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Dale Miller murder trial on track

Almost 30 motions heard Wednesday in McElhiney case

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Fifth Judicial District Court Judge Richard Bevan isn't changing the venue for a murder trial slated to begin July 21, and cameras will likely be allowed in the courtroom, despite a substantial attempt by defense attorneys to move proceedings and keep them out of the public eye.

Accused killer John McElhiney, 32, also known as John Wilson, was indicted by a grand jury Jan. 23 on a

charge of first-degree murder. He allegedly killed Dale Miller, 18, whose body was retrieved by authorities from inside of a barrel on Sept. 12, 2007, in a garage at 322 Morningside Dr. in Twin Falls. Prosecutors allege Miller was killed by McElhiney and another man charged with first-degree murder, Cameron Watts, during a kidnapping for money and/or property.

Bevan heard a mound of nearly 30 motions on Wednesday filed recently by McElhiney's public

defenders. Few passed. Public Defender Marilyn Paul asked the court to ban video and still cameras from the courtroom during McElhiney's hearings so he could be spared cruel and unjust punishment, have an impartial jury and due process. But for now at least it looks like cameras will be allowed. Bevan, who said "it's a public hearing," hasn't ruled on the motion and will handle future camera requests individually. On May 30 Bevan decided to keep



McElhiney

"There has not been a barrage of inflammatory publicity immediately prior to trial," Bevan wrote in his June 11 decision. "The news accounts were primarily factual."

McElhiney's trial in Twin Falls County, after Paul filed a motion to change the venue because of intense publicity.

She also asked the court to seal her motion, records show.

Bevan wrote most publicity was from last year's report of the alleged crime, and wasn't prejudicial. But if it's impossible to seat an impartial jury than the case will move to Ada County, Bevan wrote.

Paul conceded Wednesday most of her motions were "precautionary" while prosecutors belittled some of them in court and in writing.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis called 12 of Paul's motions frivolous and said they only re-state laws and rules that he follows.

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A stoic hero



Brian Will helped to save a motorcyclist's life when he used a fleece blanket and belt to slow bleeding in the rider's severed leg after he crashed into this utility pole Saturday night east of Kimberly on U.S. Highway 30.

Teen saves man who hit utility pole near Kimberly

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

A Mountain Home man is in serious condition and in intensive care. But Russell Love, 43, is not dead, and he can thank a group of good Samaritans who found him injured late Saturday night near his motorcycle by a road outside Kimberly. The credit, at least partially, goes to Brian Will, a 16-year-old with zero medical training. Will, less than a minute after spotting

Love, took the victim's belt and tightly wrapped it around Love's severed right leg. Will also took a fleece blanket from his friend's pickup, which stanchoned Love's gushing blood.

Love, who may have consumed a limited amount of alcohol before riding to Hansen, was headed eastbound on U.S. Highway 30 when he missed the curve where the highway merges with Center Street East, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's spokeswoman. As his 1998 Honda Shadow motorcycle



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Watch a video of Brian Will reconstructing the scene.

struck a telephone box and slashed through the side of a wooden utility pole. Love's leg twisted and tore off at the knee socket, county law enforcement authorities said.

"I talked to one of the nurses," Will said, referring to when he visited Love the next morning in the hospital. "She

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St. Luke's agrees to mediation

Process is next step to resolution of clinic issue

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center officials will gladly enter the non-binding mediation process with Twin Falls County to sort out a recent dispute, hospital CEO Mark Schwartz said Wednesday.

Responding to a letter sent Tuesday from the county commissioners stating their intent to trigger the mediation process by July 2, Schwartz said hospital officials have always been willing to go to mediation, but felt that seeking a binding opinion from a judge would be quicker and more cost-effective.

The dispute centers on funding and labor for remodeling St. Luke's downtown clinic building for county use, a project the health care giant agreed to help with in the 2006 sales agreement that gave it the then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Mediation is the main process laid out in the agreement for resolving conflicts between the two entities. Any results of the process would not be legally binding, and the county has hinted that a lawsuit is a possible next step, according to hospital attorneys.

"I think it's positive that we're getting on with it, so to

speak," Schwartz said of the mediation.

Both sides will now turn to selecting a mediator, each submitting a list of suggestions. County Commission Chairman Tom Mikessell suggested on Tuesday that a mediator based in California, where both sides have attorneys, could cost less than paying those attorneys to come to Twin Falls. But Schwartz suggested the opposite on Wednesday, pointing out that the hospital does have local representation and that he and his county counterparts would all have to travel out of Idaho. "Regardless of who (the mediator) is, we want to make it as cost-effective as possible to do that," Schwartz said.

The hospital officials reiterated their desire for a good working relationship with the county. Cindy Collins, chairwoman of St. Luke's Magic Valley's regional board, said she has recently suggested monthly meetings between three board representatives and three county officials as one way to increase communication.

Collins also responded to comments made by Mikessell regarding the local budget being manipulated by the health system's corporate officials in Boise. The local board has full reign over local hospital issues, she said, and is the entity making decisions regarding the county dispute.

"Every one of them speaks from their heart," Collins said

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BLM cancels wild horse roundup in central Idaho

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — Officials with the Bureau of Land Management have canceled a wild horse roundup that was scheduled to take place in August in the Boulder Mountains, saying that roundups in other areas have a higher priority. Kevin Lloyd, wild horse specialist for the BLM's Challis Field Office, said BLM officials in the national office canceled this year's Challis roundup because of last year's drought and large wildfires that pushed roundups in Nevada to the top of the list. "Ours has just been put on

hold," he told the *Idaho Mountain Express*. "We're going to try again next year."

The roundup would have taken place in the Challis Herd Management Area, bordered on the north by the Salmon River, on the west by the East Fork of the Salmon River and on the south by the ridge line between Iredell Creek and Road Creek.

The eastern boundary of the wild horse area is bordered by U.S. Highway 93 and the watershed boundary between the Salmon River and the Big Lost River drainages.

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State warden: Holmes should go to max security

Gooding Co. investigates prisoner escape

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

An Idaho Department of Corrections official said Wednesday that he'd like to see an escaped Gooding County Inmate moved out of the county when found.

The Gooding County Sheriff's Office continued its search for Scott Howard Holmes, 39, who broke out of the Gooding County Jail at about 9:30 p.m. Monday. It was the third such



Adam Anton, a jailer with the Gooding County Sheriff's Office, walks through the parking lot of the county facility Tuesday afternoon in Gooding. Scott Howard Holmes, 39, an inmate at the Gooding County Jail, made his third jail break on Monday night and is still on the run.

escape for Holmes, who made two getaways in one night in September while awaiting transport to a state prison. He was picked up in Arizona in November.

left unlocked, was common to all three escapes.

Through changes from his "flee" escape, left him in Gooding County's custody. Holmes is tracked under the state's Virtual Prison Program, which treats all Idaho Department of Corrections inmates kept in county jails and two out-of-state prisons as if they were in one single facility, department spokesman Jeff Ray said.

A contract monitor employed by the department was at the jail by 9 a.m. Tuesday, speaking with both staff and inmates and observing the facility, said Randy Blades, the virtual

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Supreme Court ruling stings reeling Alaskans

Los Angeles Times

An unusually warm and dry winter has killed off the fish herds that the people of Alaska's Prince William Sound depend upon for their livelihood. The gasoline needed to power their boats is nearly \$6 a gallon.

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supported them. During the long-running legal battle, there have been bankruptcies and suicides.

The one-time payment to the 33,000 plaintiffs was to be \$76,500 before Wednesday's ruling. Now it's down to about \$18,000.

Many Alaskans had given up hope of seeing any compensation. Some people's slim hopes it could help them retire or save off bankruptcy. But it was never enough money to save all the damaged lives, said Derek Blake, a fisherman in the town of Cordova.

Seventy-five thousand a person — if you want to talk about first-year losses it was that times ten," said Blake, 25. His father, Kory, was wiped out by the spill and had to sell his house to pay off debts.

"For 15 years it ruined my life," said Kory Blake by cell

phone from the boat where he and his son were fishing Wednesday.

In 1989 he held three different fishing permits. "I was at the peak of my game," he said. But the spill rendered the permits worthless.

Kory Blake had hoped the \$500,000 he was due from the \$2.5 billion verdict would enable him to start his own fishing operation to something close to what it once was.

"By the time the lawyers get theirs and you pay your taxes there's barely anything left for you to sit on," he said. "I'll never be able to retire now. I'll have to work up until the day I die."

Sylvia Lange, who runs a hotel and tavern in town near Cordova, said her parents were on the verge of retiring when the spill hit. Like many, all their savings were bound

up in their boats, which were rendered worthless amid the pollution.

Her father died years ago; her 88-year-old mother subsists on social security checks. Lange and her husband had to leave Cordova and fish on the Bering Sea to make enough money.

Like many in town, Lange fumed Wednesday at what she saw as political manipulation of oil companies that stacked the Supreme Court with pro-business justices and helped lead to the ruling favoring the fishermen.

"It's like a double-edged hurt," Lange said. "Osa Schultz was trying to look on the bright side. 'It's over, we don't have it hanging over our heads anymore,'" she said.

Hero

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pretty much just told me that I saved his life, that if we didn't go by there, he'd be dead."

Will and his parents are a bit surprised by his reaction, or rather his near eerie coolness in the face of harrowing emergency.

"My husband and I are both amazed because he comes home, and he's so nonchalant about it," Will's mother, Michelle Will, said.

Most people will never have to act quickly in order to save another's life. At age 16, however, Will's already faced that situation twice.

About five years ago, a four-wheeler struck Will's younger friend, Tegan Algiers, near the canyon rim in northwest Twin Falls, causing a concussion and bleeding on his brain and sending him into a coma for two weeks.

Will said Will, who was at the scene along with several others, was praised for his quick action. His parents recall, "he raced his dirt bike to his friend's house and alerted Algiers' mother."

Seeing his friend unconscious in a Boise hospital bed shook young Will to his core. His friend survived but "he's not the same kid I used to

know," Will said.

This time, Will's hardly given the incident a second thought.

Love's teenage rescuer was acting under uncertain inspiration. "I saw it on Discovery" — or saw something on TV (he can't quite remember which show). In any case, he knew exactly what to do.

Will, who was in the second vehicle arriving on scene, after a first couple grabbed a fleece blanket out of his best friend LeAnn Steed's pickup, wrapped it around the man's severed knee socket and used Love's belt to stop blood from rushing out of the wound.

Yonson Hansen from the first car immediately laid the blanket over Love. But Will's instincts told him that was the wrong move.

"It wasn't cold," Will said. "I told him we had to wrap it around him ... to tie it over him."

The two sets of rescuers approached the crashed motorcycle while traveling from opposite directions. At close to midnight Hansen and his wife, Christy Hansen of Murtaugh, were headed eastbound. Will and Steed, who got bored and balled on some friends camping in Murtaugh, were heading west back to their homes in Twin Falls. It

was Will and Steed's last weekend together before she and her family moved permanently to Utah.

When they stopped, what the four motorists saw was harrowing.

Love was crawling toward his motorcycle, through the grass on his stomach. His right leg was missing somewhere in the dark, a fact that Love, himself, had yet to notice. Yonson, 35, said all Love managed to talk about was his swelling torso, which was suffocating him, and a numbness in his leg.

"I could see with my headlights that it was totally gone at the joint or right above the knee," Yonson Hansen said. "I couldn't see the leg anywhere around. I asked if he was O.K. I ran back to my wife and told her that his leg was gone."

Even the next morning in the hospital, Love told Will he thought doctors in surgery had amputated his leg. His wife, who was at his bedside gently corrected him, Will said.

By 12:03 a.m., Christy, 33, had called for help and the dispatcher told her she needed to find the missing leg fast. After a brief search, navigating through the floodlights of her husband's vehicle, she found Love's leg a dozen feet or so

away next to the blood-stained motorcycle.

"I talked to him back and forth," Yonson said. "He said he was having trouble breathing and that his leg was numb. I leaned over to Christy and I said, 'I don't think he knows it (the leg) is gone.' The dispatcher told my wife she had to find it fast."

It was later that a police officer arrived, followed by other emergency crews and, in a conscious state, Love was taken by an air ambulance to the emergency room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. His condition is marked "serious," hospital staff said Wednesday. That's less severe than critical, which is the most severe health rating, they said.

The next morning, Steed convinced Will to drop flowers at St. Luke's for Love and then go.

But while registering their names, the two were seized upon by nurses and soon found themselves showered by handshakes and thank you's from Love and his family.

Will experienced an uncanny sense of deja vu.

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Murder

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Loeb had even harsher words for some of Paul's other motions.

Paul asked that Miller's friends and family not be allowed to sit directly in front of the jury or show too much emotion during McElhinney's trial because it would be unfair for her client.

Loeb called that request "grotesquely insulting and inappropriate." He said people have a constitutional right to go trials, and added his staff will instruct family to behave appropriately in court. Bevan agreed and denied the motion.

Bevan denied some of Paul's other motions including her request to not refer to Miller as a victim, and to limit how many uniformed law enforcement officers could be present at McElhinney's trial.

Even though she motioned against it at trial, Paul referred to Miller as a victim in one of her motions, according to court documents.

Loeb said Miller didn't die from an accidental slip

and fall. "He was clearly the victim of some awful calamity," Loeb wrote in court records. "Whether he was kidnapped and murdered by John McElhinney remains to be proven."

Loeb did agree to call McElhinney the "defendant" rather than the "murderer." The Times-News recently requested copies of Miller's autopsy report and death certificate, but was denied access by the Twin Falls County Coroner — through the prosecutor's office — because the case is under investigation. Loeb has also declined to say how cause and manner of death were ruled.

In Paul's favor, though, Bevan decided she should be referred to as "attorney at law" rather than "public defender." Paul had argued it's not fair to draw the jury's attention to McElhinney's indigent status and need for taxpayer-funded defense services.

McElhinney's trial is scheduled to last eight and a half days, followed by Watts' trial on Oct. 21.

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Of the roughly 20-member board.

Mikesell, a member of the board appointed by the county, agreed in January to recuse himself from issues regarding the county but has debated

since how much he should be recused from. As a full-time member, he is legally obligated to represent the interests of the hospital in meeting community needs, Schwartz said.

Hospital officials said they weren't sure what to make of one part of the commissioners' Tuesday letter stating they were disappointed in St. Luke's had

resorted to "petty personal attacks" in the media. St. Luke's recently withdrew from a joint agreement regarding media contact, citing both parties' current positions, according to a June 17 letter.

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Horse

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Officials rounded up the wild horses, which have no natural predators, to keep the herd at about 185 animals, which officials say is what the

area can support.

The herd increases by about 17 percent each year, and the BLM estimates there are now about 330 horses in the management area.

The horses are descendants of domestic horses that escaped or were turned loose

on public lands. Many farmers and ranchers in the area released animals in the 1930s during the Great Depression when they couldn't afford to feed them.

Lloyd said the Challis office usually holds the roundups in August because the weather

is better.

"We have a narrow window because of the weather and the geography," he said. "As with other wild horses rounded up, the BLM makes them available to the public through the National Adopt-A-Horse and Burro Program.

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program's warden. Blades will receive his report and likely decide whether to move five of his other inmates from the Gooding facility next week, he said.

The state may also try to ratchet control over Holmes, one of the escapees is found. Though Holmes is still under court order not to be transferred, Blades said he'd like to see the man moved to the Idaho Maximum Security Institute in south of Boise.

The facility is the department's most secure facility and is home to 400 inmates, including the state's death row population.

"The state attorney general's office would have to clear any transfer, Blades said.

"I'm going to assume someone's going to take a close look at it," he said. "The guy obviously is an intense

escape risk."

Blades' sentiments weren't echoed back in Gooding County, County commissioners Helen Edwards, Tom Faulkner and Terrell Williams all declined to comment on the incident and what it means for the jail, saying they hadn't had a chance to discuss the matter with Sheriff Shanon Gough yet.

"I have a lot of confidence in Sheriff Gough," Williams said. "That's about all I can say."

Faulkner said escapes are one of the reasons the county is looking at building a new regional jail with neighboring counties, "something that has a little better security in it."

Gough, who had planned

to be on vacation for the rest of the week, was back home Wednesday morning and in the midst of investigating the escape. He said he had little to add at the moment, and said jail personnel may be held accountable as part of the investigation, mentioning the unlocked door and not comment on personnel matters, including any possible disciplinary actions, he said.

"Mistakes were made," he said, when asked how the same prisoner could escape three times in less than a year from the facility.

Escapes are rare among Blades' inmates stowed in county jails, he said, with maybe only one or two every

couple of years. Any escapes trigger the monitor visit — a complete review and assessment of the jail in question, as well as the causes behind the incident.

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South Korea lifts ban on U.S. beef imports

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea lifted an import ban on American beef Thursday, officials said, hoping to move on from a crisis that battered the pro-U.S. government with protests over mad cow disease concerns.

South Korea and the United States agreed last week to restrict U.S. beef exports to younger cattle, modifying an earlier deal that placed few restrictions on meat shipments and sparked widespread outrage against the government.

The Public Administration Ministry issued a legal notice Thursday morning on the U.S. agreement — the final administrative step required before imports resume, said ministry official Chang Su-wan.

Meat from cattle younger than 30 months are considered at less risk of mad cow disease. U.S. beef was banned from South Korea in 2003 after the

first case of mad cow disease was discovered in cattle there. South Korea had previously been the third-largest market for American beef. Limited imports were allowed last year before being again suspended.

Eating meat products contaminated with mad cow disease is linked to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare and fatal human malady. U.S. and South Korean officials insist American beef is safe.

Korean activists, however, have vowed to keep rallying against new President Lee Myung-bak, calling for a complete renegotiation of the original April beef accord. Lee's government has rejected a renegotiation, saying it would erode the country's international credibility.

"The observation of an agreement is very important for state-to-state relations and it is very essential to maintain national credibility on the international stage," Prime

Minister Han Seung-soo said at a meeting with top ruling party leaders Wednesday, according to his office.

Some 5,300 tons of U.S. beef, shipped earlier to South Korea but held in customs and quarantine storage facilities, will first undergo inspections before being put on the market, according to the Agriculture Ministry.

Ministry spokesman Yoon Young-koo said quarantine and inspection of the meat in the storage facilities could restart as early as this afternoon, if importers ask for it.

Faced with daily candlelight vigils against imports of U.S. beef, President Lee replaced his top advisers and apologized to the public for the second time last week. His entire Cabinet has also offered to resign.

Lee said Tuesday that he would not tolerate any illegal, violent demonstrations against the planned resumption of beef imports.



A South Korean protester scuffles with riot police during a rally against U.S. beef imports near the presidential house in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday. South Korea will resume imports of American beef this week, the government said Wednesday, hoping to move on from a crisis that battered the pro-U.S. administration with weeks of anti-government protests over food safety.

Corn farmers' hopes dashed by flood

By David Pitt
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — This year's corn crop was Bill Talsma's lottery ticket — a potentially record-setting haul worth millions.

Then came the flood. The raging rivers and streams destroyed nearly a quarter of the crop Talsma and his brother were growing on about 75 percent of their 9,000 acres in Iowa, and drenching rains damaged the rest. Had all his corn come in, Talsma could have seen a profit of as much as \$6 million.

Now, he will be lucky to bring home a fraction of that. "I was counting on this being one of my best years ever, but now it's one that you just want to get behind you," the 50-year-old Talsma said.

Across the Corn Belt states of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, many farmers are looking at a bleak harvest after a planting

season that started out with the promise of great riches.

The reason farmers were optimistic: Corn prices have been climbing to all-time highs in recent months — from \$3.75 per bushel in mid-2007 to \$7.25 in the past few days — because of increased demand from livestock producers, overseas markets and the ethanol industry, which relies almost entirely on corn.

But a wet, cold spring tamped down expectations of a bumper crop. Then came the flooding.

In Iowa, the No. 1 corn-producing state, the Iowa Farm Bureau has pegged the corn losses at \$1.5 billion, plus \$1.5 billion in soybean losses. It is still unclear how much damage the corn crop has suffered nationwide, because the flooding is not over.

"That's the big question of the hour," said Pat Westhoff, an economist with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research

Institute at the University of Missouri.

Consumers will see the effects in higher food and ethanol prices. But for farmers it's more personal.

Although the water has receded from Talsma's land, thick mud and large ponds of water remain. Corn that should be waist-high has barely poked out of the ground in some of Talsma's low-lying fields along Interstate 80 east of Des Moines. The plants in the fields where the water has drained are sickly looking and probably won't grow to maturity.

The flooded land cannot be replanted with corn this late in the growing season, since an early frost in the fall could damage or kill the crop and waste any money spent on replanting. As for growing something else, it is still too wet in many fields to plant soybeans.

The math is brutal: With

corn selling for \$7.25 per bushel, and a reasonable yield of 180 bushels per acre, Talsma and his brother should have cleared about \$1,300 an acre. Overhead on the farm expenses such as fuel, chemicals and fertilizer — average about \$400 an acre, leaving a profit of \$900. Of 6,750 acres of corn, that's \$6.1 million.

But the flood destroyed 20 percent of the crop, Talsma expects yields on the remaining ground of roughly 60 bushels an acre, cutting his profit in a best-case scenario to less than \$200,000. Realistically, he expects to recover only his costs through crop insurance.

"I'll probably hold my expenses together, but there will be no income," he said.

For some farmers, the losses could extend past the missed payday. Farmers often sell a portion of their crop in advance through futures contracts that guarantee a certain



Bill Talsma walks across one of his flood damaged corn fields, Saturday near Colfax, Iowa. Flooding destroyed nearly a quarter of the crop Talsma and his brother were growing on 9,000 acres in central Iowa, and soaking rains damaged the rest.

price for a specified number of bushels. Last fall, when corn was selling for between \$3.50 and \$4 a bushel but futures were trading at \$5, a farmer might have decided to sell thousands of bushels through such contracts.

Now, farmers without any corn to deliver could be forced to buy it at today's \$7 price to meet contracts that will pay them only \$5.

"When you've lost three-fourths of your crop and all of a sudden you've forward-contracted half of it, you're already behind the eight ball," said Virgil Schmitt, a specialist with the Iowa State University Extension Service.

Some farmers, expecting a premium price for corn, may have bought new equipment or paid higher land rental costs.

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Supreme Court bans death penalty for child rape in 5-4 decision

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court declared Wednesday that executions are too severe a punishment for raping children, despite the "years of long anguish" for victims, in a ruling that restricts the death penalty to murder and crimes against the state.

The court's 5-4 decision struck down a Louisiana law that allows capital punishment for people convicted of raping children under 12.

It spares the only people in the U.S. under sentence of death for that crime — two Louisiana men convicted of raping girls 5 and 8.

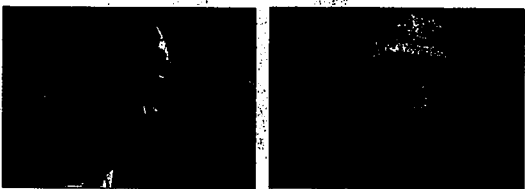
The ruling also invalidates laws on the books in five other states that allowed executions for child rape that does not result in the death of the victim.

However devastating the crime to children, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in his majority opinion, "the death penalty is not a proportional punishment for the rape of a child."

His four liberal colleagues joined him, while the four more conservative justices dissented.

There has not been an execution in the United States for a crime that did not also involve the death of the victim in 44 years, a factor that weighed in Kennedy's decision.

Rape and other crimes "may be as devastating in their harm, as here, but 'in terms of moral depravity and of the injury to the person and to the public,' they cannot be compared to murder in their severity and irrevocability," Kennedy said, quoting from earlier decisions.



LEFT: Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy speaks at the Organization of American States in Washington on June 13. RIGHT: Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington in April 2007. The Supreme Court on Wednesday outlawed executions of people convicted of raping a child.

The victim in the case decided Wednesday was an 8-year-old girl raped by her stepfather at their home in Harvey, La., outside New Orleans.

Angry Louisianians who backed the law said the court was out of touch. "The opinion reads more like an out-of-control legislative debate than a constitutional analysis," said Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican.

"One thing is clear: The five members of the court who issued the opinion do not share the same 'standards of decency' as the people of Louisiana."

The decision resonated in the presidential campaign, too, where Democrat Barack Obama objected to it. Obama said there should be no blanket prohibition of the death penalty for the rape of children. It states with to apply it in those cases.

With the court already on record this term reaffirming the constitutionality of capital punishment in a case dealing with lethal injection, Kennedy dwelt at length on the need to limit the death penalty to the

most heinous killings. The decision allows death sentences to continue to be imposed for crimes such as treason, espionage and terrorism, which Kennedy labeled as crimes against the state.

The Supreme Court banned executions for rape in 1977 in a case in which the victim was an adult woman.

Forty-four states prohibit the death penalty for any kind of rape, and five states besides Louisiana have allowed it for child rapists — Georgia, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas.

The court struggled over how to apply standards laid out in decisions barring executions for the mentally retarded and people younger than 18 when they committed murder. In those cases, the court cited trends in the states away from capital punishment.

In this case, proponents of the Louisiana law said the trend was toward the death penalty, a point mentioned by Justice Samuel Alito in his dissent.

"The harm that is caused to the victims and to society

at large by the worst child rapists is grave," Alito wrote.

"It is the judgment of the Louisiana lawmakers and those in an increasing number of other states that these harms justify the death penalty."

But Kennedy said the absence of any recent executions for rape and the small number of states that allow it demonstrate "there is a national consensus against capital punishment for the crime of child rape."

Kennedy acknowledged that the decision had to come to terms with "the years of long anguish that must be endured by the victim of child rape."

Still, he concluded that in cases of crimes against individuals, "the death penalty should not be expanded to instances where the victim's life was not taken."

He also cited arguments made by social workers and others that children and their families might not cooperate with authorities if a death sentence could result against the rapist. In many cases, including the one before the court, the victim and rapist are related.

House passes alternative minimum tax relief

Without action, the number of taxpayers swept up by the AMT could balloon

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to protect more than 20 million mostly upper-income taxpayers in danger of being slapped with a tax increase averaging \$2,300 because of the alternative minimum tax.

To help offset the cost, the bill more than doubles the 15 percent tax rate that many private equity and hedge fund managers pay on their profits. It passed 239-189 on a mostly party-line vote.

The offset was strongly opposed by Republicans, and it faces resistance in the Senate, assuring that Congress still faces a struggle as it tries to stave off the effects of the AMT for another year.

House Democrats, insisting that fixing the AMT must not add to the federal deficit, inserted about \$61.5 billion in new revenues, much coming from making hedge fund managers and oil and gas companies pay more.

"If indeed we do nothing, \$61 billion of tax burden is going to fall on 25 million good American taxpayers. And we want to fill that gap of the \$61 billion. The other side says it doesn't exist," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said.

But the top Republican on that committee, Jim McCrery of Louisiana, said the legisla-

tion pointed out a clear difference between the two parties. "Republicans believe that Congress should not raise taxes on one group of taxpayers in order to prevent an increase on another set of taxpayers," he said.

Without congressional action, the number of taxpayers swept up by the AMT could balloon from around 4 million to between 25 million to 30 million. The Bush administration estimates that 22 million would be newly exposed to the tax without a legislative patch.

Citizens for Tax Justice says the average tax relief would be about \$2,300, with about two-thirds going to taxpayers with incomes of \$127,000 or more.

In the 2006 tax year, a few taxpayers with incomes as low as \$40,000 were affected by the alternative minimum tax, according to figures kept by the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

About 10 percent of the \$100,000 to \$200,000 income bracket were affected by the tax, and 74 percent in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 income range had to pay it.

The AMT was enacted in 1969 to catch a small number of very rich tax dodgers, but the tax now hits many more people because it was never adjusted for inflation. This has led to an annual scramble by Congress to provide one-year fixes.

Last year the battle over whether the AMT relief should be paid for with new revenue sources continued to the last day of the congressional session in December, when the House finally abandoned its position and passed an AMT without offsets.

This year too, Senate Republicans have strongly opposed the extension of existing tax breaks if accompanied by increased tax revenues elsewhere.

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EDITORIAL

Halting horse slaughter may cause more misery

Watching a Humane Society of the United States video of horses being killed in Canadian and Mexican slaughterhouses is enough to make you sick, but the remedy that Congress seems about to impose may turn out to be worse.

The U.S. Senate seems certain to pass the Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, which would close a loophole in federal law that allows sale of American horses for human consumption outside the United States. If the House of Representatives follows suit, and hay prices continue to rise, thousands of domesticated horses could be turned out on public land to fend for themselves.

Some horse owners will dump their animals on rangeland rather than euthanize them. That pattern took hold after domestic slaughter for human consumption was banned last year.

If Congress is willing to give the Bureau of Land Management the resources to feed all those animals indefinitely, disaster could be averted. But there's no evidence of that happening.

All these do-gooders that stop this slaughter thing stopped — they think it's so inhumane — you're going to have horses suffering 10 times as much," Larry Hayhurst, the state brand inspector in Meridian, told the *Times-News*.

"do-gooders," organizations such as the Humane Society, counter that the outlook isn't that dismal. But those aren't the facts on the ground at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission.

Cats are often sold for just a few dollars, according to Blaine Billington, the business' owner. Other horses brought in for sale are routinely turned away at sale yards. Horse owners who can't afford \$150 for feed each month will simply leave their animals in the sale yard rather than pay \$200 for putting a horse down.

Newly liberated horses aren't suited for life on the open range, competing with mustangs and cattle for scarce grazing. They don't know how to find water, and some with hooves requiring trimming will become lame.

The horse legislation is a classic example of Washington trying to solve a problem, creating a bigger one and leaving federal agencies, state and local government and private individuals to clean up the mess.

Congress shouldn't pass this bill unless it's willing to pick up the tab for caring for these horses permanently.

Our view:
The Senate may be about to worsen the plight of unwanted horses.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Not everyone has to be a homeowner

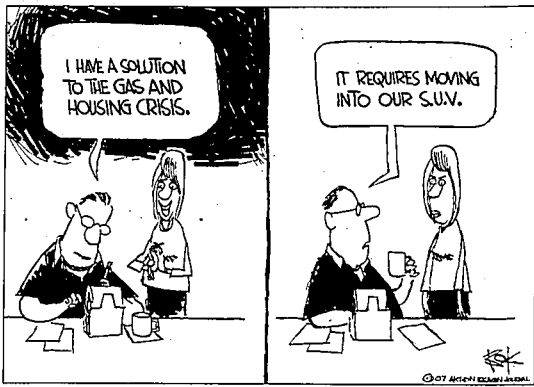
"Owning a home is the heart of the American dream." So declared President Bush in 2002, introducing his "Homeownership Challenge" — a set of policy initiatives that were supposed to sharply increase homeownership, especially for minority groups.



Oops. While homeownership rose as the housing bubble inflated, temporarily giving Bush something to boast about, it plunged — especially for African-Americans — when the bubble popped. Today, the percentage of American families owning their own homes is no higher than it was six years ago, and it's a good bet that by the time Bush leaves the White House homeownership will be lower than it was when he moved in.

But here's a question rarely asked, at least in Washington: Why should ever-increasing homeownership be a policy goal? How many people should own homes, anyway? Listening to politicians, you'd think that every family should own its home — in fact, that you're not a real American unless you're a homeowner. "Bush once declared, "you have a vital stake in the future of our country." Presumably, then, citizens who live in rented housing are therefore lack that "vital stake," can't be properly patriotic. Bring back property qualifications for voting!

Even Democrats seem to share the sense that the Americans who don't own homes are second-class citizens. Early last year, just as the mortgage meltdown was beginning, Austin Goolsbee, a University of Chicago economist who is one of Barack Obama's top advisers, warned against a crackdown on sub-



prime lending. "For be it ever so humble," he wrote, "there really is no place like home, even if it does come with a balloon payment mortgage." And the bubble that you're nothing if you don't own a home is reflected in U.S. policy. Because the IRS lets you deduct mortgage interest from your taxable income but doesn't let you deduct rent, the federal tax system provides an enormous subsidy to owner-occupied housing. On top of that, government-sponsored enterprises — Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks — provide cheap financing for home buyers; investors who want to provide rental housing are on their own.

In effect, U.S. policy is financial risk. Although it's rarely put it this way, borrowing to buy a home is like buying stocks on margin: if the market value of the house falls, the buyer can easily lose his or her entire stake.

This isn't a hypothetical worry. From 2005 through 2007 alone — that is, at the

peak of the housing bubble — more than 24 million Americans bought either new or existing houses. Now that the bubble has burst, many of those homebuyers have lost heavily on their investment. At this point there are probably around 10 million households with negative home equity — that is, with mortgages that exceed the value of their houses.

Owning a home also ties workers down. Even in the best of times, the costs and hassle of selling one home and buying another — one estimates put the average cost of a house move at more than \$60,000 — tend to make workers reluctant to go where the jobs are.

And these are not the best of times. Right now, economic distress is concentrated in the states with the biggest housing busts: Florida and California have experienced much steeper rises in unemployment than the nation as a whole. Yet homeowners in these states are constrained from seeking opportunities elsewhere, because it's very hard to sell their houses.

Finally, there's the cost of commuting. Buying a home usually though not always means buying a single-family house in the suburbs, often a

long way out, where land is cheap. In an age of \$4 gas and concerns about climate change, that's an increasingly problematic choice.

These are, of course, advantages of homeownership — and yes, my wife and I do own our home. But homeownership isn't for everyone. In fact, given the way U.S. policy favors owning over renting, you can make a good case that America already has too many homeowners.

OK, I know how some people will respond: Anyone who questions the ideal of homeownership must want the population "confined to Soviet-style concrete-block high-rises" (as a Bloomberg columnist recently put it). Um, no. All I'm suggesting is that we drop the obsession with ownership, and to level the playing field that, at the moment, is hugely tilted against renting.

And while we're at it, let's try to open our minds to the possibility that those who choose to rent rather than buy can still share in the American dream — and still have a stake in the nation's future.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

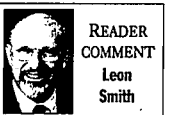
Regional airport still doesn't make sense for Twin Falls

I have been reading with interest your news articles favoring Twin Falls joining with other Magic Valley counties to build a "regional airport." It reminds me of a similar exercise we completed in earnest more than 35 years ago. I was the county attorney at that time and very much involved with the county commissioners as we had a valleywide election to determine which counties would become part of the Regional Airport Authority. Twin Falls County was the only county voting itself out of it, by a resounding majority.

Some of the important reasons for Twin Falls County opting out at that time included:

• Even with the Federal Aviation Administration grants, it would take several million dollars from the counties to build the airport and, based on a population formula, Twin Falls County would be assessed about 40 percent of the construction costs.

• Maintenance of the new airport would be based on



the same formula, requiring Twin Falls County to pay about 40 percent of the upkeep.

• The FAA said that it had poured millions into Joslin Field and that Twin Falls County would have to keep the field operational as a general aviation (small planes) airport at its own expense. No longer being a "primary" airport for the region, Twin Falls County would no longer qualify for federal and state grants.

Therefore, the county would have to maintain Joslin Field pretty much alone, while funneling its 40 percent into the regional airport.

• Joslin Field was the best year-round weather (fog and storms) of any airport site in the Magic Valley. It is the "alternate airport" for all the

Magic Valley and sometimes Boise.

• The existing runway and facilities would accommodate any contemplated aircraft at that time, and I assume that it still true, with the interim building of a new terminal, tower and runway extensions.

The lengthy article by reporter Jared Hopkins was well researched and well written. The thrust of the article made it appear that the only logical conclusion was to join the other Magic Valley counties and build a new airport in Lincoln or Blaine County. Have any of the five reasons set forth above changed, to make it any easier on Twin Falls County taxpayers?

I think that now the county and city divide the costs of running Joslin Field. I presume this means that Twin Falls City taxpayers get to pay twice; once for the county part and once out of their city taxes.

It appears that most of the flights on SkyWest are full now, but they want to cut service. It also appears that

almost all airlines are cutting service, except possibly at the overcrowded hubs. How can anyone guarantee that a regional airport in Lincoln County would get better regular daily service? Of course we could expect the charter services that take skiers to Sun Valley would increase ridership for the Lincoln County regional airport, but it's totally dependent upon what some airline executive wants to give us, wouldn't we (Twin Falls County City) be taking on a huge gamble to join with Blaine County in a regional airport somewhere north of Shoshone?

Republican Leon Smith has represented Twin Falls County in the Idaho House of Representatives since 1959, where he is on the Transportation and Defense Committee. Smith has also served as mayor of Twin Falls, as a Twin Falls city councilman and as prosecuting attorney of Twin Falls County.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just passing through, trying to stay above it all

This whole gay float in the parade thing has brought up the same difficulty that other political issues pose to us Christians. The struggle again is how do I love gays and lesbians without giving approval to a lifestyle that is clearly not approved by God?

My dual citizenship (American and United Kingdom) causes a problem of divided loyalties that drives me nuts. How does love and forgiveness fit in with hating the al-Qaida leaders killing our soldiers? Where does compassion for the homeless translate into "get a job"? How do I deal with the anger of being lied to by cliché-ridden politicians without demeaning them and violating the teaching of valuing and respecting people?

One of the keys for me is to remind myself that I'm just a pilgrim passing through this world and it's not uplifting to get entangled with the affairs of this world on my way through. It ain't easy though, believe me.

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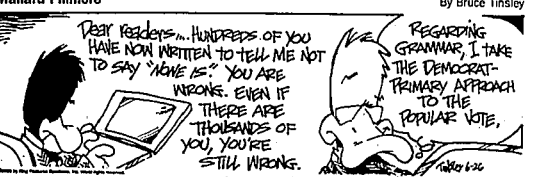
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

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By Bruce Tinsley

Illegal immigrants aren't problem; it's us

On Monday, the Supreme Court refused to take up the appeal lodged by environmental groups that focused on a two-mile stretch of border fence in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area near Naco, Ariz. The fence, which has been built since the petition was filed, is a vital part of the Bush administration's drive to secure the border between the United States and Mexico. The Supreme Court's decision is a welcome and needed victory in the war against illegal immigration and efforts to preserve the unique character that is America.



CAL THOMAS

is not them, but us. Unlike immigrants who have come before and were expected to assimilate, learn English and embrace American history and culture, today's immigrants come to an America characterized by identity politics, political correctness and Great Society programs. As a result, he writes, too many are encouraged — through the Internet and cheap international phone service — to look for amnesty for illegal status, thus fulfilling the best efforts to make them part of us, rather than half and hyphenated Americans who remain strongly tied to their countries of origin.

Krikorian wants a lengthy pause in all immigration, legal and illegal, in order to focus on making Americans out of those already here. "As the politicians debate various kinds of amnesty for illegal aliens," he writes, "they are missing the bigger picture: the harmful impact of large-scale settlement of all kinds of immigrants, whether legal or illegal, skilled or unskilled. Europeans or Latin or Asian or African. Modern America has simply outgrown immigration — but does America really need to wall itself off?"

This isn't about walling ourselves off. This isn't a Berlin Wall erected to keep people in. It is a fence designed to keep illegals out. Anyone who doesn't understand the difference will not be persuaded by facts.

This fence and other inhibitors to illegal immigration should have been built long ago. But politicians — Republicans and Democrats — have been reluctant to offend Hispanic voters, so they have dragged their feet. Democrats, especially, wish to import votes and so they welcome illegals and seek to help them become citizens. Their message: vote for Democrats, and your relatives won't be able to come and mean Republicans will try to throw you out. It's a twist on their demagoguery about Social Security, which has worked for them over many election cycles.

In a book to be published July 7 entitled "The New Case Against Immigration: Both Legal and Illegal," Mark Krikorian argues that the real problem with all immigrants

OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... legislative pay

Idaho Statesman, Boise

State legislators aren't overpaid — and they still won't be, even if they take the 5 percent raise recommended Friday.

But when both the economy and the state budget are shaky, this isn't the right time for legislators to vote themselves a bigger paycheck.

Idaho legislators now make \$16,116 a year for part-time public service. A citizens' committee is recommending raises to \$16,921. Eight hundred to look for pieces for 105 legislators isn't a budget-buster but there is ample reason for lawmakers to say thanks but no thanks:

Idaho sales tax revenue fell \$7.2 million below projections in May, the fifth successive month of lower-than-expected revenues. Things aren't going in the right direction, either.

According to the state's Division of Financial Management, May marked the weakest month for sales tax collections for the current budget year, which ends next week ...

By all indications, lawmakers are heading into a difficult 2009 session. Next year could be a lean one for state agencies and state employees — and despite the slow economy, lawmakers may still need to ask Idahoans to pay higher taxes or registration fees to pay for highway needs ...

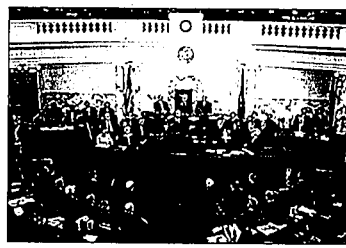
Idaho prides itself on a citizens' legislature — part-timers who govern from January until April, then spend the rest of the year working alongside their constituents.

The populist appeal holds that modestly paid citizen lawmakers will be more attuned to the realities of Main Street Idaho. Considering that, it's hard to envision many citizen lawmakers lining up to accept a pay raise that's larger than many of their neighbors will receive.

... Cameron and Bell

Post Register, Idaho Falls

JEBBS to legislative budget committee co-chairs Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome. The *Spokesman-Review's* Betsy Russell reports they



arranged to have the budget committee meet in Idaho's Panhandle ... just in time for the state Republican Convention in Sandpoint.

That means taxpayers covered the cost of flying Republican legislators ... to the GOP convention (while Democratic members of the budget panel flew home and then attended their state convention in Boise on their own dime).

Excuses range from it's just a coincidence — "It did coincide, but it wasn't, I don't think, intentional," says Sen. Joyce Broadsword, R-Sagle — to blaming the legislative support staff.

Would any of those explanations fly if Democrats controlled the Legislature and arranged for the budget committee to meet near that party's state convention? Come on.

... electing justices

Lewiston Tribune

It's time for the Idaho Legislature to at least discuss changing the way state Supreme Court justices are elected.

In a closely contested race last month, incumbent Joel Horton kept his seat by slipping past challenger John Bradbury, a district court judge who lives in Lewiston and Grangeville.

Horton won by 253 votes, 50.1 percent, in a

the governor. The next time that seat is up for election, the appointed justice can run with the considerable benefit of incumbency.

Horton first made it to the court when Justice Linda Copple Trout resigned last fall and Gov. Butch Otter picked Horton, a district court judge from Nampa, to fill her position. But then Bradbury ruffled the judicial and political waters when he decided to challenge Horton and in the process, the status quo.

The way Idaho election law works, Supreme Court races are decided at the primary, provided one candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. If, for example, three candidates seek one seat and the candidate with the most votes at the primary wins 50.1 percent of the total votes cast, then that candidate takes the seat. But if the leader finishes with 50 percent or less, then that candidate and the second-place finisher face off in the general election.

That makes sense, but only if there are more than two candidates.

Since it's not a lot of voters pay attention to primary elections. In most cases, there's one candidate from each party for positions and the presidential candidate has already been decided. That leaves little reason to vote and there may be even less impetus if the Idaho Republican Party wins a federal lawsuit it has filed. If the party prevails, Idaho could have closed primaries and voters who are reluctant to publicly announce a party affiliation will stay home.

If the goal is to let a majority of Idaho voters have a say in picking Supreme Court justices, there's an easy fix: If only two candidates fly, decide the race at the general election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks to Sen. Crapo and Twin Falls staff

I had battled with our government-sponsored health care (primarily FEP Blue Cross/Shield and Medicare) trying to correct an internal billing error that resulted in me owing more than \$200,000 to medical providers.

After contacting the senator's office in Twin Falls, he and his outstanding, polite and efficient staff resolved the matter for me in less than two weeks.

Many, many thanks to the senator and his most helpful staff.

WAYNE UTECHI
Twin Falls

Bisbee deserves praise for recording valley's history

For several years, I have been very interested in the early history of Twin Falls. It has been very evident to me that the people of this area need to recognize the great photographic work done by

Clarence E. Bisbee. He has captured the early days of our valley and recorded our great heritage throughout the country.

How pleased I was when I discovered the tribute given to him along with some of his pictures at Shoshone Falls. I extend my thanks to those who were responsible for this. It is so very well done.

RUTH B. DAY
Twin Falls

Gannon worked hard to make better place for kids

What a kind and caring man Sen. Gannon was! I certainly will be remembered by students in Buhl.

In the spring of 2007, the Buhl Middle School Band was invited to play in the capitol during Music in Our Schools Week. Sen. Gannon got wind that we were coming, met us at the bus and it gave us a tour of the building and answered questions from the students. He and his wife both attended our

performance on the capitol steps. The picture of him with the children in their yellow shirts is a picture we will always cherish.

Sen. Gannon, you worked hard to make Idaho better for our kids. We will miss you!
SCOTT NEFF
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Scott Neff is the band director for the Buhl School District.)

Don't let scare tactics keep nuclear plants out

While in St. Petersburg, Fla., in March, I cut out an article about Tampa Electric which is interested in joint ownership with Progress Energy in building a nuclear power plant.

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9 percent of the Crystal River nuclear plant.

Progress Energy plans on two new nuclear plants in the area. It seems odd Idaho is so afraid of the "new" advanced nuclear plants. These are far newer technical advancement than the old ones and we've let a "transplant" to our state use scare tactics to keep them out.

I understand France has at least 19 nuclear plants and England many more. Why are we so backward?

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Voters split over McCain, Obama on Iraq

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — John McCain's stance on the war is unambiguous: He voted for it, supports the current enhanced U.S. troop presence in Iraq and vigorously opposes any timetable to withdraw.

The public's stance on the war is as equivocal as McCain's is not: A strong majority of Americans oppose it and believe it was wrong in the first place, but more find McCain better suited to handle Iraq than his Democratic presidential rival, Barack Obama.

"He's more experienced militarily," said Ann Burkes, a registered Democrat and retired third-grade teacher from Broken Arrow, Okla. "And I don't know if I agree with stay-the-course (policy), but I think the good probably outweighs the bad with him, experience-wise."

Burkes illustrates the conflicted voter, one who is likely to be influenced by McCain's policy positions as by his personal biography as a former Navy pilot who spent more than five years in a North Vietnamese prison.

For McCain, there is a major complication. Not all those voters who perceive him as stronger on Iraq say they will vote for him for president.

Unlike the 2004 presidential contest, this is not shaping up as a national security election. Neither the war nor terrorism is foremost in the public's mind. The economy and energy prices are the prominent issues of the day. And on those, Obama has the edge.

Still, this hate-the-war, love-the-warrior strain runs through the American electorate. In a new Associated Press-Yahoo News poll, more than one out of five of the respondents who said they opposed the war also said they support McCain for president. The sentiment



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greet each other on Capitol Hill in Washington in January 2007. The public's stance on the war is as equivocal as McCain's is not: A strong majority of Americans oppose it and believe it was wrong in the first place, but more find McCain better suited to handle Iraq than his Democratic presidential rival.

does not discriminate by gender or by age. Most significantly, it splits independent voters in favor of McCain. Respondents said McCain would do a better job in Iraq than Obama by a margin of 39 percent to 33 percent.

Underlying that response is a strong sentiment that McCain would be a better leader of the military than Obama. One out of three respondents said that description matched McCain "very well," whereas only one out of 10 said the same of Obama, who did not serve in the armed forces.

The Iraq findings track McCain's advantage on the issue of terrorism. Of those surveyed, more than twice as many believe McCain can better handle terrorism than Obama. As such, McCain is emerging clearly as a candidate of national security, a conventional role for a Republican.

The public's views about

Iraq are especially notable because many voters appear to separate McCain's past record of support for the war from their perception of his performance as a military leader. What's more, it points to a potential Obama vulnerability.

Only 6 percent of those who say they wish to see Obama as president would do a better job on Iraq. But among "weak" Obama supporters, that figure rises to 15 percent. Moreover, among undecided voters, McCain is preferred 25 percent to 15 percent over Obama on Iraq.

Lecann Ormsbee, a registered Democrat from Waterford, Pa., believes the United States rushed to war, but now does not believe troops should simply withdraw. The 29-year-old self-employed house cleaner says she has never voted for a Republican. She might this time.

"I do believe that he will do

Independents support McCain

Among Republicans and Independents, John McCain has an advantage on the issues of Iraq and terrorism.

Who would do a better job of handling Iraq?

Among Democrats

Among Republicans

Among Independents

Who would do a better job of handling terrorism?

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better in Iraq," she said of McCain. "Because he's served in the military and he has said we can't just pull out... I think we're just kind of stuck with it now and we have to finish."

Republican pollster Neil Newhouse calls these voters "steady holders."

"They don't like the fact that we're over there, they don't think the decision was the right one, but they understand that if we simply withdraw our troops it would leave things worse off," he said.

Aware that national security is one of McCain's strongest features, Democrats and their allies have tried to portray his Iraq stance as a mere continuation of President Bush's policy. They have seized on his comments earlier this year when he speculated that U.S. troops could remain in Iraq for 100 years. Though he was talking about a presence of non-combat troops akin to those in South Korea, the remark has been used against him in television commercials.

Earlier this month, McCain kicked off his general election advertising campaign with an ad that featured his and his family's military service and his years in captivity but cast him as a man with a distaste for war.

"Only a fool or a fraud talks tough or romantically about war," he says in the ad. McCain supported the resolution in 2002 that allowed Bush to use force in Iraq. He

later criticized then-Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld for his management of the war and went on to become one of the Senate's leading advocates of last year's buildup of troops. He has said he could envision troops withdrawing around 2013 but has refused to fix a date.

The troop expansion, which is about to end, has left Iraq safer and given Iraqi forces greater responsibility for security. But Pentagon and congressional reports issued this week also warned that the gains are delicate and could be reversed.

McCain's Iraq advantage could evaporate if violence and chaos resurface and U.S. casualties mount.

Conversely, even greater successes in the country could make withdrawing troops more palatable.

Obama has argued that the troop buildup has not helped resolve Iraq's political problems. He wants to remove all combat brigades from Iraq within 16 months of becoming president. But he has said that if al-Qaida builds bases in Iraq, he would keep troops in the country or in the region to carry out "targeted strikes."

"As the American people get to know Obama and McCain better, they will see that the difference is Obama's desire to fundamentally change American policy in Iraq and John McCain wants to continue George Bush's policy," Obama spokesman Bill Burton said.

Bush, Talabani discuss U.S.-Iraq agreement

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Iraqi president expressed cautious optimism Wednesday about prospects for completing a complex agreement that would keep U.S. troops in Iraq after a U.N. mandate expires at year-end.

Bush said the U.S. was working on an agreement that "suits" the Iraqi government. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, speaking in the Oval Office after meeting with Bush, cited recent progress and said he hoped it could be finished "very soon."

U.S. and Iraqi authorities are trying to meet a July target date for completing the security agreement. Talks bogged down over several key issues, which Iraqi lawmakers said violated the nation's sovereignty. Recently, however, Iraqi authorities said prospects for a deal had brightened after the Americans submitted new, unspecified proposals.

"We talked about a strategic framework agreement that suits the Iraqi government," Bush said. "We talked about elections and different laws that have been passed. We talked about the fact that the economy is improving and that the attitude of the people there has improved immeasurably over the years."

Bush wants the agreement in place before he leaves office.

If not, major decisions about how U.S. forces operate in Iraq could be left to the next president.

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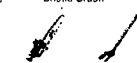


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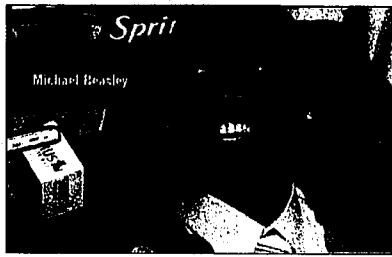


By Brian Mahoney • Associated Press writer

Michael Beasley strolled into a hotel ballroom Wednesday, spotted the swarm of cameras surrounding his table, and jokingly asked Brandon Rush if he wanted to switch spots.

The guy Beasley really may want to swap with is Derrick Rose.

Rose is Beasley's competition for the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, and the winner will be announced tonight when NBA commissioner David Stern



announces the selection shortly after 5 p.m. MDT.

The Chicago Bulls own the pick, and Rose would love to play for his hometown team. When the Bulls won the lottery despite only a 1.7 percent chance, Rose immediately thought of LeBron James, the Akron, Ohio kid picked first in 2003 by nearby Cleveland.

"I thought that LeBron James was the luckiest person because he got to play in his hometown," Rose said.

Fresno State rolls Georgia for CWS title

Detwiler homers twice in win

By Eric Olson
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Fresno State was smashing in its final performance as college baseball's team of destiny, winning a championship that would have been impossible to predict.

With Steve Detwiler providing all the offense Justin Wilson needed, the Bulldogs captured their first national championship in a men's sport with a 6-1 victory over Georgia in Game 3 of the College World Series finals Wednesday night.

Detwiler homered twice and drove in all six runs, and Wilson allowed five hits in eight innings to cap Fresno State's wild ride to a title.

Fresno State was forecast to be a Top 25 team coming into the season, but the Bulldogs lost 12 of their first 20 games. They needed to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament just to make the NCAA field of 64, fought off elimination in regionals and super regionals, and became the first No. 4 regional seed to reach the CWS since the tournament expanded in 1999.

The Bulldogs (47-31) from California not only showed they belonged, they showed they were the best, even though no previous national champion had more losses. The national title was the second in school history. Fresno State won the 1998 women's softball title.

Fresno State third baseman Tommy Mendonca won CWS most outstanding player. He hit four home runs and had 11 RBIs and also made a number of spectacular plays in the field.

But in the finale, Detwiler was the star. Playing with a torn ligament in his left thumb, he hit a two-run homer on Nathan Moreau's 3-2 pitch in the second inning barely cleared the right-field fence, just getting over the glove of Matt Olson.

There was no doubt about Detwiler's second blast, a high drive that landed three-quarters of the way up the stands in left field. That three-run shot off Dean Weaver was Detwiler's third homer of the CWS and 12th of the season. It also marked the fourth time a player went deep twice in a championship game.

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Fresno State's Steve Detwiler (15) celebrates his three-run home run against Georgia in the sixth inning of Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series championship series, in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday.

Fab freshmen

Rose, Beasley sit atop deep freshmen class in NBA draft



Eric Gordon
6-3, Shooting guard, Indiana



O.J. Mayo
6-4, Shooting guard, USC



Jarryd Bayless
6-3, Point guard, Arizona



Kevin Love
6-9, Power forward, UCLA

Rose, the point guard from Memphis, and Beasley, the Kansas State power forward, sit atop a deep freshmen class that could gobble up most of the spots in the top 10.

O.J. Mayo of Southern California, UCLA's Kevin Love, Arizona's Jarryd Bayless, and Indiana guard Eric Gordon are among the other first-year stars who might already be earning NBA paychecks if not for the age requirement forcing American-born players to be at least 19 years old and a year out of high school.

"We can have possibly eight

players from our class in the lottery, so just hearing that I feel like we have a lot of star power in this class," Love said. "We're a pretty deep class as well, and I feel like hopefully we'll be able to step up our games and impact the NBA."

Beasley had the best individual year, leading the nation with 12.4 rebounds per game and ranking third with his average of 26.2 points. But if the Bulls opt for Rose, Beasley isn't even guaranteed to go second, with Miami possibly more interested in trading the pick and grabbing a guard to pair in the backcourt with Dwyane Wade.

"One, 2, 3, 7th. I just want to get there," Beasley said.

Hurting Beasley's chances of going first are questions about his height. The draft media guide lists him at 6-foot-10, and he said a doctor measured him at 6-8 1/2 in bare feet. Still, there are some concerns he may be smaller — perhaps too small to play the 4 spot in the NBA.


"I didn't know there was a height requirement in the NBA," Beasley said.

The Bulls haven't revealed publicly which way they are leaning, but Rush, sitting at the next table, said Beasley was the "best player I've seen in college, since I've been in college." His Kansas team faced Beasley in Big 12 play, then beat Rose and Memphis in the national championship game.

"I would go with Beasley because he makes things look so much easier," Rush said. "He just looks effortless out there. He had 39 on us in our own house."

Having played three seasons

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No joke: Safin upsets Djokovic at Wimbledon

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

WIMBLEDON, England — A match involving Marat Safin is always worth watching. He's liable to moon the crowd, smash several rackets or dominate the world's best player, as he did against Pete Sampras in the 2000 U.S. Open final.

For a change, Wimbledon inspired Safin's best behavior and tennis Wednesday, much to the chagrin of Novak Djokovic. Finally comfortable on the grass he loathed, Safin pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament so far with a workmanlike performance to beat the third-ranked Djokovic 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Safin has been battling a slump for months, or even



Novak Djokovic reacts during his second-round match against Marat Safin on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, Wednesday.

years, and the big Russian expressed surprise to find

himself in the third round. "The last time I won two

matches in a row was I don't remember when," he said.

Djokovic, this year's Australian Open champion, was dismayed to catch the erratic Safin at a peak.

"I didn't expect it, honestly saying," Djokovic said. "Playing him on Centre Court obviously motivates him more to do well."

Safin's stunner made a good day even better for No. 1-ranked Roger Federer, who beat Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Djokovic was in the same half of the draw and posed a potential impediment to Federer's bid for a sixth consecutive Wimbledon title.

While Djokovic made his earliest exit at a major event in 2 1/2 years, a lucky bounce for new No. 1 Ana Ivanovic prevented a double defeat for

Serbia. Facing match point in the second set, Ivanovic hit a

forehand that hopped over the net cord for a winner, and more than 90 minutes later she completed a victory over

Nathalie Dechy, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 10-8.

"Someone from upstairs made the ball roll over," Ivanovic said. "If it wasn't for that ... I would be booking my flight back home."

Dechy said she cried for an hour after Ivanovic won.

"Maybe today she can go and play the Lotto," Dechy

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SCOREBOARD

GAME PLAN

LOCAL TGC - PG Tour, Buick Open, first round. 4:30 p.m. TGC - Nationwide Tour, Wayne tournament, American Falls Idaho Falls Rangers at Buell, D.H. 6 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

VERDUS - Junior welterweights, Anthony Peterson (20:10) vs. Armando Cruz (30:10); super welterweights, Vance Montezuma (19:00) vs. Angel Hernandez (18:00) at Las Vegas. 7 p.m. ESPN - UEFA, Euro 2008, semifinal, Spain vs. Spain 7 p.m. ESPN - M.L.S., Dallas at Houston

WMA BASKETBALL

ESPNU - The Championships, early round. ESPNU - Indiana at New York

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Sprinter Justin Gatlin appeals ruling, still hopes to make trials

ATLANTA - Banned sprinter Justin Gatlin took his doping appeal to the next level Wednesday, hoping he can beat the clock and make it to the starting blocks in time to compete at U.S. Track and Field's Olympic trials this weekend.

appeared by videconferencing before Las Vegas justice of the peace Eugene Martin. Officer Ramon Denny, a Las Vegas police spokesman, declined to comment on Fadell's accusation because investigations were continuing in both cases. He did say that Fadell had not cooperated with investigators trying to identify a second man suspected of beating Walker.

The judge also refused Fadell's request to reduce his \$13,000 bail in that case and set a preliminary hearing for July 9 on felony kidnapping, coercion and misdemeanor domestic violence battery charges. Fadell remained jailed at the Clark County Detention Center.

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Suspect in Walker case speaks

LAS VEGAS - A man accused of robbing and beating Oakland Raiders receiver Jason Walker took a judge Wednesday that police pressured his girlfriend to press domestic violence charges against him before he was arrested in the Walker case.

WRESTLING

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Giants sign Clark to extension

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - The New York Giants guaranteed that their offensive line will stay together for the foreseeable future, signing guard Chris Snow on Wednesday to a six-year, \$43.5 million contract extension.

Snow, 26, will earn nearly \$24 million in the first three years of the deal, agent Tony Agnonse said.

WOMEN'S HOOPS Aurierma signs 5-year, \$8M deal

HARTFORD, Conn. - Geno Aurierma signed a deal that will keep the Hall of Fame coach at Connecticut's sideline through 2013. University officials said Wednesday that the five-year, \$8 million contract extension begins July 1 and includes a base salary of \$300,000 the first year. That amount will increase by \$25,000 annually throughout the contract.

Big Ray 3-on-3 touney set

GLENN'S FERRY - The Big Ray 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held July 4 in the Glenns Ferry city park. Registration is from 8-9 a.m., with games following. The cost is \$60 per team, which includes meals for all four players. The tournament is open to boys and girls of all ages.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Sunny and pleasant. Highs middle to upper 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and heating up. Highs upper 80s to low 90s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today Sunny and pleasant
Tonight Mostly clear and mild
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Lightly overcast with plenty of sunshine and a light breeze. Highs low to middle 80s.
Tonight: Clear and comfortable. Lows low 50s.
Tomorrow: Mostly dry, sunny and warm. Highs middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Holding alert will keep precipitation out of the outlook today through the weekend. Temperatures are also expected to warm by leaps and bounds as we head into the weekend.
BOISE
Warm, sunny and dry today and for many days to come. Ridgetop alert will strengthen over the area as we head into the weekend.
NORTHERN IDAHO
Weather pattern will keep the weather mostly dry and very warm for several days to come. Any cooling will be negligible.

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REGG MINDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Will we have a new rule of life from tonight?
...be a little kinder than..."

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Buick Open loses luster without Tiger

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — The Buick Open's golden anniversary at Warwick Hills lost a lot of luster without Tiger Woods, making Jim Furyk the tournament's top player and John Daly the fan favorite.
Even though Woods was recovering Wednesday from major surgery on his left knee the previous day, his likeness was everywhere and his legacy was a topic of discussion.
Woods' image is plastered on three sides of Buicks in the parking lot, on pairings sheets and billboards in the Detroit and Flint areas.
Buick Open officials expected Woods to be in the field for the ninth time since 1997.
But the world's No. 1 player announced last week he would miss the rest of the season after enduring a double-strain fracture in his left leg and a torn knee ligament over 91 holes to win the U.S. Open in a playoff over Rocco Mediate.
"If it was anybody else that I would have lost to, I would have been devastated right now," Mediate said. "This guy does things that are just not normal by any stretch of the imagination."
Kenny Perry agreed.
"He beat everybody on one leg," Perry said.
PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem also marvels at Woods' talent and mental toughness.
Finchem, bristles, though at the notion that his absence renders tournaments to being irrelevant.
"It's just ludicrous," Finchem said after taking part in a ceremony honoring the Buick Open's 50th anniversary. "He played 17 events last year and we have 17."
Finchem acknowledged TV ratings dip without Woods because casual viewers tune out and that likely will be the case this week.
Furyk (No. 12), Justin Leonard (No. 23) and Perry (No. 27) are the only players among the top 30 in the world at the Buick Open and the locker field includes nine of the top 50 in the world ranking.
If Woods was playing, few would focus on those facts.
But because Woods makes the Buick



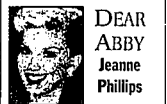
Jim Furyk reacts after missing a putt earlier this month during the U.S. Open championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. Furyk is the biggest name at this week's Buick Open.

A swan song for Sorenstam at U.S. Women's Open

EDINA, Minn. (AP) — The practice range at Interlachen was filled with young players hitting balls under the afternoon sun, many of them playing in the U.S. Women's Open for the first time and soaking up all it offers.
In the middle of this activity was Annika Sorenstam, without any fanfare, longtime Swedish coach Henri Retz at her side.
She was trying not to soak up the memories.
Not yet.
"I can be an emotional player," Sorenstam said. "But I can also be a very cold player. And I try to just stay cold as my emotions and focus on what I have to do. But I do know in the back of my mind that when Sunday comes, I will not be playing here any more."
Sorenstam, 37, announced six weeks ago that she is retiring from competition at the end of the year. She does not want this to be a farewell tour, concentrating instead on piling up as many victories as she can, determined to add at least one more major to her collection.
But this week is different.
The U.S. Women's Open, which starts today at Interlachen, means more to her than any other major. She captured the first of her 17 victories on the LPGA Tour in the 1995 Women's Open at the Broadmoor, made it two in a row the next year at Pine Needles, then went an entire decade before adding her third title in 2006 at Newport.
It means so much that she refers to it simply as "The Open," rare words coming from a European.
And even in retirement, she has agreed to become a "USGA ambassador," getting involved with everything from the Rules of Golf to programs aimed at getting more young players involved.
"I care a lot about this championship, and I'm going to do the best I can to be up there on Sunday," she said,
first fairway. "Now, other guys are going to get more attention when they deserve it because Tiger is not in the spotlight."

Third husband is no charmer when he puts wife down

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced twice before I met my present husband, "Lou." We have been married seven years. When we're with his extended family or new acquaintances, Lou makes a point in his loud, animated way of letting everyone know that he is my third husband. It's embarrassing. And because I am at a loss for words, I usually stay silent.
I have asked Lou in private why he offers that information when no one asks. I don't think he tries to make me look bad. I told him maybe he should have a "3" tattooed on his forehead if he's that proud.
If someone pays me a compliment in his presence, Lou will say, "She really has you fooled!" But, Abby, Lou is the one who has everyone fooled. If his family knew the things he has said and done over the last seven years, they would be shocked.
Early on, his first wife stopped going anywhere with him. I have reached the point where I have begun trying to avoid going out with him. How should I respond — if at all — when he tries to make me look bad? Perhaps I should just say, "Yes, you are No. 3." But when you talk about me like that, it makes me wish you weren't.
— OBJECT OF RIDICULE
DEAR OBJECT: If you haven't already done it, tell your husband privately that you don't appreciate being embarrassed in front of family and friends. Tell him that you want it stopped immediately. Your husband appears to be insecure and trying to make himself look better at your expense. If he persists, the next time it happens, smile sweetly and say, "And I'd like you all to meet my soon-to-be third EX-husband." (Come to think of it, that might not be a bad idea.)
DEAR ABBY: I am 39 years young and still single. I enjoy my friends, my freedom and rock concerts. My issue is that at the last two concerts I



DEAR ABBY: I heard news — or boys — say, "Watch out. Here come the cougars!" I think this is insulting. Or is it?
Can you define a "cougar"? I don't know whether I should be insulted or take it as a compliment.
— STILL ROCKIN' IN IRVINE
DEAR STILL ROCKIN': A "cougar" is a woman who likes to date — and aggressively pursue — much younger men. Whether it's an insult, an accurate description or a compliment depends upon how you wish to be perceived. But from my perspective, the comments you heard were stereotypical and "catty," to say the least.
DEAR ABBY: I am a young man who is having some trouble working for "the man" — you know, the corporate culture. I have always worked for large companies, but have found that my current employer is not open to accepting new ideas or suggestions.
I feel I'm hitting a brick wall when I look at a problem and come up with a solution, but no one will take me seriously because of my youth. Any advice on how to deal with this?
— EAGER IN CUMBERLAND, MD.
DEAR EAGER: When someone is hired by a company with a strong corporate culture, that person is usually expected to conform and not shake up the status quo. I can think of few things more depressing than going every day to a job where you do not feel your input is valued. Feeling as you do, you might be wise to explore opportunities at another company — or even a field — that is more youth-oriented.

Tennis

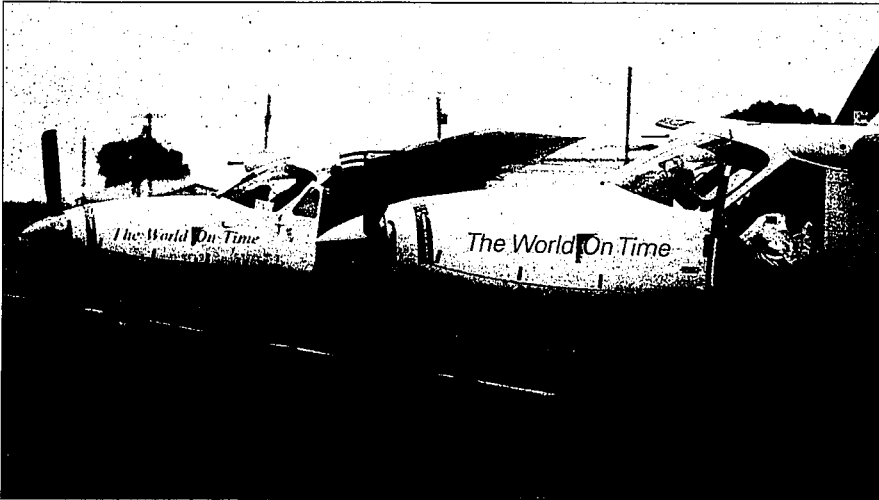
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said, "It would be a good day for her."
Two-time champion Serena Williams said she was less than thrilled about playing on Court 2, known as the "Graveyard of Champions," but there were no ghost sightings as she beat 17-year-old Urszula Radwanska 6-4, 6-4.
Williams will next face 2006 champion Amelle Mauresmo, who rallied past Virginia Ruano Pascual 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.
The two other Americans on the schedule also won. Bethanie Mattek reached the

third round at a major event for the first time by beating Vera Dushenko 7-6 (6), 6-4, and she next plays 2007 runner-up Marion Bartoli.
Bobby Reynolds matched his best Grand Slam showing when he defeated Frank Danecvic 4-6, 7-6 (10), 6-4, 6-4.
As for Stefan, the grass-hating, night-life-loving, racket-throwing Russian with the roller-coaster resume took the court figuring he might soon be back in Moscow.
"There is a flight at 8:30 leaving every evening," he said with a smile. "So I was almost there."
Safin's ranking has been falling faster than the shorts

he dropped in glee to celebrate a fifty shot at the French Open four years ago. He arrived in London at No. 75 with a record of 10-13 this year, and he hasn't won a tournament since 2006.
It has been a humbling, frustrating stretch for a two-time Grand Slam champion once ranked No. 1.
"I was losing left and right," said Safin, 28. "I started to get a little bit desperate because I've been working really hard week after week. The results are not coming, not coming. You need to be really strong mentally to continue."
After the French Open,

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DEAR ABBY: I am 39 years young and still single. I enjoy my friends, my freedom and rock concerts. My issue is that at the last two concerts I

Fly the empty skies



A cargo pilot jumps out of his aircraft Wednesday afternoon at the Twin Falls airport.

Joslin Field budget stays the same, but more asked from city, county

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

There may be fewer travelers at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, but bills still need to be paid. As commercial service at the airport decreases, taxpayers are being asked to make up the drop in revenue. The overall airport budget is increasing by less than 1 percent — just more than \$6,100 — but due to various revenue shortfalls, officials are seeking a 7.6 percent jump in subsidies from Twin Falls city and county, according to the budget request.

The request comes at a time when the airline industry is making drastic changes to meet rising costs. Earlier this month, the sole air carrier in Twin Falls, SkyWest, cut back its five daily round-trips to Salt Lake City to four. City of Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans said taxpayers are being asked to cover the drop in revenue from passenger service. The overall expenses are relatively similar to last year's but revenues are falling off due to fewer flights, said Airport Manager Bill Carberry.

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Major airport revenue changes			
Revenue changes considered 'major'	2007-08 Budget	2008-09 Estimate	
Terminal rentals	\$40,000	\$45,000	
Fix-based operator rentals	\$15,000	\$18,000	
Hangar rentals	\$35,000	\$41,200	
Rental cars	\$100,000	\$120,000	
Terminal food rentals	\$5,000	\$7,200	
Landing fees	\$37,000	\$37,350	
Aircraft Rescue Firefighting fees	\$120,000	\$129,500	
Airshow	\$50,000	\$0	
Interest income	\$13,000	\$8,000	
Net major changes to revenues: loss of \$37,150.			

Source: Twin Falls Assistant Finance Director Lurie Race

Cultivating community Twin Falls to 'Plant Hope' for Jubilee House rehabilitation center

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

When women's addition rehabilitation center Jubilee House was given the green light by Twin Falls officials to open its doors in January the organization was given one requirement: to complete landscaping stipulations set by the city by June 30.

On Saturday, the Magic Valley Master Gardeners are coordinating "Plant Hope" a one-day project to complete the landscaping requirements. Jubilee House Project Director Gail Lindsey said that without the support of the Master Gardeners and the many local businesses and groups involved, it

Help Plant Hope for Jubilee House

Volunteers are needed at 9 a.m. Saturday at Jubilee House, 315 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls. Bring a pair of gloves and help the Magic Valley Master Gardeners complete landscaping requirements for the house.

would not have been able to comply with the city. Lindsey said Jubilee House must plant a 20-foot buffer

around the property with shrubbery and trees, a common requirement for commercially-zoned facilities.

"There is no way we would have been able to get what we needed done without everyone's help," Lindsey said. "The women here have been out helping in any way they can. Earlier they were spreading compost and preparing things for Saturday. This is their home

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Equine therapy helps Fairfield boy gain his balance

By Amy Ballard
Correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Logan Schofield has just one obstacle left on the road to learning how to walk: balance. Summer riding lessons at Sagebrush Arena in Hailley are aimed to help the Fairfield boy overcome that last hurdle. Schofield, 5, was born with no right eye and an immobile left side of his body. Before he was a month old, he was experiencing crippling seizures. Today, his experiences are much different.

At the referral of a physical therapist, Schofield began equine-assisted therapy with the Sagebrush Equine Training Center this month. Assistant Director Lindsey Jameson explained how a horse's four-beat walking gait simulates the human walk.

"It trains the brain how to walk," she said. "People used to think that whatever you're born with, that's what you got. But that's not true. You



Logan Schofield rides his mount, Arlex, and interacts with Sagebrush Equine Training Center riding instructor Lindsey Jameson on June 19. Schofield rides in various positions to strengthen his stomach muscles and simulate walking.

Photo by DPT BILLSON

can build your nervous system so that you can walk." Parents Lindsey and Jason Schofield were warned that something might be wrong when ultrasounds showed that Logan was too small. "I wasn't really worried until the day of the delivery when

I had a panic attack," Lindsey Schofield said Monday. When Logan was born, a doctor informed Lindsey and Jason that their second son was blind and would never see.

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Jerome couple pursues passion for classic cars

By Heather Harbaugh
Correspondent

There is a lot to be said for the aura a classic car exudes.

A nostalgic feeling wafted up and down the aisles of the Cool Classic Nights Car Show held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Twin Falls City Park. The cars ranged from a 1929 Ford Truck T Roadster to the new and old beauties brought along by the Snake River Corvette Club, and everything in between.

The reasons for participating in this pastime are as different as the people themselves. For some people it is a hobby, for others it is a career. For all it ends up becoming a lifestyle.

Ken and Mary Ann Stogsdill, of Jerome, owners of a blue, sun-sparkled 1952 Plymouth business coupe had a very unique reason of their own for beginning this

Journey with their car.

Mary Ann, 73, graduated from Tecumseh High School in New Carlisle, Ohio, in 1952. With her 50-year reunion approaching in 2002, she and Ken, 72, wanted to make a memorable appearance. They decided to revamp a classic from the same year she graduated and drive cross country in their new beauty. It took the Stogsdills three years to refurbish the car but they said it was worth it. The car was a hit and so was the poodle skirt Mary Ann wore to match the times.

Everyone wanted their picture taken with the car," she said.

Her favorite part of restoring the car was picking out the paint and interior colors and she says her favorite part of the car is the paint.

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Tom Hanks loses in Idaho court over home construction

The Associated Press

KEETCHUM — A Blaine County judge has rejected Tom Hanks' second request for arbitration over what he says was \$2.5 million in faulty workmanship by the construction company that built the movie star's sprawling compound north of Keetchum.

Following the decision, a lawyer for the construction company said it will seek monetary damages from Hanks and his wife, Rita Wilson, for what it alleges was "abuse of process" for filing the second arbitration request.

Fifth District Court Judge Robert Elgee ruled late last week that the dispute between Hanks and Storey Construction Inc., had already been decided in 2004 when the American Arbitration Association ruled in favor of Storey and awarded the company \$1.85 million in unpaid contract balance, interest and legal fees.

In November, Hanks and Wilson filed the second arbitration request, alleging "latent construction defects had been discovered. Elgee rejected that request.

"The judge essentially ruled that they had their chance in the prior arbitration," Miles Stanislaw, a Keetchum attorney representing Storey, told the *Idaho Mountain Express*. "So unlike the movies where you get to do it over again, in Blaine County you don't get a do-over if you don't like the results the first time around." A New York public relations firm that represent Hanks and Wilson, 42 West, issued a statement saying an appeal is likely by Sun Valley Trust, the company listed as the owner of the property.

"The court ruled against Sun Valley Trust, but also admitted that its decision was harsh," John Hanover, an attorney with Los Angeles-based Peckar and Abramson, said in the statement. "Idaho law in this technical area is not clearly established and everyone, including the judge, knew that this issue was headed for the Idaho Court of Appeals."



Hanks

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Cassia School Board eyes bond measure

Public meeting scheduled for tonight

By Damon Humzler
Staff writer

BURLEY — Some of the schools in the Cassia School District were built in the 1950s. Some of them are too old and aren't hot enough. Some have eroded structurally.

Few of them comply with modern building codes. They need more space to accom-

modate technological advancements and students with special needs. They could also benefit from some safety-related upgrades.

Because of these conditions, Cassia County residents will soon have the opportunity to tax themselves. The board plans a bond election on Aug. 28.

County trustees have spent the past 18 months assessing

the needs of each building — whether they require minor remodeling or new construction.

The details haven't been determined, but a meeting is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at Burley High School's Little Theater. The public is encouraged to attend and offer opinions. After that, the fate and amount of the bond should be clearer.

"It's all a work in progress. The board is still seeking input from the public to refine the projected amount," Cassia School Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said.

If the bond passes, nearly every school in Burley, Oakley, Declo, and Malta will be affected.

"But that's only if they do everything that's been discussed," Smyer said. If the bond passes next month, dividends from the tax increase will be available to the school district in

January 2009. However, if it doesn't pass by September, the district will have to wait six months to try again and wouldn't receive the money until early 2010.

In 1991, Cassia County passed a \$21.9 million bond that produced three new high schools which weren't finished and functional for several more years.

"The amount of the 2008 bond will need to be significantly higher, but he believes it needs to be passed.

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and they are taking ownership in that."

Justice House has six residents so far and will reach capacity next month, with the addition of two more women.

Chris Snyder, field manager for Twin Falls Saddlback Sprinklers is serving as the project landscape contractor

and will be installing an automatic irrigation system being donated by John Decro Landscaping of Twin Falls. Snyder said many Magic Valley businesses have volunteered to the cause.

Snyder said that there are plans for further landscaping in the future.

"Ultimately, we all believe in what Justice House is

about, a place for women and their children to break away from a destructive past, all of its hang-ups and addictions, and to move forward into a new life," he said. "For our community, that's one less mess addit out there, one less woman sitting in jail with nowhere to go, one less child orphaned by addiction and crime and one more strong

mother out there.

The long-term landscaping plan for Justice House which includes a playground area for children, is expected to cost around \$30,000 with later phases expected in future years said Sharon Buckle, Magic Valley Master Gardeners president and owner of Sunrise Landscape Design of Twin Falls.

"We want to promote a completed landscape look but we also want to help those at Justice House ... Those women are committed to staying at the house for at least a year to recover," Buckle said. "To beautify their surroundings and get them to appreciate that everyday touch with nature will benefit their lives."

Horse

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"I was scared and angry," Jason Schofield said. "I didn't know why it had happened."

Caring for Logan hasn't been easy, but there have been high points. When Logan was 6-months-old, Jason noticed his son tracking movement with his left eye. From that time on, Logan has been able to see. Since his hemiparesisomy — Logan's second brain surgery — at 19 months, his seizures are far less frequent. He can move his left side, even pulling himself up to stand.

With a helping hand, he can take a few steps. With the help of a horse, he may learn to take even more.

Logan's enthusiasm has shown through in his therapy. By the end of his second lesson, Logan learned to use hand signals to command the horse to stop and go. When a lesson is over, he often shakes his head as if to say, "More!"

"God gives you what you can handle. I guess he thought we could handle this."

— Jason Schofield

His mother said the seven instructors at Sagebrush have a unique touch. "Logan acts like he's known (Jason) from forever," she said. "I think people that work with kids like that have to be special. They have to have a special spirit."

Founded in 1991, the Sagebrush Equine Training Center in Halley seeks to provide physical, cognitive and emotional benefits for adults and children with disabilities. In order to offer its programs free of charge, Sagebrush's horse fundraisers like its July 10 Cowboy Ball. The center's entire \$486,000 budget comes from donors.

While Sagebrush's therapy has helped, the Schofields agree that they

haven't yet reached what Lindsey Schofield calls "a good place," which is easy to cope with raising Logan and their other three sons, Payton, B. Maximus, 4, and Xander, 10 months. It's hard on the couple's relationship, Lindsey Schofield said, and long family vacations are out of the question.

The Schofields try to stay positive, however. "You do what you've got to do," Lindsey Schofield said. "I mean you love your kids, right?"

"God gives you what you can handle," Jason Schofield said. "I guess he thought we could handle this."

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"We want to plan conservatively on the revenue side," he said after meeting with Twin Falls County commissioners.

Meanwhile, revenue for general aviation is estimated to increase. For example, hangar rentals — which brought in \$18,089 in 2007 and are budgeted at \$35,000 in 2008 — are projected to increase to \$41,200.

"We've got a few guys talking about building hangars," Carberry said. "There are about two or three on the drawing boards."

Since 1968, the city and county have co-owned the airport. In the 2008 fiscal year, each entity pledged \$290,469. In 2009, they would each support about \$21,400 in additional funding. About 53 percent of the overall \$1.13 million budget would fall on taxpayers.

But Evans noted the public won't directly feel the crunch since there's no increase in the tax levy rate and the

budget will essentially be paid for by growth and new construction. He said the 7.6 increase to both the city and county is nearly equal to the rise in property taxes for new growth.

Commissioner Terry Kramer said that he didn't anticipate any changes being made to the budget. But Tuesday's meeting with Carberry and the city's finance department was not typical of the airport budgeting process. Carberry said the budget was usually transmitted via letters and documents, not face-to-face.

"Nobody (on former county commissions) looked at it until now," said Kramer. "They'd just write the check."

After locating the 1968 agreement several months ago, the commissioners have said they plan to review it to see whether it needs to be restructured. The subsidy amount is determined through a formula by the city. The county matches the amount, but commissioners

are concerned whether it's fair.

"Evans said a big drop in revenue is the \$50,000 from the Air Magic Valley Air Show for this year's budget — a projection that could be more after the air show, said Evans — but isn't planned for next year. Carberry also noted Aircraft Rescue Preflighting fees paid by airlines will decrease by \$10,500.

The airport is requesting \$78,100 for several capital improvement projects, including \$37,500 for a tractor and \$3,300 for an ice machine at the airport restaurant.

When Commissioner George Urle asked whether there was any chance of finding additional revenue sources, Carberry said the Airport Advisory Board will review various fee rates this summer.

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CHRIS ON PEOPLE

Biagiotti graduates in Connecticut

Paul and Polly Biagiotti of Jerome announced the graduation of their son, Nathaniel, from Kent School in Kent, Conn. He will attend the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University this fall, where he will major in film production.



Biagiotti

Boettcher earns associate at Western Wyoming

Western Wyoming Community College announced that Meghan Boettcher of Burket received her Associate of Science degree during commencement in Rock Springs, Wyo., on May 16.

Brauer on U of I dean's list

Drew Marie Brauer of Twin Falls was named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semester at the University of Idaho's College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. To be eligible for the list, a student must have completed 12 or more graded hours with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Welch graduates from Washington medical school

Nathan Robert Welch, son of Dr. Robert C. and Luree Welch of Twin Falls, graduated from the University of Washington Medical School on May 7. Welch and his wife, Allison, and their two children will be moving to Omaha, Neb., where he will complete a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY JUNE 24 ARRANGEMENTS
Curtis R. Clay, 39, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, driving under the influence, suspended for 90 days, 12 months probation and one day credit.
Aug. 5; \$1,500 bond

CASSIA COUNTY JUNE 15 TO JUNE 21 ARRANGEMENTS
Gregorio L. Hernandez, 39, misdemeanor, charged under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$503 fines and \$109.50 court costs, dismissed, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 88 days suspended and two days credit.

Misdemeanor, failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, dismissed.

Robert L. Flemming, 56, felony, lewd conduct with a child under 16, pleaded guilty, court costs, \$288.50, 15 to 25 years in jail with 350 days credited, felony, lewd conduct with a child under 16, dismissed.

Victor Manuel Alonso, 23, misdemeanor, driver's license violation, dismissed. Misdemeanor, failure to appear for a citation, guilty, \$200 fines and \$90.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 29 days suspended and one day credit.

Tashita T. Carson, 21, felony, injury to a child, pleaded guilty, disposition withheld.

Jesus C. Marrayo, 52, misdemeanor, driving without privileges amended to driver's license violation, pleaded guilty, \$409 fines with \$300 suspended and \$95.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 10 days in jail with 10 days suspended.

Daniel J. Jensen, 31, misdemeanor, driver's license violation, guilty, \$300 fines with \$200 suspended and \$77.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 29 days suspended and two day McWork in lieu of jail.

Misdemeanor, driver's license violation, guilty, \$300 fines with \$200 suspended and \$17.50 court costs, three days in jail, one day McWork in lieu of jail.

Dismissed, failure to appear for a citation, dismissed.

Mason Deloy Anderson, 21, misdemeanor, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fines with \$700 suspended and \$90.50 court costs, driver's license suspended for 365 days, 12 months probation and one day credit.

Jeffrey Vern Reck, 48, misdemeanor, fail to stop or leaving the scene of a damage accident, pleaded guilty, \$1,286 restitution, driver's license suspended for 365 days, 12 months probation, 150 days in jail with 159 days suspended and 11 days credit.

Misdemeanor, driving without privileges, dismissed, restitution, \$1,286.

Kayla R. Garza, 25, misdemeanor, providing false information to an officer amended to misdemeanor, resisting or obstructing officers, pleaded guilty, \$300 fines with \$200 suspended and \$175.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 87 days suspended and one day credit.

Iylo Daniel Jay, 25, felony, sex offender, failure to register address change or name, dismissed, felony, sex offender, failure to register or giving false information, pleaded guilty, dismissed.

Enrique Medina-Zelina, 23, misdemeanor, failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fines and \$95.50 court costs, driver's license suspended for 365 days, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 26 days suspended and four days credit.

felony, failure to appear for a citation, pleaded guilty, \$75.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 26 days suspended and four days credit.

Daniel Curtis Mingo, 50, felony, fraud, no account check, pleaded guilty, \$500 fines with \$400 suspended and \$75.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended.

Marla Ann Clark, 22, misdemeanor,

felony, failure to appear for a citation, pleaded guilty, \$75.50 court costs, 30 days in jail with 26 days suspended and four days credit.

Justin Ramos Rivera, 33, misdemeanor, failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, guilty, \$68.50 fines and \$75.50 court costs, infraction, failure to purchase insurance, guilty, \$75.50

and \$41.50 court costs, infraction, unsafe loading, guilty, \$33.50 fines and \$41.50 court costs.

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Idaho Tax Commission rejects allegations of abuses

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho Tax Commission on Wednesday formally rejected an agency auditor's contentions that it has illegally settled income tax protests by large corporations, shorting the state millions of dollars.

In a 12-page response to auditor Stan Howland's May 28 whistleblowing complaint, the bipartisan Tax Commission, including Chairman Roy Chigbrow and Sam Hayes, both Republicans, and Democrats Tom Katsilometes and Colleen Grant, denied that commissioners and other staff illegally cut companies secret deals.

The complaint by Howland, a 28-year employee of the agency who audits returns of large multistate

corporations, reflects a long-simmering dispute where some of the fuel underlaid when commissioners settle tax protests over auditors' objections.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter had requested a response from the Tax Commission, but commissioners argued that court decisions, widely differing interpretations of tax law and simple efficiency mean settlements of tax protests are legal and fair from the cut-and-dried process Howland describes in his complaint.

"Tax law, particularly multi-state corporate tax law, is actually quite complex," the Tax Commission wrote. "If it was not, there would not be so many CPAs and tax attorneys making good livings dealing with it. Courts would not be split on it.

"Mr. Howland also says it is illegal to settle most cases because there is no doubt as to liability," the response said. "This is rarely the case."

In his 17-page complaint sent to 105 state lawmakers and Otter, Howland alleged Idaho has lost millions as a result of improper settlements over the years. And by relying on tax issue exemptions in public disclosure laws, the commission has also skirted accountability for improper settlements, Howland wrote.

On Wednesday, Howland said the Tax Commission's response doesn't address what he says are the agency's increasingly frequent decisions to settle tax protests even when there is little doubt over whether the companies owe Idaho the full amount.

"Their response represents a viewpoint of a few individuals that I believe have been involved in illegal compromises," Howland told The Associated Press. "It's just not accurate. I want an investigation to let a third-party determine who is correct."

In a statement, the Tax Commission said it was working with Otter's office to enlist independent experts to review settlement procedures.

"They're saying, 'They have nothing to hide,'" said spokeswoman Liz Rodosovich. "They welcome an investigation."

Otter said he has yet to review the Tax Commission's response but believes some formal scrutiny is a good idea, to shore up confidence in one of the most important areas of state government.

State Sen. Brent Hill, R-Reburg and chairman of the Local Government and Taxation Committee, was given the go-ahead by Senate GOP leaders last week to schedule special summer meetings to address the concerns, if he determines such scrutiny is necessary. Minority Democrats have also called for formal meetings of both the House and Senate tax committees on the issue.

On Tuesday Hill, a certified public accountant, and Sen. David Langhoush, D-Boise, met with Howland.

Hill plans to meet with members of the Tax Commission on Thursday, while Langhoush said he will speak with them separately.

"We'll find out that something needs to be done and do it, or find out that things

are OK," Langhoush said. "Just based on what I know now, there are transparency issues. This goes to the level where enough of us thought we should get together as a group and determine if there's a policy hole."

"I wouldn't discourage the Legislature from their review," Otter said. "Obviously, the more folks you have looking at that, the better it's going to be. We've got to remove any doubt that there's been any favoritism."

In their formal response, Tax Commission members said they have settled protests in part because court precedents from Idaho, other states and the U.S. Supreme Court often provided only ambiguous guidance, making a compromise preferable to a protracted court case with uncertain outcome.

Brucellosis outbreaks in region prompt meeting of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho

By Matt Joyce
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — As Wyoming and Montana investigate brucellosis outbreaks, state veterinarians from those states and Idaho plan to meet Friday to discuss strategies for controlling the disease in the greater Yellowstone area.

Montana state veterinarian Marty Zaluski said the meeting, which will be held in Montana, will review short- and long-term goals for brucellosis management in the region.

Livestock officials in Montana and Wyoming are in the midst of investigations to determine the cause of brucellosis infections in cattle herds in both states this month. Brucellosis, a bacteri-

al disease transmitted between cattle and wildlife such as elk and bison, can cause spontaneous abortions, infertility, decreased milk production and weight loss.

"The three states are faced with a common problem and we thought it was best to strategize to try to help one another and protect our individual state industries," said Bill Barton, Idaho's state veterinarian.

Montana livestock officials want to learn about how their neighboring states went through the process of regaining brucellosis-free status in recent years, Zaluski said.

With the second detection of brucellosis in a Montana cattle herd in two years, the state will lose its federal brucellosis-free status, meaning

Montana ranchers will have to test their cattle before shipping them out of state.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture bestowed brucellosis-free status on Idaho last year and Wyoming in 2006 after each state dealt with outbreaks in cattle herds.

Zaluski said the veterinarians will also discuss working with state and federal wildlife officials to stop the disease from spreading from wildlife to cattle.

If in fact Montana's case is linked to wildlife, and if in fact Wyoming's case is linked to wildlife, then looking at how we address these in the future is part of preventing it from happening again and figuring out what to do next," Zaluski said.

Also on the agenda for Friday's meetings are discussions on updating federal regulations for handling brucellosis outbreaks and legislative priorities related to the issue.

Jim Schwartz, director of the Wyoming Livestock Board, said he'd like the Department of Agriculture to revisit a rule that requires ranchers with infected cows to slaughter the entire herd for the state to have a chance at maintaining its brucellosis-free status.

"The slaughter rule, referred to as depopulation, made more sense when brucellosis was more commonly transmitted among cattle, rather than from wildlife to cattle, he said.

"We're trying to figure out a different way to wrestle with this," he said. "I think we need to have some changes in federal rules and regulations."

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Crackdown targets tenacious gang clique

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Andrew Blankstein and Sam Quinones
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In a sweeping crackdown on a notorious street gang, more than 500 federal, state and local investigators, including 10 SWAT teams, swarmed north Los Angeles before dawn Wednesday to arrest dozens of alleged members of the Avenues gang.

The focus, authorities said, was on the gang's Drew Street chapter, which has long maintained control over a Glassell Park neighborhood despite efforts by federal and local law-enforcement agencies over the years.

"This is a major cruise and a major takedown this morning," said Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office.

By 8 a.m., authorities had arrested 46 people, 28 of whom are named in the indictment.

Those arrested were processed in the parking lot of Dodger Stadium, said Sarah Pullen, a spokeswoman for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's Los Angeles office, "just because of the volume."

Another 30 people named in the indictment already were in custody, police said.

In all, the federal racketeering indictment names more than 70 people and is scheduled to be unsealed later Wednesday.

"It reads like a crime novel," said Los Angeles Police Department Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz of the indictment. "Witness intimidation, drive-by shootings, hate crimes, you name it."

The operation was the culmination of a 10-month investigation.

Bear Lake resort gets tentative go-ahead from regulators

By Paul Fay
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Developers have tentative approval to start building a luxury resort with golf and skiing on the Idaho side of Bear Lake.

The Black Bear Resort plans to start selling the first of thousands of custom building lots by summer 2009, giving the market for high-end developments time to recover.

But critics and regulators still have to be convinced the resort has enough water rights. To compensate for groundwater withdrawals, the developers say they bought a ranch at another location where they will leave water rights untouched.

"Bear Lake County never had a project as big as this," said Bill Ponce, senior vice president of marketing for the Salt Lake City developers, Bruce Barrett and Brad Auger.

The group, The Retreat at Bear Lake LLC, planned to unveil its plans at a news conference Thursday in Salt Lake City.

The developers acquired 2,207 mountain acres from cattle ranchers and others for the membership-style residence club. Building lots are being advertised for up to \$925,000. Golf and ski memberships will be sold for hefty fees.

That has been the model for a number of developments around Park City and in other Western resort areas that have fallen on hard times. Buyers have turned skit-

tish, banks stingy and market turmoil from the U.S. subprime crisis is drying up credit.

"We understand the problems they're going through — some related to sales, some related to banking problems," Ponce said Wednesday. "But there is still some activity in that market, and our marketing entry price is going to be substantially lower."

The Bear Lake County Commission gave approval June 18 for the resort's first construction phase, subject to resort officials working out water rights and road access.

Ponce said the first phase will include selling 163 building lots for development.

"I'm just opposed to the way they're going about doing it," Rick Thomas, who is reluctant to grant a rezoning easement across his property, told the Herald Journal of Logan, Utah.

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Kentucky gunman argued with boss over phone, goggles

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — A 25-year-old press operator shot and killed five co-workers and himself at a plastics plant in rural western Kentucky just hours after arguing with his supervisor about not wearing safety goggles and using his cell phone while on the assembly line, police said Wednesday.

Authorities said Wayne N. Higdon of Henderson was so riled by the argument with his supervisor that he called his girlfriend and told her that he wanted to kill his boss. The



Higdon break room and on the plant floor.

girlfriend didn't warn anyone, police said, and just two hours later, Higdon argued with another co-worker or then shot and killed his supervisor as they walked outside. Then, he returned and shot at co-workers in a

A man who called 911 frantically described the violent scene to a dispatcher, tallying up the number of dead around him.

"There's more than two people dead. There's like one, two, three, four, five people dead," the man said. "The supervisor is dead, too."

Authorities said Higdon was known to keep a .45-caliber pistol in his car, which is not illegal in Kentucky.

The first shooting took place as the supervisor was escorting him

from the building. Other co-workers were shot in the break room and on the plant floor. One worker was injured and was being treated in the critical care unit at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Evansville, Ind.

"He just walked in, looked like he meant business and started shooting at everybody," Henderson Police Sgt. John Nevels said.

The killings stunned the Ohio River town of about 28,000 people. The plant, operated by Atlanta-

based Atlantis plastics, employs about 160 people and makes parts for refrigerators and plastic siding for homes.

Henderson County Coroner Bruce Farmer identified the supervisor as Kevin G. Taylor, 30, of Dixon. The slain co-workers were Trisha Mirelez, 25, Rachael Vasquez, 26, and Joshua Hinojosa, 26, all of Sebree; and Israel Monroy, 29, of Henderson. The hospitalized survivor was identified as Monroy's sister, Noelia Monroy.

Briton convicted of murdering wife and baby in Massachusetts

WOBURN, Mass. (AP) — A British man who fled the U.S. after his wife and baby were shot to death was convicted of murder Wednesday by a jury that rejected defense claims that the mother killed her daughter and herself as they struggled in bed.

Neil Entwistle, 29, closed his eyes and shook his head slightly upon being found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his wife, Rachel, 27, and their 9-month-old baby, Lillian Rose.

His parents immediately maintained their son's innocence and said he had not received a fair trial.

"We know that our son Neil is innocent, and we are devastated to learn that the evidence points to Rachel murdering our grandchild and then committing suicide," his mother, Yvonne Entwistle, said outside the Middlesex Superior Court.

"I knew Rachel was depressed. Our son will now go to jail for loving, honoring and protecting his wife's memory," she said.

Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone, standing with Rachel's family, including her mother and stepfather, Francisca and Joseph Matarazzo, condemned Entwistle for "disparaging the memory of his wife and vilifying the entire Matarazzo family by his decisions during the course of his trial."

Prosecutors allege Entwistle was in debt and dissatisfied with his sex life when he shot his family with Joseph Matarazzo's gun in January 2006. He then trav-



A court officer leads Neil Entwistle into the courtroom during his murder trial at Middlesex Superior Court in Woburn, Mass., Tuesday.

eled 50 miles to return to the gun to the Matarazzo's home and bought a one-way airline ticket home to England. He was extradited less than a month later.

The defense called no witnesses, but Entwistle's attorney claimed during closing arguments that Rachel Entwistle shot her baby and committed suicide. Entwistle claimed he returned the gun because he wanted to preserve his wife's honor.

Prosecutors rejected the suicide claim, saying the bullet that killed Lillian went through the breast of Rachel Entwistle, who then would have had to raise the gun over her head to kill herself.

Jurors deliberated a day and a half before convicting Neil Entwistle of murder and

two weapons charges.

Sentencing was scheduled for this morning. In Massachusetts, the sentence for first-degree murder is automatically life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Joseph Matarazzo declined to comment on the verdicts but thanked everyone who offered prayers, cards and support, including his stepdaughter's former students at a Catholic school in Droitwich, England, where she taught English.

Prosecutors said Neil Entwistle had been in a downward spiral since moving to the United States four months before the killings. He had been unable to find a job, had several Internet businesses fail and had just moved into a \$2,700-per-month rented

home in Hopkinton.

A police detective testified about computer records that showed Entwistle trilled the Internet for local escort services and joined an online swingers site.

During the trial, jurors heard Entwistle discuss the killings during three hours of recorded phone conversations with a state trooper in the week after the murders.

Entwistle told police he returned home from running errands on the morning of Jan. 20, 2006, and found his wife and daughter cuddled together in bed, dead of apparent gunshot wounds.

He stammered after Sgt. Robert Manning asked him repeatedly if he had done something "out of character" the day his wife and daughter were killed.

"No, no, no," he said.

"Of course, no, I couldn't do that. Why would I do that?"

He struggled to explain why he never called police or sought medical help for his wife and daughter before flying back to England the day after the killings.

Entwistle told Manning he was distraught and wanted to be consoled by his parents in Worsop, England. "Looking back on it, I don't know why I did things in the way that I did," he said.

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Kids rescued, pimps arrested in child prostitution busts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of people have been arrested and 21 children rescued in what the FBI is calling a five-day roundup of networks of pimps who force children into prostitution.

The Justice Department says it targeted 16 cities as part of its "Operation Cross Country" that caps off five years of similar stings nationwide.

Many of the children forced into prostitution are either runaways or what authorities call "throw-aways" — kids whose families have shunned them. Officials say they are preyed upon by organized networks of pimps who lure them in with shelter or drugs, then often beat, starve or otherwise abuse them until the children agree to work the streets.

"We together have no higher calling than to protect our children and to safeguard their innocence," FBI Director Robert Mueller said Wednesday.

In all, authorities arrested 345 people — including 290 adult prostitutes — during the operation that ended this week. Since 2003, 300 pimps and hookers have been convicted in state and federal courts of forcing youngsters into prostitution, and 433 child victims have been rescued, Mueller said.

The cities targeted in this week's sting are: Atlanta; Boston; Dallas; Detroit; Houston; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; Montgomery County, Md.; Oakland, Calif.; Phoenix; Reno, Nev.; Sacramento, Calif.; Tampa; Toledo, Ohio and Washington.

The problem of child prostitution has taken on a new urgency in recent years with the growth of online networks where pimps advertise the youngsters to clients. The FBI generally investigates child prostitution cases that cross state lines.

A University of Pennsylvania study estimates nearly 300,000 children in the United States are at risk of being sexually exploited for commercial uses — "most of them runaways or throw-aways," said Eric Lian, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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18 suicides reported in national parks this year

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Having mailed a farewell letter to his family back in Minnesota, Jerry D. Wolff stepped off a shuttle bus on a sunny Sunday morning and disappeared into Utah's rugged Canyonlands National Park.

"I am gone in a remote wilderness where I can return my body and soul to nature. There is no reason for anyone to look for me, just leave me where I am," he wrote.

No trace of Wolff has been found since he was last seen May 11. Park officials assume the 65-year-old biology professor committed suicide.

Millions of people come to national parks each year to enjoy the splendors of wildlife and natural beauty, but a tiny fraction arrive with a grim agenda.

So far this year, at least 18 people have committed suicide in America's national parks, from the swamplands of the Everglades and the beaches of Cape Cod to the rain-soaked forests of Olympic National Park and the bleak expanse of the Mojave Desert.

For some, the parks are apparently just a convenient place to end it all. Others, though, seem to seek out the beauty and solace of these spots.

"Parks hold a special place in people's hearts," said Al Nash, a spokesman at Yellowstone, where five suicides have been recorded since 1997. "There are some individuals who feel it's important to have that kind of connection in these final moments."

As for Wolff, Jim Hughes, the police chief in his hometown of Searcy, Minn., said the St. Cloud State University professor had been to Canyonlands before for research. As for why he apparently took his life, Wolff had "some personal issues," the chief said. But he said he had no details.

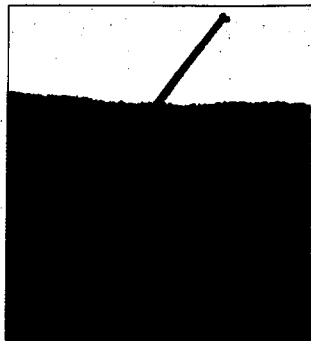
The day after Wolff disappeared, searchers found the body of a 27-year-old man who drove into Colorado National Monument near Grand Junction, Colo., parked on the side of a road, walked about 200 yards away and shot himself.

At the same park last October, a 57-year-old woman drove her station wagon off a 250-foot cliff. A few weeks later, a 63-year-old man drove to an overlook at the park called Cold Shivers Point, sat on a rock overlooking a valley and shot himself.

"It's become known in this area as a place that suicides are happening, but you can be sure the staff here are doing everything we can to prevent them," said Joan Anzelmo, superintendent of the Colorado National Monument.

Rangers are trained in suicide prevention, and park officials are contemplating closing certain areas at night and adding more guardrails. Employees in places like Grand Canyon are taught to keep an eye out for notes taped to steering wheels.

Ten people have killed themselves at the Grand Canyon since 2004, the most of any park



A car is hoisted from the bottom of a cliff after the driver drove off it in an act of suicide in August 2006 in Colorado National Monument near Fruita, Colo. Suicides are in part a reflection of nearby Mesa County where the suicide rate is roughly twice the national average, according to Joan Anzelmo, the monument's superintendent.

in recent years, according to the Park Service. The 1991 movie "Thelma & Louise" — which ends with the pair driving off a cliff in a classic Thunderbird convertible — has been blamed by some for a string of carpal suicides at the Grand Canyon, even though the scene was actually filmed at a state park in Utah.

"Maybe it's the romanticization of a suicide attempt in a spectacular place," said Michael Ghiglieri, who has co-written books about deaths at the Grand Canyon and Yosemite.

Among the stories he has recounted: A young man once asked a couple to take his picture at Grand Canyon, then jumped to his death in front of them. Another man, who had squandered an inheritance, climbed to the top of Yosemite Falls, wrote his will — leaving money to have a redwood planted on his grave — and then leaped off the falls, the highest in North America.

Lanny Berman, executive director of the American Association of Suicidology, said that when it comes to suicides in national parks, in general, "the driving force for most is availability and accessibility and, secondarily, whether that site offers something that other sites don't."

At Colorado National Monument, Anzelmo said, suicides there are, in part, a reflection of nearby Mesa County, where the suicide rate is roughly twice the national average.

One of the first recorded suicides in national park history was that of a 27-year-old woman in Yellowstone who apparently killed herself with an overdose of morphine in 1884, just 12 years after the national park was created, according to Yellowstone historian Lee Whittlesey. Most suicides in that park's history were by park employees, he said.

"Perhaps these persons wanted their last moments to be spent in a beautiful or famous place, or perhaps they wanted their deaths somehow inextricably linked to nature," Whittlesey wrote in his book "Death in Yellowstone."

Last year, there were at least 26 suicides or probable suicides in the national park system's 391 units, according to Bill Halalinen, who compiles ranger reports daily for the Park Service. The Park Service does not have complete figures for earlier years.

Halalinen said he believes the numbers fluctuate from one year to the next, and there is "no clear indication of any sustained upward trend."

Tired of Wasting Gas?

Government video captures wolf-bear interaction in Montana

By Susan Callagher
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — The grainy footage shows two grizzly bear cubs under the watchful eye of their mother as they romp through a field and playfully tease a nearby wolf.

The remarkable scene was captured by the U.S.

Geological Survey as part of a research project into the bear population in northwestern Montana. It's one of several intriguing clips recently posted on the agency's Web site that depict life inside Glacier National Park — from a bear rubbing its backside on a tree to a wolf feeding on an elk carcass.

The five-minute video of the bear cubs shows the wolf drawing close several times. At one point, a cub takes a playful swat at the wolf.

Other times, the mother bear makes her presence known and "bluff charges" the wolf, stopping short of an attack.

Although seemingly playful, the underlying forces of nature are clear.

"I have no doubt that if the mom was not there and the wolf had the opportunity, it would eat the cub," said USGS research biologist Kate Kendall in a telephone interview Wednesday.

The video was shot Aug. 10 by an unmanned, sensor-activated camera positioned for Kendall's research. The grizzlies and wolf apparently were drawn to the area by an elk carcass.

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THAT'S ADMIRABLE, DITO.

BUT THOSE ICE CUBES WILL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE NORTH POLE.

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SERIOUSLY? TONI SAID I HAVE ROOM AT MY PLACE?

YEP... COURSE MY MOM PUT AN INSTANT VETO ON THAT. SO I GUESS I'LL BE LIVING AT HOME WHILE THIS PLACE IS BEING FIXED. WANT ABOUT YOU, TJ?

TONI! CAN I COME LIVE WITH YOU?

MOM! CAN I TJ COME LIVE WITH US?

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SO WELL PUT ALL THE SAND RIGHT ABOUT HERE.

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IN FACT, THERE'S JUST ONE PLACE I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO RIGHT NOW. YOU WANT TO GO WITH ME?

SURE.

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BUT I WISH SHE HADN'T PUT ANY FISH GO GLOBE TO THE DOOR.

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Gooding Celebrates 100 Years 1908-2008

Community Centennial Celebrations

June 28, 2008

Centennial Airport Fly and Breakfast, 7:00 am kick-off
 11th Annual Fireman's Ball (Gooding Fire Department Celebrates their 100 years along with Gooding)
 11:00 am-3:00 pm at the West Park in Gooding, Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Tee-Shirts, Raffles Proceeds go to the Fireman's Benefit Funds, Static Display includes Fire Department, National Guard, Forest Service, BLM, Mass Casualty Tent, Centennial Quilt will be displayed.
Gooding Chamber Annual Duck Race 12:00 noon at the West Park, great prizes will be given away to winners. Proceeds will go to the Gooding Chamber of Commerce Scholarship fund.

July 4, 2008

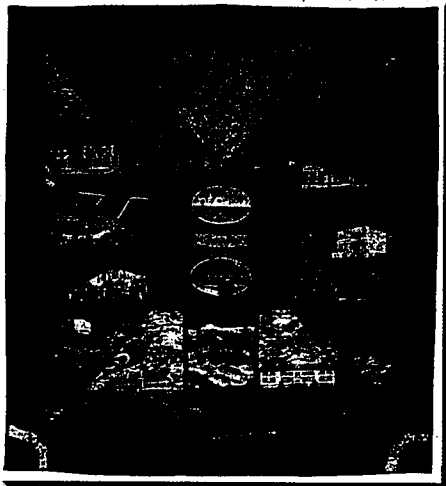
Centennial 4th of July Celebration
 12:00 noon at the Gooding County Fairgrounds, lots of food, music, games, face painting, Centennial Quilt on display and more.
 Fireworks at dusk at the High School Football field.

July 20, 2008

27th Annual Basque Picnic at the Gooding County Fairgrounds
 12:00 noon kickoff - lamb chops Basque dinner served, weight lifting and carrying, kids races, auction, dancers, bota contest and more.

For More Community Centennial events please contact the City Hall 934-5669 for the list.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the city of Gooding, Idaho in 2008, the Wood River quilters have created a Centennial Quilt. An original design by Pat Wagner was chosen to depict the themes that reflect the lifestyle, economy, and social aspects of the area. The Wood River Quilters are proud of their contribution to this milestone in Gooding history. During 2008, the quilt will be available for display for local businesses or events. It will have a permanent home in the new Gooding Historical Society building built near the Basque Center in Gooding. For more information about this quilt or the Wood River Quilters, contact Pat Wagner, 934-4998.



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Stocks up slightly after Fed keeps rates unchanged (AP) Wall Street ended an erratic day with a modest gain after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged and issued a mixed assessment of the economy. The Fed pointed to a few positive signs in the economy, including "some firming in household spending."

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Home prices slide in south-central Idaho

Trend reflects nationwide market slowdown

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

The median price of newly constructed and existing homes sold in south-central Idaho in May fell in comparison to the same month last year — indicating the region's housing market is still adjusting to fallout from nation-

wide housing woes. According to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service, which reports home sales statewide, Cassia County suffered the steepest decline, with the median price — the midpoint between the highest and lowest — falling more than 21 percent, to \$124,900.

Some real estate agents in Cassia County, however, say the number is not an accurate reflection of the area's housing prices, which they say remain unchanged. Jerome County experienced a 5 percent decline, while Twin Falls County reported a decline of about 4.8 percent compared to last

year — still far below the projected national median. Analysts expect the national median price for May, which will be released today by the Commerce Department, will show a roughly 10 percent decline. Real estate agents from the Twin Falls area say the decline in existing home prices is part of a market correction. "It doesn't surprise us to see the prices come down a little bit because we were seeing

such an increase in prices for a long time," said Tami Gooding, a Realtor with Canyonside Irwin Realty. Real estate agents in south-central Idaho say the decline in existing home prices is making it easier for first-time home buyers to purchase a home, however, many sellers are reluctant to lower prices. "There is a little more negotiating between buyers and

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Fed leaves key rate alone

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve decided on Wednesday to leave a key interest rate unchanged and cited a heightened risk of inflation, which could lead to rate increases down the road. Private analysts said the Fed may delay the first rate hike until December.

The central bank announced that it was keeping the federal funds rate — the interest rate that banks charge each other — at 2 percent. It marked the first time in 10 months that the central bank has failed to reduce interest rates at one of its regular meetings.

In a brief statement, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues cited both the threats to growth and rising inflation pressures as problems confronting the economy at the moment. They said the downside risks to growth "appear to have diminished somewhat" while adding that "the upside risks to inflation and inflation expectations have increased."

The Fed action was approved on a 9-1 vote with Richard Fisher, president of the Fed's regional bank in Dallas, casting a dissenting vote. Fisher objected to the action, saying he would have preferred an immediate increase in interest rates to fight inflation.

From September through April, the Fed aggressively cut interest rates seven times. However, after a series of sizable rate cuts as the credit crisis was rolling global financial markets at the beginning of this year, the Fed at its last meeting in April reduced rates by a more modest quarter-point and signaled that the rate cuts could be coming to an end.

Economists said of the Fed's latest decision that they believed Fed policymakers were seeking to assure markets that while they are watching inflation carefully, they do not feel an immediate need to start raising rates. "They reaffirmed that there will be no further rate cuts and the next change will be a rate increase, but I didn't see any special urgency about how soon that rate increase will take place," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors.

Jones said based on this statement it is likely that the Fed will keep rates unchanged until the December meeting while other analysts said they were not looking for any rate changes at all until the fall.

"When push comes to shove, we still expect Mr. Bernanke, student of the Depression, to prevail and keep rates on hold through the summer," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at IHS Frequency Economics.

Because of the Fed's decision Wednesday, short-term borrowing costs on millions of consumer and business loans tied to banks' prime lending rate will remain unchanged. The prime rate is currently at 5 percent, its lowest level since late 2004.

Midyear checkups essential for small businesses

The end of June and beginning of July is an important time for savvy small business owners, who'll be assessing their companies' finances and thinking about strategies for the second half of 2008. A midyear checkup is even more important than usual this year, given the uncertainty of the business climate.

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg

Accountants and other tax professionals say business owners should consider steps to lower their energy bills, not just for this year, but for the long term. And the government has made some recent changes to the tax laws that owners should take into consideration. The newest change takes place July 1, when the IRS increases the mileage deduction for vehicles used for business purposes to 58.5 cents from 50.5 cents. The increase reflects the spike in gasoline prices, now averaging \$4 a gallon nationally and likely to stay quite high for the rest of the year. The new rate applies for the second half of the year only.

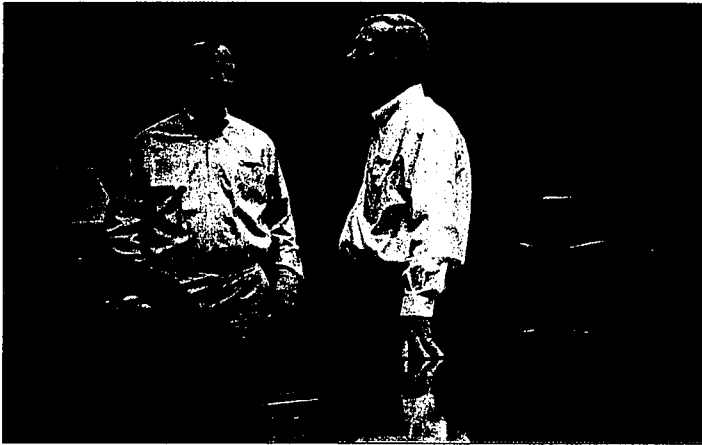
And the economic stimulus package that has given millions of taxpayers recent checks also contained two provisions that benefit small businesses. The first is a near doubling to \$250,000 of what's known as the Section 179 deduction. The second is a bonus depreciation allowance under which businesses of any size can depreciate 50 percent of the cost of equipment bought and placed into service this year.

The first step in a midyear financial checkup should be an appointment with an accountant or other financial professional. Jeff Berdahl, a certified public accountant with Berdahl & Co. in Center Valley, Pa., noted that "a year or two ago, top tax revenue was pretty good.

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ANATOMY OF THE HOUSING CRISIS:

Going bust



Capital City Bank bailed out a Tallahassee, Fla., school district after a run on an investment pool sparked by the housing bust. President Thomas A. Barron, right, authorized the loan, and executive Randy Briley deposited the funds into the district's bank account.

Lenders imploded after years of giving out less-than-stellar mortgages

By Alec Klein and
Zachary A. Goldfarb
The Washington Post

Chapter IX — Loaded for Bear

In his first public remarks of the year, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke acknowledges that the problems that had begun in the subprime market now "affected the prospects for the broader economy."

Unemployment was rapidly rising, hitting its highest point — 5 percent — since November 2005. On Jan. 19, a Saturday, a weekend of urgent conference calls among Fed officials began.

Bernanke and his colleagues — Vice Chairman Donald L. Kohm, Fed Governor Kevin Warsh, New York Fed President Timothy Geithner and others — agreed that the central bank needed to sharply cut interest rates to stimulate the economy. But they debated whether a big cut before a routine meeting — only a week and a half later — would make the Fed seem as if it were simply responding

to declining stock markets. Bernanke imploded the group: If it's time to act, the Fed should act.

Two days later, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, stock markets throughout the world suffered some of their largest drops since Sept. 11, 2001. Meeting by videoconference, the Fed voted to cut its key rate three-quarters of a point, the biggest single-day cut in nearly a quarter-century, and announced the move before U.S. markets opened Tuesday. The Fed continued to lower rates but couldn't stop the economy's plunge. More banks reported losses.

Meanwhile, President Bush, working with his colleagues, signed into law a \$168 billion economic stimulus package, offering tax rebate checks.

On March 12, concern intensified about the soundness of one important financial player with heavy exposure to subprime securities: Bear Stearns. The chief executive of the 85-year-old New York investment bank, Alan Schwartz, tried to calm investors by going on televi-

son to say his firm had a \$17 billion cash cushion.

Overnight, though, Bear Stearns' lenders cut off the company. Customers demanded their cash. Bankruptcy was imminent. On March 13, Schwartz

About this series

Anatomy of the Housing Crisis is a five-part series about the housing downturn.

Sunday: The Boom — The housing bubble that began in the mid-1990s was "a great national experiment," to give low-income families, minorities and immigrants a chance to own their homes. But it also is a classic story of boom, excess and bust.

Wednesday: Warning signs — More and more borrowers were falling behind on their monthly payments almost as soon as they moved into their new homes, indicating that some of them never really had the money to begin with.



Today: Going bust — After years of giving out mortgages to millions of people with poor credit histories, lenders were imploding as subprime borrowers defaulted on their loans.

Friday: The aftermath — Some of the nation's biggest banks lost billions of dollars, while forecasters predict that 3 million more homes will go into foreclosure in coming years.

called Jamie Dimon, chief executive of J.P. Morgan Chase, who answered on a special cellphone reserved for his three daughters and few others. Schwartz wanted

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Mo.	6.07	▲ .44	Micron	7.53	▲ .13	Supervalu	32.55	▲ 1.20

Today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on gross domestic product, first quarter.

WASHINGTON — National Association of Realtors reports on existing home sales for May.

WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on weekly jobless claims.

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reports on mortgage rates.

OMAHA, Neb. — ConAgra Foods Inc. releases fourth-quarter financial results.

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	98.05	▲ .35	Aug. oil	134.55	▼ 2.45
June gold	880.0	▼ 9.2	June silver	16.49	▼ 12

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Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, and various fund categories like Domestic, International, and Bond.

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Table of commodity future prices for various metals and grains, including columns for Name, High, Low, and Change.

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Table of metal and money prices, including columns for Name, Price, and Location.

MARKET SUMMARY

Large table summarizing market performance across NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES, including volume, price changes, and market indices.

Homes

Continued from page D1. Meanwhile, the median price of new homes sold during the month of May in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley increased compared to last year.

Crisis

Continued from page D1. J.P. Morgan to buy Bear Stearns. Dimon wouldn't agree to do so without more time but promised to work on the report. He dispatched hundreds of J.P. Morgan employees back to the office to review Bear Stearns' books.

Talk

Continued from page D1. But now a lot of businesses are flat, so you need to look at all areas in your company. For example, you might be more concerned now about your receivables than you were a year ago.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF AN ARTIFACT

From Mesoamerica to New York City museums

Priceless Mesoamerican artifacts unearthed countless years ago somehow have found their way from archaeological digs to museum display cases around the globe.

Just how this process unravels is a mystery to most, yet archaeologists and museum curators understand well the procedure and how it has evolved throughout the centuries.

In the past 30 to 50 years and in some cases even earlier, archaeologists and anyone else who dug up artifacts oftentimes kept a lot of what they found. Sometimes, they split their find with the government of the nation in which they were excavating. But since the 1970s, an international law was passed dictating that all artifacts belong to the culture or nation in which they are discovered.

Currently, archaeologists must receive special permission to dig in most areas and today, many bring home only photos and detailed records of their finds. It is illegal to bring artifacts away from any country without special permission to borrow them.

On a recent trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, I was taken aback as I admired thousands of artifacts in the Americas display. I wondered about the life of these artifacts and how so many precious pieces found their way out of



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

the jungles of Mesoamerica and into fabulous displays on the famous Museum Mile in New York City.

Well, in the case of the MIT and many other museums around the globe, it is thanks to private collectors that there are so many wonderful, one of a kind pieces on display.

The Met was fortunate to receive a donation from the famous American businessman, politician and art enthusiast Nelson Rockefeller. In 1969, Rockefeller donated more than 3,000 pieces of his private collection to the MET in honor of his late son, Michael Rockefeller. Today, that collection has grown and been combined with sub-

Saharan Africa, the Pacific Islands and the Americas, totaling more than 11,000 pieces that fill the 40,000 square foot Rockefeller Wing on the south end of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This collection is the widest of any department at the MET. The experience of admiring all of these fascinating artifacts is a daunting one. You can't help but get excited as you peer into the faces of ancient masks, study the details of

This scare, wooden sculpture has been traced to the sixth century Mesoamerica.

intricate incensarios, sculptures, lintels, pottery and cylindrical vessels that date back well over 1,000 years. The display also encompasses many forms of gold work, relief carvings, tools, eccentrics and much, much more. Rockefeller was a great admirer of Mexican archaeology and the many treasures unearthed in the Mesoamerican regions.



This cylindrical vessel was made by the Maya during the eighth century. The Maya were famous for using what is called the codex-style painting on such vessels in the Guatemala Peten area.

complex wooden human figure carved by an ancient artisan in the seventh century in the region of Tabasco, Mexico. Time, insects and moisture have destroyed most Pre-Columbian wooden sculptures over time, yet this one has somehow survived. The figure sits with his legs tucked under him. Intricate carving reveals a fringed kilt, hip cloth, ornate belt, unusual ear ornaments and a curly mustache which make him an easy piece to admire. This curious piece is one of the most prized relics in the Rockefeller collection.

Fabulous carved stone, known as lintels, are also on exhibit. These carvings left behind by the Mayan civilization communicate messages to scholars, telling them of events and deeds associated with the rulers and other court members who shaped Mayan history. Detailed pottery pieces and the famous incensarios are popular in the



This hammered gold funerary mask found in Peru was thought to have been crafted in the ninth to 11th centuries.

exhibit as well. The incensarios were used as temple furnishings in the Mayan lowlands. These incense burners often depicted a person of high rank, which was indicated by fancy headdresses, ornate earrings and other symbolic ornamentation. These useful pieces burned copal incense that produced smoke, which was an integral element of all sacred ceremonies.

Thanks to museum donors, archaeologists and others, we can walk into museums in our hometowns, as well as across the nation and the world and glance into another realm. I love the time to admire the artifacts that takes place in my mind as I look at artifacts that were crafted hundreds of years ago. It gives me a real appreciation for those who came before us.



A ceremonial knife from Peru was made of hammered gold, silver and inlaid with turquoise in the 11th to 12th centuries.

If you are ever in New York City, be sure to take time to admire the Americas collection at the MET. If you don't have the opportunity to go to New York, check out the fascinating collections at the museum nearby. I guarantee you will be fascinated by the artifacts that were left behind for all of us to admire.

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Boise club holds 'Idaho Salsa Congress'

This kind of Congress has a beat.

The Idaho Salsa Congress will be held all day Saturday at the Knitting Factory, (formerly the Big Easy), 416 S. Ninth St. in Boise.

Events include a performance by San Francisco's Julio Bravo & His Orchestra Salsabor! and professional salsa dancers Liz Lira and Cristian Oviedo from Los Angeles.

Workshops are \$10 per person per workshop and will be taught by Lira and Oviedo.

The workshops are:
• 11 a.m. women's styling,
• 12 p.m. men's styling,
• 1 p.m. couples styling and different combinations.

A family event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and is \$2 per person with all ages welcome.

Kids' choreography will be taught by Lira and Oviedo, followed by local salsa dance performances and Julio Bravo & Orchestra.

A teen salsa prom cost \$10 for ages 13 to 17. At 9 p.m. will be basic salsa dance les-



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sions and local salsa dance performances with a performance by Julio Bravo & his Orchestra from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

The evening event cost \$25 for those 18 years and older. At 9 p.m. are basic salsa dance lessons, with Julio Bravo & his Orchestra playing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. with performances by Lira and Oviedo and Latin sounds with DJ Giovanni.

For more information, e-mail m33productions@hotmail.com. Tickets are available at www.bigeasyconcerts.com.

Customers find Hispanic Toolkit helpful

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — To reach members of the largest minority group in the United States, the Beef Checkoff Program's created the check-off-funded Hispanic Toolkit and it is reporting good results.

To reach Latinos and address their shopping needs, the program developed the Hispanic Toolkit to help supermarkets to better serve their growing Latino customer base by providing beef cuts and information needed to prepare authentic Latino dishes, the program reported. The Beef Checkoff Program was established as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The checkoff assesses 51 per cent on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. States retain up to 50 cents on the dollar and forward the other 50 cents per head to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which administers the national checkoff program, subject to USDA approval.

Before developing the toolkit contents, beef checkoff-funded focus groups and

other segment," says Manuel Rodriguez, a dairy producer from Tipton, Calif., and member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and Joint Retail Committee. "The purchasing power of Hispanics has a great impact on beef consumption and in essence on producer profitability and the future of our changing industry."

A consumer pilot study was conducted among 440 Latino shoppers at four test and three control Albertsons and Lucky stores in Southern California and Las Vegas to measure reaction to the toolkit resources. One way effectiveness of the toolkit was measured by evaluating sales data of cuts pre-

ferred by Latino customers at test stores and comparing them to sales at control stores. Results of this pilot study indicate that the Hispanic Toolkit was successful in boosting sales of beef cuts preferred by Latino customers at mainstream supermarkets, provided meat department staff with tools to better identify and merchandise these cuts, and improved communication between store personnel and customers, the program reported. During this period, test stores achieved a significant sales increase of 28 percent for beef cuts preferred by Latinos compared to the sales of the same cuts in control stores.

For more information about the beef checkoff's Hispanic Marketing Initiative and Hispanic recipes, go to www.BeefRetail.org and www.LaCarneDeRes.com.

On the Web

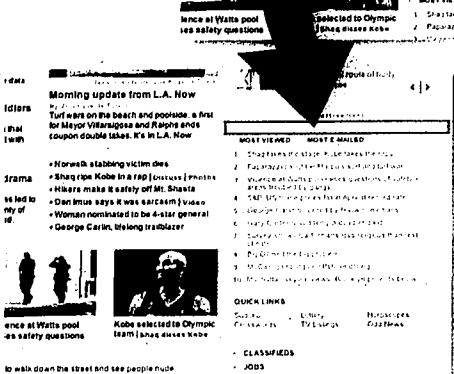
"Part of our job as producers is to acknowledge changes in consumer attitudes and trends. By utilizing checkoff funds, we were able to embrace change and assist our retail community in marketing efforts to this segment of our population that purchases more beef than any

"The goal of the pilot study was to test the effectiveness of the materials we developed in assisting mainstream retailers in their marketing efforts toward Hispanic beef customers at the meat case," Rodriguez said. "We first worked to gain insight into the barriers Hispanic consumers face when shopping at mainstream meat departments, then we tested our findings in-store."

An answer to ads

Before and After

To the right is the home page of the Los Angeles Times. Below is what the page looks like using Adblock Plus. Used in conjunction with Rick752's EasyList, the program automatically filters out online ads.



An effort by 'Rick752' to block millions of Internet ads is drawing raves from users, but some fear that it could threaten the financial underpinnings of the Web.

Companies alarmed by programs that block pop-ups

By Peter Whoriskey
The Washington Post

Jumping, blinking Internet ads really bug "Rick752."

But he doesn't merely avert his gaze. A machinist and self-described "blue-collar guy" in his mid-50s from upstate New York, Rick752, as he's known online, spends most nights upstairs in his den assembling a list of Internet ad sites and related data. That work, dubbed EasyList, enables millions of Web surfers to filter and freeze out nearly all advertising that would otherwise appear on their screens.

Yet the effort to block millions of Internet ads, while drawing raves from users, is feared by some who say that if it continues to grow in popularity, it could threaten the financial underpinnings of much of the Web, where publishers are largely dependent on advertising. Rick, who said he receives no money for his work, agreed to talk only if his full name is withheld.

"I'm playing against some pretty big players," he said, explaining his reluctance to step forward. "I don't want to be harassed... I don't want to be bribed. "I started it because I was frustrated with getting my computer infected from ads — malware and spyware and all that stuff," he said. "I kind of went overboard with it. But you have to admit, it's pretty amazing, right?"

Indeed, EasyList and the

free Adblock Plus software it works with may be the most popular and most effective of all the ad blocking systems on the Web. Using EasyList, which is also free, Adblock Plus screens out not just pop-ups, but virtually every other Internet ad form, including in-page display and video, based on Rick's list.

'Nowhere near doomsday'

Its success, however, has put Rick in the middle of a fierce debate over ad blockers and what role they could have on the development of the Web.

Fans of EasyList and Adblock Plus see them as wonderful tools for uncluttering Web pages filled with distracting ads. But some Web site owners argue that the blockers could have a devastating effect on the availability of content on the Web. Cutting the number of times ads appear reduces a publisher's advertising revenue.

Just imagine, they argue, what television programs would be available if there were no commercials to fund their production.

For now, ad blockers are used by a small percentage of Web surfers, and "we are nowhere near that doomsday scenario," said Mike Zaneles, vice president of public policy at the Interactive Advertising Bureau, an industry group.

But if the tools' use becomes universal, he said,

"It could eliminate most of the money that supports online services and content." Moreover, the idea that a guy working in his den at night while his wife watches TV downstairs can so easily allow people to block most ads reminds some of how fragile Web profits may be. The global Internet advertising industry is estimated to bring in more than \$40 billion annually.

Targeting ad blockers

Meanwhile, Web sites big and small have tried to grapple with the phenomenon — mostly without success. For example, Daily Kos, one of the Internet's leading political blogs, virtually pleads with people using blockers to recognize that advertising money is required to keep the site running.

If Daily Kos detects a visitor using ad blocking software, it sends this message: "If you use ad-blocking software while viewing Daily Kos, you're getting all the benefits of our site, but we're not getting any of the advertisement revenue associated with your visits." Daily Kos urges people using ad blockers to pay for a subscription to the site even though the site is normally free.

The pro-wrestling site PWInsider.com, which claims 4 million to 10 million page views per month, sometimes attempts to block people using ad blocking soft-

ware from accessing the site.

"We are three guys who have no corporate backing and need the revenue that our best-paying ads generate," said Dave Scherer, owner of the site. "We don't believe it's unreasonable to earn a living from something that we put 50- to 70-hour workweeks into... For every ad that doesn't load, we don't earn the needed revenue we need to generate revenue to pay our mortgages, bills, etc."

Targeting annoying ad tactics

Responding to the complaints that they are hurting people who put content on the Web — while expecting to get paid in advertising — Palant and Rick are adamant. "People accuse me of destroying the Internet," Palant said.

The two suggested that the advertisers and publishers deserve ad blockers because they have imposed so many annoying ads on users. The existence of such programs, they said, will have a deterrent effect, forcing advertisers to use less annoying tactics for fear of driving more people to use blockers.

People use this software not simply because "they don't want publishers to make money," Rick said. "It's because they are so annoyed." "People hate ads," he said. "They really hate ads. We wouldn't be doing this otherwise."

World condemnation of Zimbabwe grows

By Donna Bryson
Associated Press writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President Robert Mugabe faced deeper international isolation Wednesday, with African states demanding that a discredited runoff election be postponed and anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela rebuking the Zimbabwe leader for the first time.

Tougher sanctions, sporting bans and economic boycotts could be next — and world support may build for opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who called Wednesday for talks on power sharing.

Regional heads of state from southern Africa met in Swaziland and said Friday's runoff should be postponed until conditions permitted a free and fair vote.

President Bush said the runoff election appears to be a sham, joining the international condemnation of Mugabe's actions.

In London, Mandela made a carefully worded but pointed attack on Mugabe, saying

there has been a "tragic failure of leadership in our neighboring Zimbabwe."

The speech, at a fundraiser that included Prime Minister Gordon Brown and former President Bill Clinton, was the first time the former South African president has spoken publicly about the political crisis in Zimbabwe. His words are devastating for Mugabe and will weaken his claim to be a champion of African interests.

Although out of office for nearly a decade, Mandela remains a commanding and respected figure. He uses his influence sparingly, and it is particularly rare for him to publicly differ with South Africa's current president, Thabo Mbeki. South Africans and other Africans have been increasingly questioning Mbeki's leadership on Zimbabwe, so Mandela's brief but sharp comments will have particular resonance.

For Mugabe, they are a rebuke from a leader he sees as a fellow freedom fighter, and will be hard to dismiss or ridicule — so often Mugabe's response to criticism.



A female police officer aims with her pistol at a shooting range during a graduation ceremony in Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday. Some 115 police women graduated Wednesday day from Karbala's police academy.

U.S. forces face spike in deadly violence in Iraq

By Kim Camel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Roadside bombs killed four U.S. soldiers in northern Iraq, the military said Wednesday, in a spike of violence that pushed to at least nine the number of Americans who have died here this week.

In the latest attack, one soldier was killed by an explosively formed penetrator, or EFP, about 5 a.m. Wednesday in the predominantly Shiite eastern half of Baghdad, the military said. The armor-piercing bombs are believed to come from Iran and have been used by Shiite extremists to kill hundreds of American forces.

The U.S. military said three other U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter were killed last Tuesday by a roadside bomb in the northern Ninevah province, where al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni extremist groups remain active.

The four U.S. fatalities brought the monthly death toll for American troops in Iraq to at least 26 — well below figures of last year but an increase over the 19 who died in May, the lowest monthly tally of the war. In all, at least 4,110 U.S. military service members have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The U.S. military says violence in Iraq has dropped to its lowest level in more than four years, but attacks are continuing as Sunni and Shiite extremists try to regroup and undermine security gains.

"The level of violence has dropped dramatically," said Lt. Col. Steve Stover, spokesman for the U.S. command in Baghdad. "It has gotten quieter. But that doesn't make these losses any easier."

He said militants "are constantly thinking of ways that they can undermine us, undermine the government, undermine the Iraqi security forces."

Scientists find fossil of most primitive 4-legged creature

By Aileen Borstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Scientists uncovered a skull of the most primitive four-legged creature in Earth's history, which should help them better understand the evolution of fish to advanced animals that walk on land.

The 365-million-year-old fossil skull, shoulders and part of the pelvis of the water-dweller, Ventastega curonica, were found in Latvia, researchers report in a study published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Even though Ventastega is likely an evolutionary dead-end, the finding sheds new details on the evolutionary

transition from fish to tetrapods. Tetrapods are animals with four limbs and include such descendants as amphibians, birds and mammals.

While an earlier discovery found a slightly older animal that was more fish than tetrapod, Ventastega is more tetrapod than fish. The fierce-looking creature probably swam through shallow, brackish waters, measured about three or four feet long and ate other fish. It likely had stubby limbs with an unknown number of digits, scientists said.

"If you saw it from a distance, it would look like a small alligator, but if you look closer you would find a

fin in the back," said lead author Per Ahlberg, a professor of evolutionary biology at Uppsala University in Sweden. "I imagine this is an animal that could haul itself over sand banks without any difficulty. Maybe it's poking around in semi-tidal creeks picking up fish that got stranded."

This all happened more than 100 million years before the first dinosaurs roamed Earth.

Scientists don't think four-legged creatures are directly evolved from Ventastega.

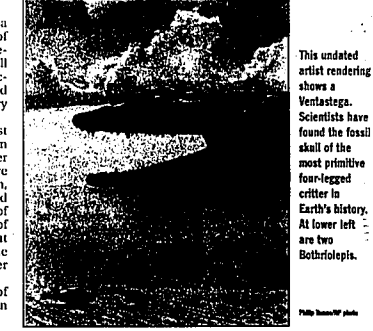
It's more likely that in the family tree of tetrapods, Ventastega is an offshoot branch that eventually died off, not leading to the animals we now

know, Ahlberg said.

"At the time there were a lot of creatures around of varying degrees of advancement," Ahlberg said. "They all seem to have similar characteristics, so Ventastega's find is helpful for evolutionary biologists."

Ventastega is the most primitive of these transition animals, but there are older ones that are oddly more advanced, said Neil Shubin, professor of biology and anatomy at the University of Chicago, who was not part of the discovery team but helped find Tiktaalik, the fish that was one step earlier in evolution.

"It's sort of out of sequence in timing," Shubin said of Ventastega.



This undated artist rendering shows a Ventastega. Scientists have found the fossil skull of the most primitive four-legged creature in Earth's history. At lower left are two Bothriolepis.

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Requests a modification to the Northridge PUD Agreement...

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Case No. CV 08-2340
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of FRANK HUGH MONTGOMERY, Deceased.

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Case No. CV 08-2603
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of ALVIN ROBBINS and ZANDRA ROBBINS, Deceased.

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Case No. CV 08-2457
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: May 27, 2008
File No. 7261-25101 Sale date and time (local time): Wednesday, June 26, 2008 at 11:00 AM

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Case No. CV 2007-1754
ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Interest of BRENDON SMITH d/b/a 18/59

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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In the Matter of the Estate of ARTHUR EDWARD SHORT, Deceased.

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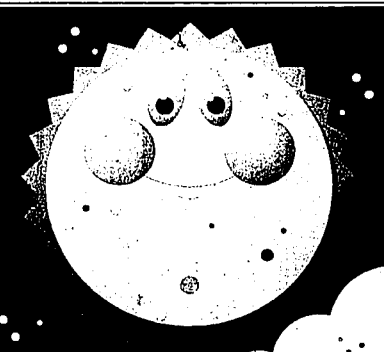
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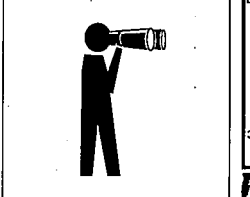
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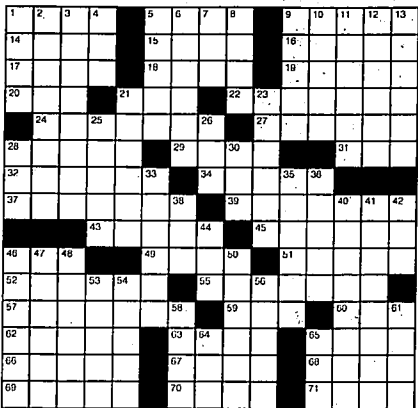
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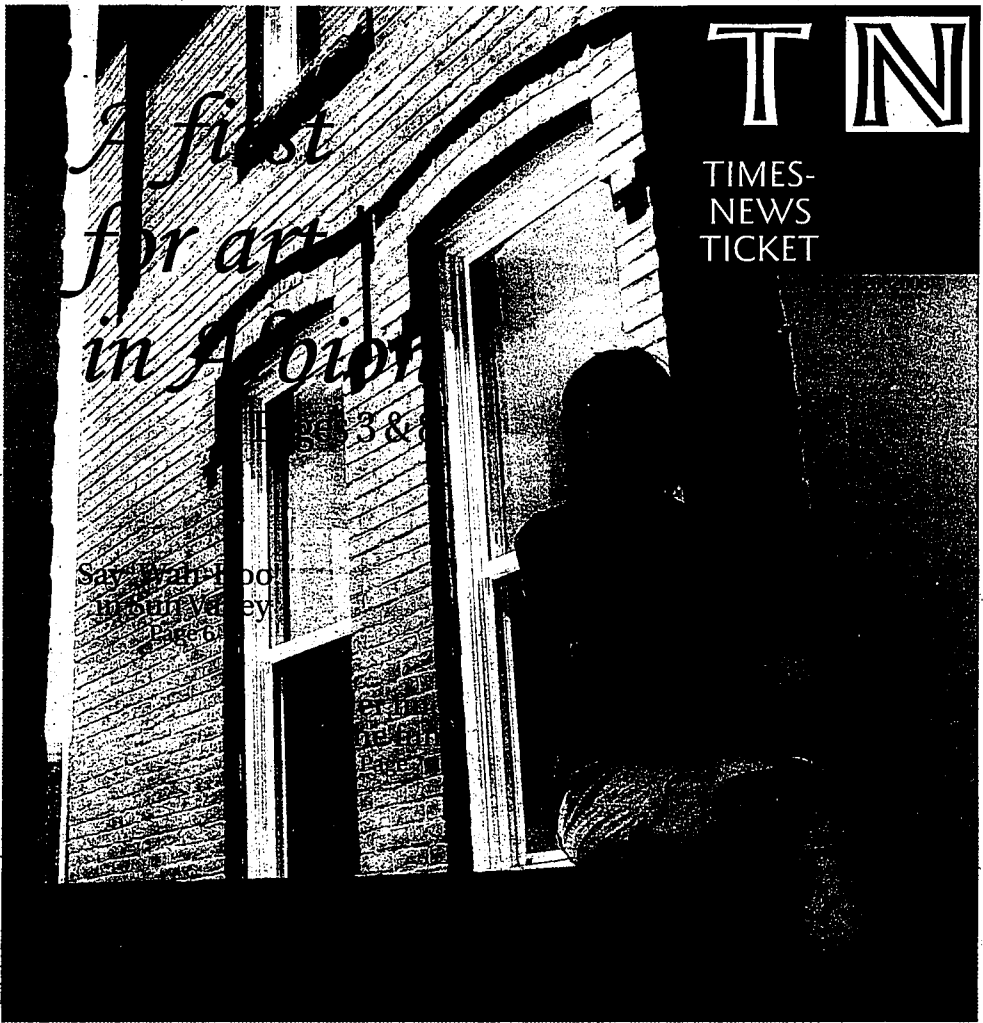


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Editor's take

We need a youth venue

After the closing of The Ranch a few weeks ago, TNT ran a story about the music venue, and I asked readers to write in with their opinions about what it's like for under-21's in Magic Valley — particularly those who want to play or listen to live music.

Unanimously, the response was lamentation that The Ranch closed, and frustration that no other place like it exists.

Here is a sampling from the letters I received:

"We need more culture in this area! We need more live arts! And we need live arts that don't just cater to the adult and collegiate demographic, we need things for the youth, we need diversity! If you want to keep kids around here out of trouble, then people need to look past the stereotypes they've come to develop with these kids, and give us a place to play our music. All we need is a big empty building with a power supply, and we'll do the rest."

— Pete Welch, member of the band Home Town Hero

"As a member of Trinomikon, SKITTISH ITZ, The Kryptonautz bands and a substitute member of Ambletee Died Trying, I have seen firsthand just how important the music scene is for teenagers in the Magic Valley... It keeps kids off the streets, out of trouble, and away from drugs and alcohol."

"This needs to be known so that the idea of rock concerts can be more widely accepted by the public as a clean and safe environment for kids and adults alike to spend their time."

— Rekn Russ

"That's right, we need a music venue. The Twin Falls area is grossly unequipped to provide wholesome activities for the teenagers who live here. Ask anyone and they will tell you that there is nothing low-cost for young people to do around here...."

"In addition to providing an alternative to the alcohol and drug scene The Ranch also gave local musicians an outlet and something to strive for. There are so many local bands in this area who are seriously dedicated to music, but with no venue to play at it is

going to become increasingly difficult to maintain that dedication.

"The Ranch has already proven that an all-ages venue can thrive and be successful in this area, so now it is up to the community to show some support and make something happen to rejuvenate the local music scene because it is a vital part of the community."

— Kiri Oler, student at University of Idaho

It's time for Magic Valley to step up. It may be cliché to say that youth are our future, but the energy that teens bring to the things they love is infectious — let's ensure they're passionate about music and Twin Falls, not drugs, crime or moving away.

If you know of a space that might accommodate young musicians who want to perform intoxicant-free concerts, let me know and I'll connect you with the bands who are looking for a place to perform. This is a market just screaming — for an entrepreneur.

— Ariel Hansen

BANDED together

64 years and counting

Al DeVries is the grandfather of the Twin Falls Municipal Band.

The 80-year-old trombone player has played with the band for more than six decades, and he has been witness to many changes in the group. DeVries has seen band directors come and go, and seen the ensemble expand its repertoire from marches to swing numbers to show tunes, and everything between.

"We've grown much more versatile over the years," DeVries said.

Al DeVries, 80, of Twin Falls Years playing: 70 years total, the past 64 with the band

DeVries took up the trombone when he was 10 and has been playing ever since. He even played in the U.S. Army Band while he served during World War II, and performed with a German symphony while stationed in Germany.

"I played with great musicians," DeVries. "I got an education playing with them."

Unfortunately, DeVries has had to sit out the past few band concerts because of a cancer-



Photo provided by ARNOLD BARNETT

ous growth on his lip. DeVries said the growth has been removed and he is on the mend, and he hopes to rejoin the band in a few weeks.

"It's the first time I haven't played in the band in a long time," DeVries said. "I've had people call me and ask me when I'm coming back. I guess they miss me."

— Erica Littlefield

Tonight: Arrr! It's Pirate Night

Ahoy and avast! Be prepared for an evening of pirates and adventures on the high seas at this evening's Twin Falls Municipal Band concert.

The free outdoor concert starts at 8 p.m. at the band shell in Twin Falls City Park. The night's lineup will include everything from traditional sailing songs like "The Drunken Sailor" to marches like "Hands Across the Sea" by John Phillip Sousa. And no concert about the sea would be complete without selections from "The Little Mermaid" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Right before the concert, the Magic Valley Arts Council will hold its summer Chalk-The-Walk event at 7:30 p.m. tonight in City Park. It's free and open to the public, and the arts council will provide sidewalk chalk. So bring the kids!



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ON THE COVER

Photo by LARINE WELCH

Another Marlborough, a partner in the Albion Art Festival Group, sits on the threshold of Campus Grove's Miller Hall on Tuesday. The group purchased the old Albion normal school from the city of Albion in 2007, and the campus will be the site of the Albion Art Festival this weekend. See page 8.



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Classical piano

Pianist slated for intimate solo recital in Albion

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

World-renowned pianist Susan Spelias Dunning has performed on an array of stages. So far, a men's dormitory is not one of them.

But after her upcoming solo recital she will be able to add that venue to her list.

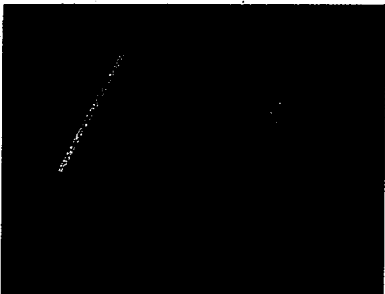
Dunning, who splits her time between Sun Valley and Italy, will top off Friday's activities at the Albion Arts Festival at Campus Grove with an intimate, free recital at the historical Miller Hall, which was used as the men's dorm for the Albion State Normal School.

She said she looks forward to the low-key performance, as many solo classical recitals tend to be "a little stiff." Dunning said she enjoys connecting with her audience and engaging them to listen to her music from a different perspective.

She won't just play great works by Mozart, Debussy or Chopin (to name a few). Dunning said adding some historical background on the master composers, as well as personal insight, helps highlight the creative evolution in the composing process.

"The romantic music of Beethoven and Chopin is as powerful and relevant to the world right now. Emotions of the human experience remain the same. The beauty, sadness and joy that comes forth from the music is timeless, alive. The recreation of it is as powerful now as it was 150 years ago," she said.

Playing Miller Hall will give the audience an up-close and personal experience, one often



Susan Spelias Dunning

Courtesy photo



lost in today's busy world, Dunning said.

"I'm convinced, in our modern culture with our CDs, downloadable music and iPods, so much of music and the arts is removed. To experience artwork and see the actual brushstrokes and oil, to hear a piano, expressing live on the spot and see the pianist's sweat, it's authentic and immediate. So often, that is not recognized or honored in our busy atmosphere and we miss out on what enriches our lives," she said. "I think it will be a great concert for young people, a vibrant, authentic way for young people to be exposed to class-

ical piano. Classical piano rocks, from the mouth of my 10-year-old niece."

Dunning, raised in Chicago, made her debut at 16 years old with a solo piano recital. She was the recipient of the prestigious Amelita Galli Curci Foundation Award, received numerous scholarships from the Three Arts Club of Chicago, received a bachelor's degree from The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and earned a master's degree from Colorado State University.

She has lived in Sun Valley for four years and has participated with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony concert series.

A performance by this critically acclaimed yet down-to-earth pianist will certainly be a highlight for the Albion Art Festival and one you won't want to miss.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.

Symphony announces youth winners

Staff report

Magick Valley Symphony announced the winners of the 2008 Youth Soloist Competition, an unprecedented three-way tie.

The three winners, pianists Emily VandenBosch and Andrew Bortz and alto saxophonist Brian Thomsen, will receive scholarships and an invitation to perform with the symphony Oct. 5.

"Every contestant should be proud of their audition performance, but it wasn't easy for the judges," said symphony director Ted Hadley in a press release. "In the end, they were impressed by the difficult repertoire attempted by the winners, their technical mastery and

their mature musicality."

VandenBosch, a University of Idaho student, won with the first movement of the Mendelssohn "Piano Concerto in G." She is the daughter of Dave and Julie VandenBosch of Jerome.

Bortz, son of Dennis and Gala Bortz of Twin Falls, performed the first movement of the Khataturian piano concerto.

Thomsen, who auditioned with the Glazounov concerto for alto sax, is the son of Jon and Kathy Thomsen of Twin Falls.

The contest was judged by Dr. Randy Earles, chairman of the Idaho State University Department of Music, and Monte Grise, associate director of ISU bands.

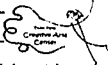


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Imaginations take flight at Sun Valley Center exhibitions

'Wooden Diaries' is one of the pieces on display at Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Birdwatch exhibit.

Far left: A painting by Jacqueline Bishop, titled 'Terra #485.'

Courtesy art

Staff report

Two new exhibitions at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts galleries in Keetchum and Hailey explore the special place held by birds within our imagining of the animal kingdom.

Birdwatch, which opened in Keetchum on June 20 and will continue through Aug. 16, features work by seven artists — five who are at work today and one each from the 19th and mid-20th centuries.

"We endow birds with importance and meaning we give to few other animals," said

Courtney Gilbert, The Center's curator of visual arts. In a press release, "Birds' capacity for flight appeals to many artists' desires to create worlds of fantasy and possibility that free us from the confines of everyday life. More recently, birds have become a means for speaking out on environmental issues and climate change as many species face the destruction of their natural habitats."

"The exhibition includes a selection of prints by America's most famous painter of birds,

19th-century artist John James Audubon, and drawings and paintings of birds made in the mid-20th century by Morris Graves, whose calligraphic brushwork and choice of materials reflect his deep interest in the arts and philosophies of Asia.

In addition, works by five contemporary artists from across the U.S. illustrate the varied roles birds play in art being made today.

Jacqueline Bishop makes miniature portraits of birds of the Gulf Coast region and the Amazon, especially those that

are endangered or extinct. Terra, an installation in The Center's project room, consists of a grid of dozens of these tiny paintings interrupted by drawings, collages and natural objects.

Kathryn Spence makes pigeons, owls and kestrels out of trash, twine and bits of castoff fabric that she finds in city streets. Her choice of materials conveys both the fragility of birds' place in the environment and the paradoxical ability of certain species to thrive in urban environments, where they connect city dwellers to the natural world.

Both Misako Inaoka and Justin Gibbens create hybrid animals — part bird, part animal or reptile. Inaoka's motion-activated sculptures and Gibbens' watercolor paintings evoke the eerie consequences of genetic mutation.

Rigo 23's embroidered reproductions of "lost bird" notices he collects in the streets of San Francisco capture the ambiguities in our relationship to birds — we admire them for their ability to fly yet we sometimes seek to keep them caged.

The public is invited to see the exhibition and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 5 and Aug. 1. The gallery will be open until 8 p.m. those nights for Gallery Walk.

Free tours of the exhibition are held at 2 p.m. every Tuesday. A special evening exhibition tour is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 10.

Exhibition hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fri-

days and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

In Hailey, The Center is presenting work by Boise-based artist Kirsten Furlong that explores the relationship between birds and our cultural understanding of the natural world. Furlong examines the impact of institutions like zoos and natural history museums, as well as a consumer society.

"Birds serve as metaphors for human desires that ultimately separate us from the natural world," Furlong said in a press release. In a nod to John James Audubon, she has titled one of her series "Birds of America" (the same title was used by Audubon) as part of her ongoing dialogue with historical artists who have devoted themselves to birds. The exhibition features paintings, drawings and prints, including a new series of portraits of extinct birds painted against gold leaf backgrounds.

The public is invited to meet the artist at a free opening celebration for "Birdwatch: Works by Kirsten Furlong" at The Center, in Hailey, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 3. Drinks and appetizers will be available.

Exhibition dates in Hailey are July 3 through Aug. 22. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and open late for Hailey Gallery Walks on July 18 and Aug. 1.

Information about Birdwatch and all Sun Valley Center for the Arts programs: 726-9491, ext. 10, or sunvalleycenter.org.



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Idaho Writers League extends contest deadline

Staff report

The Idaho Writers League's *Twin Falls chapter* has extended the deadline through Aug. 15 for the 2008 Short Story Fiction contest with a word limit of 3,500 and a Short Story Nonfiction contest with a word limit of 2,500.

Each category will have three judges. Kilty Fletschman, publisher of Idaho Magazine, will be the final judge.

The contest is a fundraiser for the 2009 Idaho Writers League Conference.

The entry fee is \$15 per entry, with approximately \$500 in prize money to be awarded per 100 entries.

For entry forms and rules, visit geocities.com/twinfall-writers. Information: Fiction: Carol Hunt, 490-0552. Nonfiction: Marilyn Aggeler, 735-1818.

'Phantom of the Op'ry' takes stage

Staff report

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present a Daryl D. Dille production of "The Phantom of the Op'ry" as this year's summer melodrama.

Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday; Saturday; Monday through Wednesday; and July 3-5 at the Wilson Theatre in Rupert. There will be 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and July 4-5 in addition to the evening shows.

Tickets are available at the door at \$7 for adults or \$3 for children. Group rates are available at 219-1683.

Advance tickets and information: 878-6868.

Seattle bassist jazzes up Twin Falls

Staff report

Seattle jazz bassist Jeff Johnson will play a duo concert with local saxophonist Brent Jensen at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts recital hall.

The free concert is open to the public; donations to the Jazz

Club are optional.

Johnson is one of the most "on call" bassists in the competitive Seattle jazz scene, Jensen said. Johnson has performed with many jazz legends, including Philly Joe Jones, Chet Baker, Bud Shank and Annie Ross.

At Monday's bass-and-sax concert, you'll hear mostly jazz

standards.

"Most of his stuff that he does on his own ... is more progressive jazz," Jensen said. "We might do one thing like that."

But during the rest of Monday's concert, you'll hear improvisation over familiar melodies.

Information about Johnson: www.jazzbassist.com.



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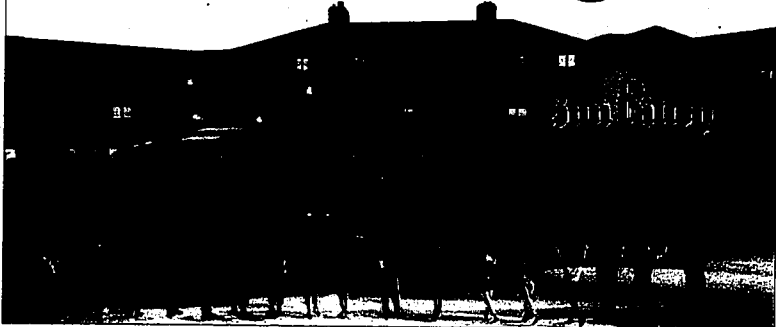
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Wah-Hoo!

BY KAREN BOSSICK
The Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY — If you want to catch the new Indiana Jones flick, you'll have to do it somewhere other than the Sun Valley Opera House this summer.

Sun Valley Resort has stopped showing movies in the opera house to make way for a new Wild West musical revue.

Resort officials haven't decided yet whether they will show movies again in the fall, said Don Anderson, Sun Valley's hotel manager.

Sun Valley's new entertainment director John Mauldin has booked the "Wah-Hoo Revue!" for the opera house to provide more family entertainment at the resort.

"There's nothing like it in the valley," he said. "It's absolute family-lean, silly fun. It's kind of a play with a semipro — not a melodrama. It features high-energy dancing, original songs and original adaptations of songs like "Tumbin' Tumbleweeds" and "Buffalo Gals."

"And its performers are definitely characters — there's a wacky sheriff, a villain, a saloon owner named Miss Honey, a ditzy lady, a Calamity Jane type of lady and an Indian. It's very witty, very fun."

The revue will be offered Wednesdays, Thursdays and

Opera house changes course



Photo by KAREN BOSSICK

John Mauldin, Sun Valley's new entertainment director, has booked the "Wah-Hoo Revue!" for the Sun Valley Opera House this summer.

Fridays, running through Sept. 5.

Guests can opt for the show alone — at \$18 per adult and \$14 for children and seniors. Or they can spring for the show and a Western barbecue served on the lawn in front of the opera house for \$35 per adult, \$25 per child and \$30 per senior.

The chuckwagon-style dinner will feature barbecued ribs or chicken and hot dogs for the kids, along with baked beans, corn on the cob, a variety of salads, Dutch oven cobble and lemonade and iced tea served up by "Cookie" and wranglers in Western garb.

A variation of the "Wah-Hoo Revue!" ran for seven years at a hotel in a canyon between Brigham City and Logan, Utah.

Its stars included Mauldin's wife, Melodie Taylor-Mauldin, a music, dance and theater major at Utah State who has performed at Sun Valley for many years as a member of the Sun Valley Carolers.

"People want to know when they come to Sun Valley that there's going to be something for them and their kids to do in the evening. We've had the ice show for many years. Now we'll be able to offer this, as well — and it's affordable entertainment," Mauldin said.

The 500-seat opera house, which sports a Byronic theme in keeping with Sun Valley Village, was built in 1939, according to Anderson — just a few years after Sun Valley Resort opened in the winter of 1936-37.

It's eligible to be on the national historic register along with the Lodge. But Sun Valley decided that such status would make it more difficult to renovate the opera house as repairs become necessary.

During World War II when Sun Valley served as a convalescent center for Navy personnel, it hosted USO shows and "This is the Navy" and "Navy Daze," bringing such entertainers as Bing Crosby and Moscow's dagger dancers to Sun Valley.

Attendance was often standing-room-only as guests paid a dime to see "Buffalo Bill," "National Velvet" and Andy Hardy movies, wrote Wendolyn Holland in "Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History."

Since then, the valley's Catholics have held Mass in the opera house. Laughing Stock Theatre staged "Oliver" there. It has served as a venue for the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival and the Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree. And it even was a classroom for the Sun Valley Center for the Arts when the center first opened in the 1970s.

"The opera house did well when there were only two movie theaters in the valley — it and the old single-screen Magic Lantern Theater, which was torn down several years ago, said Anderson.

"Now it's different," he added. "It's difficult to make a go of it if you don't have a multiplex."

Art class looks at rebirth after fire

Staff report

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will offer a one-day class to observe and sketch the animals and plants that have started to return to the burn zone after last summer's Castle Rock fire.

"Rebirth: After the Castle Rock Fire" will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 8, with science teacher Brian Sturges and wildlife artist Debbie Edgers Sturges. Participants can expect moderate hiking with frequent stops along the way for observation and drawing.

The instructors bring both scientific and artistic skills to the class. Brian Sturges has been the compiler for the National Audubon Society Christmas bird count for the Sun Valley area for the past 34 years. He now teaches science and math to dual immersion sixth-graders at Wood River Middle School. Debbie Edgers Sturges is a professional artist who shows her work in Sun Valley; Bozeman, Mont.; Jackson, Wyo.; and Scottsdale, Ariz. She has taught drawing and painting classes for children and adults at the Sun Valley Center, for College of Southern Idaho and to private individuals for the past 35 years.

The class is offered in conjunction with visual arts exhibitions at the Center galleries in Ketchum and Hailey. "Birdwatch," featuring work by seven artists from the 19th century to today, opens Friday and continues through Aug. 16 in Ketchum. "Birdwatch: Works by Kirsten Furlong" opens July 3 and continues through Aug. 27 in Hailey.

Class fee is \$20 for Sun Valley Center members and \$120 for nonmembers. Scholarships and teaching assistantships are available. Registration deadline is Tuesday. To register, stop by the Sun Valley Center in Ketchum or 726-9491, ext. 10. Information: Sunvalleycenter.org.

College of S. Idaho offers elementary art

Staff report

Do you know a child in grades 2 through 4 who loves making art?

The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering a youth arts class July 14-18 for just those art

lovers.

Students will paint, draw, make collages, sculpt and more.

Creating personal works of art, students will use paint, fabric, wood, paper, sticks, sequins, buttons, puff balls and glitter. Each student

will complete an art project each day that he or she will take home at the end of the week as an art portfolio. Art is messy, so bring an old shirt or apron.

Instructor Kimberly Schoenauer has degrees in art, drama and elementary education. She is working on a master's degree

in creative arts in learning.

This class will be held 1-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Art Complex room 112. Cost is \$85, which includes art supplies.

Class size is limited to 12.

Register: 732-6442 or esl.edu/community.

Time for fun!



Children dash for candy during the Filer Fun Days parade in 2000.

Filer celebrates this weekend

Staff report

The little town of Filer is getting ready for its big annual celebration, Filer Fun Days. The festivities include a chicken drop, children's fly casting competition and demolition derby, and visitors can refresh themselves with a fish fry or a root beer float.

So head on out to the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds this weekend, and have some fun in Filer.

Schedule:

Friday

5-7 p.m. — Fish fry at Merchants Building No. 1. Includes fish, coleslaw, rolls, watermelon, beverages. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under.

6:30-8 p.m. — Lighthouse Praise Band. Free Stage area, freewill offering.

Saturday

7-10 a.m. — Pancake breakfast at Merchants Building No. 1. Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, beverages. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Indoor market, Merchants Building No.

3. Information and applications, Carol Sparrow, 326-6607.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Children's activities, put on by a 4-H club, Mini Midway.

11 a.m. — Parade. Theme is "Fun in the Sun," and applications are available at US Bank, Filer City Office and Filer Super Service. Informant: Bud Compher, 308-9007. Special parking will be available for classic cars after the parade.

11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Lunch at Merchants Building No. 1. Includes burger or two hot dogs, chips, watermelon, beverages. Tickets are \$4.

Noon to 5 p.m. — Bingo. Games are 50 cents each, or three for \$1. Inside Merchants Building No. 1.

Noon to 5 p.m. — Dunk tank, put on by the Filer High School Dance Team.

12:30-1 p.m. — Children's Dance Group, Free Stage.

1 p.m. — Filer Fire & Rescue will hold a water barrel competition.

1-2 p.m. — Cheerleaders and Dance Team, Free Stage.

2 p.m. — Magic Valley Bass Masters will hold a children's fly casting competition at Merchants Building No. 2. Prize is an all-day fishing trip.

2-2:30 p.m. — Extreme Pie Baking Contest, Free Stage.

2:30 p.m. — Filer Fire & Rescue will hold an extraction demonstration.

2:30-4 p.m. — Miscellaneous entertainment, Free Stage.

4 p.m. — "Famous Chicken Drop." Spots are \$1 each or three for \$2. Win \$100. Sign-up boards are at various Filer merchants this week and at the Kiwanis food booth on Saturday. Next to the Free Stage.

6 p.m. to midnight — Street dance, adult and children's activities, inflatable play center; 300 block of Main Street.

6 p.m. — Gates open for the demolition derby, which begins at 7 p.m. at Shouse Arena. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, or \$25 for a family; proceeds benefit Lighthouse Christian School.

Sunday

10:30 to noon — Community worship service at the Free Stage.

Noon to 2 p.m. — Spaghetti lunch at Free Stage includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a beverage. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Put on by the Nazarene Men's Group.

IdahoPTV earns regional Emmy

Staff report

Idaho Public Television earned a Northwest Regional Emmy Award, announced June 7 by the Northwest Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in Seattle. Also, IdahoPTV General Manager Peter W. Morrill was honored during the ceremony with a Silver Circle Award.

D4K, the IdahoPTV science call-in series for elementary students, competed in the "Children/Youth (12 and Under) — Program/Special" category. Joan Cartan-Hansen is host and producer of the series, which is in its ninth season. Sue Nass is contributing editor, and Al Hagenlock is director/videographer. This is the third Regional Emmy Award the series and its Web site have earned.

"I'm constantly amazed at the talents of our creative team at Idaho Public Television," said Morrill in a press release. "We can stand tall with pride in how our programming compares in quality and impact to our colleagues throughout the Northwest."

The Silver Circle Award honors media professionals who

began their television career more than 25 years ago and have made a significant contribution to Northwest Chapter television. Morrill is the third Idahoan to receive the award since its inauguration in 1991.

"For a person who started off creating television programs, and who still considers it to be the reason he still goes to work, I'm deeply honored," Morrill told the Seattle audience. He said good television is about storytelling, and the future holds new opportunities to do that.

"Cheaper, high-quality equipment, Web and new media distribution avenues — all were unimaginable even a decade ago," Morrill said. "They give us new ways to tell the important stories that need to be told to our viewers and users across the street — and around the world."

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From sculptures to songs

Former Albion Normal School comes alive this weekend

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

Even though political relations around the globe were rocky when, in 1939, Europe broke out in war, Cliff Haak recalls that year with fond memories.

Haak, now of Filer, was a new student at the Albion State Normal School and excited to get a teacher's education so he could take those skills into a classroom. This weekend, he'll be back on campus, playing music as part of the first Albion Art Festival and being reminded of his youth.

According to the school's history, posted on the Albion Valley Web site, the school had its highest enrollment in 1939. For the men, that worked to their advantage, recalls Haak.

"The school was full of friendly people, local people. Nobody thought they were more superior to the next guy and none of us had a lot of money but we had a lot of camaraderie. We'd pile into an old Model A and go to Lake Cleveland and ski Mount Harrison. I had it made; the girl-to-boy ratio was 10-to-1," Haak said. "I had it made."

After graduating in 1940, Haak would never enter a classroom but instead found himself in the middle of World War II, committed to submarine service for the Navy.

While life took a different path than the one Haak set out on in 1939, he remembers his time at the school as one of his best. He'll bring those memories and his music, with Haak's Last Resort Band, to the school, now called Campus Grove, for the premier Albion Art Festival slated for Friday and Saturday.

"Going to the campus is always special for me. Miller Hall, the boys dormitory, was where I stayed, and



Albion Normal School alumnus Cliff Haak plays at Campus Grove's Miller Hall on Tuesday in Albion. The campus will be the site of the Albion Art Festival this weekend.

It's neat to go back and see my old room and remember all those memories," he said.

His band consists of four to five members playing keyboard and guitars as well as providing vocal support to Haak, the band's frontman, who plays the mandolin and sings.

"We play great music from the '50s, not rock 'n' roll, but good country western, standard dance songs and polkas," he said.

"He'll even crack out a tribute to Albion with a song he learned at-

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— Cliff Haak, former student at Albion Normal School

tending the school. "The Eyes of Albion are on You No Matter Where You Roam," set to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

Haak's Last Resort Band is just one of many musical performances slated for the festival that is being hosted by the Albion Heritage Group. The group was formed by the three Idaho families who purchased the college campus in Octo-

ber: the families of Trey and Heather Mortensen, Kent and Barbile Mortensen and Jared and Lindi Afflek.

"We heard that years ago they used the campus for an art festival, and we just thought it would a great event to bring back," said Heather Mortensen. "The Albion Valley with Mount Harrison in the background, it's just a great back-

drop for art."

Visitors will be welcome to tour Miller Hall, which will also house an art exhibit during the event. The Hall was recently extensively remodeled and the group is excited for its official unveiling during the festival, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday afternoon.

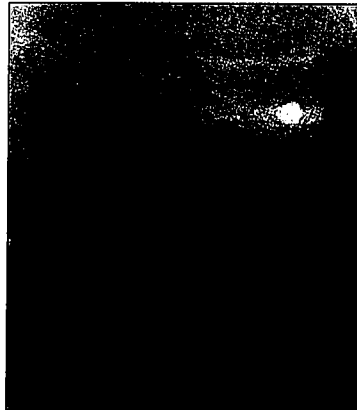
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3-30 p.m. — Ribbon-cutting for Miller Hall with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce
4 p.m. — Guitar and vocal duet with Marcus Meek and Lucas Nevius
6-7 p.m. — '50s and '60s music by Ned Carter
7-9 p.m. — Rocky Mountain Express Dance Group
8 p.m. — Solo piano recital by Susan Spellus Dunning of Sun Valley

Saturday
10 a.m. — Art, music, food and kids crafts
11 a.m. — Solo (vocal and guitar)
12 p.m. — OK Time Fiddlers
1-3 p.m. — Antiques and crafts auction, Albion Historical Museum
4 p.m. — Meek Guitar Shop Band



This 48-by-40-inch painting titled 'Rising Moon' is by Roger Moore and will be on exhibit at Miller Hall on the campus of the Albion State Normal School, now called Campus Grove.

Outlook art

THE PIANIST

Sun Valley pianist Susan Spellus Dunning will headline the Friday night entertainment. Learn more about her and what she will play on page 3.

of visual artists who will display and sell oil and watercolor paintings, metal art, stained glass, jewelry, quilts and even puppets. The Marsh Valley Artists Alliance will exhibit art in Miller Hall, and the Plain Air Painters of Idaho are expected to paint various scenes around the campus and festival.

The event will also feature children's crafts, a variety of food vendors and constant musical performances.

Admission to the festival is free, but there will be ample opportunity for supporting the visual and performing artists. A fine-arts and crafts auction will take place on Saturday.

Half of the proceeds from the sale go to the contributing artist and the remainder will be used to restore the Albion Historical Museum on the campus.

Cowboy Tyler of Heyburn said his three-dimensional metal animals, scenery and murals are made for "normal folk."

Using a variety of metals, Tyler grinds, bends and tweaks his media to create depth for a real-life look.

"It's not a flat silhouette. Sometimes I use eight or nine different layers of metals to create an animal in its natural scenery," he said.

"People drawn to my art are those looking for the outdoors or 'hunter types,'" he said.

With metalwork for the masses and entertainment from a former Normal School student, the Albion Art Festival is off to a great start.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.



This cropped image of Fran Switzer's 'Weathered House' is an example of the art that will be available at the Albion Art Festival this weekend.



David Mensing's 'Atmosphere' will be available at the Albion Art Festival.



'Old Blue' is by Caleb Meyer, one of the artists who will exhibit in Albion this weekend.

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BY KAREN BOSSICK
The Wood River Journal

HAILEY — Chris Thile appears as driven as the hard-driving instrumental riffs he plays on his omnipresent mandolin.

Music isn't just something he plays because it makes him and others feel good.

It's his 9-to-5 job — and that's the way he approaches it.

"Woe to the musician who accomplishes all he wants," he says, describing how he made a piece better — but not perfect — just by changing the melody by a half step. "This is my job and I work at it. When I'm at my best compositionally, I work 9 to 5. The harder I work, the luckier I get. I think that's very true for anyone who wants to do well at what he does. I never want to say I didn't succeed at something for lack of effort."

Thile's drive for that elusive perfection and his penchant to experiment with new things has earned him a reputation as one of the most interesting and inventive musicians of his generation. He has been described as a virtuoso who took the mandolin from a simple folk and bluegrass instrument to a sophisticated instrument capable of playing everything from Bach to jazz improvisation.

Thile, 27, fell in love with music — and the mandolin — at age 2 while watching a live weekly bluegrass show at That Pizza Place his parents frequented every Saturday in Carlsbad, Calif. He won a national mandolin championship at age 12 and recorded his first solo album at 13. And then he formed the wildly popular but now disbanded Nickel Creek with two friends who had cut their teeth on the same pizza parlor blue-

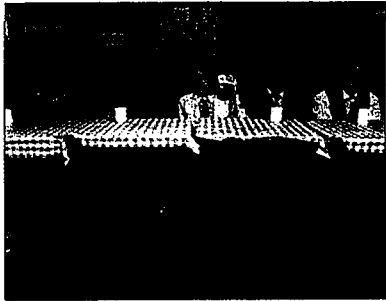


Photo by Anthony De Vito

"Woe to the musician who accomplishes all he wants."

— Chris Thile

grass and taken lessons from the same instructor.

Nickel Creek got pegged as bluegrass — new wave bluegrass, to be exact. But, in reality, Thile says, they were not bluegrass but rather a band that incorporated bluegrass in its music. Ditto for the Punch Brothers.

"I'm just so interested in all the musical forms I come in contact with. Our music looks more like bluegrass than it sounds. The bluegrass I saw when I was a youngster was not traditional bluegrass by any means. It was California bluegrass so I got a broad vision of all the different forms music could take," Thile said. He nevertheless was exposed to plenty

of traditional bluegrass, as well, having lived in Kentucky as a teenager and then Nashville before moving to San Francisco.

New York, where he currently lives, has exposed him to even more styles of music, giving him ideas for his own concoctions.

"I love listening to all the different forms of music available here and reproducing the music I've heard," he says. "Living in the city is something I thrive on. I'm more productive as a result of being here because I'm around so many productive ambitious musicians."

Thile formed Punch Brothers with four friends who served as a support group when his marriage fell apart. His band mates — Chris Eldridge, Greg Garrison, Noah Pikelny and Gabe Witcher — are also gifted, having played with Leftover Salmon, John Cowan, Randy Newman and Willie Nelson before taking up with Thile.

They named the group for a short story by Mark Twain called "Punch, Brothers, Punch" and

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PUNCH BROTHERS



in February they released their debut album, "Punch."

"I didn't write the music to challenge people first and entertain them later. But what I like is that it's music that challenges me — there are a lot of complicated things going on," Thile said. "But it can't be all work, either. There's got to be instantaneous pleasure and the reaction from people has been exactly what I hoped for. They say, 'It's interesting. I need to listen to more. I keep hearing new things.' And for a musician, there's nothing more gratifying than that."

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Mystery of the Missing Seasons," with live video tour at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Art masks exhibit/ Twin Falls

Twin Falls Creative Arts Center's Art Club will exhibit its plaster mask 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Divine Grind. Art Club students are Haley Coats, Nicole Cook and Wyatt Whitehead, all second grade; Drew Hollister, Haden Horner, Madeline Ko, Claire Oberig and Lorea Seppehi, all third grade; and McKenzie Helleman, fourth grade. Free admission. The Divine Grind is at 147 Shoshone St. N.

Poker/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 1211 Fourth Ave. S.

Event/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley Arts Council and the Twin Falls Municipal Band announce the annual summer Chalk-The-Walk Event. Bring the kids and come join in the fun for the Chalk-The-Walk while enjoying the Twin Falls Municipal Band Concert in the City Park at 6 p.m. Sidewalk chalk will be provided. Free.

Musical, barbecue/ Sun Valley

The Walk-Who Review, featuring the Wild West Players, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Sun Valley Opera House, with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement. A western-style barbecue will be held at 6 p.m. on the lawn near the opera house. Tickets, dinner and show: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; for show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children, and under \$10 for tickets. Sun Valley Recreation Center, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Fife will perform at 8 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Sun Valley

Plum Lane Harpband will perform 6-9 p.m. at the Ram Restaurant in the Sun Valley Village at Sun



Photo by JAMIE MOCK

This photo by Jamie Mack, titled "Another Barn," was one of the winners of the 2008 Second Century Photo Contest. The winning photos are on exhibit through July at the Magic Valley Arts Council's Fall Moos Gallery, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls. Admission is free; gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Valley Resort. No cover charge. Restaurant reservations: 622-2800.

Exhibition/Ketchum

Bledwetch, featuring the work by seven artists, will be on display through AUG. 16 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts gallery. A Gallery Walk will be held 5:30-6 p.m. JULY 5 and AUG. 1, with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30-6:30 p.m. The exhibition includes prints by 19th-century artist John James Audubon, and drawings and paintings by mid-20th-century artist Morris Graves. Also featured are works by five contemporary artists from across the United States: Jacqueline Bishop makes miniature portraits of birds of the Gulf Coast and Amazon; Kathryn Spence makes pigjars and owls out of trash, twigs and bits of fabric; Melissa Inakoa and Justin Gibbons create hybrid animals — part bird, part mammal or reptile; and Rigo 23's embroidered reproductions of "nest bird" notices. Regular exhibition hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. The Sun Valley Center is at 191 Fifth St. E.

Art exhibit/Boise

Idaho artist Cerril Sayer's exhibition, "Art Infusions," will be on display through NOV. 30, at the Boise Art Museum. Free guided tour and

the program "Art Break" is at 12:15 p.m. The work consists of glistening strands of sculpted hot glue, cascading from the ceiling and creating a web-like form of synthetic forms reminiscent of icicles of winter. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 9 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (62 and older) and \$1 for children (first through 12th grade). Boise Art Museum is at 670 Julia Davis Drive.

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FRIDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Rusty Rocker's Last Blast" at 2 p.m.; "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Randy Richards Band will perform 9 a.m.-1 a.m. at the Sidewinder Saloon, \$5 cover charge. The Sidewinder is at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Blues/Twin Falls

Mixes to Nowhere Band will play original music and blues, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant. No cover charge. Pandora's is at 516 Hansen St.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Wild Nights will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Creek Drive.

Rock/Twin Falls

Milestone will play 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Variety/Twin Falls

Ladies Night will be featured at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No admission for ladies. No cover charge until 9 p.m. for men; then \$5. Kruezer's is at 1211 Fourth Ave. S.

Poker/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 1211 Fourth Ave. S.

Bluegrass, jazz/Hailey

Sun Valley Center for the Arts'

Summer Concert series, featuring mandolinist and vocalist Chris Thile and his band, Punch Brothers, will be at 7 p.m. at Hop Porter Park. The band includes guitarist Chris Eldridge, bassist Greg Garrison, bluegrass pianist Plectry and violinist Gabe Witcher. This was a member of the Grammy Award-winning Nickel Creek for more than 15 years. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. Tickets are available at Surveyor-concerts.com; 726-9491, ext. 10; or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

Art festival/Albion

The Albion Art Festival, presented by Albion Heritage Group, will be noon to 8 p.m. at Campus Grove. The event features an art exhibit, local artists, live music, food booths, an auction and children's classes. Artists include Robert Moore with Marsh Valley Artists' Alliance and the Plain Art Painters of Idaho. Entertainment includes Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, Sun Valley pianist Susan Spolias Dunning, and Cliff Haak with his band Last Resort. An open-house ceremony for the newly renovated Miller Hall will be at 3:30 p.m. Free admission. Campus Grove is at Albion Normal School on Idaho Highway 77.

Recital/Albion

Albion Heritage Group presents Sun Valley pianist Susan Spolias Dunning with a solo piano recital at 8 p.m. at Miller Hall's historic Men's Dorm at Campus Grove. A small reception will follow. Free admission. Campus Grove is at Albion Normal School on Idaho Highway 77.

Theater/Wendell

Country Community Players present "Hello Dolly" at 7:30 p.m. at Wendell High School auditorium. Admission at the door is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$25 per family. Information: 324-7544.

Country/Jerome

Country Cents will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner available 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$12. 412 E. 200 S. on U.S. Highway 93.

Music/Burley

Kountry Club D featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Get listed in Times-News Ticket

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your arts event. The regular deadline for entries for the TNT entertainment calendar is 9 a.m. the Friday prior to publication. Send submissions to Ramona Jones at ramona@magvalley.com. Early holiday deadline: 9 a.m. Thursday, July 3.

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Country/Deco

The Foghives will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakara. No cover charge. Shakara is at 826 Kilo Highway 81.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Foe Tite will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Sun Valley

Planet Larry Harshbarger will perform 9-9 p.m. at the Ram Restaurant in the Sun Valley Village at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge. Restaurant reservations: 622-2800.

Musical, barbeque/Sun Valley

The Wild-West-Flow, featuring the **Wild West Players**, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Sun Valley Opera House, with singing, dancing, comedy and audience movement. A western-style barbeque will be held at 6 p.m. on the lawn near the opera house. Tickets, dinner and show: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; for show only, \$15 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Reserve tickets: Sun Valley Recreation Center, 622-2135 or 688-622-2108.

Theater/Glenns Ferry

The Historic Opera Theatre presents a dinner show, "In Memoriam," a comedy murder mystery, on Fridays through Aug. 22. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., with the show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show, and show-only tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Dinner reservations are required: 366-7408 or 366-2744. Historic Opera Theatre is at 1008 N. Idaho Ave.

Lecture/Stamley

Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series with a presentation by Tom Blanchard, "Mining in Idaho Today and Yesterday," will be at 3 p.m. at Stanley Museum, with admission by a complete program at 8:30 p.m. at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, five miles south of Stanley. Free. The lecture series is presented by Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association.

28 SATURDAY**Rock/Twin Falls**

Buswazer Battle of the Bands, featuring Royal Bliss, Broke and Abrupt Edge, presented by Jerome Chessa and 95.9 The Buzz, with an all-ages outdoor show at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Live. Gates open at 6 p.m. Advance tickets, \$12, are avail-



able at Kruezer's Night Live; \$20 at the door. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Rock/Twin Falls

Milestone will play 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the **Cabo San Pio Party** at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

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Planetarium/Twin Falls

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Heritage society/Hansen

Idaho Humanities Council and the Friends of Strickler will hold an ice cream social, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock Creek Station and Strickler homestead. At 1 p.m., the Gladys Strickler Film Collection, a record of ranching and farming in the 1940s and 1950s. Centennial will be presented by Jim Genry,

Ron James and Curtis Johnson. Admission is by donation. The Strickler Ranch is at 3715 E. 3200 N.

Festivity/Hazelton

A Fourth of July celebration will be held June 28 at the Hazelton City Park. The Senior Citizen pancake breakfast will be 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Hazelton Fire Department; cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children, 12 and under. The parade begins at 1 p.m. along Main Street and ends at the city park, where the celebration includes games, food, bike and bicycle (for ages 5-12), raffles and prizes. The fireworks will be at 10 p.m.

Art festival/Albion

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Theater/Wendell

Snake River Community Players present "Hills Daily" at 7:30 p.m. at Wendell High School auditorium. Admission at the door is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors, and \$25 per family. Information: 324-5454.

Variety/Jerome

Mr. Cappi will play dinner and dance music 6:30 p.m. at Tea Thyme Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge. The Tea Thyme is at 649 Golf Course Road.

Music/Sun Valley

Blue Fox Trio will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Sun Valley

Planet Larry Harshbarger will perform 9-9 p.m. at the Ram Restaurant in the Sun Valley Village at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge. Restaurant reservations: 622-2800.

Country/Deco

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Theater/Glenns Ferry

The Historic Opera Theatre presents a dinner show, "Stop the Presses! She's Not My Type!," an old time melodrama. Saturdays through Aug. 22. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., with the show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show, and show-only tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Dinner reservations are required: 366-7408 or 366-2744. The theatre is at 1008 N. Idaho Ave.

Comedy/Boise

Comedian **Brian Regan** will perform at 8 p.m. at Morrison Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus. Regan won the 1996 American Comedy Award for Best Comedian and released his CD, "Brian Regan Live," in 1997. He makes regular guest appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Tickets, \$35-50, are available at 366-1111 or 366-1114 for tickets.com. The Morrison Center is at 2201 E. Center Blvd. Lane.

Salsa dances/Boise

Idaho Salsa Congress, featuring Sun Francisco salsa dance, Julio Bravo and Salsabor, and Los Angeles professional salsa dancers Liz Liu and Cristian Oviedo, will be held at the Knitting Factory (formerly Big Easy). Workshops begin at 11 a.m., women's styling, men's styling, and 10 couples styling and different combinations (\$10 per person, per workshop). Family event with kids choreography is 3-5 p.m., followed by salsa couples styling dances (\$2 per person). Teen salsa prom begins at 9 p.m. with basic salsa dance lesson, and 10-11:30 p.m. with salsa dancing. Sessions are 10:30-11:30 p.m. and 11:30-12:30 p.m. with basic salsa lesson; and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. with Bravo and Oviedo, plus DJ Giovanni (\$25, 18 and older with ID). Tickets are available at BigEasycongress.com. Knitting Factory is at 416 E. Ninth St.

Art exhibit/Boise

Idaho artist **Gert Saylor's** exhibition, "Ad Infinitum," will be on

display through NOV. 30, at the Boise Art Museum. Free guided tour and the program "Family Art Saturday" for children 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) will be open to 3 p.m. The work consists of pioneering strands of sculpted hot glue, cascading from the ceiling and creating a web-like room of synthetic forms reminiscent of loaves of winter. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (62 and older) and \$1 for children (first through 12th grade). Boise Art Museum is at 670 Julia Davis Drive.

29**SUNDAY****Country, rock/Twin Falls**

Milestone will play from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Country/Jackpot

Kerry Rogers will perform at 4 p.m. at the Pioneer Club. Cash and outdoor amphitheater. Tickets, starting at \$35, are available at AmericaStar.com or 800-821-1103. Cashier Petes is at 1385 U.S. Highway 93.

Music/Sun Valley

Planet and singer Leana Leach will perform 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Sunday brunch in the Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Trio will perform at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Stamley

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians Dan Barnes, Sean Lettice and Matt Hopper, will be held 4-8 p.m. at Redfish Lake Lodge. Free admission. Concert recordings will be aired in radio series on KSLI and KSU in the fall.

30**MONDAY****Jazz/Twin Falls**

Jazz artist Jeff Johnson and saxophonist Brent Jensen, College of Southern Idaho music faculty member, will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. at the CSI Arts and Recital Hall. Admission is a suggested donation at the door to the CSI Jazz Club.

Music/Sun Valley

Bruce Innes will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

1 TUESDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Mystery of the Missing Seasons" with live sky tour at 7 p.m. "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Astrageous Rock!" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Organ/Twin Falls

Organist Brent Crandall will perform pieces by Bach, Purcell, Mendelssohn and others, and a selection of hymn favorites. Crandall is the student of Tasha Percin, and the former student of Norman Tabernacko organist Dr. John Longhurst. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' hall at 723 Hawkins Road.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Fos Trio will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools presents Brian Crowley's and Jocaine Tesort's musical "Violat" at 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre. The play is the first in three plays offered in repertory through Aug. 3 as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time. The production continues Aug. 2, Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Art exhibit/Ketchum

"Diosa de la Creacion," a limited edition of bronze work by Spanish artist Maria Moreu, will be exhibited at Gallery DeVovo. The exhibition includes new works including "Tres Gracias" and "Lev-Idas," both grand scale sculptures and maquettes and table top sculptures. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Free admission. The exhibition continues through July 25. Gallery DeVovo is at 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101.

2 WEDNESDAY

Blues, folk/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Tonight concert, featuring Kim Stocking Band, will be 6-9 p.m. at the fountain downtown on Main Avenue. Free admission. Food and beverages available. Information: Robin at 420-0916.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" at



2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Music/Twin Falls

Open Mic Night will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Blue Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Poker/Twin Falls

The Valley Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Music/Twin Falls

Guitar Hero will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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Patriotic music/Rexburg

Blaze in Blue, a brass ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band, will perform patriotic and American music at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkham Auditorium at Brigham Young University-Idaho. Tickets are free and available at 496-2230 or by mail/orders; limit of four tickets per person.

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