creek Event Center, 895 S. Highway 77 in Allihon, with a dance 8 p.m. to midnight.

THOM-CASE

Thom Thom and Brian Thom, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Lindsay Thom, to Andrew Wayne Case, son of Maria and Howard Case of Idaho Falls.

Thom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University.

Case is a graduate of Skyline High School and BSU. He works at Boise Co. Op. The wedding is planned



Megan Thom and Andrew Case

for Saturday, Oct. 25, at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at Canyon Crest Event Center.

BURRUS-NEVAREZ

Dave and Ruth Burrus of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Joshlyn Burrus, to Bobby Nevarez, son of David and Mafy Nevarez of Rupert.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the home of Ed and Daenean Garza, 432 E. Mountain View Lane in Burley. A reception will follow.



Bobby Nevarez and Joshlyn Burrus

TIMMONS-HITT

Jillan Timmons and Brian Hitt announce their engagement.

Timmons is the daughter of Jerry and Lisa Buerkle of Rupert. Hitt is the son of Tom and Marie Hitt of Malaga.

Timmons is a graduate of Minico High School. She works at Wild Hare Junction and Cattle Country Cafe.

Hitt is a graduate of Raft River High School and works at Harper Farms in Malaga. The wedding is planned for



Jillan Timmons and Brian Hitt

Saturday, June 7, at Allhoun Park. A reception will follow.

WEDDINGS

NEWTON-FORD

Claire Ann Newton and David Allen Ford were married May 16 at the Portland LDS Temple in Portland, Ore.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Sally Newton of Tigard, Ore. The groom is the son of Gordon and Elaine Ford of Jerome.

A dinner followed at Lake Oswego Country Club.

The bride and groom attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and work for the university. The couple resides in



David and Claire Ford

Provo. A reception will be held 7-9 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the LDS Church at 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome.

RUDY-GRACE

Morgan Leigh Rudy and Jeremy Michael Grace were married May 25 at Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Tex. Rev. Joshua Fleming officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Blair and Candy Rudy of Garland, Texas. The groom is the son of Mike and Betty Grace of Queen Creek, Ariz., and formerly of Burley.

Kelcie Baird was maid of honor and Holmell Huebner was mistress of honor. Bridesmaids were Kelly Hunt, Amanda Holdbrook and Jennifer Winfrey.

Groomsman were Joseph Leferre Jr., Amy Atkins, Andrew Gray, Dr. David Wardy and Alex Adams. Ushers were Christopher Lloyd and Weston Bohannon.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Tom and Bobbie James of Garland, Texas, and Dalsanna Rudy of Wausau, Wis.; and grandmother of the groom, Grace Hunt of Burley.

The bride is a graduate of Carroll High School in



Morgan Grace

Southlake, Texas, and Texas Tech University. She is program coordinator of School of Humanities at Rice University.

The groom is a graduate of DeBoson High School in Mesa, Ariz., and has a master's degree in rhetoric and composition from Northern Arizona University. He is James P. Boone lecturer of communication, associate of the Office of Academic Advising and assistant director of George R. Brown Forensics Society at Rice University.

The couple will reside in Houston.

Putting a stop to the early-morning meows

By Jura Roncius
The Washington Post

A cat meowing outside your bedroom door at dawn is one of the most annoying sounds in the world. Of course, they are doing this because they are crazy about you and want to spend more time with you, but this is no consolation when you are trying to sleep.

Of course, some cats are doing it simply because they want you to give them more food.

In our house, we have dealt with this problem by cutting a cat door into the door between our kitchen and basement.

During the day, the door is open so our cat can go down there for food, water, his bed, his scratching post and his litter in the evening, when the last person retires to bed, the cat is corralled into the basement and the door is shut so in the morning, we don't have a vocal, curly-morning visitor disturbing our slumber.

There are lots of other cre-

ative ideas passed down by cat people through the years on how to deal with this:

- Set up a fan outside your bedroom door pointed at the lower part of the door. Cats hate having air blown on their face so they might give up coming in.

- Keep a spray bottle of water handy and when he begins meowing, either spray your cat's paws under the door (if the crack is wide enough) or open the door quickly and spray his body with a little water. If he doesn't sneak past you inside the bedroom, you've at least gotten a small victory.

- If your cat scratches your door instead of meowing at it, try putting up bubble paper, or some double-sided tape on the lower part of the door where his claws are scratching.

- Cats usually don't like the feel of ethyl.

- Don't feel guilty. Chances are, if you let your cat in to cuddle with you, he'll be standing at the closed door of your bedroom meowing to get out before long.

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (Sent in, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

Bedeveled by disease:

By Brenna Maloney
The Washington Post

It looks like a small, stocky dog with a bear's head. It prefers to find dead animals to eat. It shrieks like a fiend, and its ears turn deep purple when it is agitated. And right now—this strange little beast is in trouble—serious trouble.

The Tasmanian devil is facing extinction because a contagious cancer unique to devils is sweeping over Tasmania, a large island state off the south-east coast of Australia and the only place where these marsupials live in the wild.

Discovered in 1996, devil facial tumor disease (DFTD) causes painful tumors to grow around the mouths and heads of the devils. Once the cancer becomes visible, death follows in six to 12 months.

As much as half the wild devil population, which once numbered 160,000, might have been affected so far. As of now, there is no vaccine or other cure.

"They're in a pretty bad way," says Elizabeth Murchison, an Australian cancer researcher at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York. "It would be so, so sad if devils disappeared. It's motivating us (researchers) to work really hard to find a treatment."

Unlike most cancers, DFTD is contagious. The disease is passed through biting.

Once bitten by an infected devil, a healthy animal's immune system doesn't work properly, so the cancer grows, explains Hamish McCullum, who heads the DFTD program at the University of Tasmania.

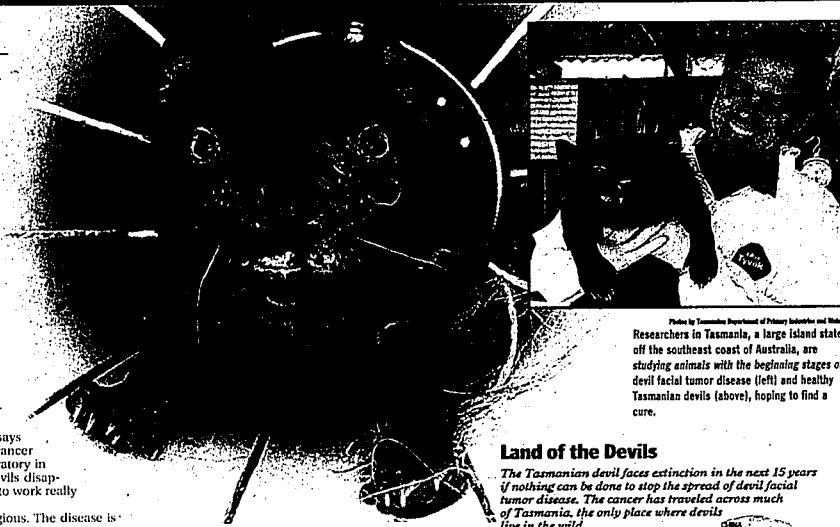
"To encounter (diseased) devils in the wild is really quite distressing," says Murchison. "They have a bad reputation because they make such a ghastly sound, but they are really very sweet."

When the cancer is in its later stages, the devils can no longer eat. They become extremely thin. "Sometimes their jaws are broken, teeth are broken," Murchison says.

"There is a sense of urgency" to finding a treatment or cure, Murchison says, but researchers face difficult challenges.

"There are few vaccines against any form of cancer," McCullum notes, "and even if we did develop a vaccine, we would then need a means of delivering it in the wild."

For now, scientists are preparing "for the worst," Murchison says.



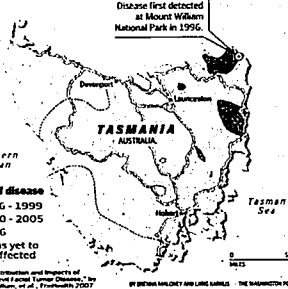
Photos by Tasmania Department of Primary Industries and Water
Researchers in Tasmania, a large island state off the southeast coast of Australia, are studying animals with the beginning stages of devil facial tumor disease (left) and healthy Tasmanian devils (above), hoping to find a cure.

Land of the Devils

The Tasmanian devil faces extinction in the next 15 years if nothing can be done to stop the spread of devil facial tumor disease. The cancer has traveled across much of Tasmania, the only place where devils live in the wild.



Devils were once widespread over the Australian mainland, but disappeared after the arrival of the dingo. Tasmanians separated from the mainland by the 150-mile-wide Bass Strait.



Spread of disease
■ 1996 - 1999
■ 2000 - 2005
□ 2006
□ Areas yet to be affected

SOURCE: "Evolution and Impact of Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumor Disease," by Hamish McCullum, et al., *Trends* 2007

About 100 healthy devils have been moved to zoos and wildlife parks, mostly in Australia. The aim is to protect healthy devils until the disease can be stopped.

"I remain hopeful we can save the devils," McCullum says. "The one ray of light" comes from western Tasmania, where the disease has not reached and where the genetic makeup of the devils is slightly different from those living in the east.

"If these differences are big enough to make them resistant to the disease," he says, "we may be able to breed resistant devils from them."

"It's very important that we save the devil," Murchison says, "because it is such a special, special animal."

More on the devils

To learn more, go to www.tassilevel.com.au. And to hear what a Tasmanian devil sounds like, go to www.parks.tas.gov.au/wildlife/mammals/devil.html.

Know your Tasmanian devil

The Tasmanian devil is the largest carnivorous (meat-eating) marsupial; it is about the size of a small dog. Its spine-chilling screeches, fierce look and rowdy bad temper led early European settlers to call it the Devil. Tasmanian devils eat up to 40

percent of their body weight per meal every two or three days. They eat just about anything, but prefer carrion (dead meat that they find). A typical diet includes wallabies, kangaroos, wombats, lizards, snakes, frogs, birds, crayfish and eggs. Devils roam nearly 20 miles a night to

search of food. A good sense of smell allows them to detect food nearly a mile away. Devils are nocturnal (active only at night). During the day they sleep in burrows. Body characteristics: large head; powerful, bone-crunching jaws; short, stocky body; hairy 10-

inch-long tail; black fur with white markings on the neck, shoulders and rump; long claws used for digging and to grasp prey; wavy whiskers that extend to the shoulders, acting as sensors during night movement, feeding and communication.

Throwing a birthday celebration without the sweets

By Bridget Schulte
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When kids at Archisha Singh's school in Loudoun County, Va., have a birthday, there are no parents sweeping in with towers of cupcakes dripping with frosting. Little River Elementary is one of a growing number of treat-free schools.

Some school districts, concerned about childhood obesity, food allergies and federal nutrition guidelines, have banned cupcakes altogether.

So what's a kid to do? Lots, it turns out. At Little River, birthday kids can donate a book, which Principal Joyce Hurdcastle will read to their class. She also hands out birthday certificates, badges and special pencils, and makes sure the kids' names are read on the school's morning news.

Parents can send in stickers, pencils and other non-food favors for the class. Kids can donate jump-ropes and other sports gear get their names on a certificate that's displayed at school. Archisha's second-grade teacher lets birthday kids bring in a CD of their favorite music to play during downtime.

Archisha does miss cupcakes, especially the vanilla ones with sprinkles that her mother made for her preschool class. But the Little River way is fun, too. "I like both ways," she said. Hurdcastle says it's important

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— Alicia Levin, a teacher at Washington Hebrew Early Childhood Center in Potomac, Md.

that the school is not only teaching, but is modeling healthy choices for kids: "There is life after cupcakes, and I think, for the most part, it is a better life. The truth is, if you eat a treat, then it's gone in two seconds, but a book lasts a lifetime. The sports equipment lasts, and kids can use it day after day after day."

We asked readers how their schools celebrate birthdays now that many have banned cupcakes. Thomas Jones, 8, of Gainesville, Va., said kids at Buckland Mills donate books to the library and receive a birthday card. Alexa Regnier, 9, of Fairfax, Va., said her teacher gives American Collector postage stamps for special occasions.

"Instead of bringing sweets and junk food, at our school we bring in hats and assorted party favors," wrote Matthew Gierman, 12, of Poolesville, Md. Others said they bring in craft projects — with the permission of the teacher. Alicia Levin, a teacher at Washington Hebrew Early

Childhood Center in Potomac, Md., used to watch in dismay as sugary birthday treats sent students bouncing off the walls. On a trip to Israel last year, she discovered a new idea: the Birthday Chair.

"We decorate a chair with flowers, and the child gets to sit in it all day. We make a crown out of paper flowers, and we sing 'Happy Birthday' to them in Hebrew, English and Spanish," she said.

"A lot of parents, instead of sending in treats, have gotten very creative. One sent in little bubbles, another sent in crayons with a little coloring book. ... The kids just love it."

Some schools allow healthy treats such as carrots, celery, fruit cups with vanilla yogurt, and bagels with cream cheese.

Diane Sartori searched online for ideas about what to take to her daughter's kindergarten class at St. Leo the Great Catholic School in Fairfax. She came up with bamboo skewers of fresh fruit that she calls Magic Wands. She cut the fruit

Carrots vs. Cupcakes

Here is a comparison of the nutritional value of nine raw baby carrots and one homemade, frosted cupcake.

	40	calories	190
0	calories from fat	80	
0	total fat (in grams)	8	
0	cholesterol (milligrams)	25	
0	sodium (milligrams)	160	
9	total carbohydrates (grams)	26	

PERCENTAGE OF DAILY RECOMMENDED VALUE		
230%	vitamin A	0%
10%	vitamin C	4%
2%	calcium	0%
0%	iron	2%

SOURCES: Dele Food Company Inc., THE WASHINGTON POST

with cookie cutters to vary the shapes.

Since the kids had been studying the color wheel, she lined up the pieces of watermelon, cantaloupe, pineapple and other fruits to match it.

Another way to celebrate a birthday is by creating a new tradition at school. Maybe your teacher would allow the birthday girl or boy to be line leader for the day or

Learn more on the Web

Nutrition resources on the Internet: HealthyKid.org — Test how much you know about the nutritional value of what's in your refrigerator. SpotTheBlock.com — How to use foods' Nutrition Facts labeling to choose healthier meals and snacks.

help teach the class. When kids at the Montessori School of McLean in Virginia have a birthday, they do a Walk Around the Sun, a Montessori tradition. "The teacher places a lit candle on the floor.

In a circle around the candle she lays strips of paper labeled with the months of the year and the seasons.

When Daniel Meakem celebrated his birthday in February, he held a globe and stood between the winter solstice and spring equinox markings — where his birthday falls.

Then he walked around the circle seven times, once for each year of his life, stopping each time on his birth date to tell "something that we achieved or learned during that year of our lives, or something special that we did, like learned how to walk, talk, become a big brother or first time on an airplane," he said.

"My favorite part is when you get to make a wish and blow out the candle."

JUNE EVENTS

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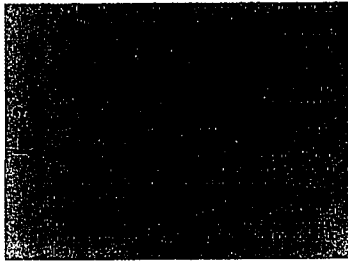
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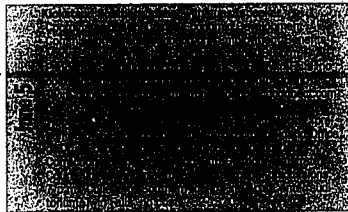
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JUNE 1, 2008



June 2 Children's Summer Reading Kickoff, Bug Mini-Golf for grades K-5th and Buggy Bean Toss for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.



June 4 Billas Flower and Garden Club meeting, tour of Dorothy Bormann's iris garden, 11:30 a.m. meet, Dollar Store, Gooding, bring bag lunch, 352-4260.
Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-heat lunch, with Chris Anderson of Herrett Center Observatory on "Night Sky Protection," noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.
Tie-Dye Extravaganza, for grades 6th-12th, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., bring clean, white cotton cloth, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.
Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) Jam and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.



June 6 Friends of the Library Afternoon Book Club, discussion of "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo, 1:30 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.
Opening reception for Plain Air paintings on display from June 6 through June 12, 7 to 9 p.m., Arts Council offices and Main Street Plaza foyer, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, (208) 734-2482.
June 6, 7 — The Mini-Casala Relay For Life, Rupert Square, 434-8667.
June 6, 7 — Skandl Dag Festival, Hoyburn Riverside Park, 679-4793.
June 6, 7, 13, 14 — Artist's Atelier students exhibit, display of variety of works in oil and graphite created by 20 art students, 1 to 5 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Filer, (208) 734-3003 or maria@theartistatelier.com.



June 8 Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association performance, noon to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m. dance, Buhl Senior Citizens Center, 735-1580.
Team Memory raffle drawing, for queen size "Old Time Chain and Star" quilt made by LaVaughn Craythorn and quilted by Linda Crump, tickets: \$1 each or six for \$5, proceeds to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, 436-4698 or 312-4673.

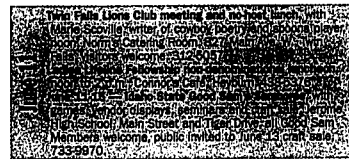


June 9 Crafts, create-a-bug for grades K-5th and paper bag puppets for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.
AD/HD Parent Support group, public invited to learn the latest about AD/HD and get acquainted with CHADD members, providers and other parents, 6:30 p.m., Living Independence Network Corporation, 1182 Eastland Drive N., Ste. C, Twin Falls, 733-1712 or 735-3759.

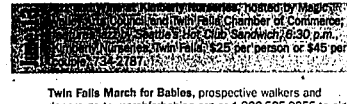
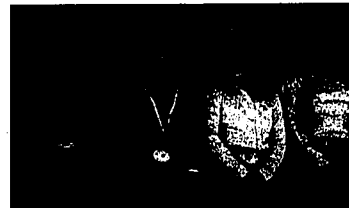


June 10 Moms on the Run meeting and no-heat lunch, with Bernie Jansen on basic Dutch-oven cooking skills; special speaker Becky Hamilton, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mandarin House, 735 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$13 for buffet and drink, complimentary childcare, 536-6649 or 543-6580 to R.S.V.P.
TFPL Book Club, focus on Douglas Adams's "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

June 10, 11 — The annual American Kennel Club Sanctioned All Breed and Obedience Dog Shows, sponsored by Snake River Canyon Kennel Club with judging of confirmation, handling and obedience held all day, both days; and an AKC Sanctioned Breed Puppy Match to be held one hour after Best in Show competition (10), Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, no cost for admission or day parking, www.official.akc.com, 543-9897 or 734-6507.



June 12 Magic Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and lunch, with guest speaker University of Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear on strategic positioning utilizing PEAC Performance, 11:15 a.m. check-in, 11:45 a.m. program, Twin Falls Shilo Inn, Twin Falls, members \$10, member/guest \$15 (includes all U of I alumni non-members) and non-members \$25; (steak, chicken or salmon lunch reservations by June 11), 308-0488 or Melissa.Cron@calhome.net.
The Magic Valley Quilters Guild meeting, opportunity to appreciate fine quilts, increase knowledge of quilting techniques and provide fellowship, 1:30 p.m., Southside Electric, Declo, quilters of all levels of expertise welcome, 673-5577.



June 13 Twin Falls March for Babies, prospective walkers and donors go to marchforbabies.org or 1-800-525-9255 to sign up as an individual, start a corporate, family or friends team, or donate, 9 a.m., Twin Falls City Park, (208) 336-5421.
Modern Woodmen Father/Daughter Fishing Derby, includes breakfast, fishing, weigh-ins and trophies, 6 a.m. to noon, Dierkes Lake, Twin Falls, \$20 ticket for a team of two includes entries into Shoshone Falls Park, the Derby and a continental breakfast, (limits imposed), proceeds to Jubilee House, 316-1292.
Mini-Casala Farmer's Market grand opening, fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade food and crafts and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gossner's Cheese Factory, corner of Highway 30 and Seventh Street, (184 exit 211 and two miles south), Heyburn, new vendors welcome, 678-8408.
Saturday Program, "Spit Stones" at 10 a.m. and "The Gold Rush" movie at 2 p.m., Oregon-Trial History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, \$4 per vehicle without annual pass, (208)366-7913.

June 14 Buhl Flag Day Garden Tour sponsored by Buhl S Chapter PEO, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., various Buhl gardens (map of tour locations on back of ticket), \$8 each, proceeds to scholarships for women, 543-4152.
Hagerman Senior Center Card Party, includes buffet, bridge and pinocle at 24 tables; salads, dessert and coffee served, noon, 140 E. Lake St., Hagerman, \$10 per person, prizes donated, 837-6120.
All Day Super Saturday, Buhl Businesses, 543-6682.
June 14, 15 — Jerome County Live History Day, "Preserving our History into the Second Century," 324-5641, 324-6963 or 324-7694.

June 15 Jerome Gun Club Sports, Clave Shoot, 100 target event (newcomers invited), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., north of junction of 184 and Highway 30, 200 members, \$23 non-members, \$14 junior members and \$17 non-member junior, 733-6046 or 733-6046.

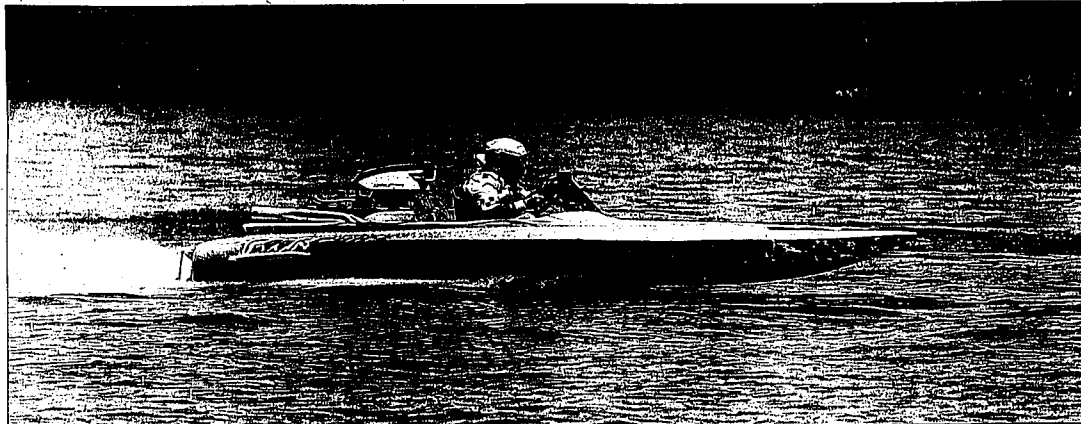
June 16 Brunch Bunch Storytime, bring brunch and blanket for story reading, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.
June 16, 18 — Timeyave 2013, the Mayan Calendar and the energy shift of 2012, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Room, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$10 per person, (208) 736-1882; <http://www.timeyave2013.com/> preview of movie.

June 17 "Mingie in the Jungle" free repulse review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center, Filer, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6855.

June 18 Mini-Casala Service Providers Community Resource meeting and no-heat lunch, with presentations by Audrey Neiwerth on United States Flag Education and Deborah Garbardi from Crisis Center of Magic Valley, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 670-4438 or 677-4872 ext. 2.
Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-heat lunch, with Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis Bowyer on development of neighborhood parks and renovation of the Canyon Rim Trails, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.
Fun with Duct Tape, make photo frames or supply boxes for grades 6th-12th, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

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June 19
Customer Relations Training, sponsored by Southern Idaho Tourism and Idaho Department of Labor, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Canyon Ridge Conference Room, 450 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; limited seating, 735-2500 ext. 3126.
Asthma Education Class, hosted by St. Luke's Magic Valley and South Central Public Health (SCPH) to help promote Asthma Awareness Month (respiratory therapists available for one-on-one consultations following class), 6 to 8 p.m., Sage Room, St. Luke's Education Building, Twin Falls, no cost, limited space, 737-2700 for reservations.
Xavier Charter School monthly board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Xavier Charter School, 771 N. College Road, Twin Falls, (208) 933-9287.
The Magic Valley Gem Club meeting, open to anyone interested in geology, 7 p.m., 235 Third Ave. E. (the old IOOF hall), Twin Falls, 423-4827.

June 19-21 — Snake River Heritage Days, Cassia County Fairgrounds, 679-4793.

Beginning day of Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series, speakers, lecturers, authors, and performers from around the West; focus on western landscape and human and natural history of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.
Fridays, 3 p.m. at Stanley museum and 8:30 p.m. campfire presentations at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 608-8741 or vjlawson@gmail.com.

Friday Night Live, outdoor celebration with live music by local Magic Valley band, food and drinks, 7 to 10 p.m., Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, public invited, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.
June 20, 21 — Magic Valley Dairy Days family event, includes free entertainment, parade, carnival rides, food and shopping vendors, free milk and dairy products, contests and more, proceeds to scholarships for students in the Magic Valley, (208) 358-0733, (208) 536-5461 or (208) 934-8477.

June 20, 21, 27, 28 — Snake River Community Players "Hello Dolly," 7:30 p.m., Wendell High School Auditorium, Wendell, at the door; \$7 general admission, \$6 for students and seniors, \$25 for a family, 324-7544.

Twin Falls Farmers Market Flower Festival, includes flower arrangement contest for prize (Twin Falls Farmers Market \$25 gift certificate), cut flowers for sale and drawing for Twin Falls Farmers Market \$25 gift certificate (to enter: bring vase to recycle), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., North College Road, across from Eldon Evans Expo Center, Twin Falls, 316-1291, or ifarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

June 21
Jerome Gun Club free Sporting Clays Shoot for Youth, 50-target event; proof of hunter safety course required to shoot; age 17 and under accompanied by adult, 9 a.m. sign in and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. shoot, 11 miles north of Junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, raffle tickets for Benington 570 Youth 20 GA. Shotgun; \$2 each or 3 for \$5, 733-6045.
Saturday Program, "Cave Drawing" at 10 a.m. and "The Story of the Oregon Trail" movie at 2 p.m., Oregon Trail History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, \$4 per vehicle without annual pass, (208) 366-7913.

Ride with Us, charity run for local Magic Valley Humane Society sponsored by Snake Harley-Davidson employees; includes ride to Diamond Field, jacks and barbecue, (time TBA), Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, open ride/public invited, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.

Crafts, bug visors for grades K-5th and build-a-bug for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jllillis@lib.tfid.org.

June 23
Watch, Listen, Act: Three Steps for Preventing Suicide in Youth, sponsored by Idaho State University Institute of Rural Health and the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, 5 p.m., Room 276, Taylor building, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 800-905-3436.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.

TAB (Teen Advisory Board) meeting and Martial Arts class, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jllillis@lib.tfid.org.
Wah-Hoo Revue and Barbecue premiere performance, featuring the Wild West Players comedy musical review, 6 p.m. barbecue and 7:30 p.m. show, Sun Valley Opera House, dinner and show; \$35 adults, \$25 for children and \$30 for senior citizens; show only \$18 for adults, \$14 for children and senior citizens, (208) 622-2135 or 888-622-2108. (Performances Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights through Sept. 5.)

June 26
Friends of the Library Evening Book Club discussion, "Founding Brothers" by Joseph Ellis, 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 476-7708.
Murder Mystery Night, interactive game of sleuthing, clues; prize, 7 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jllillis@lib.tfid.org.

June 27, 28 — Albion Art Festival at Campus Grove, Albion Normal School, 679-4793.

June 27, 28 — Harley's Heroes, fundraiser and counseling for Disabled American Veterans, includes activities both days, a barbecue (noon to 3 p.m.) on Saturday and exclusive Harley Hero pins for sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, public invited, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.
June 27-29 — Idaho Boat Regatta, Burley Golf Course Marina, Burley, 679-4793.

June 27
Giant Yard Sale, includes hot dogs for sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, front parking lot (facing Shoshone Street), \$10 tables for rent; helpers needed, 733-0765 or 734-5084.

June 28
Jerome Gun Club and Sportman's Warehouse Twin Falls Gun Expo event, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jerome Gun Club, 11 miles north of Junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, no cost to attend, (food and drinks available; ammunition for sale); raffle tickets for Browning .45 Sporting Clays 12 GA. shotgun; \$5 or five for \$20, 733-6045.

Saturday Program, "Corn Husk Dolls" at 10 a.m. and "West to Oregon" movie at 2 p.m., Oregon Trail History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, \$4 per vehicle without annual pass, (208) 366-7913.
Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association in performance, 1 to 3 p.m., Albion Art Festival at Campus Grove, 735-1580.

June 29
Jerome Gun Club Ladies Sporting Clays Shoot, for the "South Hills Strutters Bearded Ladies" Wild Turkey Federation, (age 14 and older); includes raffle, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 11 miles north of Junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$60 (100 targets, instructions, lunch), 733-6045.

Community Patriotic Program, 6 to 8 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, 679-4793.

June 30
Brunch Bunch StoryTime, bring brunch and blanket for story reading, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jllillis@lib.tfid.org.

Daily events in the month of June

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Choices for Recovery, non-traditional, 12-step spiritual approach to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 6:30 p.m., west conference room, Mindkoda Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing", includes Co-dependency for Women and 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery), 6 to 8:45 p.m., meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 4631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, visitors welcome to attend and observe, 316-8534.

Adult Children Anonymous meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mel-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, 436-0987.
Faulkner Planetarium, "Mystery of the Missing Seasons/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m. and "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m. and "Altrageous Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Herrert 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.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, various speakers on topics important to the community, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 312-9057.

Faulkner Planetarium, "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 2 p.m., Herrert 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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh in from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weightloss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Twin Falls Kiwanis Club meeting, volunteer organization dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time, noon, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., no cost lunch to potential members, (208) 933-2393.

Pinochle Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., open to the public, 734-5084.
Faulkner Planetarium, "Mystery of the Missing Seasons," 2 p.m., Herrert 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.

Overeater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 100 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.
American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yankima and Main, Filer, 324-7237.

A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hawkins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 7 p.m. lesson and 8 p.m. gender-specific, open share groups, Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, daycare available, 734-3316.

Faulkner Planetarium, "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" at 2 p.m. and "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m. and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:15 p.m., Herrert 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.

AI-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

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 ifarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Faulkner Planetarium, "Mystery of the Missing Seasons/Live Sky Tour" at 2 p.m.; "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 4 p.m.; and "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Lynrd Skynrd: Fly On Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m., Herrert 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.

Have a great month!



Motoring to Alaska

The mud covered boots and motorcycle of writer Carey J. Williams are shown on July 10, 2007 in an oddtown location on the Cassiar Highway during a fifteen day road trip covering 5,133 miles from Spokane, Wash. to Anchorage, Alaska.

15 days, 5,000 miles and great memories

By Carey J. Williams
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Tired of stressing about what your pale skin and flabby muscles are going to look like on the beach during your summer vacation?

Then do what I did. Trade in your shorts for a pair of long underwear, jump on your motorcycle and head north to Alaska.

For 15 days, traveling 5,133 miles, my dad, Tom, my uncle Tim and I were covered head to toe in winter clothes — despite the fact that it was July — and only during the harshest of downpours did I wish we had started the trip with a left turn — to sunny California.

Instead we took a right-hand turn out of Spokane, Wash., with the goal of making it up to Alaska in six days, spending three more touring part of the state before returning home.

We crossed the Canadian border in the middle of Washington state, and spent the next two days riding north through lower British Columbia to reach Kitwanga, the town at the start of the Cassiar Highway.

This remote stretch of pavement, also called Highway 37, stretches for 456 miles and joins the Alaska Highway in the Yukon Territory. The key term here is "stretches of pavement." We were warned there was plenty of roadwork under way.

What we didn't expect was for a major rainstorm to sweep through the area, making the conditions miserable.

During a second day of rain, there were discussions of turning around and heading home. But we pushed on.

My uncle Tim was riding a bright red Harley Davidson, with shiny chrome pipes and tassels hanging from the handlebars. It was clear it was never going to look the same after this trip.

For the most part, the only scenery we saw along the Cassiar was the bushes along the roadside. There were a couple of breaks in the weather, just long enough for



A group of motorcyclists take a break on the side of the road near the community of Destruction Bay in the Yukon Territory, Canada along the Alaskan Highway.

Plan your trip

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us to gaze up at the Coast Mountains and realize what a beautiful area we had just gone through with our heads focused on the ground.

Once we hit the Alaska Highway, we headed east to a small town called Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, where we camped among mosquitoes that almost carried our tents away.

The town is known for its Sign Post Forest, which is filled with over 50,000 pieces of metal in the form of license plates and street signs from all over the world. But I searched about a third of the area in 15 minutes and was unable to find evidence of my hometown, Spokane, Wash.

Watson Lake was our fourth night sleeping under the stars. We wanted to experience everything the outdoors had to offer and save a few bucks for gas. So we decided to camp every night — only springing for a hotel room if it was raining.

Somehow I convinced my two riding partners, both over 50, to sleep on an inflatable mattress amid the mosquitoes for nine of our 14 nights on the road.

That brings me to my first "must have" item for the trip: A mosquito-net hat. There are few things worse than getting a mosquito bite on your head and not being able to scratch it because of your motorcycle helmet.

The next morning was our first full day on the Alaska Highway, which had noticeably more motor homes on the road. The crowded roads were tough to get used to after practically having the road to ourselves on the Cassiar Highway.

The traffic increased as we reached Whitehorse, the capital city of the Yukon Territory. We ventured into town in search of the free beer tours at the Yukon Brewing Company. I had read about the brewery in a local tourism magazine and I'd rather bring home a beer shirt than the Hard Rock Cafe souvenirs I was so eager to purchase when I was younger.

But I was a responsible rider, skipped the tasting tour and headed straight for the gift shop. Inside, I found about a dozen visitors filling up growlers (glass jugs for beer



Tom Williams gasses up his motorcycle in Dease Lake, British Columbia, Canada along the Cassiar Highway during a 15-day, 5,133 mile road trip from Spokane, Wash., to Anchorage, Ala.

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mavens) with beer, buying merchandise and encouraging me to try the Yukon Red again.

Avoiding franchise food joints was one of our unspoken rules. Only three of our 29 post-night meals were at a chain restaurant we could find back home. Otherwise, many of these small towns only had one or two options for food. Many times we were forced to eat at gas stations. But these weren't the typical junk food stores that you find in the lower 48. We even stumbled upon wonderful homemade soup at a fill-up station in Dease Lake, B.C., along the Cassiar Highway.

One day after our Yukon beer tour, we started hearing about road construction around an area called Destruction Bay. This turned out to be some of the worst road conditions I have ever seen. Further up the highway, the road turned into what I can best describe as a roller coaster. Up and down we went over these bumps that were identified by these little orange flags about a foot off the ground. Our speeds slowed down considerably after a couple of bumps sent us skyward off our seats.

The little orange flags were stepping on our feet, just in time for our eyes to focus on the sign saying "Welcome to Alaska."

After answering a few questions and showing the border guard our identification, I thought to myself, "We did it! We made it through all of the challenges the weather threw our way, to arrive in the 49th state in one piece. Parts of me wanted to get off my bike and do a little dance. But at this point, I knew my body wasn't going to cooperate. I nodded at my two riding partners with a major sense of relief and started snapping pictures of anything with the word "Alaska" on it.

We stayed the night in the first town we drove through — Tok, Alaska. We spent the evening in a hotel drying off our gear, power-washing our bikes, and discussing our options for the next couple of days.

My dad thought we should head northwest to Fairbanks and Denali National Park. But my uncle Tim set out visiting the Harley Davidson shop in Anchorage and I wanted to take the advice of my co-worker (a former Alaska tour guide) and travel southwest to Valdez.

I must have chosen the biggest tremor tantrum, because my wish was granted. We took the Richardson Highway to Valdez, and found it absolutely spectacular. It had everything motorcycle travelers love — curves, waterfalls, elevation gains, a mountain pass, glaciers and something we hadn't seen in a while — sandstone.

The incredible scenery provided us with the strength we would need that day to travel 551 miles, taking us to Anchorage under the "midnight sun." Up until this point, the most we had traveled in a day was 432 miles.

The dim sunlight behind the mountains, not our flashlights, provided the necessary light to set our tent, and the fire prompts the Harley Davidson shop offers next to their building.

I awoke to engines being revved up at the motorcycle rental shop next door and jealous thoughts consumed me.

How nice it might have been to have flown up to Anchorage in a couple of hours, jumped on a rental bike for a trip to see Denali National Park or to touch your front tire in the Arctic Ocean.

Then my uncle reminded me of the old saying — "It's not about the destination, it's about the journey."

Despite the rain, the mosquitoes and the sheer hard work of biking all those miles, I'll always be able to say something that few others can claim: I rode my motorcycle to Alaska. And I'm glad it did.

By Carol Sottili
The Washington Post

An occasional look at products the travel industry insists we need.

WHAT: Comply NR-10 High Tech Noise Reducing Earphones

AIMED AT: iPod/MP3 listeners who want to hear the music, not the conversation of the guy sitting in the next seat, without having to crank it up.

HOW MUCH: \$80 plus shipping.

BUT DO THEY WORK?: One of my pet peeves is hearing the outside world when all I'm trying to do is commune with Springsteen. My collection of tressed-aside earphones? Eleven and counting. After all these failures, I finally settled on the standard iPod issue, complete with smaller tips to fit my Lilliputian ears. I resigned myself to the fact that, unless I cranked "Thunder Road" up to concert-deafness levels, I would still hear the surrounding

cellphone symphony while riding the subway, or the drone of the engine while flying to New York.

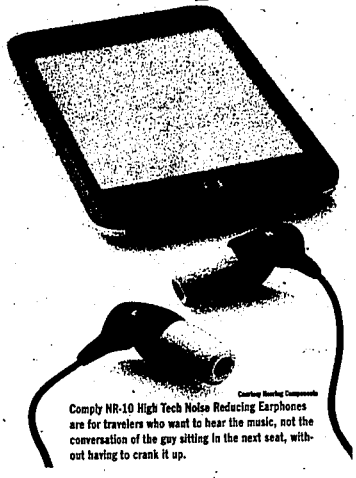
So when the Comply earphones arrived in the mail, promising to block out outside noise, I was all in. I skimmed over the technical data: passive noise reduction rating of 29db or better, blah, blah, blah, before tearing open the box. The earphones are equipped with foam tips, similar to those designed to block out a partner's snoring. Two sizes of tips are included, so you choose the ones that fit your ear.

I had a bit of trouble inserting the earphone; you have to squish the foam while pulling your ear open, and then quickly push the foam into your ear canal and hold it in place for 15 seconds every time you use them. But once I mastered the technique, voila. Even before I turned on the music, the noise around me had taken on a subdued, underwater quality.

Available from Comply, 800-872-8986, complyfoam.com. A pack of three extra foam tips is available in slim or standard size for \$18.

I tried the earphones at work, plugging them into my computer and listening to some gentle alternative music at XPN.org. When my boss came over to talk, he couldn't hear me. I won't say whether that was a good thing; I plugged them in at my gym, where a cacophony of blaring TVs, heavy-metal music and yanking treadmills usually renders my iPod useless. Not only could I hear my louder rock tunes, but the dulcet strains of the Soggy Bottom Boys came through, and I didn't have to raise the volume. The earphones stayed in place even when I increased the treadmill speed to a fast jog.

I still have to see all those mouths moving, but it's good not to know what they're saying.



Comply NR-10 High Tech Noise Reducing Earphones are for travelers who want to hear the music, not the conversation of the guy sitting in the next seat, without having to crank it up.

CYBERTRIPS:

Use the Web to plan a trip to SW Utah

By Roger Petterson
Associated Press writer

The scenery will blow you away at any time of year, the weather is great and for variety this pocket of the West also boasts an award-winning Shakespeare festival.

And before you start packing, there are plenty of Web sites to help you choose your destinations and plan your fun in the southwest corner of Utah.

Drive down Interstate 15 from Salt Lake City, or start in Las Vegas and head northeast up I-15. Just northeast of St. George, look for the right turn on Utah 9 for Zion National Park — nps.gov/zion — where a narrowing canyon leads into an area of colorful, weather-sculpted cliffs. Why go? Click on "Photos & Multimedia" for the park's own photo gallery. You'll need to check out "Plan Your Visit" for guides to eating and lodging in the immediate area, including the park lodge and handy camping area, and activities. Click on "Things to Know ..." for details on hiking, canyon climbing and rock climbing.

Since Zion's main canyon has room for only one road without spoiling the scenery, you park your car and either hike or ride the frequent shuttle buses. After you've explored that stretch, take Utah 9 as it continues to the east side of the park, taking you to a whole new scenic area as it climbs through switchbacks into a long tunnel. Click on "Plan

Your Visit" and "Directions" for details. And then there's the spectacular Kolob Canyons section of the park: head back west to I-15 and go north about 12 miles to the Kolob turnoff. Plan on taking a lot of photos.

If you take the road east out of Zion, continue over to U.S. 89 and turn left for an easy drive about 40 miles north to the turnoff on Utah 12 to Bryce Canyon National Park — nps.gov/brea — famed for its own unique landscape and a view east across the canyonlands of southern Utah. Spend a day driving through the park and taking in the scenery from several view points, take a canyon trail ride by horse or mule, or try a variety of hiking trails rated from easy to strenuous (especially since the elevation rises over 9,000 feet).

Click on "Photos & Multimedia" for photos and look under "Plan Your Visit" and "Things to Do" for their virtual tour of park highlights. "Plan ..." also has a hiking guide and "Virtual Auto-Tour" plus "Things to Know ..." for lodging.

If you go to Kolob instead of the road east out of Zion, continue up I-15 to Cedar City — scenic-southernutah.com — an attractive town that could serve as a central base of operations for your travels in the area with places to stay and eat. "Outdoor Activities" has links to recreation information at caves, lakes and parks. ... for lodging.

Cedar City also is the

home of the award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival — usf.org — which has been running since 1962. This year's season opens on June 19 with "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." According to their "About Us" entry, the design of its Adams Shakespeare Theatre is so close to Shakespeare's original Globe Theatre that the BBC has used it for a series on the Bard.

From Cedar City, head east on Utah 14, a scenic high-country route with views south into the backcountry of Zion and the entrance to Cedar Breaks National Monument — nps.gov/cebr — a compact corner of Bryce Canyon. Continue eastward on Utah 14 to U.S. 89 as an alternate route to Bryce Canyon.

In a driving mood? From Bryce, head back south on U.S. 89 about 70 miles to Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park — stateparks.utah.gov/parks/coral-pink — where the sand is eroded from layers of colored sandstone like those that decorate Zion and Bryce. Go to the top of the page and click on the "Parks" tab to reach an interactive map of Utah's other state parks.

That Cedar Breaks-Bryce-Zion-Coral Pink region is covered by the Eastern Utah Tourism Council — eastziontourismcouncil.org — a handy source of maps, high-way information ("Byways"), lodging references including RV parks, B&B inns and motels, and more destination tips.

How to write a vacation blog

Newsday

Tips for making your vacation blog:

- Enlist the kids to help create the blog. Blog providers allow you to customize the look of your blog. If you go on a tropical vacation, for instance, you could choose aqua as a background color.
- Give it a trial run. Try posting text entries, photos and videos a week or so before you leave for your trip. This will put you at ease with the process before you're at your destination.
- Take turns being the entry's creator. Each night of vacation, a different family member can be in charge of writing the post and choosing visuals. Set up the schedule in advance, so the writer will be thinking about

fodder during the day's outings.

Don't try to cover the entire day's itinerary. The blog then becomes too much of a list. Instead, delve into one high point, something interesting, funny or disastrous that happened.

Respect your child's voice. It's very easy as parents to say, "Why don't you write about this? Why don't you write about that?" You have to really catch yourself," said Jennifer Demmon, who has blogged with her family from Singapore and Australia.

Include people and sites in each picture or video clip. If you are posting a photo of the Grand Canyon, for instance, be sure to get some of your family members in the foreground.

When you should claim lost luggage

The Washington Post

How long should you bug an airline about finding your misplaced bags before giving up and filing a lost luggage claim? Most airlines will allow you to make a

claim for compensation after 10 days.

If they compensate you then subsequently find the luggage, they'll still return it to you, and won't likely ask that the money be returned.

United Airlines explains its new luggage fees

By Carol Sottili and Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

United Airlines says its new policy of charging passengers with nonrefundable economy tickets \$25 each way to check a second bag is for the benefit of the consumer. The policy "enables us to continue offering competitive fares," United's John Tagge wrote when announcing the policy.

Consumer advocates are skeptical. "It's one more ploy of airlines to get us to pay more," says a spokesman for the Big legacy airlines don't, forgive my expression, give a damn about the consumer, only about the business traveler," said Ed Perkins, contributing editor to Smart Traveler.com.

"The message is that the leisure traveler can come along for the ride, if there is room." The new policy, which applies to tickets bought on or after Feb. 4 and on or after May 5, applies to

Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada. United also hiked the fee for any bags weighing more than 50 pounds from \$50 to \$100 on those flights.

And if you want to bring a third or fourth bag, you'll pay \$100 per piece (previously \$85).

United also raises fees from \$85 to \$100 for oversize items, such as surfboards and bicycles.

Car seats, strollers and wheelchair are exempt and will remain free to check. Also, you'll now have to check luggage at least 45 minutes before flight time (up from 30 minutes) at 23 airports.

Frequent fliers are exempt from the \$25 fee if they have at least premier status (at least 25,000 miles flown in the past year) with United or another Star Alliance program, as long as the two bags weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

Members of the super-elite mileage crowd (generally 50,000 or more miles

per year) get three free bags that can weigh up to 70 pounds each. United says it expects the changes to generate \$100 million annually.

Matching fares and policies is a time-honored airline tradition; other carriers no doubt are watching to see how this plays with consumers.

A British Airways deal offered now and again, and as recently as last month, can be good: A free night's hotel room for two in London with the purchase of a round-trip ticket. Two nights for two tickets. But it's a deal only when it works.

It didn't work for Lawrence J. Levenson, of Bethesda, Md., when he was in the process of buying two tickets online last month, no mention of hotels came up, so he called the airline. Don't worry, he was told, the link for picking hotels will come up once you pay. So he paid. No link. (When the Travel section vetted this

sale we had no trouble, but you do have to follow instructions carefully.)

He immediately called the airline, and after 2 1/2 hours on the phone was told there were no free rooms available. He wanted his money back. No refunds, he was told.

"Like any other sale, when the inventory is sold, the customer ... must look for

alternative dates," BA spokesman John Lamp explained last week.

Difference is, of course, that normally you know about availability before you pay, and if you can't get what you want, you don't buy.

At any rate, after our query, Lamp said Levenson would get his free rooms. He added that rooms are "pretty much always available."

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