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Virtual moneymakers Private firms get big share of government funding for Idaho online charter schools

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Millions of dollars in state money for Idaho virtual charter schools — which teach classes over the Internet — can go only to schools operated by non-profit organizations, according to Idaho law.

But the *Times-News* has found that two of the state's four virtual charter schools are effectively run by out-of-state companies, which take home

most of the public support. One percent of Idaho public school students are enrolled in the four virtual charter schools — with a fifth coming this fall.

Idaho lawmakers expressed concern about the prevalence of private companies profiting from public education four years ago, when they passed charter school legislation.

Four years later, they're still concerned.

"There is a lot more money to be

made in this arena than we now suspect," said State Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, a sponsor of the 2004 bill. "I think politicking in the past were in love with school choice, and there were some entrepreneurs who took advantage."

State Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise, who voted for the 2004 bill, said spending patterns show a need to revisit the law.

"How much profit do the people of Idaho want to pay with their tax dol-

lars to private education providers? That's a question I don't have an easy way of answering," Werk said.

How much for-profit activity can you have in delivering what is in essence public education? When does a public school turn into a private school?"

Virtually for-profit

In a review of Internal Revenue Service reports, state records, audits covering the 2006-07 tax year, and

information provided by the schools and associated for-profit companies, the *Times-News* found:

- Idaho Virtual Academy Inc. — the state's largest with 2,366 students — received \$8.97 million from the state and passed nearly 70 percent on to K-12 Inc., a for-profit company based in Herndon, Va., that has operations in 23 states.
- The Idaho Virtual Academy buys

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Thom to lead Idaho diocese

Episcopal delegates pick T.F. rector

By David Cooper
Staff writer

Members of the Twin Falls Episcopal Church of the Ascension may have lost their rector Saturday, but they're celebrating the selection of their new bishop.

The Rev. Brian Thom of Twin Falls was officially elected Saturday as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho after a voting process held by statewide delegates at St. Michael's Cathedral in Boise. Thom, who has served 17 years as rector in Twin Falls, becomes the 15th bishop in the church's history in Idaho, and the first from Twin Falls.

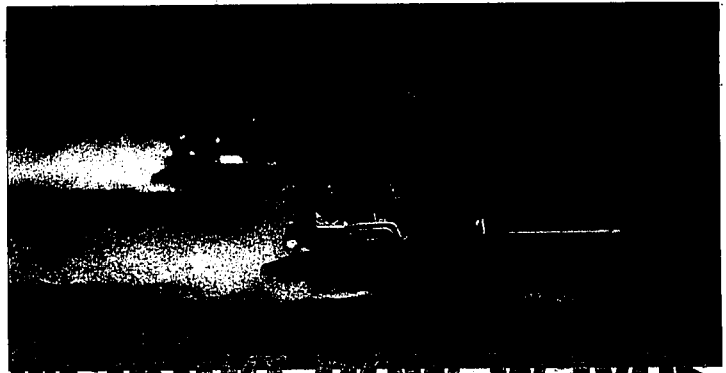
"I'm surprised and pleased and shocked and so honored and so humbled by it," said Thom in a phone call from Boise. "It's an amazing dream of any priest that they get to serve these good people ... I think I will be excited about the changes. The holy spirit has something in mind for me."

The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho covers an area from the Oregon border to Alta, Wyo., and from the Salmon River to the Utah border. The diocese

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The Rev. Brian Thom was selected Saturday as the new Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.



Making new waves

Burley boat races divide communities on opposite sides of the Snake River

By Damon Hunzeker
Staff writer

BURLEY — This isn't about who won.

For some people, the Idaho Regatta is a simple sporting event, meant to be watched like the NBA playoffs. To others, the three days of races represent family fun at its finest. For some, the event is a nuisance.

To yet another crowd, it's a booze-soaked fiesta of fuel-injected frivolity.

Regardless, this year's regatta — the 33rd annual gathering of boaters and spectators from all over the country — has seen a few changes from years past, beginning with a larger presence in

Burley and less time in Rupert.

For one thing, while still held in the same place on the Burley Golf Course, it's sponsored by a different corporation.

"Burger King used to be the title sponsor. They decided they'd had enough and moved on this year, and Pepsi was gracious to step in," said Mark Moyle, chairman of the Idaho Regatta Board of Directors.

"This is a big deal," he said, "and people travel a long way to participate and to watch."

About 50 boats and 8,000 people have descended upon the Mini-Cassia area this weekend. In the past, both Burley and Rupert were given plenty of atten-



Inside Sports

Spine-tingling: Driver returns from injury to race at Idaho Regatta.

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tion, but this year, Rupert feels like a municipal red-headed stepchild.

Racers used to register at Doc's Pizza in Rupert. They feasted on a fish-fry and showed the boats at the downtown square. This year, those events moved to B.J.'s 19th Hole Sports Tavern in Burley. Instead of the fish-fry, they cooked

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TOP: Regatta racing boats run practice laps Friday afternoon at the Idaho Regatta in Burley.

CENTER: Regatta race boat 547, driven by J.P. Squires, completes a practice lap Friday.

RIGHT: Elbaa Hyde, 5, of Rupert enjoys a bright summer day at the Idaho Regatta boat races.



Holmes nabbed in South Hills

Gooding Co. inmate had been on the lam since Monday

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Suspected fugitive Scott Howard Holmes was sleeping soundly in a South Hills campground when a Gooding and Twin Falls County Sheriff's team arrested him on a tip at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, local law enforcement authorities said.

After escaping twice from the Gooding County Jail in one September night, Holmes, 39, on Monday night slipped out of the Gooding County jail for a third time, wearing jail-issued orange pajamas. Holmes allegedly snuck his way out of his locked cell while his cellmate was sleeping, then escaped through a second door that was mistakenly left unlocked, deputies said.

Holmes was asleep on a bunch of blankets next to a stolen white Mitsubishi 3000 and a tent that sheltered two teenage girls hitchhikers. The girls, who said they were unaware of his fugitive status, were going to a Rainbow gathering in Pinedale, Wyo., Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said Saturday.

"We Gough and six Twin Falls County deputies) went in there with flashlights," Gough said. "He went very peacefully. We caught him asleep so we were on top of him."

Holmes was booked Saturday at the Twin Falls County Jail and is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Twin Falls County court on escape charges based on a warrant out of Gooding County, Gough said.

A tipster camping in the South Hills recognized the

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians...

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

"Fun in the Sun" Filer Fun Days, sponsored by Filer Kiwanis...

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

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SPORTS

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THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

June 30, July 1, 2 - "The Phantom of the Opera" presented by Mt. Harrison Heritage Foundation...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

July 1 - Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Bette Corak, Twin Falls, 735-5213.

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

July 1, 2 - Rupert 4th of July Celebration with "Sounds of Freedom" 6 p.m., Rupert Square, 436-9429.

LIBRARY

June 30 - Brunch Bunch Storytime, bring brunch and blanket for story reading, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library...

MUSEUMS

July 1 - "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

SAFETY

July 2 - Pressure Canner Gauge testing, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Cassia County Extension Office...

SUPPORT

June 30 - DivorceCare Support group meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Burley United Methodist Church...

MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



The Twin Falls Cowboys started in 1939 as a minor league baseball team that was part of the Pioneer League...

Bill Ingram fielding a ball during a game against the Pocatello Rebels at Bill Ingram field recently.

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HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Table with 4 columns: Issue, Action, and details of the vote.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, June 29, the 181st day of 2008. There are 185 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted...

In 1770 to repeal the duties — except for tea.) In 1946, authorities in British-mandated Palestine arrested more than 2,700 Jews in an attempt to stamp out extremists.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

Five years ago: Thirteen people were killed when a third-floor porch collapsed during a party in Chicago.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JUNE 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: In November a new group, such as club or association that meets for a common purpose...

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Regatta

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meals in Dutch ovens and complemented it with a beer and shot garden.

"We sold a lot of beer," owner Byron Jensen said. "We also ran out of liquor and had to make a run for that ... there were a lot of out-of-town people, and that's basically, well, you know. They were all very cordial, though."

John "Doc" Doctor, the owner of Doc's Pizza, despite losing some business this year, said, "I think the regatta is great for the community."

"They're wonderful, family-oriented people. I can't say a bad thing about them," he said. "The biggest problem was here, it really helped get a little of it, but it brings a lot of economic value to the area — especially with groceries, restaurants and gas stations."

Doctor explained the contention between Minidoka and Cassia counties.

"This area has a bit of a separation on each side of the river," he said.

"Rupert was very disappointed that the registration wasn't here. We really enjoyed the boats in town on Thursday nights, especially in Rupert Square. It used to be great fun for the kids, because the boats are such a family-oriented bunch."

Doctor isn't sure why the venue was changed. Moyle, however, said, "B.J.'s offered prize money and sponsorship, but Rupert didn't put much back into the boat race."

Idaho Regatta Secretary Georgia Goodman said, "We thought it might be more convenient for the boaters not to have to drive to Rupert ... We do get Rupert's ambulances, though. They're donating their time, so they do help."

Joe's River Bar, located in Heyburn about a mile north of the regatta, is owned by Brian Wagman.

"I get a few racers who come in and drink," he said. "It definitely increases business. We see a lot of new faces from Salt Lake and, really, all over the country. For sure, I have a lot of fun at the regatta."



Nikki Hyde, 14, left, and her sister Aubley Hyde, 16, prepare snacks for customers at the Hyde's Sweet Treats snack trailer at the Idaho Regatta Friday afternoon.

It's the time of year to be here. I look forward to it."

One of Wagman's customers, Blaine Smith of Burley, sipped his beer and tried to remain silent about the matter. He said he didn't want to say anything — and then, suddenly, changed his mind.

"I just have no (expletive) use for them," Smith said. "They're no (expletive) good for anything. They just see how fast they can go up and down the (expletive) river. Those boats are no good ... you can't fish out of them, and they're just plain no (expletive) good for anything ... and you should put this in Monday's paper — it's cheaper than Sunday's."

Steve Gulbranson, from Rupert, interjected, "I understand how they're a little angry across the river. It brought some business to Rupert, and it was a cheap way for the public to see some of the stuff ... There's supposed to be a Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, but it seems like everything they do — there's no Mini in it!"

Some residents, though, ignored the disagreements between counties and, instead, focused on personal concerns.

For example, Tom Eddings, who lives in Burley, said, "I've averaged two hours of sleep per night since Tuesday. The

majority of my friends up here are from California. There's a lot of public-relations work that involves showing them around — and they all like rum. Plus, my wife only parties once a year, and this is it, so I love it."

But there's another dichotomy — the scene contrasts of the golf course greens with the gas-splitting roar of colorful river jets boasting wildly painted names such as Wild Injun.

As a golfer tried to concentrate on his putt a hundred yards away from the launch area, a boat named Old School screamed around the island as its helmeted captain pumped his fist into the air triumphantly.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens led the parade through Burley Friday morning.

"We were worried about kids running into the street," he said, "but I think it worked very well this year. By having them throw everything on the right, it made things safer for the kids. There's a lot of extra work for us," he said. "We have additional DUI's during these weekends — nothing excessive — just additional."

Gage Lindsay, a 13-year-old Heyburn resident, said, "I just like watching the races ... but I kind of want to see a crash without anybody getting hurt."

Caught

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suspected fugitive carrying wood from his camp site and called police shortly after 10 p.m. Friday, Gough said. The caller, a Twin Falls County resident who asked to remain anonymous, provided authorities with a location, even a license plate number he had jotted down, Gough said.

"The information we got was very good," Gough said. "The car checked out as stolen from Jerome, Gough added."

Gough and the Twin Falls County deputies spotted the Mitsubishi down an embankment immediately next to Magle Interchange, about six miles into the South Hills.

The girls, 18 and 15, told authorities Holmes picked them up at Wal-Mart in Burley. Neither girl had any criminal record, Gough said. The gathering where they are headed runs from July 1 to 7 and is put on by the Rainbow Family, according to the Casper Star-Tribune. The Rainbow Family, which spontaneously chooses the location of its annual gathering, has assembled on public lands every year since 1972 and the event can draw up to 25,000 people.

The parents of the 15-year-old told police they had given her permission to go on the trip, Gough said.

"How they ended up in the South Hills, that's unclear," Gough said.

Gough said he believes Holmes stole a car in Gooding then ditched it in Jerome, where he stole the Mitsubishi. The discretion to arrest

Holmes in connection with those alleged thefts rests with Jerome Police and Gooding Police, Gough said.

In his September getaways, Holmes escaped through a door left unlocked by a jailer but was caught a couple blocks away by Gooding

Police officers. A couple hours later, he escaped again, by breaking free of a deputy's grasp and escaping through a set of unlocked doors. With assistance from U.S. Marshals, who caught him going online, he was picked up in November in Arizona.

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Thom

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has approximately 8,000 members and elects bishops for a term that runs until the bishop retires or dies; retirement is mandatory at age 72.

The search for a new bishop began nearly a year ago, with candidates interviewed and applications received nationwide. Thom was among four candidates that included the Very Rev. Richard Barnhart of Boise, the Rev. Kelsey Hogue from Scotsbluff, Neb., and the Ven. Faith Perizzo from Charleston, W.V.

To earn the selection, one of the four nominees had to gain a majority of votes among the 119 lay (unordained) house delegates and the 53 clergy house delegates. Thom emerged as top selection after six ballots.

As a clergy member from one of the 29 Idaho congregations, Thom participated and voted in the entire process, which he called a thoughtful and deliberative experience.

"It's just voting and prayer, and a special guest comes in to offer meditation, so there's none of that campaigning," he said. "With the number of ballots it took, I affirm that now well the committee did in finding people who are qualified."

Now elected by the diocese, Thom must await a con-senting vote from bishops and standing committees of the other dioceses in the country before he can take the position. Once his selection is approved, Thom — father of two grown daughters — will likely relocate to Boise in September.

"It's really a wonderful blessing for the entire diocese of Idaho," said David Swain, senior warden at the Twin Falls Church of the Ascension. "He's a man of faith. He's one that believes in an individual's ability to do a job when called on. I think he will bring a great deal of leadership qualities to the position as well as a feeling of cooperation."

Thom served congregations in Portland, Ore., and Palm Desert, Calif., before arriving in Twin Falls in 1991. He has served as president of the Magle Valley Interfaith Association and the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club. Thom is a graduate of Oregon State University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif.

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Virtual

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 curriculum from K-12 and the virtual school's top administrators are all K-12 employees working under a contract awarded without competitive bidding, which was not required by the state. The academy board allows some K-12 workers to sign checks drawn on academy accounts.

The first academy board inducted Peter Stewart, a Virginia-based K-12 senior vice president for school development, K-12 vice president for public relations Jeff Kwitowski said parents on the first IVA board asked for K-12's help when it was chartered through the 500-student Butte County School District.

"Peter (Stewart) helped them for a short period of time and left before the school was established and began operations," Kwitowski said. "No K-12 employees or contract workers sit on the IVA board (though) K-12 is a public company, so anyone in the world can purchase stock."

Eighty percent of IVA funding goes toward student instructional costs, Kwitowski said.

At least one prominent Idaho businessman who helped start some of the state's charter schools is now in a position to profit from a virtual charter school contract.

Start-up grants from the Boise-based J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation in recent years helped establish various charter schools in Idaho, including virtual charter schools. The foundation's director and chief executive officer, Thomas Wilford, is a member of the K-12 board of directors and is president and a director of Alcott Inc., a Boise real estate and investment firm that holds millions of dollars in K-12 stock. He said he joined the K-12 board after IVA started, and the investment doesn't conflict with his foundation work.

Inspire Academics Inc., with 255 students, received

\$829,831 from the state, and spent 85 percent on services provided by Connections Academy, a Baltimore-based company that has school management contracts in 15 states.

Connections Academy is owned by an investor group led by Apollo Management LP, a \$20 billion private equity firm. The contract between Connections and INSPIRE for 2007 totaled \$706,831.

School and company officials referred questions to Roseanne Hardin, a Boise-based attorney who said, "Connections Academy provides a wide-range of quality services to the school that have enabled the school to provide a quality learning experience to Idaho students in a very cost-effective manner."

Hardin confirmed the Baltimore firm received 85 percent of the school's public support, but noted that the total included federal funds passed through the state.

Succeeded, the state's newest online school, has yet to report its finances but, it too, has close ties to a private, for-profit company.

It will open in the fall with a contract through Insight Schools. Insight helps operate online public schools in seven states. Two of the five founding directors of the Idaho-based school hail from Tucson, Ariz., and received salaries from Portable Practical Education Preparation Inc., which operates Insight School of California.

Apollo Group Inc., a publicly traded company unrelated to Apollo Management, owns Insight Schools and the University of Phoenix.

Different approaches

Not all virtual charter schools spend the same — two Idaho non-profits without management links to for-profit education service companies spend a relatively small share of state money on for-profit vendors.



Idaho Distance Education Academy (IDEA), launched in 2004 by the White Pine School District in Deary, spent about 26 percent of its \$5.6 million from the state on services from three different for-profit companies. Its single biggest payment to any one company was \$241,000 — 4 percent of its state support — in fiscal 2006-07 to World Wide Independent Distance Education of America, based in Missoula, Mont.

IDEA saves money by buying services from numerous companies, said Daryl Bertelsen, IDEA superintendent. Mountain Home-based Idaho Virtual High School, also known as the Richard McKenna School, spent about 2 percent of \$2.25 million in state funding on contract services in 2006-07 — all for software maintenance, said director Larry Slade.

Teachers at McKenna develop their own courses, and all services provided through the school come from Idaho.

"We're home-grown," Slade said, adding that his school operates at lower cost because it does its work in-house.

"It's a different philosophy," Slade said. "I like to own rather than rent." But K-12 prefers the opposite approach — it makes more money when it provides "complete, turn-key services" to virtual schools, as it does for the Idaho Virtual Academy, according to federal regulatory filings.

"A non-managed school is one where K-12 provides our

curriculum and materials but only limited management services," the company reported to the Securities Exchange Commission. "A managed school enrollment generates significantly more revenue than a non-managed school enrollment ... Student enrollment is the primary driver of both revenue and profitability, not (public school) funding increases."

IVA is a managed school, but it's unclear how much profit K-12 makes in Idaho.

"We do not measure profit by school," said Kwitowski, the company's spokesman.

Nor does the state require disclosure.

Legislative leeway

When asked about virtual school finances, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna — a proponent of online education and himself a graduate of an online college — compared the financial arrangements to those for traditional public schools, which buy textbooks from for-profit vendors and may contract with companies to bus students.

Luna and others note that traditional public schools also contract for services, but most of their state support flows through the regular district budget. The Twin Falls School District, for example, spends about 20 percent of its state funding on services from for-profit companies including those required to build a new high school, officials said.

Luna said he isn't aware of

any in-depth analysis of public school spending for services from for-profit companies, though he said, "We're comfortable we know where every dollar is being spent."

"Virtual schools are a cutting-edge delivery model for education and, by nature, might need to spend money

differently than more traditional schools when it comes to staff, curriculum and technology," Luna said. "As education moves more into using a 21st Century model of delivery, I expect we will see more differences between the new models

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Schools

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and the traditional models of education."

While virtual charter schools receive state funding, they are not held accountable in the same way as traditional public schools. Their trustees, for example, usually are appointed, not elected by taxpayers. Nor are they subject to the same "use it or lose it" funding requirements as traditional public schools: If public charter schools don't spend all their state money for teachers and instruction in a year, than they can keep the money.

Bert Marley, an Idaho Education Association regional director and past candidate for Luna's job, said he's concerned about the degree that public money is being spent on educational services from for-profit companies associated with some virtual charter schools.

"In a sense, the darker side is who's benefiting? Who's profiting?" Marley said, stressing that he's speaking for himself rather than the IEA. "Is it taking money from the educational system as a whole to line the pockets of out-of-state companies, or is it benefiting people in the state like we'd like to see?"

The IEA hasn't analyzed how much virtual charter schools pay to for-profit companies. But the state's teacher's union recognizes all public schools buy from for-profits.

"It's difficult for me to say that charter schools should not be spending money and doing business with for-profit companies," said IRA President Sherri Wood. "We could always question the level, and who the companies are."

Cody Claver, the K-12 employee who runs the Idaho Virtual Academy, said each virtual public charter school is unique and uncomparable to traditional schools.

"We are running and operating a school with a different set of expenses than brick-and-mortar schools," Claver said.

None of the state's virtual charter schools made adequate yearly progress in 2006-07, which is mandated by No Child Left Behind. But IVA, operated through K-12, was the only school that was on alert for three criteria including reading and math. IVA also didn't make six goals for adequate progress. Idaho's other three virtual schools made all but two to three of those goals.

Oversight faulted

Public virtual schools send annual audit reports and budgets to the state and these financial documents must also be reviewed and approved by their appointed boards.

Many legislators and state officials say the oversight system is adequate, but it has been questioned by the state's Office of Performance Evaluations, which in March 2007 suggested "the Legislature should consider additional annual reporting requirements for virtual schools."

The Legislature has yet to act, but the Charter School Commission, appointed by the governor, is working on it. "They are currently working to draft (an) administrative rule that would further define the requirements of this audit," the OPE noted in March 2008. The commission didn't respond to requests for an update.

Idaho State Department of Education officials aren't complaining. They say financial oversight for virtual charter schools is sufficient. So does Claver, the K-12 employee and head of IVA, who was recently appointed by Luna to serve on the Idaho Teacher Performance Evaluation Task Force.

"Superintendent Luna believes all Idaho public schools are currently operating as Idaho law intended," said Idaho Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath, adding, "there are always areas in public education we can improve upon."

But at least one state legislator still questions where the money is going and the state's level of financial oversight.

"I would love to see a more

in-depth review done of virtual schools," said Werk, who sent his own child to a brick-and-mortar charter school. "It's very apparent virtual schools have a place in the system and provide a valuable service. On the other hand, there are key questions about the use of public money in virtual school settings and how that money is utilized."

But Wilford, K-12 board member and investor, said virtual schools fill a need and there's room for more.

"I think that particularly in a rural state the ability to beam in high quality, specialized topics to rural communities is a real plus," he said. "I don't think it's the state's intent, in my mind, to micromanage how a school manages their duties."

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"Is it taking money from the educational system as a whole to line the pockets of out-of-state companies, or is it benefiting people in the state like we'd like to see?"

— Bert Marley, an Idaho Education Association regional director

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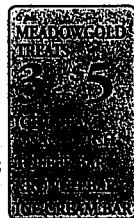
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MISSOURI

As river rushes in, residents file out

WINFIELD — A makeshift barrier holding back the Mississippi River failed early Saturday, swamping the low-lying part of the small community of Winfield and ending a valiant but ultimately doomed battle against the surging river.

About 300 National Guard soldiers worked nearly 20 hours to build a levee around a cluster of 100 homes in the flood plain after the river ripped through another levee there early Friday. Officials hoped the barrier would keep the water at bay long enough for it to recede.

It didn't, still, those in the town of 720 people said they won't forget the heroic effort to try saving the neighborhood.

"I figured it was a long shot," said Jan Fox, 50, who finally left her mobile home Friday night when her power went out. She called the show of support overwhelming.

"It was wonderful, all the people who came, the sanders, the military," she said.

Around town Saturday, gratitude for the last-ditch effort was mixed with a feeling of resignation. Many were ready to move forward. "It was a valiant effort," said Chris Azar of the Winfield-Foley Fire Department. "It's unfortunate that we couldn't do more, but Mother Nature won. Now just give it time for the water to recede."

First American to head Vatican high court

ST. LOUIS — An archbishop who tussled with singer Sheryl Crow, college basketball coach Rick Majerus, and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry over their support for abortion rights has been named as the first American to lead the Vatican supreme court.

Archbishop Raymond Burke, an expert in church law and regarded the most outspoken of conservative U.S. bishops, will likely be named a cardinal after his appointment Friday. The supreme court is traditionally headed by a cardinal.

Burke's disputes with public figures drew attention to the archdiocese in his 4 1/2 years here, which seemed to surprise the affable churchman who grew up in rural Wisconsin.

"I've been frustrated, and bothered that the impression of me has been quite negative ... as unpleasant, arrogant," Burke said Friday, reflecting on his time here.

"I've tried to be a good shepherd for the flock."

NEBRASKA

Omaha residents face a week without power

OMAHA — Nebraska's largest city struggled Saturday to restore power to thousands of residents a day after a severe storm damaged homes, uprooted trees and killed two people in a neighboring community.

It could take a week to fully restore electricity after high winds from Friday's storm, officials said. The storm is one of the worst the Omaha Public Power District has dealt with, said CEO Gary Gates.

Nearly 50,000 customers remained without power Saturday afternoon, utility spokesman Jeff Hanson said. At the peak of the fallout, 126,000 customers lacked electricity.

"We've made very good progress so far with our restoration efforts, but as the work proceeds we're going to see fewer repairs that restore power to large numbers of customers," Gates said.

Some customers might not have power restored until next Saturday, Gates said.

The storm ripped off some roofs and damaged others, shattered windows, and toppled trees. Several homes will be declared uninhabitable, but city and county officials did not know how many.

High winds predicted for Saturday never materialized, alleviating fears of further damage and disrupted recovery. A dry weekend forecast was expected to help the cleanup effort.

The city released untreated sewage into the Missouri River for several hours until a generator restored operations early Saturday, public works director Bob Stubbs said. People were warned not to wade or swim in the river at Omaha or for miles downstream.

Friday's storm killed two people in Council Bluffs, Iowa, across the river from Omaha. A tree fell on the car they were in, also injuring a woman.

CALIFORNIA

Calif. fire deals big blow to Big Sur tourism

BIG SUR — Many of the rustic inns, restaurants and art galleries that dot the rugged Central Coast are nearly deserted this weekend at the height of the tourist season as a huge wildfire threatens Big Sur.

The blaze had charred nearly 42 square miles as of Friday in the Los Padres National Forest and destroyed 16 homes in the Big Sur area, one week after it was started by a lightning storm that also ignited more than 1,000 wildfires from the Central Coast to the Oregon state line.

On Saturday, President Bush issued an emergency declaration for California and ordered federal agencies to assist in firefighting efforts in several counties including Monterey, which includes Big Sur.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked the declaration on Friday, saying fires had burned more than 400 square miles.

Firefighters braced for the possibility of more lightning in Northern California during the weekend.

The Big Sur fire was only 3 percent contained. Firefighters concentrate on protecting more than 500 homes and other buildings threatened by the blaze and let the wildfire rage virtually unchecked in remote mountain wildernesses.

GEORGIA

S.C. teen struck, killed by Six Flags coaster

AUSTELL — A teenager was decapitated by a roller coaster after he hopped a pair of fences and entered a restricted area Saturday at Six Flags Over Georgia, authorities said.

Six Flags officials are uncertain why the unidentified 17-year-old from Columbia, S.C., scaled two six-foot fences and passed signs that said the restricted area was both off-limits and dangerous to visitors, spokeswoman Hela Sheth said in a news release.

Authorities were investigating reports from witnesses who said the teenager jumped the fences to retrieve a hat he lost while riding the Batman roller coaster, said Cobb County police Sgt. Dana Pierce. Police have declined to release the teenager's name until an autopsy is completed. Six Flags said it closed the roller coaster after the Saturday afternoon accident out of respect for the teen's family. The ride was expected to reopen on Sunday, according to a Six Flags news release.

Police said the ride was going full-speed when the teen was struck. The ride's top speed is 50 mph, according to the park's Web site.

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Decline in teen smoking ceases

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The campaign to reduce teenagers' smoking has stalled, new federal health officials and anti-smoking advocates who said that one of the nation's most important public health priorities is faltering.

Smoking by teenagers fell sharply and steadily between 1997 and 2003, but the latest data from a large federal survey tracking smoking and other risky behaviors among young people found the proportion of teens who smoke leveled off between 2003 and 2007.

"This is the most dramatic indication that the great progress we were making has stalled," said Terry Pechacek of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which released the new data last week. "This has very negative long-term implications."

Anti-smoking advocates agreed. "More progress must be made to ensure youngsters at these critical age levels continue to turn away from smoking," Cheryl Heaton of the American Legacy Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based anti-smoking group, said in a statement.

"The lack of greater progress in recent years is a clear warning to elected officials to resist complacency and redouble efforts to reduce tobacco use. We know how to win the fight against tobacco use, but we will not win it — and our progress could even reverse — without the political leadership to implement proven solutions," Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a Washington advocacy group, said in a statement.

The data released last week come from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, a nationally representative survey that the federal government conducts of students in grades 9 through 12 every two years to track a variety of risk behaviors, including drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

The proportion of students who smoke soared from 27.5 percent in 1991 to 36.4 percent in 1997 but then began to fall, hitting 21.9 percent in 2003. The 2005 survey, however, showed the rate had crept up to 23 percent. Because that change was not statistically significant, officials were waiting for the 2007 figures to determine whether the downward trend had actually stalled.

The 2007 figure is slightly lower at 20 percent, but again, the figure is not statistically significant.

"We had a dramatic increase from 1991 to 1997 and then a reversal of that problematic upward trend from 1997 to 2003. In 2005 it was not declining, but we hoped that was a short-term bump," Pechacek said. "We're always cautious about making long-term implications from one data point. We were hoping that we would be back on track this year. But we're not."

While the survey did show continued declines in some groups, most notably African American girls, the overall downward trend stalled.

"There have been fluctuations between subgroups, but the bottom line is we are not on the decline anymore. We are confident that is a scientifically defined fact," Pechacek said.

"One in five kids is still smoking. Another generation is coming on with a high rate of tobacco use into adulthood where the industry can prey on them and maintain this epidemic into another generation," he said. "This is a major public health concern."

the tobacco industry. "Many large states had very active campaigns that went off the air," he said, citing Massachusetts, Florida and Mississippi as examples of states that had cut their programs.

At the same time, cigarette companies have continued to increase their spending on promotional activities, including heavily advertising brands that teenager are most likely to smoke, working to feature smoking in movies and videos and offering pricing incentives that offset increases in cigarette prices.

"The tobacco industry never stopped promoting its products," Pechacek said. "They have increased their effort and maintained a very active effort to promote tobacco while prevention efforts have lost funding."

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(AP) For the week, the Dow gave up 4.19 percent, the S&P shed 3.9 percent and the Nasdaq fell 3.76 percent. With one trading day left in the second quarter, the Dow is down 7.47 percent, the S&P 500 is off 3.35 percent and the Nasdaq is up 1.60 percent.

Year-to-date statistics show how badly the market has suffered from the credit crisis and the impact of soaring oil: The Dow is down 14.46 percent, the S&P 500 is down 12.94 percent and the Nasdaq is down 12.69 percent.

Week's close	11,346.51	11,822.22
Dow Jones Industrial average:	11,346.51	11,822.22
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Trucker woes

Diesel prices driving independent truckers broke

By Dan Catchpole
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Independent trucker Fletcher Mack owns a white Freightliner with his name stenciled in green on the door. These days he's reaching deeper into his pocket for fuel. With the price of diesel rising fast and more drivers chasing less freight, he sees a bleak financial future for himself and thousands like him across the country.

Mack figures his weekly income is down about \$150 from a year ago to \$750, before health insurance and taxes. The average price of diesel is nearly \$5 a gallon, up almost \$2 from a year ago. He makes around \$38,000 a year. He and his longtime girlfriend juggle monthly bills, putting off what they can. Sometimes it's the rent, sometimes it's maintenance on the truck.

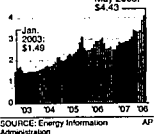
"This particular week what doesn't get paid is there's no service on the truck, because I had to decide between food and an oil change on the truck," said Mack, a one-eyed ex-baker who rents a one-bedroom house in a South Park, a gritty working-class neighborhood in Seattle. "The truck suffers, and the truck is how we make our money. And if the truck breaks then we have a really big problem."

His income is slightly below the national average income of \$41,000 for an owner-operator, according to the Owner-Operator Independent Driver Association.

High stakes
High fuel costs and a slack economy are driving inter-

Diesel fuel rise

The cost of a gallon of diesel fuel in the U.S. has increased nearly 200 percent from January 2003 through this past May. Average retail price of diesel fuel per gallon



state trucking companies out of business at greatly accelerated rates, according to a report by transportation analyst Donald Broughton of Avondale Partners. In 2008's first quarter an estimated 935 trucking companies closed, taking around 2.1 percent of the country's heavy-duty interstate truck capacity off the road, according to Broughton. The actual number is likely larger as the report did not consider companies with less than five trucks or owner-operators. Around nine percent of the nation's 3.4 million truck drivers are independent owner-operators, according to the Department of Labor.

"It's the most significant reduction in the trucking industry's capacity certainly since deregulation in the 1980s," Broughton said. Many idle trucks are being sold abroad due to a weak U.S. dollar and high demand for heavy-duty trucks overseas, especially in Russia and Eastern Europe. Trucking failures and a loss of excess capacity will likely drive up shipping rates

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Truck driver Fletcher Mack drives between deliveries in Seattle. As an independent driver, he sees a bleak financial future for himself and thousands like him across the country with the fast rising price of diesel and more drivers chasing less freight.

LIGHTING UP



Ken Hinton of Twin Falls leisurely awaits customers Wednesday afternoon at the Fat City Fireworks stand on the corner of Elm and Addison. Although business has not been bustling, Hinton says, "It's just like Christmas; people wait till the last minute."

'Staycationers' expected to splurge on fireworks for holiday weekend at home

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

BUHL — The housing market is still sour and gas prices aren't letting up either. With reports on inflation and consumer confidence continually in the dumps, it would seem like Americans don't have money to burn.

This Fourth of July, patriotic party goers won't literally burn their money but they probably will light off some fireworks, said Debbie Wildman, who has run the Outlet Fireworks booth in Buhl for 10 years.

She's ridden out economic slumps before and expects this year's revenue and sales to hold steady. While higher priced goods are being found from the grocery store to the mall, prices on sparklers and smoke bombs haven't skyrocketed.

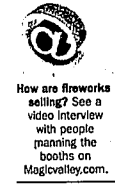
"We're expecting about the same business as last year. We just opened up and people have already been by. They are surprised because fireworks prices haven't gone up as drastically as everything else," Wildman said.

"Think about it, for kids fireworks are a memory. They may not get to go to Disneyland but they'll remember the year Dad orchestrated a big fireworks show in the driveway."

— Wade White, southern Idaho sales associate for TNT Fireworks

With the majority of sales coming in on the third and fourth of July it's too early to tell if revenue is up or down this year, but Wildman said the stand, one of three in Buhl, rakes in an average \$9,000.

Wade White, southern Idaho sales associate for TNT Fireworks, said business "is booming." He oversees 86 stands from Driggs to McCall and while sales vary from



How are fireworks selling? See a video interview with people manning the booths on MagValley.com.

city to city, the company is expecting a stellar season, he said.

"We are expecting this year to be better than last year for a number of reasons," Wade said. "Staycationers" are the big reason. With more people opting for a stay-at-home break instead of the traditional long-distance road trip, families are more willing to shell out extra for fireworks than hundreds of dollars for fuel.



Killer Bee sparkling fountain fireworks sit on a shelf Wednesday afternoon at Fat City Fireworks on the corner of Elm and Addison in Twin Falls.

remember the fire year Dad orchestrated a big fireworks show in the driveway," Wade said. "They are still fun and exciting and a lot less expensive than filling up the SUV many times over on vacation."

The sales season is another

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SLOWING DOWN

By Ronald D. White
Los Angeles Times

Sometimes it doesn't absolutely, positively have to be there overnight.

Budget-conscious shippers are deciding that their packages and envelopes can take a slower path to their destinations, going by second-

day air or, even slower, by truck. Some businesses are just plain seeing red.

The shift, propelled by the declining economy and record fuel prices, was reflected in FedEx Corp.'s dismal earnings report this week.

The changing outlook has altered the way the Big Three express delivery companies compete for air and

ground shipments. It's also pushing DHL Express into the arms of a rival.

"Customers are definitely trading down to cheaper services," said Norman Black, spokesman for Atlanta-based United Parcel Service Inc. "The stagnant economy is affecting almost all of our business customers, and when business

slows down, they don't have as much to ship."

Company owners once considered the cost of overnight delivery part of the price of doing business.

Jonathan Rapaport curbed his quick-delivery habit when he realized that \$1 out of every \$15 he was projecting to bring in this year was being spent on overnight shipping.

Rapaport's small Los Angeles company, Great Work Perks, specializes in developing incentive programs that companies use to reward their employees.

"The cost was getting ridiculous. It was my biggest expense," said Rapaport, who now reserves

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Express delivery companies are caught in slowdown

The week ahead

(AP) The shortened week ahead of the Fourth of July holiday is unlikely to bring the market enough proof that the economic climate is improving. The Dow Jones Industrial average is down more than 2.4 percent for the year, and has given up all the gains it made since September 2006. Back in January, investors knew there was potential for the price of oil, which was on the verge of \$100 a barrel, to keep rising, but most didn't predict crude would

surpass \$140 a barrel. Economists figured that home prices had further to fall, but no one was sure how much. And when banks said the worst of the credit crunch was behind them in January, and then again in April, traders believed them. Now, all the angst that has up-ended the stock market over the past year is back and more intense than ever. The main reason is that there is no historical precedent

for what's happening in either the energy or credit markets. It's possible that Wall Street is reaching its bottom, but investors — who have been burned several times already — do not want to make that bet until they see clear, positive signs that both inflation and economic growth are under control. Wall Street this week is going to be watching the price of oil, as well as economic data.

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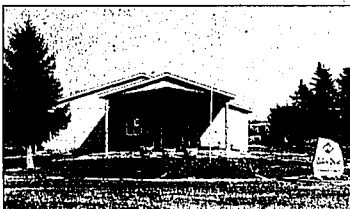


The Twin Falls Municipal Band has been entertaining crowds for 100 years. They kicked off the season with a ribbon cutting attended by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors who welcomed them as a new member of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy an evening in the Twin Falls City Park and hear them play. Adult musicians and talented student musicians interested in playing with the band should contact Director Ted Hadley at 733-1079. The concerts will be in the park each Thursday at 8 p.m. from now until Aug. 7. Pictured cutting the ribbon are Twin Falls Municipal Band members.

AMERICAN STAFFING



American Staffing Inc. held a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce on June 17 to commemorate its grand opening. The business is located at 1711 Overland Ave. in Burley and can be reached by calling 678-9445. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. American Staffing is a private, full service staffing company, providing quality temporary staffing to businesses throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada, employing nearly 4,000 workers each year. Front center are Yvonne Morfin, office manager; Christina Arredondo, payroll clerk; Stephanie Benavides, staffing coordinator; Melinda Madsen, owner; Craig Taylor, operations manager and Berry Carlman, office manager/marketing representative.



Cedar Draw Assisted Living gets high marks

Cedar Draw Assisted Living Center of Filer recently passed a stringent state inspection by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare with high marks. Cedar Draw provides a home-like setting for the elderly and disabled with 24-hour care. Assisted living centers in Idaho operate under strict regulations through the DHW, who periodically survey these centers to verify compliance with their guidelines.

DHW Surveyors arrived at the facility on May 29 for a surprise survey. Surveyors announced their expectations that the survey would take two days based on their experience. The facility was pleasantly surprised when the surveyors completed their survey the first morning. Cedar Draw received a letter from the DHW on June 5 congratulating them on a "deficiency-free" survey, and stated "it is indeed impressive to see a facility functioning as a team at this level."

Prescott Care, of Jerome, currently owns the facility but is in the process of selling it to Angel's Touch In-Home Care owned by Crystal Rubink, RN and Megan

McNeil, MBA, who have operated the facility for Prescott Care since October 2008. Rubink and McNeil plan to change the name of the facility to Angel Gardens once the sale is completed. Rubink and McNeil have operated an Angel's Touch In-Home Care since March 2007, providing in-home care in the Magic Valley area.

They hope to expand this assisted living facility from a 10-resident facility to a 15-resident facility in the near future while continuing their in-home business.

Legal Aid in Idaho hits 40-year mark

Legal Aid celebrates its 40th anniversary this week. In honor of the organization's anniversary, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has issued a proclamation urging Idahoans to recognize Legal Aid during the week of June 23 for its public service to Idaho residents.

Idaho Legal Aid Services is a statewide nonprofit law firm that provides low-income Idaho-residents with free legal representation in civil matters.

ST. LUKE'S MSTI



St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute located at 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, hosted a ribbon cutting on May 29 along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The five St. Luke's MSTI sites in Idaho are among the Northwest's most respected cancer care centers. For more information: 737-2444. Pictured from left, front row, A. Richard Miranda, MD, hematologist/medical oncologist for MSTI Twin Falls; James Grover, radiation therapist for MSTI Twin Falls; Cindy Collins, hospital board; Luanz Lankin, administrator for all St. Luke's MSTI Sites; Bann Spynning, MD, hematologist/medical oncologist for MSTI Twin Falls; back row, Mark Schwartz, chief executive officer; Larry Baxter, Ruth Chasse.



The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 10th anniversary at its current location, 1177 Seventh St. in Heyburn. From left are John Webster, president of the Community Chest board; Dan Lloyd, vice president of the Community Chest; Matt Fygar, executive director of the Chamber; Diane Newman, Chamber board member; Rae Smith, Community Chest treasurer; Abram Jones, past president; Donna Meade, Chamber office administrator.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)3 organization that strives for the benefit of the community. For more information on the Community Chest, call Rae Smith at 678-1017 or John Webster at 312-1060.

Mini-Cassia Chamber celebrates 10th year

HEYBURN — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce celebrated 10 years serving Mini-Cassia from its Heyburn office with an open house Wednesday, June 18.

Chamber members and visitors alike were treated to a tour of the facility and refreshments.

The Chamber of Commerce is housed inside the Mini-Cassia Community Chest building at 1177 Seventh St. in Heyburn. The Community Chest is a 501(c)3 organization that contributes to the community with projects such as the Kids Chest, Cinco de Mayo celebration, Burley High School track fund, the Farmers Market and the Meth Drug Project. Board members say they are always looking for projects to help with in the community.

The Burley and Rupert chambers merged in 1992 to form the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce in an effort to unite the two counties into one community. The land next to the bridge connecting Burley and Heyburn was bought to be a perfect home for the Chamber, being directly between the two cities.

The land was acquired from the City of Heyburn for \$1 per year for a 99-year lease. The building was constructed by donations and many donors' names are engraved on the bricks on the interior wall of the building.

In 1989 the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce moved into its new home, which includes business offices for Chamber employees, conference rooms and a visitor's center and gift shop. The Chamber is an organi-

zation of business leaders who work to improve their community and the area's business climate.

A volunteer board of directors governs the Chamber. The effectiveness of the Chamber is entirely dependent on member support and involvement. A professional staff runs the day-to-day operation.

The Chamber has more than 400 members and seven committees in addition to the Chamber staff and board of directors.

Committees include Business Development and Education, Government, Tourism, Promotions and Events, Agriculture, Communication and Public Relations and Ambassadors.

The Chamber promotes not only business, but also events in the community. A calendar of events can be found on the Chamber website: www.minicassiachamber.com.

Events are also included in the Chamber's monthly newsletter. There is no charge to have events listed in the calendar.

Besides the small staff at the Chamber office, the board and its committees are all volunteers.

"The board and other volunteers make the biggest difference, not only for the Chamber, but in the community," said Matthew Fygar, executive director.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to promoting the community in business, tourism and local events. For more information on the Chamber or to have an event listed on the Chamber calendar, call 678-4793.

CAREER MOVES

Mark Lambert

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon Health and Sciences University School of Dentistry announced that Dr. Mark C. Lambert, DMD has been appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of restorative dentistry. Lambert has been practicing in Idaho since 2003 and maintains a family-oriented private practice in Gooding.



Lambert

Washington, D.C., and his lived in the Jerome area for the past six years. She met her husband at the University of Idaho, and they have settled in his hometown since retiring. She and her husband, Dave, are parents of four children.

Kleinkopf carried his Ph.D. and worked professionally for the University of Idaho for 33 years. He retired in 2003. He served on the Twin Falls City Council for 17 years and was mayor of Twin Falls for two terms. Gae and his wife, Ploy, have one grown son.



King



Kleinkopf

Libray Foundation board members

The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation Inc. announced recent changes in board members.

Six-year board member Janet Boeks retired and Catherine Talkington will serve as the Library Board of Trustees liaison for the coming year.

The officers for the new fiscal year are president, Ronc Whitney vice president, Lance Silvers treasurer, Bill Baxter, secretary, Carol Tombe. New board of directors members include, Kay Lynn Johnson, Cathy King, and Gae Kleinkopf.

Johnson was born and raised in Marshall, Minn., and has lived in the Twin Falls area since 1985. She has worked with the Con Paulos Team for 12 years in marketing and human resources. She is married to David Johnson and is the mother of two adult sons.



Johnson

King is originally from

Kathleen Nov and Luke Schroeder

The Kimberly School District Board of Trustees announced the appointments of Kathleen Nov as superintendent and Luke Schroeder as the new Kimberly High School Principal.

Nov is a 1970 graduate of Boise State College and received her Masters from BSU in 1991. She obtained her administrative credential from the University of Idaho in 1997. She was hired as a Title 1 teacher for Kimberly Schools in 1988 and has most recently served as the director of curriculum, testing, and federal programs.

Schroeder returns to Kimberly Schools where he began his career as a teacher, coach and then dean of students. Most recently he has served as principal in the Murtaugh School District.

CONTRIBUTION



Johny Rivera (center), co-manager of the Burley Wal-Mart store, presents a check for \$1,000 to Heidi Cranney (left) and Harold Hatch (right). Cranney is the science teacher and Hatch is the principal at Oakley High School. The money will go toward Oakley High School's Respect program which promotes kindness and respect, combined with service to the community. The program includes a variety of ways for students to serve others and give back to the community.

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Money redesign ruling a remarkable woman's legacy

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — He thinks of her every time he gazes at the painting — a blazing orange sun she drew a few years after the tragedy. It is the only splash of color in his tiny \$1 Street office and it gives him great joy, and a stab of sorrow.

He thinks of her every time he plucks a new \$5 bill from his wallet and sees the large purple numeral embossed in the corner. It reminds him of how he used to sort her money: \$1 bills in one envelope, fives and tens in others.

And of course he thought of her last month when a federal appeals court ruled on a case that could result in the redesign of the entire U.S. currency. It was one of the great legal victories of 53-year-old attorney Jeffrey Lovikey's career, and he wishes it could have been there to share it.

But had she been there, it might never have happened.

For the lawsuit filed on behalf of the American Council of the Blind was never just about discrimination or changing the currency so the blind can distinguish a \$1 bill from a \$20.

It was about a brilliant, gifted woman who changed so many perceptions about people with disabilities. It was about the memory of a smile.

ning hair and clear blue eyes, that she could only barely make out the shape of his face. Or that she had called the pub earlier to ask about the menu, so she could pretend to read it when she ordered.

It was only when they were preparing to leave, when she stood unsteadily and asked for help in getting a taxi, that he realized that she had difficulty walking. She held out her arm. Grasping it, he sensed they would be together for a long time.

Their dates were simple: walks in the park, parking for hours at a stables near her Silver Spring apartment, occasional splurges on extravagant chocolate desserts at the Willard Hotel. She discussed her medical cases. He told her about his legal ones. Devoted news junkies, they often spent Sunday nights by the computer. Lovikey reading aloud the big stories of the day.

Gradually, he learned what had happened in those terrible days back in 1987.

She was 30, already a leading expert on fertility and women's reproductive health. She had a large circle of friends and colleagues, a thriving career as a microsurgeon and no shortage of suitors.

Traveling alone on a vacation in Europe, Welner fell ill — so ill that she checked herself into a hospital in Amsterdam. Her family is not certain that happened next except that she was in a coma. She survived and suffered a serious brain injury.

Welner's mother, Barbara, 81, still sobs at the shock of seeing her comatose daughter in a Johns Hopkins hospital. Even if surviving doctors said, she would be lucky to regain the ability of a 2-year-old.

"NO," the mother cried. Not my brilliant, beautiful daughter, who could paint portraits better than she could sing. Even if surviving doctors said, she would be lucky to regain the ability of a 2-year-old.

Now doctors were saying she should look her away. "Not my Sandy," the mother said.

And so, for 16 days in Amsterdam, she read medical journals and newspapers and played classical music for her lifeless daughter. She talked to her and caressed her — anything to trigger a response. She got none. "The doctors thought I was delusional," she said.

Back in the United States, doctors offered the same grim prognosis. "Again, the mother said no."

But when Bob and Nick Welner took their child home to New Haven, Conn. They read to her. They fed her. They bathed her. They taught her to count, to swallow, to sit up. They cried with her. Hour after hour, for days and months and years.

It wasn't a miracle, her mother says of her daughter's steady, excruciating recovery. It came of a determination so powerful that it burst from her broken body with a force that nothing could hold back.

By the time Lovikey met her, Welner's vision was severely damaged, her limbs shook, and she walked with an unsteady gait. But her speech, and mind were clear. And her memory was better than ever.



Jeffrey Lovikey carries these photographs of himself and Sandra Welner, who was blind and died in 2001, with him, in Washington. In May 2002, Lovikey sued the Treasury Department on behalf of the American Council of the Blind, arguing that its failure to design a currency that is accessible to blind people is a form of discrimination.

Lovikey marveled at her defiance. She refused to use a wheelchair. Instead she would pile the chair with her medical books and push it. Or she would use a cane.

She was dependent on others — the stream of medical students she paid to help her read, and write and file, on strangers to help her catch a cab, or spend money. And yet, Lovikey says, "she was more independent than anyone I knew."

The hardest challenge she faced was professional — being accepted back into the medical world that had once embraced her.

Dr. Alan Decherney, a leading gynecologist and obstetrician, remembers the young woman with the cane shuffling into his office at Yale University to ask for his help. In a residency, years earlier, he had considered her smart and promising. Now she just looked pitiful.

You can't go into practice, he told her, knowing how harsh he sounded but trying to be honest. You are legally blind and you are spastic.

But Welner pressed on. And something about her courage moved Decherney to let her sit in with other residents and join him on patient rounds. She astounded him. This woman isn't just smart, Decherney thought. She's brilliant.

"I had to tell her not to answer all the questions all the time," Decherney said, chuckling.

For the rest of her life Welner called Decherney her hero. When no one else in medicine would answer her calls, he made them on her behalf. With Decherney's help she landed a job overseeing a clinic for women with disabilities at Washington Hospital Center. At the time, there were few resources for disabled

women who wanted to get pregnant.

"Doctors simply didn't want to deal with a woman in a wheelchair who wanted to have a baby," said Irish Day, one of Welner's first patients who became a close friend. "Sandy didn't just understand the complications of a disabled body," Day said. "She understood my dream."

A year and half later, after watching another surgeon perform an emergency Caesarean section, Welner was the first person to hold baby's newborn daughter, Diana. It was one of the proudest moments of her career.

But Welner did far more than encourage her patients. She designed and patented a special examination table for disabled women — lower and more maneuverable than the standard ones. She lectured on the need for disabled women to get regular gynecological checkups and mammograms, something she avoided because the equipment wasn't adapted for them.

In a particularly sweet triumph, she returned to the nursing home in Connecticut and lectured the doctors who had once declared that she would function no better than a 2-year-old.

Then, in 1997, Welner's clinic was closed because of cutbacks. She was devastated. And yet Lovikey says as she had so often done, Welner accepted reality and moved on.

She hurried herself into her work — applying for research grants, writing a book on medical care for women with disabilities, becoming a faculty member of Georgetown and Maryland University medical centers, speaking at the United Nations, lecturing around the country and the world.



by grief and regret. He couldn't work, couldn't eat, couldn't sleep.

And then Lovikey remembered the envelopes, how he would sort Sandy's money before she went on trips — putting the \$1 bills in one envelope, the tens and twenties in others.

And he realized that there was something he could do — something that could both celebrate Welner's legacy and affect the lives of millions. Elsewhere around the world, accommodations are made for the blind — different sized notes or tactile features such as raised markings.

Why not the United States? In May 2002, Lovikey sued the Treasury Department on behalf of the American Council of the Blind, arguing that its failure to design a currency that is accessible to blind people is a form of discrimination.

In November 2005, the court ruled in favor of the Council.

"Plaintiffs have demonstrated that they lack meaningful access to U.S. currency," Judge Judith W. Rogers wrote in the ruling, which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld in May. "Even the most searching tactile examination will reveal no differences between a \$100 bill and a \$1 bill. The secretary has identified no reason that requires paper currency to be uniform to the touch."

Lovikey visits Welner's grave several times a year — even he travels to Pittsburgh to visit her mother. They rarely talk about the lawsuit, though they know Sandy would have been proud.

For his part, Lovikey says he feels a strange detachment about the outcome. There is little of the personal satisfaction or pride he has felt with other legal victories. He understands why. He understands the long hours he poured into this case — all the research, all the briefs, all the consultations with other blind attorneys — was never really about winning. Or about money.

It was about commemorating the spirit of the rare and beautiful woman who changed his life. It was about love.

In the months after Welner's death, Lovikey felt bewildered

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Long quiet, justices end their term with a growl

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — For most of the term, Supreme Court justices showed remarkable restraint. They displayed broad agreement even in some volatile areas and refrained from angry dissents.

Then they decided the toughest cases. The court, in its three most important cases, declared a constitutional right to have guns at home for self-defense, granted some constitutional protections to foreign prisoners at Guantanamo Bay and outlawed the death penalty for people who rape children.

Not only did the familiar ideological divisions return in these cases and several others, but the justices took turns hurling charges of "judicial activism" and worse at each other.

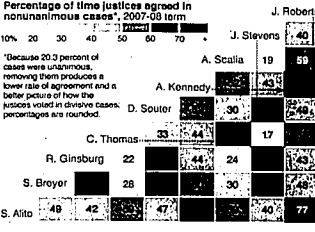
Giving rights to the detainees "will almost certainly cause more Americans to be killed," Justice Antonin Scalia said in a scathing dissent read from the bench.

No one threw that line back at Scalia in the guns case. But Justice John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court clerk, Robert Gordon, to remark that the era of good feelings at the

These were among nine 5-4 decisions handed down in the past two weeks. Until then, there had been only two all term, leading a former Supreme Court clerk, Robert Gordon, to remark that the era of good feelings at the

Taking sides in the Supreme Court

While Supreme Court justices, John Roberts and Anthony Kennedy had the highest percent of agreement in split decisions cases, John Stevens and Clarence Thomas agreed in less than one-third of cases.



SOURCE: Statistix Blog

court lasted about a month. "Whatever talk there has been about judicial restraint doesn't seem to be guiding any identifiable group on the court," said Christopher Eisgruber, a constitutional law professor and Princeton University professor. "Liberal justices are willing to intervene on controversial issues when they present themselves and so are the conservatives."

Looking back on the 69 cases that were decided in their term, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz said the results confirm the central role of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

The court under Chief Justice John Roberts defies easy labels, although it became more conservative when Samuel Alito replaced Sandra Day O'Connor, Cruz said.

He called it an "exquisitely balanced court with Justice Kennedy remaining at the

fulcrum of most, if not all, close decisions."

Kennedy wrote the majority opinions in the Guantanamo and rape cases. Kennedy said he discerned a "national consensus" against the death penalty for rapists, but both Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama criticized the decision.

Kennedy also was in the majority in the gun case.

Conservative court watcher Kennedy said he was surprised Kennedy so often gets to say what the law is, even if he more often sides with the court's conservatives. "He believes it's his role to be the grand moral conscience of the nation," said Ed Whelan, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

In all, the term had fewer of its controversial cases than in the previous term, where there were 24 5-4 splits. Some potential clashes, though, fizzled. Challenges to

Kentucky's lethal injection procedures and Indiana's requiring voters to show photo identification were so thin that the justices easily rejected them.

The Kentucky case, which caused a seven-month halt in executions, was decided by a 7-2 vote. Stevens, although he voted against the death row inmates in the case, announced that after 32 years on the court he now believes the death penalty is unconstitutional.

The 88-year-old justice also wrote the main opinion in the voter ID case, upholding an Indiana law intended to combat voter fraud. Stevens said the law was permissible, even though the state could not show any instances of fraud that the law would prevent. He also said the challengers had scant evidence that voters were kept from casting ballots.

In business cases, the justices handed major wins to ExxonMobil Corp., lopping \$2 billion off a punitive damages judgment resulting from the Exxon Valdez disaster, and limiting lawsuits related to securities fraud and against the makers of medical devices. Two cases that set limits on suits against pharmaceutical and tobacco companies will be argued in the fall.

One exception to the trend in the increasingly busy business docket was in the area of employment law, where the court reaffirmed employee rights to sue over alleged civil rights violations.

The current lineup of justices has been in place for roughly two-and-a-half years, since Alito took his

seat. They seem sure to have at least one more term together, but several justices could retire in the next few years.

Stevens is the oldest and longest-serving among them, but four others will be at least 70 when the court reconvenes in October.

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Supreme Court rulings won't end lawsuits

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press writer

For at least a decade, the Supreme Court has declined to rule on the use of lethal injections and whether the death penalty applies to anyone who rapes a child. In its term that ended Friday, the high court issued decisions on both, but neither solves the bitter fight over capital punishment.

Death penalty opponents have instead promised even more litigation claiming lethal injection can cause excruciating pain.

In disparate decisions, the court ruled in April that fatal injection, when done properly, does not violate Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment. On Wednesday, justices declared killing child rapists does violate it.

And it is the earlier decision, some legal experts say, that will most affect death penalty challenges. Not for what it clarifies, but for what it doesn't.

This spring's ruling was based on one Kentucky execution that encountered no problems while officials administered a three-drug injection. Defense attorneys argued the use of that protocol risked causing cruel levels of pain.

But the court established that challengers must prove "substantial risk of serious harm." Sparse evidence pre-

On the Web

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The court was presented by defense attorneys in the Kentucky case did not meet that requirement, justices said.

Yet say several death penalty experts, that new standard establishes a threshold while simultaneously opening a door to cross it.

Defense attorneys who can document that botched executions have caused serious suffering could gain great inroads for their death row clients, those experts said.

"This presents not just an opportunity, but an obligation to develop arguments with evidence about less-than-perfect protocols," said Douglas Berman, a law professor and death penalty expert at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law. "And those states inclined to tweak their protocols may be setting themselves up for further litigation by people who will say 'Hey, they changed their protocols so that must mean there's something wrong with them.'"

Such challenges have already occurred in

California, which has the nation's highest death row population at 660, and Texas, which executes more inmates than any other state.

Last week, Delaware attorneys seeking abolishment of lethal injection filed court papers saying an inmate three years ago suffered inhumane treatment during a botched execution that left him awake but paralyzed.

Advocates for capital punishment, meanwhile, say lethal injection is humane and claim the justices' decision as victory.

Besides, said Kent Scheidegger of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, execution is a punishment, not a medical procedure.

"We're dealing with a method that is relatively painless. There's no reason it should be totally without pain," he said. "There's a difference between saying we don't torture people to death and guaranteeing that death will be painless for a convicted murderer."

Thirty-five of 36 death penalty states use lethal injection. Legal fights cover myriad battlefronts — from attacking the medical qualifications of those administering the drugs to questions about whether the chemicals used comply with controlled substances laws.

Since the much-anticipated Supreme Court ruling, six states have moved to rein-

state executions. There have been nine thus far — two in Georgia, two in South Carolina, two in Virginia and the rest in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Another execution is scheduled Tuesday in Florida.

On their own, some state courts have already said lethal injection is unconstitutional.

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EDITORIAL

Find a mediator, fast

The long-running dispute between St. Luke's Magic Valley and Twin Falls County over the renovation of the old Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital has once again grown personal. It's past time for an outside perspective, either through mediation or court-sanctioned binding arbitration.

At issue is how much St. Luke's owes the county for labor costs to remodel the clinic under the 2006 agreement to sell the old Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to Boise-based St. Luke's Health System.

The hospital says \$3 million; the hospital claims it's more like \$5.5 million.

The sticking point is whether St. Luke's is obligated to pay for labor costs for the renovation after the hospital told the county that a St. Luke's construction crew wouldn't be available for the work, as stipulated in the agreement.

The hospital says the crew is still readily available, once it transitions from the new facility. In any case, the county sent the hospital a bill for the difference, suggesting the two parties go to mediation by July 2.

It can't be soon enough. Relations between the two have deteriorated since January, when St. Luke's employees called police to have commission Chairman Tom Mikesell arrested for trespassing at the clinic building after the county changed some office locks.

Mikesell also sits on the St. Luke's Magic Valley board of directors, and he claims he's been increasingly marginalized in the past few months.

Other hospital board members have countered that Mikesell is legally obligated to represent the interests of the hospital, not just the county. Mikesell is in an impossible position in his dual role. Someone who isn't making decisions about the county's legal strategy should represent the county on the hospital board.

Some friction was unavoidable in the complicated transaction that shifted ownership of the hospital to St. Luke's, which agreed to clear out of the county-owned clinic. But the personalities most indirectly involved in this transition have begun to grate on each other.

Let's hear an opinion from a disinterested party.

Times-News

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Why the government just doesn't work

We've seen the federal government at its worst over the past six months. Consider the controversies over contaminated tomatoes and meat, tainted toys, toxic trailers, counterfeit Heparin, aircraft groundings, veterans' care, missing warheads and unrelenting contract fraud. For every NASA success on the surface of Mars, there seems to be a failure back on Earth.



PAUL C. LIGHT

Congress and the presidential candidates have yet to connect the dots: The next president will inherit what Alexander Hamilton called a "government ill executed."

The evidence starts at the top of government, where the next president will oversee at least 64 discrete titles, including associate deputy secretaries, deputy associate undersecretaries and assistant assistant secretaries. The layering not only increases the distance that information must travel before reaching the president, it also obscures true performance.

In addition, the next president will appoint almost 3,000 political executives. Not only will these appointees dilute transparency between the top and bottom of government, but each must go through a British approval process that will violate the chain of command. The 60 pages of clearance forms have never been more complex or difficult to complete — one set has to be completed using a typewriter. Hillary Clinton might have promised to be ready on Day One, but she would have been lucky if her appointees were in place by March of Year Two.

The president will also oversee a federal workforce that is increasingly frustrated and demoralized — with good reason. Asked to do more with less, it is close to doing everything with almost nothing. Federal employees do not get the resources necessary to do their jobs; they rate their leadership as barely competent at best (and getting worse) and give their hir-



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ing and disciplinary processes falling apart. Turnover is up at all levels, while customer service ratings are down.

The next president will also be responsible for recruiting thousands of new employees. However, many of the most talented young Americans consider the federal government a career of last resort. They understandably wonder whether government service would give them a chance to make a difference and acquire the skills they need in an unforgiving economy. They are not saying "show us the money" but "show us the work." And federal work has not been showing well lately.

Finally, the next president will be in charge of an invisible workforce that has grown from an estimated 4.3 million contractors in 1999 to 7.6 million today. As the number of large contracts has increased and competition has declined, it has become nearly impossible to reward or hold contractors accountable for their work, whether on the streets of

Baghdad or on the space shuttle launch pad.

Tinkering will not fix these problems. A faster hiring process merely hastens the day that frustrated young employees leave; deep cuts in the number of presidential appointees merely shift the hiring to civil servants. Although both ideas make sense on their own, they will not have much impact without a complete overhaul of the federal machine.

The retirement of a baby boomer from the federal workforce could provide the needed impetus for such an effort. If current projections hold, almost half the federal workforce will retire in the coming decade, including many who entered government mid during the glory days of the 1960s and '70s, when the call to service was bright.

Viewed as an opportunity, the boomers' retirements could produce long-overdue reform, particularly if the vacancies were not automatically filled by the next federal employee in line. Evaluating each job as its occupant left would create

opportunities to thin the government hierarchy and fulfill the promise of meaningful work for talented young Americans. The same process could easily be used to trim the number of contractors.

Whereas the contractor cuts would go directly to savings, however, most of the civil service jobs would move to the bottom of the hierarchy, where services are delivered and contracts are managed. The government could hire more food inspectors, passport handlers, revenue agents, intelligence analysts, aircraft monitors, Border Patrol officers, drug testers and contract specialists — positions it needs to fill to better run our country and carry out our laws.

But nothing will happen if the presidential candidates continue to treat the series of federal failures as a set of unrelated events, not as a pattern of desperate concern. There is still time this summer for Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama to strike a legislative deal to start repairing government. What better signal that they want to deliver on the promises they make?

Paul C. Light, the author of "A Government Ill Executed" and a professor at New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Newspapers are in a funk, but the Times-News is moving ahead

Newspapers around the nation shed about 900 employees through layoffs and buyouts last week. The Times-News launched a new once-a-month section last week focusing on off-road vehicle recreation.

What do those two things have in common? Newspapers are changing, in fundamental ways.

Back when the power of the press resided with who he owned, making money in the news business was tantamount to printing it up yourself — and significantly more legal.

But those days are over. The Internet gives everyone a virtual press, and allows advertisers to reach customers through new ways. You may think your subscription pays for the paper, but think again. The revenue from advertising is where the money comes from, and it has been



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James G. Wright

steadily eroding for years. The cost of running a real press has also gone up, thanks to the same gas prices you're paying and added expenses for ink and even a 30 percent increase in newsprint costs.

Something has to give. At papers in Boston, Detroit, Hartford, Baltimore, Palm Beach, San Jose, Daytona Beach and Portland, Maine, the employees have been doing the giving.

We hope to avoid that kind of pain here in the City on the Brink. The Times-News still dominates the media market north, south,

east and west of the Snake River Canyon, and it makes a respectable profit. We hope to keep it that way — which is why we rolled out our new A1V-Expanded Outdoor section. And why we launched the Tuesday Agriculture section last spring. And why... Well, let's just say ya ain't seen nothin' yet.

By some assessments, newspapers have been slow to adapt to change, sticking with old tried-and-true formulas well past the time that readers lose interest and move on. Mindful of that, we're questioning everything we do with an eye for what makes the most sense today — and a year from tomorrow and two years after that. We know you value local news more than anything else. We're not going to back away from our focus on that. If anything, we're out to improve it with more watchdog coverage, in-depth reporting and local investigations.

But what about other things we do? We know we can't just give people what we think they want. We have to compete for your interest against all kinds of distractions, and we have to be better about knowing what people really, really want. Thus we looked at the number of A1V's and other off-road vehicles in the region and decided that this hobby warrants more attention.

Our just-completed market survey, meanwhile, shows that some things we've always provided are not that compelling to the majority of readers.

Mutual fund listings, for example, get little readership even as people want more financially related business coverage. Business Editor Josh Palmer took that to heart and sprang into action, launching his new Biz Bits column two weeks ago. A roundup of tidbits and news items that don't rise to the level of a full story, it gives people a quick

update on the day-to-day movement of the region's business scene.

These changes are pretty small beer in comparison to other things we have on the drawing board.

We know people want more coverage of national news, health and fitness, home improvement, education and participatory entertainment. Some of those desires can be met by tweaking our current "product" but others will require profound change — the kind that may make some people unhappy because we stop doing something they like, but that in the long haul will make for a better newspaper that is more to the liking of more people and a healthy business for decades to come.

Like the man on the radio says, "stand by for news."

Editor James G. Wright may be reached at 208-735-3255 or jwright@tnnews.net.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blatant disrespect for one who fought for nation

My family traveled from Washington state to attend a funeral for my stepfather, Herbert Schoepf, which was held on June 24. He was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Park following the 1 p.m. service at White Mortuary. Arrangements were made by White's for a military burial in honor of Herb's years spent in the Marine Corps. He deserved

this last rest, as every veteran should be honored when they sacrificed their freedoms so we could enjoy ours. What disappointment my family had to endure when such honor was not given. The lack of respect given to such a man that proudly served his country is a disgrace! White's and Sunset Memorial were wonderful to our family in arranging and preparing for such a burial. Our disappointment

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is with all military staff, especially Marines, who represent the Magic Valley.

There was confusion, within military personnel, in who was to perform the military

burial for a Marine veteran. Some older veterans did agree to perform the honors but arrived at Sunset too early (1 p.m. when funeral was starting elsewhere) and decided they could not wait and left the cemetery before we arrived! They were told that the service started at 1 p.m. and should have known that we would not arrive at Sunset until 2:30 to 3 p.m. Also, we were told that this is not the first time such a thing has happened!

Perhaps if this was the first time, we could somewhat understand, but to hear that it is a regular occurrence is inexcusable, and some action should be taken to ensure it never happens again. We just pray it is within the military in this valley and not everywhere — such blatant disrespect for those who will and have fought for our great nation! Humbly,
RHONDA CLARK Zillah, Wash.

Math initiative would focus on the needs of Idaho's teachers

A recent editorial in the *Times-News* misrepresented the goals of the Math Initiative. Here are the facts: The math initiative is a comprehensive change in math education that will raise student achievement in Idaho by providing professional development and assessment tools for teachers and intervention programs for students who struggle with math and those who need advanced opportunities.

We know the classroom teacher is the most important factor in a student's academic success.



CINDY JOHNSTONE

That is why we are investing more than 70 percent of the \$3.9 million of initial funding for the math initiative in Idaho teachers to provide them with the training, mentoring and tools they need.

Most of this money will be spent to train math teachers, and the administrators who oversee them,

with a course developed by math education experts at Boise State University. This course does not just show how you can present story problems to students, as the editorial suggested, but it provides intensive training on research-based methods teachers should use to give Idaho students a deeper, conceptual understanding of mathematics. Story problems are just one tool for teachers.

Recommendations from the National Math Panel, which were published in March, support the research-based training provided through the math

initiative course.

In addition to this course, we are investing money to train regional and district-level math specialists who will be equipped to give math teachers continued support and technical assistance throughout the school year.

As a former math classroom teacher, the state is providing a Web-based math instruction and tutoring program for students in grades 5-8. Teachers can use this program to individualize instruction for students who are struggling with math as well as those who are gifted in math and need a more

challenging curriculum.

The editorial was correct on one point: Idaho must find a way to attract and retain high-quality math teachers.

State Superintendent Tam Luna proposed a pay-for-performance plan earlier this year to do just that by rewarding teachers who work in hard-to-fill positions, such as math. But the Idaho Senate failed to approve the plan, and we still struggle to keep our best and brightest.

As a former math teacher and now the state math coordinator, I applaud Superintendent Luna's lead-

ership and vision in focusing on math education in such an innovative way, and I am grateful to the Legislature for its support. The math initiative addresses problems that have existed for years, but have only been talked about until now.

We all know we can and must do better in preparing Idaho's students to live and thrive in the 21st century. The math initiative is a step in that direction.

Cindy Johnstone is the math coordinator at the Idaho Department of Education.

OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... affordable housing

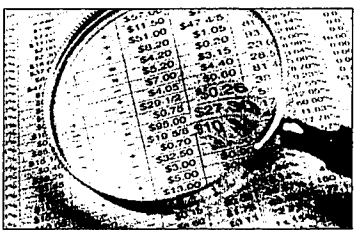
Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

Workers are like oil. Few think about them until the price becomes prohibitive or the resource becomes unavailable.

In the last 30 years, people with jobs in the (Wood River Valley's) resort economy have suffered a kind of insulating disdain.

Time after time, in public hearings in the north valley, homeowners have stood up and opposed homes, townhouses, condos or apartments for workers to be built in or even near their neighborhoods.

Ketchum homeowners defeated apartments in west Ketchum, outlawed mobile homes, defeated affordable, high density mixed-income residential developments in east Ketchum and on Main Street.



incorporating workforce housing, opponents' common response is, "Sun Valley isn't Aspen."

"They're right."

Aspen long ago understood the threat of far-flung and disappearing workers.

With the escalating price of oil making long commutes prohibitive for workers, the matter of locating worker housing close to jobs is critical to the economy.

There are plenty of other nice communities around where hardworking young people and families are welcome.

How long can the Wood River Valley afford to drive them away? ...

... property assessments

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Sure, you have a pretty good idea what your house or other property is worth, but it's anyone's guess whether the tax assessor will agree with you.

The joker in the law is that property must be assessed at so-called market value, and the State Tax Commission looks over the local assessors' shoulders in a yearly report.

But market value often is ephemeral, especially when the local economy turns sour and there are more

home sellers and buyers. When's the last time you heard of a tax assessor deciding that property is worth less than it was a year ago, even if you couldn't find a buyer for the sale?

To the contrary, property owners are lining up at the Bannock County Assessor's Office objecting to higher appraisals — much higher, in some cases. The appraisals may seem to be at odds with the reality of the current market.

State codes requires ongoing re-evaluation of property in five-year cycles, but how the appraisals are made is sometimes in question — the so-called "drive-by" evaluations, or figures arrived at by what the house down the street may have sold for.

In 2006, then-assessor Diane Bilyeu had to hire a commercial firm, I.W. Dunsford & Associates, to do a complete assessment of all commercial properties in the county at the behest of the State Tax Commission ...



... biking to work

Idaho Statesman, Boise

If rising gasoline prices are crimping your budget, you might find relief — and better health — by bicycling to work.

The best way to reduce local gasoline use is to reduce commutes to work in vehicles that burn the stuff. Bicycling up to 10 miles "is a very do-able commute," said Mark McNeese, the bicycle and pedestrian coordinator for the Idaho Transportation Department.

Ask your employer to support you. Your company may have to cough up some money to pay for improvements like secure bicycle storage.

But there's a business argument for getting you out of your car and onto your bike. You'll be healthier, more productive

and less financially stressed employee.

If enough people join you, we'll all get cleaner air, less traffic congestion, and a better quality of life.

St. Luke's Boise Medical Center ... has showers, caged areas for locking up bikes, payments to employees who regularly bike to work, and subsidies for workers who ride the bus or take part in van pools.

That may be more than most employers can afford, but some steps might cost little or nothing. An unused room could be set aside for safe bike storage. McNeese asks employers to be lenient the first week or two if new bicyclists misjudge the time it takes to get to work ...

Bicycling might not work for you. It's only a fair-weather solution ... If your office doesn't have a shower, office sensibilities may discourage you from starting work in a sweat. You may need your car for out-of-office meetings.

The best route may not be the one you drive in your car, so scope out a route on your bicycle on a day off ...

You'll find yourself in good company ... Even if you bicycle just one or two days a week, you'll conserve fuel, curb pollution and get a workout ...

And you'll save money on gas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quit carrying 'political correctness' to nth degree

I hope the rhetoric used by officials of the Idaho Democratic Party is not indicative of the whole.

If it is, the party deserves to lose ground this fall. I am referring to the statements made by Chris Oxley, the party's communications director, in the *Times-News* regarding remarks made by a guest on the Zeb Bell talk show. Having not heard the show or the remarks in question, Oxley encouraged advertisers to pull sponsorship from Lee Family Broadcasting. Oxley went on to say, "We think those advertisers should know that he (Bell) has a record and clear-cut statement and should think about pulling their advertising." If Bell didn't make the statements (the claims he didn't), then, if there is an apology, it should be from Lee Family Broadcasting by Mr. Oxley and a retraction on urging sponsors to withdraw their advertising.

Nationwide, liberals cannot consist with talk radio so they're out to destroy it. It may not have been Mr. Oxley's goal in this case but the effect is the same.

In recent years, Lee Family Broadcasting has raised almost \$25,000 from the Idaho Girl's Club, The Wishing Star Foundation, Camp Rainbow Gold and funds toward the construction of a local high school track. It raised

\$17,000 for a Christmas dinner and party for underprivileged children. Kat Kourany and local high schools collected over 2,000 toys and presents for kids plus turkeys for Thanksgiving, and has helped keep area food banks stocked. Zeb Bell is involved in Meals On Wheels. This year, Lee Family Broadcasting will once again raise money for the Rupert fireworks.

So instead of urging sponsors to pull their advertising, view should be using radio to express those views and quit carrying "political correctness" to the nth degree.

ALLEN LEE

Jerome *advertiser's note: Allen Lee is a former president and stockholder in the Lee Family Broadcast Group.*

Where will county get nuclear power training?

The Glenns Ferry Historic Opera House was the perfect venue for the June 16 production of "The Music Man," nuclear-style. I could almost hear "76 Trombones" fill the air, complete with promises of training, jobs and cheap electricity; 3,500 jobs, \$80,000/year salaries, 1.7c/kWh.

Extending training from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, there would be up to 200 licensed nuclear reactor operators. Pennsylvania's licensed Nuclear Reactor Operators receive an annual

wage of about \$60,000.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Extensive training and experience are necessary to pass the Nuclear Regulatory Commission examinations required for licensed nuclear reactor operators and senior nuclear reactor operators. Before beginning training, a nuclear power plant worker must have 3 years of power plant experience. At least 6 months of this must be on-site at the nuclear power plant where the operator is to be licensed. Training generally takes at least one year, after which the worker must take an NRC-administered examination. To maintain their licenses, reactor operators must pass an annual practical plant operation exam and a biennial written exam administered by their employers."

Where and how will the good citizens of Elmore County receive the extensive, very time-consuming training (years) required before they become nuclear power operators?

The Maestro's PowerPoint presentation listed electrical power at 1.7c, what does this figure represent? Conservative estimates of end-user prices are in the range of 8-11 c/kWh, with some estimates at 30 c/kWh. With California electricity rates at 2-3 times those of Idaho (second lowest rates in the nation), where do you think a for-

profit, merchant power plant will sell its electricity? "Seventy-six trombones led the big parade, with 110 cornets close at hand. They were followed by rows and rows, of the finest virtuosos ..." JIM SYLVA Hansen

Education is the key to better future for everyone

Thanks to the College of Southern Idaho for the Civil Liberties Symposium on the June 16 and 20.

I feel a responsibility to inform the citizens of the Magic Valley that the College of Southern Idaho and especially the chairman of the symposium, Dr. Russ Trumpp, is instructing working diligently to teach, inform and educate the public about the misinterpretations, misgivings and misdeeds of the American past.

Education is the key that will make the future better for everyone. Without knowledge, we as a people will founder in ignorance that can only weaken us and cause us to repeat the mistakes of the past.

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Thank you again, College of Southern Idaho, ANNETTE ELCOCK Jerome



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Some upset by Mormon church decision to wade into politics

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

church's decision to wade into politics.

SALT LAKE CITY — Lester Leavitt wrote a letter asking family members to make a decision.

The Pompano Beach, Fla. man wanted his siblings and children to choose family over a call from Mormon church leaders to support a November ballot initiative to define traditional marriage in California's constitution. A lifetime Mormon who came out as a gay man in 2004, Leavitt wants his California relatives to walk out when a letter from the church's leader is read.

"I thought by asking my family to do this, I was simply asking them to send a strong message to Salt Lake City that they disagree with the idea that any church has the right to entrench clearly religious dogma into the constitution of a state or country," he wrote in a letter posted on an Internet discussion group called q-salms. "I was just asking them to defend my civil rights."

A letter from Thomas S. Monson, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was to be read from the pulpit in church congregations today.

After working as an activist on behalf of gay Mormons and surviving an excommunication attempt by his local bishop, Leavitt said Monson's letter was a disappointing last straw. He sent a certified letter to the church's Salt Lake City headquarters Wednesday asking to have his name removed from the rolls.

"I wanted to remain a cultural Mormon," Leavitt, 44, said Thursday. "I thought there was a way, an opening ... but then all of a sudden, the church decides this ... and I'm not going to wait around." Leavitt is far from alone.

Since the letter first began circulating on the Web last weekend, hundreds of Mormon blog postings have expressed disbelief, disappointment and outrage at the

active in church callings and activities. Since the 1990s the church has been politically active in defeating same-sex marriage initiatives nationwide, including asking its members to vigorously help pass California's Proposition 22 in 2000, which prohibited California from legally recognizing gay marriages performed outside the state.

But over the last five years the church had seemed to undergo a subtle shift in position.

Leaders have been more silent and limited the church's

activism to filing legal briefs and a signature on a 2006 letter to congress supporting a federal marriage amendment.

In addition the rhetoric around what the church calls same-gender attraction had softened and Latter-day Saints have been encouraged to embrace gay members with love and compassion.

Even a short statement of disappointment after last month's California's Supreme Court decision to legalize gay marriage was mild.

"Maybe I was just opti-

mistic. I thought they might sit on the sidelines and not have any bad press," said Matt Thurston, a 39-year-old Mormon from Corona, Calif., who is not gay. "Between (2000) and now, some of the things I've seen, some of the statements that have come out, they seemed much more sympathetic ... They don't treat it in the same way they used to."

Although Monson's letter state the faith's "unequivocal" moral position that marriage between a man and a woman is an institution ordained by

God seems to indicate no change of heart by leaders, many wonder if the general membership will rally to political participation with the same fervor as in 2000.


"There is that culture of obedience that once the proclamation has been raised, that's it," said Jeffrey Nielsen, a professor of philosophy who was ousted from the church-owned Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah in 2006 after criticizing the church's position on gay marriage in a local newspaper column.

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Idaho needs a pastime to match its frustration

My Uncle Fred spent long August afternoons astride his scarlet International Harvester combine, plying fields of wheat and barley in Caribou County amid clouds of dust.

Until my Aunt Hazel showed up with his mid-afternoon coffee, sometimes he'd doze at the wheel — admittedly not very risky behavior in a 10-ton machine with a top speed of 15 mph.

DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

But even when awake, the monotony wore on him. Now, somewhere, Fred is spinning in his grave.

That's because the belated harvester has become the rig of choice at demolition derbies across the Midwest and in Washington state and Colorado.

Yeah, you read that right: combine demolition derbies — vehicles smashing into each other until only one is left running.

Daylight madness, you say, in a farm implement whose sticker price tops out at \$300,000?

You'd be surprised. According to the Wall Street Journal, there's actually a combine demolition derby circuit. Competitors lay out between \$650 and \$750 for played-out combines manufactured in the 1970s and beat the hell out of them in muddy fields all across the Farm Belt.

Idaho has discovered its true pastime.

The combine, after all, is the perfect metaphor for Idaho: slow to get started (the 43rd state) and hard to turn around. Fundamentally, it's 175-year-old technology — as venerable as many of the ideas that inform public policy here.

You don't see many combines west of Glens Ferry or south of Fundamentals. It's a machine of the hinterlands, of precincts far removed from the fast-suburbanizing southwest corner of the state.

If the combine symbolizes anything, it's slow progress and measured expectations, the way life has usually been lived in Idaho.

During the 1940s and '50s when Fred was farming, adaptive technology kept combines going. A half-century on, that's pretty much still the case: They're remarkably cranky and easy to idle. But in their element, combines are hell on wheels. Tom Zwach, a volunteer firefighter in Merrill, Minn., and organizer of a combine demolition derby, got it right.

"Every farmer in the world would like to drive their combine into a brick wall," he told the Wall Street Journal.

Face it: The odds are against agriculture in this part of the world. The winters are too cold. The summers are too dry. The wind is too persistent.

That's why we're a people who appreciate what we can get, when we can get it. Much like Dale Kesterloot, a Minnesota farmer whose combine battered the competitor in a recent derby only to conk out at the very end.

"I just can't fricking believe it could take that much beating," he told a Journal reporter after climbing down from his machine, his hair drenched in sweat. "Second ain't bad. You want to grab a beer?"

Colleagues say farewell to Sen. Tom Gannon

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

BUHL — They left just as they came immersed in conversations about politics.

State representatives and senators, the governor, and other dignitaries, most of whom arrived at their recently deceased colleague State Sen. Tom Gannon's memorial service Saturday morning talking shop, left chattering about ... politics.

True to that spirit of dogged 24/7

politics, Gannon was remembered at his service for his political deeds, that is, the legislative issues for which he pressed hardest. In that sense, it was fitting that his service was held at the Buhl High School since he lobbied perhaps most notoriously for improving the education system, many agreed.

"Education is where the future of our society is grounded," said College of Southern Idaho Trustee Chuck

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Citizens On Patrol members Peggy Albrite and Mike McGinty salute a hearse transporting State Sen. Tom Gannon's flag-draped casket Saturday from Buhl High School to West End Cemetery. Staff photo by CASSIDY FRIEDMAN

Crash injures 2 near Ketchum



Ambulance and fire response crews watch as a sports utility vehicle and camping trailer burn after skidding on its side on Idaho Highway 75 near Eagle Creek Saturday.

Quick-thinking passerby pulls two people from burning wreckage

Staff report

Two people were taken to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center with injuries Saturday after a sports utility vehicle, turned sideways and exploded into flames on Idaho Highway 75 north of Ketchum.

The two were rescued at the scene by a witness in another vehicle, who acted quickly to remove the SUV's windshield and pull out both passengers along with their

two dogs, according to a Ketchum Fire Department official.

The accident occurred around 3:30 p.m. on Highway 75 near Eagle Creek. Ketchum Fire Department Capt. Tom Ancona said a GMC Yukon pulling a camping trailer made a sudden move to avoid hitting another vehicle. That led to a chain of events that almost turned deadly.

"Apparently the driver of the suburban made an eva-

sive move to miss another vehicle," Ancona said. "When he did, the trailer lost control, slid sideways and when it rolled, it took the truck (sideways) with it."

The trailer was carrying four propane cylinders that began leaking, released all the propane and ignited.

"The ignition source for the fire was sparks and propane," said Ancona. "It basically burned the wheels off the vehicle for all intents and purposes. Everything

was totaled." Ancona said a witness driving a tow truck had pulled over after the crash, then acted quickly.

"There were two occupants in the SUV," Ancona said. "This guy driving by in a wrecker took the windshield out and (removed) them along with two dogs."

The two passengers were later taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum and treated for injuries, Ancona said.

Authorities had no names for the two hospitalized, nor had they identified the man in the tow truck.

"If they hadn't gotten out, it would have been ugly," Ancona added.

Fire crews responded with three engine companies, needing 1,500 gallons of water and three hours to clean up the road. A state transportation department dump truck and backhoe were used to clean up the wreckage.

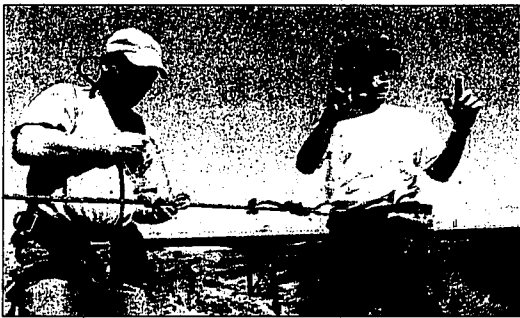
Former victim joins rescue exercise

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Andrew Karnowski recalls nothing of the two hours he spent dangling by the threads of his parachute that had snagged on the girder of the Perrine Bridge. He'd been told pain medication administered later to him may have graciously erased those painful fragments of his short term memory.

If Karnowski recalled that September 2007 rescue operation, however, he might remember seeing Twin Falls County Search and Rescue volunteer Kory Soderquist climbing along the metal undercarriage of the bridge to save him. Soderquist's efforts — although unseen — left an impression on the young BASE jumper, who broke an ankle and arm in the accident. On Saturday morning, he was training with Soderquist just east of the Perrine Bridge to join the volunteer squad that saved him.

"I set that goal of when I'm



Arara Ursebach, right, a certified rope technician, instructs Kirk Tabbs in tying a knot during a Twin Falls County Search and Rescue rappelling training exercise near Perrine Bridge Saturday morning in Twin Falls.

able to walk again I want to join," Karnowski said.

Learning the knots, the techniques, the safety tips, and returning a call of "on belay" by shouting "belay on," Karnowski has com-

pleted the year of training it takes to volunteer for search and rescue.

"An important part of developing the county's approximately 10 rappelling volunteers is this training,

which they undergo together once a month," said Soderquist, who joined the team 2 1/2 years ago.

"Andrew was kind of a

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"I set that goal of when I'm able to walk again I want to join."

— Andrew Karnowski, who was rescued after a parachuting mishap at the bridge in September

Volunteers make 'Plant Hope' a success

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

By early Saturday afternoon the landscaping at Twin Falls' Jubilee House, a non-profit women's addiction rehab facility, had gone from bare ground to an outside oasis.

While grass still needs to be planted in the yard, over 30 volunteers arrived at the house for "Plant Hope," a one-day landscaping marathon organized by the Magic Valley Master Gardeners to make sure the facility met its July 1 deadline to comply with the city landscaping code.

"It was wonderful to see that many people show up. By one o'clock we had almost everything planted: 16 trees and 85 shrubs," said Sharon Buckle, Magic Valley

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Irene Artega Juarez

TOPEKA, Kan. — Irene Artega Juarez, 36, of Topeka, Kan., and formerly of Hazelton, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2008, in Topeka. She was born on Dec. 3, 1971, in Petrolia, Michuacan, Mexico, the daughter of Rafael and Carmen Juarez. Irene is the wife of Edilberto Artega; she is mother of Cristina, Gonsalo, Jose, Moises, Marc Anthony, David, and Marilu Artega; and the sister of Maria, Ramon, Lorena, Maria, Rafael, and Antonio Juarez. Irene and Edilberto resided...

in Hazelton for many years beginning in 1991. They later moved to Topeka, Kan., and were planning on returning to Idaho after Marilu was born. Their daughter, Marilu was born one month ago. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2008, at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert with a recitation of the Rosary at 6:20 p.m. The funeral Mass will be held at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2008, with the Reverend Mikal St. Marie as Celebrant. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary.

Gerald 'Jerry' Henry McDonell

KUNA — Gerald McDonell, 84, of Kuna and formerly of Kimberly and Jerome, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2008. Gerald was born Feb. 12, 1924, to Guss Hendry and Effie Ruth McDonell. He married Irene Dora Nieffor on July 19, 1953. Gerald is survived by his wife, Irene of Kuna; three sons, Robert "Burch" McDonell, Barry (Tracy) McDonell and Brian (Sandi) McDonell, all of Jerome; one daughter, Debbie (Doug) Demark of Kallisp, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild with another due in July. He is also survived by two brothers and seven sisters. At Gerald's request there will not be any services. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Dan Everett Woodhouse

Dan Everett Woodhouse, 54, of West Magic and Shoshone, Idaho, left on an eternal fishing trip June 6, 2008. He was a self-starter, set sail in Vancouver, Wash., surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with cancer.

Luke and Sara Woodhouse of Twin Falls and Laura Goll of Nunda, N.Y. He has five grandchildren: Chris, Megan, Dillon and Cameron of White Sands, N.Y.; and Devon Woodhouse of Twin Falls. Dan is also survived by his mother, Juana Ensusna Woodhouse, three sisters: Michelle and Mark Kerley of Jerome; and Gary Bruce of Vancouver, Wash.; and Rosemary and Joseph Walker of Grapevine Texas; two nieces: Meagan and James Rasmussen of Rupert, McKenzie Walker; three nephews: Michael Kerley of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joey and Ben Walker; a great-niece, Naleah Rasmussen and a great-nephew, Jimmy Rasmussen, as well as many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dan was born Feb. 9, 1954, in Gooding, Idaho, to Lloyd Everett and Juana Ensusna Woodhouse. He was an "army kid," traveling the world over. He carried this love of travel throughout his life. He graduated in 1973 from Buil High School. Dan pursued many interests including collecting, until he joined the Navy in 1974. He served in the United States Navy from 1981-1984 as an electrician aboard the submarine, the USS Kavala. Dan remained in upstate New York until 1992 where he returned to Idaho and started Woodhouse Construction. Dan was a master home builder. His craftsmanship is remembered by those who knew him and enjoyed by those who live in his homes.

Special thanks to Penny Gillette, Denver, Colo., for his heart, and to the staff at Fort. A special thanks also to the Boise VA doctors, Oncology staff and Magic Valley Home Health and Hospice for the care and support. A celebration of Dan's life will be conducted at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2008, at the First Baptist Church, 205 E. 5th St., Shoshone, Idaho. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Dan was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed all things in nature: the Washington and Oregon coasts, sunrises, sunsets, rainbows, and wildflowers. Dan loved spending time with his family and friends. Dan had a great, if some what odd, sense of humor. In fact, he is probably wondering why you're reading the paper and not out with a worm.

"The family suggests in lieu of flowers, that memorials be made in Dan's name to: The American Cancer Society, 1102 Boy, 22719, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 825 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or to the charity of your choice.

Dan is survived by his four children: Levi and Mary Woodhouse of White Sands, New Mexico; Jay and Dani Martinez of Glenns Ferry;

Keith Corbridge

HAGERMAN — Keith Corbridge, 81, of Hagerman, passed away June 24, 2008, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Preston, Idaho, the son of John Caldwell Corbridge and Augusta C. O'Connell. He moved to Long Beach, Calif., at a very young age. He served his country during World War II and then returned to Long Beach, Calif., where he and Billie Abshire and they raised two sons. He owned and operated House of TV, and later worked for GTE for nearly 30 years before retiring. Keith is survived by his two sons: John (Toni) Corbridge of

Hacienda Heights, Calif., and York (Arlynda) Corbridge of Hagerman, Idaho. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Jonathan, Brandilyn and Tille; two great-grandchildren, Shante and Hunter; two sisters, Grace Heler and Billie Harris and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and three sisters. Crypt side services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at Cypress Forest Lawn Mausoleum, 4471 Lincoln Ave., Cypress, Calif. A public opening house will be held Sunday, July 13, 2008, at the home of York and Arlynda Corbridge, 1127 B E. 2900 S., Hagerman, Idaho, where family and friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m.

Patricia M. Robinson

"Why aren't you in class?" JEROME — Patricia M. Robinson, "Skunk Lady"/"Dragon lady" was allowed to pass into a bigger and better school of learning on Thursday, June 26, 2008, where her parents Louise and Hugo Standlee were waiting for her.

will always remain in people's minds as a polite, fragile looking woman who had even the biggest kids afraid of her. We all knew deep down she wasn't that mean, she just cared for each and every kid that passed through the school. She just wanted the very best for everyone in her dragon lady life!

Patricia arrived on Feb. 6, 1943, into a family of two brothers, a sister and her loving parents. She was always one that wanted to have fun and usually ended being in more trouble than having fun.

Patricia loves and will always remember those that she is leaving behind in spirit but not heart. Her wonderful grandchildren: Katie, Avery and Adrenia; the two daughters she was blessed with who were always there for her with unconditional love, care and understanding, Toni and Eva. Her brothers, Wayne, Steve, and sister Charlotte. Lastly, her circle of friends and people who were lucky enough to have known her.

Patricia was not really keen on going to school or staying in school for that matter. She spent more of her time walking out of school doors rather than in them. There is not one person that has passed through the high school that can't tell you who Mrs. Robinson "skunk lady or dragon lady" is. She was and

At Patricia's request there will be no memorial services, for those who wish to celebrate her life family suggests a memorial contribution to the Jerome School District Foundation at any of the schools or the administration office.

Funeral arrangements were taken under the direction and care of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICES

L.E. "Tiny" Klassen of Twin Falls, informal memorial service from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Clackamas, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, memorial service will be Sunday in Clackamas, Ore.

Jack V. Creechley of Jarbridge, Nev., funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Jarbridge, Nev. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Philip W. McRoberts — Philip W. McRoberts, 72 of Twin Falls, died Nov. 5, 2007, in Twin Falls.

Care and rehab center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Dornay Funeral Service, Gooding, Idaho.

Maud Boyer — Maud Boyer, 89, of Gooding, died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Sunbridge

Margie "Pearl" Brown, 89, of Buil, died Saturday, June 28, 2008, at Alterra Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buil.

Five area youths win Congressional awards

McKay Nield and Maryanne Barrett of Kimberly and Grayson Stone, Brittany Ward and Dana Wright of Twin Falls completed the requirements for The Congressional Award gold medal, Congress' highest honor for youth service, according to The Congressional Award National Office in Washington, DC. Nield, Stone and Ward were three of 237 students nationwide recognized with Congress' only award for youths. Those who earn the Congressional Award gold medal must complete at least 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness, and four consecutive days and nights of an exploration or expedition. Nield completed more than 400 hours of voluntary public service by volunteering through the Key Club. His personal devel-

opment goal focused on photography by funding his own photography business and working to improve his skills. For physical fitness, he increased his cardiovascular stamina through rigorous treading and practice for musicals. Nield's exploration took him to New York for a week. Barrett earned her award by completing more than 400 hours of voluntary public service, coordinating a camp for youth to learn about leadership and entrepreneurship. Her personal development goal focused on expanding her own entrepreneur skills by starting her own business, called Maryanne's Own Bodycare Essentials. For physical fitness, Barrett learned to clog, taking weekly lessons and practicing dance routines to this condition. She traveled to Seattle. Stone completed 400 hours of public service by volun-

teering with the Boy Scouts of America and as a peer counselor. For personal development, he used a part-time job while in school to improve his leadership skills and expand his people skills. For physical fitness, he increased his physical health through rigorous training (for football and wrestling, Stone's exploration took him to Indiana for a week. Ward completed more than 400 hours of voluntary public service at two assisted living centers, where she interacted with residents by assisting with activities of daily living and encouraged participation in recreational activities. She also spent time volunteering in an elementary summer school program by tutoring students in reading and math. For personal development, she improved her work skills to fulfill her ambition by completing three levels and performed in a piano recital and music festival. For

physical fitness, she set yearly goals for track and field, including race times and jumping distances and completed four years of varsity cross country and track and field where she was the four-time Idaho state long jump champion. For her expedition, Brittany planned a 10-day trip to Washington's Lake Chelan. Wright earned her award by completing more than 400 hours of voluntary public service by serving as the junior athlete representative for the Snake River Swimming Group. For the physical fitness requirement, she decreased her breaststroke time after an injury by completing rigorous strength and endurance training. Her personal development goal focused on learning to drive and obtaining "her driver's license. To fulfill the exploration component, she traversed the vast countryside of the Oregon coast.

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We wish to thank the many friends and family for their love, support and prayers during the recent loss of our son and brother Shane R. Clough. A special thank you to the women of the LDS church 6th Ward Relief Society who provided food and drinks after the service. We also wish to thank the Twin Falls Fire Department for their display of respect for our son and brother during this tragic loss in our lives. Thank you all very much. The Phillip Clough Family.

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Magic Valley Master Gardener President Sharon Beckle makes the final adjustments to the drip line irrigation system installed during Saturday's 'Plant Hope' event to make sure the facility met the July 1 deadline for city landscaping requirements.

Photo by Blake Bick

Jubilee

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Master Gardeners president and owner of Sunrise Landscape Design of Twin Falls. "It looks wonderful."

Volunteer Phillip Stewart, of Twin Falls, participated with the College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Club.

"We are going to come out and prune the trees and make sure they are healthy and disease, basically check up on the trees, two times a year for the house - once in the spring and again in the fall," Stewart said. "The trees are going to shade the house and make it more comfortable for those in the home, but also help make their surroundings better and hopefully help with their rehab efforts. The more greenery the better."

The six women living in the home are already enjoying the landscaping. Rhonda, whose last name was with-

held for privacy, has lived at Jubilee House for just over a month, battling a medium-phenamine addiction.

"I've been clean before but this is the first time I feel like I'm recovering," she said. "It's going to be so nice to come outside and enjoy the plants and trees ... it was so awesome that so many people came and volunteered to take this happen. I couldn't believe all the people that came to help."

Without the volunteers who helped plant, or the many businesses who donated their time and material, the 100 percent donation-supported not-for-profit organization would not have been able to afford the city's requirements, said Kathryn Bausman, Jubilee House executive director.

"We are all truly grateful for all of the support and volunteers," Bausman said. "We couldn't have done it without them."

Rappel

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unique situation — one that we had not had to deal with in the past," said Sgt. Daron Brown. "He was suspended. That's where the ability to adapt on any situation come up because we don't know what's going to happen."

With sweat already beginning to drench their black shirts before 10 a.m., the group still had two more hours of training left ahead of them.

It's not just about training the volunteers individually, Brown said. Training them together builds trust between the volunteers.

"I trust the members that I rappel with my life — cause I have to," Soderquist said.

Because of his training, Soderquist wasn't scared crossing the arch of the bridge

150 feet below the bridge and still several hundred feet above the Snake River.

"It wasn't bad," he said. "It was a nice view. You learn to trust your gear."

The ropes hitched to Soderquist are strong enough to hold the full weight of Soderquist's pickup, suspended off the Ferris Bridge. That's a reassuring thought down on that arched metal catwalk, he said.

The search and rescue team always keeps at least four volunteers in the ready position in case a person rappelling finds himself the one needing rescue, Brown said. As in Karnowski's rescue, the group often operates in conjunction with the Special Operations Reach and Treat group from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Karnowski's rescue was one of two rappel rescue missions in the past year.

Gannon

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Lehrman in a eulogy. Gannon "knew that," he said; reminding the crowd how Gannon had pushed for early childhood education.

Gannon died abruptly at age 62 of liver cancer Tuesday at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Considered a moderate Republican, he represented Owyhee County and the western part of Twin Falls County in the Idaho Senate since 2002 and was nominated for that seat again in last month's Republican primaries.

The service attracted a crowd that halfway filled Buhl High School. After the services, Gannon's coffin draped in a large U.S. flag, was taken in a hearse to West End Cemetery where the former Navy man was buried with military honors.

Called a straight-shooter, a man who said what he was thinking, and a politician who had little patience for the excesses of some of his colleagues, State Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett, summarized that characteristic in a phrase: "military bluntness," he said.

"We always knew where Tom stood," Little said.

In line with Gannon's impatience for excess, the speeches were kept brief, speeches short.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who will be responsible for picking Gannon's successor from three nominees, indicated the difficulty of his task.

"He was the voice of his constituency," Otter said.

Revisiting that point, Lehrman told Otter, "You have big shoes to fill."

Thanks to his moderate politics and perhaps time spent on the Planning and Zoning Board, Gannon attempted to balance the priorities in his district of assisting the dairy industry in measure with limiting their environmental impact, Lehrman said.

Off the political stage, Gannon was a family man

active in his children's upbringing. He coached their sports teams and even turned down a military rank promotion to stay close to his kids in their final teenage years, Lehrman said.

Gannon respected valid ideas — no matter from which side of the aisle they originated.

So it was no coincidence that Lehrman, whom his family chose to give the eulogy, was a Democrat.

Lehrman drew laughs when he told the crowd how he and Gannon would salute one another.

Lehrman would ask, "How's my favorite Republican?" "He'd answer, 'How's my favorite Democrat.'"

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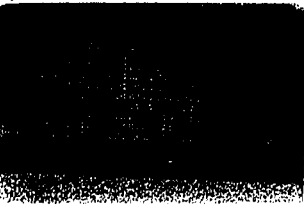
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As Old West disappears, so do bits of history

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

MOAB, Utah — Dale Irish sometimes calls it "my bridge." It was started by a 7-year-old boy playing with matches in April along the shores of the Colorado River, destroyed not only the bridge's wooden white frame but also a significant piece of the region's history.

"Everybody in Moab called me. You'd think I'd lost my lovely wife," said Irish, 79, a lifelong Moab resident who led an effort to refurbish the bridge eight years ago.

The fire, started by a 7-year-old boy playing with matches in April along the shores of the Colorado River, destroyed not only the bridge's wooden white frame but also a significant piece of the region's history.

When it was built in 1916, Dewey Bridge was the second-largest suspension bridge west of the Mississippi, stretching more than 500 feet across the rolling, muddy waters of what was then called the Grand River. It provided a lifeline for southeastern Utah farmers and ranchers trying to get their products to market and a safer alternative to the fledgling ferry service that was "prone to vanishing downriver during periods of high water," according to one history of the bridge.

"Boards can be replaced but it's memories, all the memories that go with it," said Irish's wife, Wilda, 71.

Despite years of preservation efforts, bits and pieces of Western history are disappearing and, with them, insight about the early days of European settlement. Time and natural decay doom some. Others are sped along in the name of progress, safety or simple neglect.

"Many leave a hole, however tiny, in the story of the West."

"The problem is they're nonrenewable resources," said Ron James, Nevada state historic preservation officer for the last 25 years.

Preservation of historic buildings, bridges and other structures tends to favor the grand, the notable and the storied. But small farm houses, barns, bridges, windmills and other ordinary items provide important insight into the everyday lives of settlers struggling to survive on the unforgiving landscape of the West.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private nonprofit group.

"Without them, we get a dated, romanticized view of the past," Moe said.

In the absence of written records, stories are often left to be discerned from what's left behind.

Bonnie J. Clark, a historical geologist at the University of Denver, recalled visiting a windswept homestead west of Salt Lake City where a bed-

spring had been desperately improvised as a fence gate. "You could tell this was a place where they were doing everything they could to make it," Clark said. "That's the story of the American West for me right there."

Another settlement in Colorado illuminated the folly of spending too much time on a stone house and not enough time tending crops. Those homesteaders lasted only a few years, Clark said. More successful settlers started living in a dugout and added a house only after the crop was established.

"We tell the story of the triumphs but the landscape tells you the story about where people got it wrong," Clark said.

Plain-jane looking hay barns or toll roads or mining camps are easily overlooked in the shadow of more majestic artifacts, she said.

"It's only when you look around and see these things are disappearing you think, 'Oh, maybe we should hold on to these,'" Clark said.

In many cases, especially at first-generation ranches, the items left behind are a window into how people built communities and survived. Those lessons could apply today as the West continues to grow and more attention is focused on sustainable communities, said Kat Vlahos, an associate professor of architecture and planning at the University of Colorado Denver.

"They were very tuned in to that particular place," she said. "When these things are lost, they're the stories of who they were, how they came to be and why they built what they built."

In northwestern Wyoming, crews have been working for years to shore up a remote mining town called Kirwin where some 200 souls once eked out a living pursuing gold and silver. The town survived for about 16 years before a 1907 avalanche drove out most of its residents. Now considered a ghost town, Kirwin has become a pet cause of a group of volunteers hoping to preserve its essence.

Not every ranch, outbuilding or bridge can or should be saved, historians say. Already, more than 80,000 properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Dewey Bridge near Moab.

The listing, though, is only an honorific designation and doesn't provide specific protections. That tends to come at the local level, often through zoning, said Barbara Murphy, Utah's deputy state historic preservation officer.

But there are never any guarantees the place will survive. The Antelope Stage Station, once a bustling stagecoach railroad hub on the Montana prairie in the late 1800s and early 1900s, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. It was later bulldozed after the landowner decided it was "dangerous" and beyond repair.

By contrast, a collection of railroad cars, buildings and other artifacts near Ely, Nev., was named a National Historic Landmark in 2006.

James, the Nevada preservation officer who also sits on the National Historic Landmarks Committee, said it's been an uphill battle for Western places to be recognized for their historic importance, especially by Easterners who tend not to ascribe national importance to places like mining towns or railroad stops that played key roles in settling the West.

"It's often relegated to the role of local history," James said.

In the red rocks town of Moab, pieces of the blackened Dewey Bridge are still washing up miles downstream.

Locals are starting to raise money to rebuild it, using the same blueprints as the 1916 original. The cost — one rough estimate has it approaching \$1 million — is steep, said Wilda Irish, but so is the cost of letting it go forever.

"When it left, it left a big hole in my heart," she said.



ABOVE: Just charred remains, ashes and daubing metal supports are left of the historic Dewey Bridge on April 29 east of Moab, Utah. Built in 1916, the bridge was destroyed when a 7-year-old boy playing with matches along the Colorado River lit nearby brush after in April.

BELOW: Obtained from the Utah Historical Society, the Dewey Bridge is shown in the early-mid 1900s east of Moab.



"Boards can be replaced but it's memories, all the memories that go with it." — Wilda Irish

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Seven states now require registration of nonmotorized boats, including Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Connecticut.

Idaho has also requested the requirement in 2000, so did Alaska in 2004.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter says nonmotorized boat users enjoy some of the same facilities that are supported through motor boat registration fees.

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Scientists: Nothing to fear from atom-smasher

By Douglas Birch
Associated Press writer

MEYRIN, Switzerland — The most powerful atom-smasher ever built could make some bizarre discoveries, such as invisible matter or extra dimensions in space, after it is switched on in August.

But some critics fear the Large Hadron Collider could exceed physicists' wildest conjectures: Will it spawn a black hole that could swallow Earth? Or spit out particles that could turn the planet into a hot dead clump?

Ridiculous, say scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known by its French initials CERN — some of whom have been working for a generation on the \$5.8 billion collider, or LHC.

"Obviously, the world will not end when the LHC switches on," said project leader Lyn Evans.

David Francis, a physicist on the collider's huge ATLAS particle detector, smiled when asked whether he worried about black holes and hypothetical killer particles known as strangelets.

"If I thought that this was going to happen, I would be well away from here," he said. The collider basically consists

of a ring of supercooled magnets 17 miles in circumference attached to huge barrel-shaped detectors. The ring, which straddles the French and Swiss border, is buried 330 feet underground.

The machine, which has been called the largest scientific experiment in history, is expected to begin test runs until August, and ramping up to full power could take months. But once it is working, it is expected to produce some startling findings.

Scientists plan to hunt for signs of the invisible "dark matter" and "dark energy" that make up more than 96 percent of the universe, and hope to glimpse the elusive Higgs boson, a so-far undiscovered particle thought to give matter its mass.

The collider could find evidence of extra dimensions, a boon for superstring theory, which holds that quarks, the particles that make up atoms, are infinitesimal vibrating strings.

The theory could resolve many of physicists' unanswered questions, but requires about 10 dimensions — far more than the three spatial dimensions our senses experience.

The safety of the collider, which will generate energies seven times higher than its most powerful rival, at

Fermilab near Chicago, has been debated for years. The physicist Martin Rees has estimated the chance of an accelerator producing a global catastrophe at one in 50 million — long odds, to be sure, but about the same as winning some lotteries.

By contrast, a CERN team this month issued a report concluding that there is "no conceivable danger" of a cataclysmic event.

The report essentially confirmed the findings of a 2003 CERN safety report, and a panel of five prominent scientists not affiliated with CERN, including one Nobel laureate,

endorsed its conclusions.

Critics of the LHC filed a lawsuit in a Hawaiian court in March seeking to block its startup, alleging that there was "a significant risk that... operation of the Collider may have unintended consequences which could ultimately result in the destruction of our planet."

One of the plaintiffs, Walter L. Wagner, a physicist and lawyer, said Wednesday CERN's safety report, released June 20, "has several major flaws," and his views on the risks of using the particle accelerator had not changed. On Tuesday, U.S. Justice

Department lawyers representing the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation filed a motion to dismiss the case.

The two agencies have contributed \$531 million to building the collider, and the NSF has agreed to pay \$87 million of its annual operating costs. Hundreds of American scientists will participate in the research.

The lawyers called the plaintiffs' allegations "extraordinarily speculative," and said "there is no basis for any conceivable threat" from black holes or other objects the LHC might produce. A hearing on the motion is expected in late July or August.

In rebutting doomsday scenarios, CERN scientists point out that cosmic rays have been bombarding the earth, and triggering collisions similar to those planned for the collider, since the solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago.

And so far, Earth has survived. "The LHC is only going to reproduce what nature does every second, what it has been doing for billions of years," said John Ellis, a British theoretical physicist at CERN.



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Guantanamo's days numbered, tough choices ahead for new president

By Andrew O. Sekely
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The U.S. Navy outpost before the U.S. began using it to hold prisoners in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks — and it may soon become one again. It is increasingly obvious that some days of this U.S. offshore prison are numbered. The Bush administration's main rationale for holding terrorism suspects without trial vanished when the Supreme Court ruled on June 12 that they have certain legal rights. John McCain and Barack Obama have both called for the detention center to be shut.

But whoever becomes the new president will have to figure out what to do with those left at Guantanamo — roughly 270 at present.

"It's pretty easy to say 'Let's close Guantanamo,'" Navy Rear Adm. Mark Bazzy said in an interview before leaving as commander of the detention center last month. "But the fact of the matter is there are some pretty dangerous people that have to be kept somewhere."

McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, has said he wants to move the detainees to the military's prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. But a finding room for them all might be a problem — just over 400 inmates are now locked up at Fort Leavenworth, which has a capacity for 515.

McCain wants the prisoners tried at military commissions, or war crimes courts, which are allowed under a 2006 law that he supported. These commissions act as criminal courts run by the U.S., turned forces to those considered enemies during wartime. So far, 19 Guantanamo detainees have

been charged in such commissions.

Obama, the presumed Democratic nominee, said he would close Guantanamo and move the detainees to both civilian and military facilities in the United States, including Leavenworth, according to campaign spokesman Reid Chelton. Obama wants the detainees to be tried in federal criminal courts or in military courts martial.

The Pentagon now plans to try about 80 prisoners at military commissions, but another 130 are considered too dangerous to let go and won't be prosecuted. About 60 are slated for transfer from Guantanamo, but the Pentagon says they can't go home because their governments won't accept them, might release them and create a security risk for the U.S., or might even torture them.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates recently told lawmakers he too wants Guantanamo's prison shut down, but added: "We're stuck in several ways."

In general, convictions would be harder to secure in federal courts, but would also stand up better in the long run, according to David Glazier, an associate professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Another option would be to create a national security court that could apply military or federal standards but keep intelligence sources and methods secret.

Just before he was nominated attorney general last year, Michael Mukasey wrote an opinion column saying a national security court deserves "careful scrutiny by the public, and particularly by the U.S. Congress." He also suggested looking at a proposal to lock up suspected terrorists using legal norms that allow the inmate to be involuntarily committed.

The Supreme Court's latest ruling gave all detainees the

right to petition federal judges for immediate release. In a separate case for an individual detainee, a federal appeals court on Monday decided he was not an enemy combatant and ordered the military to release him, transfer him or hold a new proceeding promptly.

Commanders on this 45-

square-mile base encompassing arid hills and a broad bay say they are ready to move the prisoners out if given the order. If Washington decides the trials should be moved to the U.S., a new high-tech courthouse and related facilities built on an abandoned airfield here can be dismantled and shipped over.



In this image reviewed by the U.S. military, a Guantanamo detainee, left, walks in a fenced-in exercise area as a guard patrols the grounds of the maximum security prison in September 2006 at Camp 5, Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, in Cuba.

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Pakistan launches strike at Taliban hideouts

By Kathy Cannon Associated Press writer

It preferred to try to defuse tension with the groups through negotiations, but with threats by Islamic militants to the city of Peshawar growing in recent weeks, the military decided to take action.

Khyber also is a key route for moving U.S. military supplies into neighboring Afghanistan.

By Saturday afternoon, the paramilitary Frontier Corps began shelling suspected militant hideouts in the mountains in Khyber.

"We have occupied, captured all important heights, and we have taken control of the area," said Maj. Gen. Alam Khattak, the Frontier

Corps' head. He said his troops destroyed three militant centers and killed a gunman. The operation was expected to last up to a week.

In response to the operation and other recent confrontations with security forces, Baitullah Mehsud, the Taliban leader in Pakistan, said he was suspending talks between his allies and the government. He implied his forces could cause trouble in Pakistan's main cities.

"Peace cannot be brought with force and aggression. This will be very unfortunate for the Pakistan nation if fighting starts again," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

Fasih Ullah, a police officer in Khyber, said 700 Frontier Corps troops moved into Khyber late Friday for the operation.

A round-the-clock curfew was imposed in the Bana area bordering Peshawar, and heavy contingents of troops blocked the main road into Khyber, said Mujib Khan, a senior local official.

A top official with a local law enforcement agency called the Frontier Constabulary said his forces had brought in reinforcements and heavy weapons to protect Peshawar and its more than 1 million residents from insurgents who might try a counterattack.

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AROUND THE WORLD

ZIMBABWE

Bush asks for more penalties on Zimbabwe

HARARE — Zimbabwe came under threat of further sanctions on Saturday as President Bush said the U.S. was working on new ways to punish longtime leader Robert Mugabe and his allies following the widely denounced presidential runoff election.

Earlier Saturday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. plans to introduce an U.N. resolution as early as next week seeking tough measures against Zimbabwe. "We will press for strong action by the United Nations, including an arms embargo on Zimbabwe and travel ban on regime officials," Bush said in a statement issued while he spent the weekend at Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland.

have launched an open war against them." The dead included the commander of Marines in the area, Lt. Col. Max A. Galeci of Fargo, N.D., American Samoa, as well as the mayor of Karmah, several key tribal figures, and two interpreters, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

confirmed that all the Zimbabweans in the center had been transported back across the border.

MEXICO

Tropical Storm Cristina off Baja peninsula

MEXICO CITY — Tropical Storm Cristina has formed far off Mexico's Baja peninsula. Miami's National Hurricane Center says the storm does not threaten land. It is the third named storm of the eastern Pacific hurricane season.

Cristina was located Saturday morning more than 1,100 miles southwest of Baja California's southern tip with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Forecasters say the storm was moving out to sea at 7 mph.

It joins Tropical Storm Boris, which was 615 miles off the Baja tip moving out to sea.

wounded early Saturday when a bomb ripped through an apartment building in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, security officials said.

The explosion occurred in an area that was the scene of fierce sectarian fighting last week between government and opposition supporters, in which nine people were killed and 44 others wounded. Saturday's blast was caused by a bomb placed in an elevator in the building in Tripoli's Bab el-Tabaneh district, whose Sunni Muslim residents support the government, said the officials in Beirut and Tripoli. She spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Some of the wounded were in critical condition, the officials said.

The explosion caused heavy damage to the building and nearby buildings, the state-run National News Agency reported. It said the sound of the blast forced hundreds of panicked residents out of their beds and into the street to help rescue efforts.

—from wire reports

SOUTH AFRICA

Aid deported: South Africa deported Zimbabweans

JOHANNESBURG — An international aid group says South Africa has deported some 450 Zimbabweans who had fled instability and violence.

Medecins Sans Frontieres says one of its teams visited a detention center Friday, the day a presidential runoff was held in Zimbabwe. The aid workers found more than 450 men, women and children who said they had crossed the border in recent days.

When the aid team returned Saturday bringing supplies for the Zimbabweans, they found the center empty.

Medecins Sans Frontieres says South African authorities

LEBANON

Bomb kills 1, wounds 28 in northern Lebanon

BEIRUT — At least one person was killed and 28 others

IRAQ

Al-Qaida says it was behind Anbar attack

BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida front organization claimed responsibility Saturday for a suicide bombing that killed more than 20 people including three Marines — as the U.S. military stepped up pressure on extremists in northern Iraq.

The Islamic State of Iraq posted the claim on a militant Web site, saying the bomber hid himself up among a gathering of the "heads of apostasy" — a reference to U.S.-backed Sunni tribal leaders who were attending a meeting Thursday in Karmah, 20 miles west of Baghdad.

"They sold their souls to the American devil for a cheap price," the statement said. "Therefore, the soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq

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Keeping our commitments is important to us. The past two years have brought many advancements and accomplishments, including:

- The beginning of the construction of the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, a \$220 million, state-of-the-art hospital and medical building
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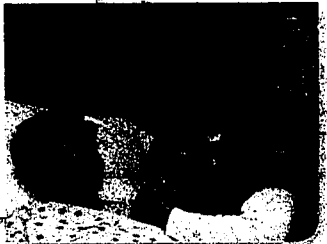
For more than 90 years, Magic Valley residents have trusted the physicians, nurses, and staff who provide skilled, compassionate care to every patient who comes through our doors. Our hospital serves a vital role in our region, a role that will continue to grow in importance as our communities grow and thrive. As members of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Board of Directors, we are committed to providing the leadership, knowledge, and vision necessary to ensure that our hospital will continue its long tradition of quality health care.

Because we care about our community, we realize the value of our local hospital and the importance of citizen involvement in charting its course. It is our privilege to be part of St. Luke's Magic Valley, and to do our part to ensure high quality, accessible, and cost-effective health care, today and for generations to come.

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Celebrating 2 Years!

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Idaho Regatta marks return for driver after March crash leaves him with broken ribs, a punctured lung, a torn MCL and a hole in his back the size of a silver dollar

Spine-tingling



Tony Scarlata is pictured during his crash March 2 in Bakersfield, Calif. Scarlata flipped his boat at 100 mph, the crash leaving him with severe injuries. The 33rd Idaho Regatta, which concludes today in Burley, marks Scarlata's return to high-speed racing.

By Zach Kyle • Staff writer

"Whoah. You have a hole in your back. I can see your spine."

The lust for speed is a dangerous addiction. Just ask K-boat racer Tony Scarlata. On March 2 during a race in Bakersfield, Calif., Scarlata flipped his boat while heading into a turn at 100 mph. The boat ejected Scarlata as it barrel rolled in the air before landing on him, breaking five ribs, puncturing his lung and tearing his MCL. After being transported to the hospital, a paramedic asked Scarlata if he felt pain anywhere. Scarlata responded he felt a burning sensation on his back. The paramedic turned the busted racer on his side and then offered some shocking news. "Whoah," he said. "You have a hole in your back. I can see your spine." The puncture had gone undetected because, somehow, it hadn't bled a drop. That was March 2. Fast forward four months to the 33rd Pepsi Idaho Regatta, where Scarlata rejoins the American Power Boat Association circuit after an arduous recovery. His ribs still ache, but the hole in his back is finally closed and Scarlata is anxious to return to action, to get his speed fix. "It's the competition. It's the thrill of speed," Scarlata said. "It's that risk factor that keeps you going. We are thrill seekers. Let the competition, being what it is, drive you."

For Scarlata, the question wasn't if he'd return, but when. Even as he lay broken in the hospital and his parents wondered aloud if it was time to hang up his racing spurs, Scarlata looked ahead to when he and his boat could race again. "There was no doubt Tony was coming back," said Joey Grose, Scarlata's crew chief and engine builder. "In fact, when we got to go in the hospital that evening, the first words out of his mouth were, 'How soon can we get the boat fixed?' Broken ribs are painful and take a long time to recover from. I think for a lot of people they wouldn't be quite back as fast as Tony. He's so determined he isn't letting it keep him down." Crashing is nothing new to Scarlata, who has wrecked six times and caught fire once since switching to K-boats, the fastest boats on the APBA, three years ago. Grose watched all six wrecks from the pit, and while none were fun to watch, the wreck in Bakersfield was horrific. "We were a ways away, but we could definitely tell the boat went airborne," Grose said. "I could see it throw him out of the boat and land on him. My first thought was it wasn't going to be good. The biggest problem is it takes quite a while to get him to shore, so a lot of worrying going on. It probably took 15

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LATHAM MATCH PLAY



Jordan Hamblin watches his ball while putting on the No. 2 green during Latham Match Play tournament at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Saturday afternoon.

18th-hole dramatics

Hamblin takes men's title; Darrington wins — again

By David Bashore
Staff writer

Jordan Hamblin held the lead for all of one hole in the men's championship flight final at the 20th Annual Bob Latham Sr. Match Play Championship on Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

For his part, he made sure it was the one that mattered. All square with fellow local Andres Hegdahl, Hamblin ripped a perfect drive on No. 10, lobbed a wedge into the middle of the green and two-putted for birdie.

Thank you, goodnight, it would have seemed. But Hegdahl, despite landing his drive next to a tree, striking his second shot onto the lip of the greenside bunker — staying out with the help of a rake — and blazing his chip well past the pin and onto the backside fringe, still had a chance to birdie as well.

Hegdahl thought it was in as soon as it hit his putter, but it slipped just by the hole and Hamblin, who will be a senior at Twin Falls High this fall, remained as the last man standing.

"I was just trying to keep it somewhere where I at least had a chance of getting it on the green, and my caddy made a great call with the wedge and it worked out," Hamblin said of his picture-perfect navigation on the final hole. "We both played not at our best at all, it was really a dogfight. It was down to whose bad shots were better, and that's what golf is all about."

Hegdahl won the first two holes of the final match, which was set when he knocked out Alan Ward and Hamblin unseated last year's winner Tolliver Latham, and looked to be in control on the front nine. But Hamblin managed to square the match on No. 13 and then again on No. 15 before winning it on the final hole.

It was a final pairing that perhaps no one expected, yet it gave the cavalcade of golf-cart-driving spectators a show worthy of two of the best golfers in the area.

Of course, that was of little solace to the runner-up.

"I didn't expect to get into the final pairing... Jordan is my friend, and he's a good person to lose to. I like the crowd

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Fast service: Venus joins sister in 4th round

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

WIMBLEDON, England — One swing from completing her week's work, Venus Williams teed the baseline, dribbled the ball, gave it a toss and delivered yet another thunderclap serve to sun-kissed Wimbledon. The ace bounced off the Court 1 backstop as Williams trotted to the net to bid another foe farewell. The scoreboard said 127 mph, the fastest women's serve ever recorded at Wimbledon. The scoreboard also had Williams winning 6-1, 7-5 Saturday over qualifier

Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez. It was an upset-filled first week at Wimbledon and a rough one for American tennis, but the nonconformist Williams sisters ignored both trends. Four-time champion Venus and two-time champion Serena won three matches each without dropping a set. Both advanced to Monday's round of 16, as did No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal on the men's side. With No. 1-ranked Ana Ivanovic and No. 2 Maria Sharapova eliminated, and with No. 3 Jelena Jankovic limping to victory Saturday,

prospects look good for an all-Williams final next weekend. "The chances were wonderful from the beginning, from round one," Venus said. "That's how we see it. The more we progress, obviously the closer it gets." It would be their first meeting in a Grand Slam final since Serena beat Venus for the 2003 Wimbledon title. Potential pitfalls remain. Jankovic foremost among them. But she hurt her left knee in the first set against 17-year-old Caroline Wozniacki. Jankovic won 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, finishing the match with her

leg heavily wrapped. She planned to have an MRI exam before facing Tamarine Tanusugarn on Monday. "I don't think it's that bad," Jankovic said. "I hope for the best so that I will be able to play my next match." Unable to overcome injury was French Open runner-up Dinara Safina, who finished in tears as she lost to Shahar Peer 7-5, 6-7 (4), 8-6. Safina, who required treatment of her thighs during at least two changeovers, cried between points and hit half-speed serves in the final game, then double-faulted on

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Venus Williams waves to the crowd following her third-round match against Maria Martinez Sanchez at Wimbledon Saturday.

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Wimbledon

Tennis scores for Wimbledon, including Andy Murray vs Nicolas Pietrangeli and Nikolai Pietrangeli vs Dmitri Tursunov.

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Pole-sitter Kanaan wins at Richmond after Andreotti's gaffe

RICHMOND, Va. — Pole-sitter Tony Kanaan took advantage of an out-of-schedule pit stop by front-running teammate Marco Andreotti on Saturday night and ran away with the SunTrust Indy Challenge for his first victory of the season.

On a night when half of the 26 cars in the large, IndyCar Series field at Richmond International Raceway went home damaged, Kanaan got the good fortune he said he deserved, avoiding the near-constant mayhem caused by a record nine caution flags and crossing to his 13th career IndyCar victory.

Hello Castronovo, who started 10th, used a late-race early pit stop to get into contention and finished second, followed by Dexter Chipp Ganassi racing teammates Scott Dixon and Dan Wheldon. Series rookie Oriol Servià was fifth, and Danica Patrick was sixth.

Andreotti, who was almost as dominant as his brother Greg's racing teammate until he blew a tire and pitted under green with 95 laps to go, wound up ninth.

He was the only driver to pit during a caution period and was the only driver to pit during a green flag period. Kanaan's pit stop was the longest of the race, taking 2:17.

BOXING

Paquiao KOs Diaz in 9th

LAS VEGAS — Although Manny Paquiao is the new 135-pound champion, he's no mere lightweight. At any weight, in any ring, the Filipino phenomenon looks like the best pound-for-pound

boxer in the world. Packing five new pounds of power in his usual stunning hand speed, Paquiao captured a title belt in his fourth weight class Saturday night, knocking out David Diaz in the ninth round to claim the WBC lightweight championship at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

COLLEGE

Georgia mascot dies of heart failure

ATHENS, Ga. — Uga VI, the beloved University of Georgia mascot, has died from congestive heart failure at his home in Savannah.

The bulldog's owner, Frank Sells, said he had the best winning record of any mascot in the school's history.

Sells said he noticed the nine-year-old English Bulldog was breathing heavily Friday night. He passed away soon afterward. Uga will be buried in a vault in the Southwest corner of Sanford Stadium with his predecessors. Private ceremonies are expected early next week.

MAGIC VALLEY

Firecracker 5K run planned

TWIN FALLS — The second annual Firecracker 5K Fun Run, a fundraiser for the College of Southern Idaho's Physical

Education Department will be held Thursday, July 3, on the CSI campus.

The event will take place entirely on the CSI campus on flat paved or groomed trails. Prizes will be awarded for each age group as well as in separate divisions for men and women. Each runner will receive a T-shirt and participants, along with their families and friends, are invited to a post-race barbecue.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Eldon Evans Expo Center parking lot. The event begins at 8 p.m. Early Bird registration before June 27 is \$20. Registrations after June 27 is \$25. To register or get more information, contact Julie Figue at 732-6479 or jffigue@csi.edu.

Buhl Fun Run

BUHL — The Buhl Fun Run is set for 8 a.m., on Friday. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Senior Center Center on Main Street in Buhl. The cost before Monday is \$20 per individual or \$52 for a family of four (\$10 each for additional family members).

Race-day registration is \$25 per individual or \$65 per family. The event features at 5K and

10K runs and 5K walk.

Contact Steve Katz at 543-6576 for more information.

Coach training clinics offered

TWIN FALLS — Primary Therapy Source is offering a series of Sports Training Clinics for coaches at any level on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. during July. Sessions include Flexibility and Strength Training (July 9), Plyometrics (July 16), Orthotic Fitting and Shoe Assessment (July 23) and Managing Athletes with Concussion and Spinal Cord Injury (July 30).

The cost is \$25 per clinician. Participants are physical therapists Jackie Dux and Teresa Prince. For information, call 734-7333 or visit http://www.primarytherapy.com.

Minico volleyball camp set

RUPERT — The Minico High School volleyball is hosting a camp Monday and Tuesday for girls entering grades 7-12. Players will receive instruction from the coaches at Weber State University.

Each day will have morning session from 9-11:30 a.m., and an afternoon session from 1-3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per participant. Register by calling Minico coach Kris Christensen at 321-0278 or assistant coach Lindsey Hurst at 431-6649.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Former BYU star Travis Hansen a hit in Russia

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

OREM, Utah — Former BYU basketball player Travis Hansen hopes to be wearing red, white and blue at the Olympics this summer — for Russia.

The U.S. has the same colors as Russia, where Hansen has been embraced for his basketball skills and humanitarian efforts. He is so well liked in Russia that he has been given citizenship and an invitation to the national team's Olympic training camp.

If he makes the team, he could end up facing the Americans later this summer. For Hansen, it is an opportunity to play on the biggest stage in sports, albeit for a different country than he could have ever imagined while growing up in Utah.

Hansen said he is an American first, but that the U.S. roster was already stocked with names like Kobe and LeBron, and USA Basketball wasn't going to consider a 30-year-old who had played one season in the NBA and the rest in Europe.

"I'd love to play for Team USA but they didn't invite me," he said.

Nor did he expect them to. In the era of "Dream Teams," Hansen has never really been on the U.S. Olympic radar. The Russians, on the other hand, were interested.

Hansen only gave the OK to continue with the naturalization after being assured that it would in no way affect his U.S. citizenship. He will also miss the first part of the Russian camp to be home for the Fourth of July.

"Every athlete dreams about playing in the Olympics," Hansen said. "The Cold War ended a long time ago, so I figured why not. For a country to come to you and say 'They want you to represent our country in the Olympics,' that's pretty nice."

While his shooting touch and versatility would make him a welcome addition on the Russian national team, his good deeds have made him welcome most everywhere in the country.

Hansen and his wife, Lattee, have tackled one of the most troubling issues in Russia — the care of orphans. In just two years, the Hansens' Little Heroes foundation has grown into something big and given Hansen a reputation as an American player with a genuine heart.

"We had to convince them 'We want to help,'" Hansen said. "We don't want to have our name on the hospital or anything. We just want to help."

The initial wariness the Hansens ran into as foreigners trying to lend a hand eventually diminished. Hansen said he doesn't think Little Heroes necessarily sped up the citizenship process, but it didn't hurt either. After an extensive background check, Hansen said he was approached by the head of Russia's Federal Security Service, the successor to the KGB.

"He shook my hand and said 'Thanks for all you do for Russia,'" Hansen said.

Hansen said that was an honor because it had nothing to do with him as a basketball player. It was because of Little Heroes, which was formed after Lattee began looking into adopting a child during her husband's first season with Dynamo Moscow. She knew Russia's reputation for having an arduous adoption process. She didn't know about the grim conditions faced by more than 250,000 orphans living in institutions.

"I just saw the surroundings in the understaffed hospitals where the youngest orphans stayed were especially disturbing.

"The conditions were just really bad and it made my heart just ache. I wanted to see if we could do something," she said. "Here, the buildings would probably be condemned or closed."

"Travis said nothing he saw as a Mormon missionary in Chile compared to what he saw at the baby hospital in Lyubertsy, about 45 minutes outside of Moscow. Cracked or broken windows let the



Travis Hansen demonstrates how to shoot a free throw at his basketball camp for kids Wednesday in Lehi, Utah. The former BYU basketball player plans on joining Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko on Russia's team during the Summer Olympics in Beijing.

cold air flow freely, so sometimes the cribs were moved out of the bedrooms to the hallway. He said electrical wiring hung from the walls, the plumbing in the bathrooms didn't work and the hospital lacked medical equipment that is standard in the West.

Lattee said the ratio of children to nurses is overwhelming, leaving only time to

change diapers, dispense bottles and maybe give a bath or two before the cycle starts all over again. The children are confined to their cribs most of the time and when they are picked up, the reaction is quite different from what the couple saw when son Ryder, born Travis' senior season at BYU, was that age.

"When you go to hold

them, they have this glazed look over their eyes and it just makes you so sad," Travis said. "I mean, you have to do something."

It was Lattee's idea to start a foundation and she saw right off the marketing power of her husband's name.

Hansen was an automatic story as an American playing for Dynamo Moscow, the powerhouse Russian sports

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— Travis Hansen, on his decision to play for Russia in the Olympics this summer in Beijing

club. He was the subject of a nice spread in a Russian sports magazine, which featured Russia native and Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko on the cover.

Hansen didn't get that kind of star treatment when he was an all-Mountain West player at BYU. Several pictures accompanied the story, including one of Hansen in a borrowed fur coat leaning against a Lotus sports car, which also wasn't his, though he's a car nut and would take it.

Hansen said he mentioned the foundation and the writer was touched that an American was making that much of an effort to help in Russia. The headline was "Missionary," spelled in Cyrillic.

A sports newspaper followed up on the story as Little Heroes was completing renovations on part of the hospital in Lyubertsy. Hansen said that story caught the eye of two Russian doctors, who are now part of Little Heroes. Word also got back to Utah, where nutritional supplement company Nature's Sunshine got on board.

Hansen said he expected the foundation to provide blankets, diapers and maybe

some books for orphans or other Russians in need. This spring, Little Heroes helped a 2-year-old boy get a liver transplant.

"We were just trying to help out that one hospital," Travis Hansen said. "It kind of just kept getting bigger and bigger."

During a brief visit to Utah, Hansen ran a children's basketball camp with the proceeds going to Little Heroes.

Then he was headed back to Russia to train with the national team, although he wasn't sure he would be part of the final Olympic roster. Teams can have one naturalized citizen and Hansen said it's more likely to go to American point guard J.R. Holden, a veteran of the Russian league and national team.




If Russian officials can somehow change Holden's status, which they are trying to do, there could be room for Hansen and he said he would gladly accept the invitation to Beijing.

"We really have taken to Russia," he said. "They've treated us very, very well."

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Sinclair-Hoss golf toumey winners

The St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's 23rd Annual Sinclair-Hoss Golf Tournament, sponsored by Banner Bank, was held June 21 at Jackpot Golf Club in Jackpot, Nev. The Western Farm Services team (pictured above) of Doyle Morrill, Terry Morrill, Brad Hodges and Carl Grinstead claimed the gross title with a 57. Second place went to Bud Williams, Shane Jensen, Christopher Hansen and Alan Gorang with a 58. First place net went to the D.L. Evans Bank (team of Leisa Goodman, Justin Willis, Ryan Fiala and Kit Rhead with a 43. Two teams tied for second, including You Be Da Judge (John Butler, Roger Harris, Thomas Borresen and Randy Stoker) and the foursome of doctors Miller, Bettis, Newton and Amanda Hyer. Steve Kaatz, Bob Blass, Richard Edwards and Stan Smutney won the putting course contest, while Luisa Minnee and Ryan Fiala were long drive winners. Longest putt winners were Ginny Grooms and Paul Schenk.



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Twin Falls' Gandy wins four titles at Pinto World Championship Show

Longtime Twin Falls resident Ann Murray Gandy won four titles at the Pinto World Championship Show recently held in Tulsa, Okla. In an event that drew more than 7,000 entries, Gandy claimed championships in Open English Pleasure,

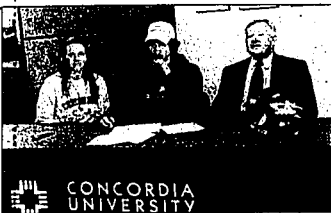
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her love for horses passed down from her mother, Carolyn Cutler. "It was quite an accomplishment to win the amateur and open classes, since I am in the novice categories," said Gandy. "The Pinto World show was watched online by more than 45,000 people.



Burley all-stars take third

The Burley Bobcat All-Stars team, sponsored by JB's, placed third in the Rupert regional baseball tournaments. Pictured, from left, front row: Jarrett Willis, Brett Denker, Nathan Renz, Garrison Merrill, John Nunnelee, Zach Pohl and K.C. McDonald; second row: Ramiro Vasquez, Gabe Rebollozo, Andy Vasquez, Tristan Troxel and R.J. Norarez; back row: Head coach Tim Willis, assistant coach Tim Fisher, Jason Rebollozo, Andrew Franco, Mason Tolman, assistant coach Gabe Rebollozo, Joe Fisher and assistant coach Natasia Nevarez. Not pictured: Assistant coach Jeff Poul.



Kimberly's Merritt to play at Concordia

Kimberly High School graduate Randy Merritt, center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play college football for Concordia University in Seward, Neb. Merritt, an all-conference tight end and defensive end at Kimberly, received both an athletic and an academic scholarship from Kimberly, according to his mother, Michelle Lewis, left. Concordia coach Courtney Meyer is at right. Merritt helped the Bulldogs to the Class 3A state tournament and played 11-man Shrine All-Star Football Game earlier this month.

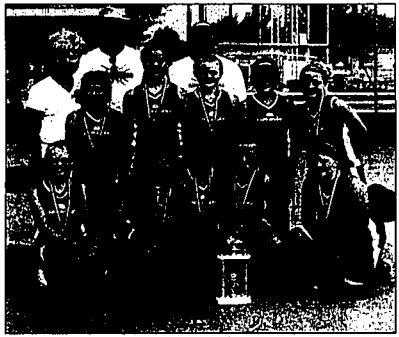
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- MEN'S SERIES:** Kent Stowe 591, Joe McClure 532, Dan Churchman 430.
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- LADIES GAMES:** Ada Perrine 201, Billie Mason 185, Chantel Marion 125, Julie Galley 115.
- BOYS' SERIES:** Kyle Mason 588, Michael Jenkins 456, Cody Galley 334, Dylan Kenyon 251.
- BOYS' GAMES:** Kyle Mason 227, Michael Jenkins 175, Cody Galley 119, Dylan Kenyon 89.
- GIRLS' SERIES:** All Churchman 541, Chaz Shoup 182.
- GIRLS' GAMES:** All Churchman 140, Chaz Shoup 75.
- SUMMER TUESDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES:** Norm Hatke 578, Derrick Hanson 565, Joe McClure 515, Sonny Miller 493.
- MEN'S GAMES:** Norm Hatke 214, Derrick Hanson 201, Joe McClure 183, Sonny Miller 180.
- LADIES SERIES:** Georgia Randall 556, Kathy McClure 507, Traci Hanson 467, LuDonna Moltze 432.
- LADIES GAMES:** Georgia Randall 197, Kathy McClure 190, Traci Hanson 190.
- Melody Hatke 158.
- SUNDAY YOUTH/ADULT MEN'S SERIES:** Robbie Watkins
- MEN'S GAMES:** Robbie Watkins 227, Vance Mason 215, Joe McClure 209, Spencer Jones 200.
- LADIES SERIES:** Payla Wakley 577, Ida Countryman 576.
- LADIES GAMES:** Paula Wakley 220, Ida Countryman 210, Kathy McClure 202.
- BOYS' SERIES:** Zack Black 662, Dominic Curtis 555.
- BOYS' GAMES:** Zack Black 278, Dominic Curtis 226, Kyle Mason 192.
- GIRLS' SERIES:** Kaitlynn Simpson 531.
- GIRLS' GAMES:** Kaitlynn Simpson 210, Stovie Reeves 178, All Churchman 177.
- BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS MIXED COUPLES**
- MEN'S SERIES:** Bob Leazer 626, Dennis Seckel 553, Mike Andrade 543, Bill Justman 493.
- MEN'S GAMES:** Bob Leazer 247, Dennis Seckel 203, Mike Andrade 185, Bill Justman 176.
- LADIES SERIES:** Sylvia Inman 567, Kim Leazer 540, Michele Seckel 510, Jennifer Lewis 442.
- LADIES GAMES:** Sylvia Inman 222, Michele Seckel 199, Kim Leazer 194, Amanda Justman 167.
- TUES, NO TAP**
- MEN'S SERIES:** Tom Smith 737, Maury Miller 715, Blaine Ross 671, Ed Dury 648.
- MEN'S GAMES:** Tom Smith 276, Maury Miller 255, Blaine Ross 252, Glen Jones 240.
- LADIES SERIES:** Jessie Biggestaff 630, Linda Cline 610, LaVona Young 575.
- Linda Vining 573.**
- LADIES GAMES:** Linda Vining 256, Jessie Biggestaff 233, Ann Brewer 232, Linda Cline 223.
- THURS, NO TAP**
- MEN'S SERIES:** Ian DeVries 724, Nathan Ybarra 678, Jim DeVries 652, Mike Andrade 581.
- MEN'S GAMES:** Jim DeVries 285, Nathan Ybarra 255, Ian DeVries 246, Mike Andrade 222.
- LADIES SERIES:** Linda Whismore 483, Jill Copenbarger 457, Pene Hudson 402, Tara Carter 365.
- LADIES GAMES:** Linda Whismore 218, Jill Copenbarger 185, Pene Hudson 153, Tara Carter 146.
- ADULT/YOUTH MEN'S SERIES:** Nathan Ybarra 467, Fred Eiters 375.
- MEN'S GAMES:** Nathan Ybarra 186, Fred Eiters 139.
- LADIES SERIES:** Michele Seckel 442.
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T.F. Muni Ladies hold June toumey

Staff report

The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for June golfer of the month on June 19. Dussle Becker shot an 86 to claim Gross Golfer of the Month, while Helen Brown had a net 74 to earn Net Golfer of the Month. In the championship flight, Virginia Unthjem took first gross with a 74 and Becker was second. Linda Roekne shot a net 62 for first place, while Mary Ann Lancaster was second a net 67. In the first flight, Helen Brown took first gross and Nalean Dury took second. Julie Blundford and Jan Becks tied for first net with 74s.



The Magic Valley Explosion went unbeaten on its way to winning its division championship at the Mesa Invitational in Fruithand. Pictured, from left, front row: Dan Shotwell, Brooks Swafford, Madison Ford, Slyfar Call and Madeline Ardema; second row: Kacie Kubosiem, Taylor Johnson, Kayler Detmer, Ashly Ardema and Regan Harr; back row: Coaches Laura Detmer, Mike Ardema and Steve Call.

Explosion claims championship

Cassia County queen contestants needed

Applications are being taken now for Cassia County Fair and Rodeo queen and princess competition. Queen contestants must be between 16-23 years old as of Aug. 1. Princess contestant must be between 12-15 years old as of Aug. 1. Contestant must be a resident of the City of Burley or Cassia County or attend school in Cassia County. The competition includes modeling, answering questions, a short speech, interview and horsemanship. Entry packets may be picked up at the fair board office now through July 7. For more information, call queen chairman Marjane Jolley at 673-6673 or 673-2216 or send email to marjane@atcn.net.



Danielle Tolmas was crowned the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo queen for 2007. Applications are available now through July 7 for this year's contest. For more information, call queen chairman Marjane Jolley at 673-6673 or 673-2216 or send email to marjane@atcn.net.

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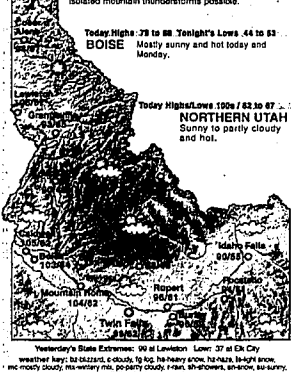
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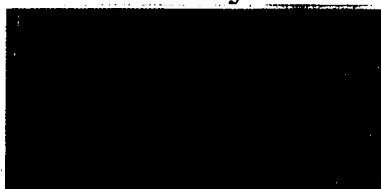
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ANSWER: I'd never take a random gamble with a strong balanced hand that I could describe in some other way.

ANSWER: I agree with you generally, but I would add that on four or five cards at no-trump, occasionally leading the second highest from a bad suit...

Dear Mr. Wolff: Can you still claim honors even if you do not make your contract?

Dear Mr. Wolff: When your partner bids one heart and you hold ♠ 8-7-5-4, ♥ K-7, ♦ A-Q-10-8-5, ♣ 9-9, would you respond one spade or two diamonds?

ANSWER: They were entirely wrong; you were entirely right. The honor bonus does NOT depend on the success of the contract...

ANSWER: This is very close. I'd normally bid one spade to avoid missing the fit in a major.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In one of your columns, a player with 18 points and 4-4 in the minors opened one club. However, in the column's bidding problem, you suggest opening one diamond...

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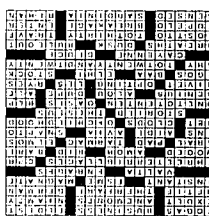
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In the luthier's workshop

Stories by Virginia Hutchins

Staff photos by Ashley Smith

FILER — Mandolin maker Ron Cole's reward: hearing his instruments in the hands of accomplished musicians.

"Oh boy, it feels good," he says. He listens for the deep tones or brilliant midrange brought out by his placement of tone bars. And when he achieves a mandolin's perfect finish with less lacquer, the wood resonates forever.

"Sometimes it can last for 30 seconds," Ron tells visitors to his Filer home, where tools and woods wait in his workshop out back.

Ron, now 71, has played bluegrass mandolins for more than 25 years and crafted them for 16.

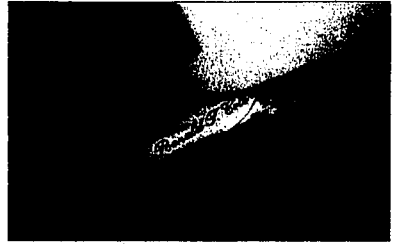
As a child in Wisconsin, Ron performed in concerts on accordion. In junior high, he took up trumpet and trombone. As a teenager in California he gave up instruments for sports, then marriage and babies kept him too busy for music. But in his 40s in Twin Falls, he met a battered mandolin that brought him back. He spotted the neglected instrument in a corner at an after-church gathering and soon learned to play.

Years later, his band mate's acquisition of a book on constructing bluegrass mandolins inspired both men to give it a try. The friend quit and went back to guitar, but Ron — curious to see the result — finished his mandolin. Then felt the craftsman's urge to improve on it. His third mandolin was sold before he finished it.

Now No. 128 is in progress in the workshop out back.

Ron will shape it and test it and savor it and finish it to a perfect gloss. If a careless shopper at a bluegrass festival leaves behind scratches and sweat, he'll buff it again. And someday, when No. 128 meets its match, Ron may hear it resonate in the hands of a fine musician.

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Ron Cole has been handcrafting mandolins and mandolas for the past 16 years out of the garage and workshop attached to his Filer home.



Ron Cole, 71, uses a planer on the patio of his Filer home to work with poplar wood which will form the back of a mandola. Poplar sawdust, he says, 'smells like dirty socks.'

The sawdust flies

Two rough pieces of poplar, glued together so their grains match in the middle, will become the back for a mandola — wider and deeper than a mandolin, and with a longer playing scale on the fretboard.

"Hear that nice sound? It's already ringing," Ron says, holding the glued poplar. "It's dry, too, when it rings like that. Time to start construction."

"To put the mess outdoors, the planer sits on the Coles' patio. Ron runs his hand along the wood before laying the poplar in the planer.

"You've got to go with the grain, or it chips out," he explains.

In pass after pass, wood chips pile up on the patio. Ron blows off sawdust after each cut, finally stopping to measure the poplar's thick-

ness with a caliper. "Right on."

Both sides are flat now, and Ron examines their grains to decide which will show. A striking V right in the middle of one side indicates the question.

With a straightedge, he lays a heavy pencil mark down the center — "everything's got to work off the middle" — then with swift confidence traces the mandola's soundboard onto the planed poplar. Construction pauses for Ron to spray the rectangle of wood with water.

"Let's see what that looks like — just fantastic," he says, exclaiming over and over. At what point does he fall in love? "Right now," he answers quickly.

He gets back to work, cutting out the mandola back, on a bandsaw. The poplar

remnants, labeled in pencil for future reference, will become the highly figured ears on the sides of headstocks. Or, perhaps, turkey calls for his friends.

Next step is the duplicator, a simple arrangement of two arms connected to move in unison. At the end of one arm is a stylus that traces the contours of a shaped pattern; at the end of the other is a router that begins the rough forming of the mandola back's cavity. It's a messy machine, so it sits inside the huge cardboard box that Barbara Cole's acoustic bass came in. Ron reaches through cutouts in the cardboard to operate the duplicator.

But first, Ron trades his sweat-soaked shirt for a nylon jacket which he knows will shake off the sawdust. "This is a craftsman with experience.



A router on one arm of a duplicator begins the shaping of a mandola back, following the contours of a pattern placed under the machine's other arm.

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In our video story, watch luthier Ron Cole bring the wood to life.

Experimentation, innovation

A dozen reshaped coat hangers dangle from the ceiling of Ron's shop. On this spring afternoon, one holds the skeleton of a future F-style mandolin, the type with decorative scrolls and points.

This soundboard's high-quality spruce is particularly lovely, with beautiful silking — or medullary rays — to add interest. And no dark grain.

Ron points out the thicker tone bars inside this mandolin: He's trying something different. But he'll tap tunes on the soundboard before gluing on the instrument's back, and he might still sand down these tone bars.

He has tested other tone bar positions, too, but returned to the traditional angle dictated by mandolin-making plans. This craft's experimentation is rewarding, but risky.

"You can't go much, because it'll ruin the whole tone," Ron says.

Also visible on the half-built F mandolin is Ron's V-joint, connecting the instrument's neck to its body in place of the smaller dovetail joint preferred by many other makers. Ron is proud of this



Visible inside this half-built F-style mandolin is Ron's V-joint, which connects the instrument's neck and body. Down the center of the laminated three-piece neck runs an insert of harder ebony for strength, sandwiched between maple.

joint, stabilized by dowels at its corners, but he needs his wife to watch him cut it on the bandsaw.

"I used to do it myself, but I never could get it real true," he says. With Barbara's eye on the saw, he gets it right. This joint is solid.

To demonstrate the transmission of sound, Ron scratches the F mandolin's headstock and invites his visitors to lean their ears toward the soundboard.

"Isn't that amazing?" he says. "And it gets better when you put the back on. Believe me, it does."

The craftsman's mark

Any thing of beauty that requires a month and a half to create is a proper matter of pride for the craftsman.

And the fern inlay of abalone on the headstock of a Ron Cole mandolin or mandola identifies the handiwork as his own. It's a very particular inlay, his exclusive identifying mark. Ron drew the fern — borrowing bits of the design from other makers — then sent it to a custom cutter

Back East for reproduction in high-figured abalone.

From a small drawer above a workbench he chooses a plastic baggie holding the intricate pieces of one fern inlay. Moments after dumping them out and beginning the arrangement on the head of a future A-model mandola, he realizes something is wrong.

"Oh boy, I'm missing a



Ron Cole positions one element of a fern inlay of abalone on the headstock of a mandola under construction.

piece."

Ron has bags full of abalone and can cut a replacement. But the job will take him much longer at a vice in the garage than it takes the supplier's laser.

Then a second discovery: "The cutter also reversed a little piece of abalone, supplying two right-hand ele-

ments for one part of the fern.

That won't do, either. It's akin to misspelling a signature.

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In the luthier's workshop

Stories by Virginia Hutchins • Photos by Ashley Smith

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The connoisseur's collection

For six years, Ron made mandolins inside his cold-in-winter, hot-in-summer garage — until the Coles added a proper workshop to the back of their house a decade ago.

Now the garage's rafters and shelves are heavy with boards, their species and caliber marked on the ends of the wood. Though there are other tone wood options, Ron sticks to strong, lightweight spruce for the soundboards of his instruments. He crafts the backs and necks from hardwoods — mostly maple, but also poplar, walnut and exotics such as mahogany.

Ron gathers his own standing, dry Engelmann spruce in central Idaho's mountains, and the heat of that garage can cure it in a season.

This collection of wood spills into the new workshop, too, and Ron savors it as a connoisseur. From a stack of rough spruce boards, he lifts one whose dark grain is less than ideal and knocks it with his knuckle.

"Hear it ring?" he asks, then scratches the spruce with his fingernails. "This one's alive."



A spray of water highlights the beauty of quilted maple. Ron Cole has converted some of his customers to this particularly lovely wood with excellent tone — instead of standard curly maple — for the backs of instruments.

You can just hear it!" Forget the dark grain. A traditional sunburst finish can disguise that. This piece has tone too good to waste. "I've got to remember this one. I'll put it on top."

Trigger savvy



An RCAS hangs on the Coles' back porch, drying in the sunshine after a coat of lacquer.

Among the five instruments in progress in Ron's workshop is an RCAS hanging from the ceiling, with musking tape covering its fretboard and tissue stuffed inside its F-holes.

The "A" following Ron's initials indicates this mandolin's shape, the sleek pear with a simple headstock. The "5" means it's his best model, with a delicate heringbone pattern edging the soundboard. The tissue and musking tape are evidence of just one of the talents necessary to the making of a mandolin.

Ron pulls the hose of his air compressor onto the back patio, then pours lacquer from a pickle jar into

the sprayer's reservoir. The RCAS needs another of its 12 to 14 coats of lacquer.

"This is going to be a good mandolin, top of the line," Ron says. Complimented on its beauty, he adds: "It gets better. A lot of rubbing to do on it."

He sprays in careful strokes, letting excess lacquer drift across the grass and plastic lawn chairs.

"You've got to have the trigger savvy," Ron explains. He acquired it decades ago as a house-painting contractor.

This is a fine spring afternoon, so the mandolin can hang to dry on the back patio, then pours lacquer from a pickle jar into

Youngsters challenge the ropes

Staff report

Here's another way to get the kids moving this summer.

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the active, fun youth class "Youth Ropes Challenge Course" for grades 2-8 from 9 a.m. to noon July 10 at the Ropes Challenge Course on the CSI campus.

Cost is \$50. Stacy Ward instructs, along with the CSI Outdoor Club.

Both individual and group activities will be supervised and will range from ground level to high on the poles. Everyone can participate on some level regardless of age, physical ability or athletic experience. The ropes course provides a setting to improve relationships, develop team strategies, learn leadership skills, build trust, experience personal growth, build confidence and create friendships, organizers said.

Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes, and bring water.

Register: 732-6442 or csi.edu/communi-tyed.

The littlest slugger

In the bleachers, slipping red slushy drinks, we marvel at "9 and under" league. And if you stand the smallest 7-year-old next to the biggest 9-year-old, you can't help but marvel at the power of the pituitary gland. My goodness, some of these girls are more than five feet tall, while others barely reach four.

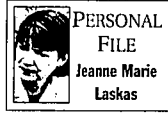
"Move back!" people yell, when a big one gets up to bat. "Move back!"

The infield girls do not really need to hear this advice. They retreat instinctively at the mere sight of the girls' commanding stance. But upper arm stretching the fabric of her uniform, her thigh a thing of glory, even her hair a thick, curly show of superb nutrition tumbling out of her helmet. You can almost see the infielders' knees knocking in fear and anticipation of what the girl — probably very sweet, but now a monster

— is going to do to the sorry softball tossed her way.

Thwack! A line drive like a bullet, deep into right field. Oh, my. The ball never goes there. At times like this, I don't know if I'm the smallest of the small 7-year-olds, to even think heroics. My hope is that she will duck, hit the dirt, avoid a knock-out. She does not do this. Sasha holds out her bright pink glove, closes her eyes. The ball misses her by a good three feet. Oh, well, it takes her a while to find where it lands in the tall grass by the fence that no one has weed-whacked. By the time that ball makes it to the infield, the big girl is safely home. High-fives. Whatever.

Some of the parents in the bleachers remark on Sasha's size. "She's so tiny! Aw, can you believe she's out there playing ball?" I am used to it. Yes, yes, yes, she is the smallest 7-year-old in town. And, yes, she believes, actually believes, that she can play sports. How sweet. How cute. Yes, yes, yes. When Sasha gets up to bat, the situation is



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absurdly pronounced. With that big helmet on, she looks exactly like a bobble-head doll. A candy apple. A giant head teetering on a stick. Parents giggle. How cute. Then they see opportunity. "Move in!" they yell to the infield. "Move in!" the coaches yell. (Easy out, girls)

"This infuriates me beyond measure. Do they not know how they sound? Can they then disguise what it would feel like to be a girl, standing firm to swing a bat, and have the entire gathering singing its song of doubt? 'Move in!' A swing and a miss. A swing and a miss. A third miss. In this league, you get five tries. Sasha holds her hand up to the pitcher (her coach), index finger up to tell him to wait a second. She picks up her foot, taps it with the end of the bat. Something she saw on TV, I suppose.

The other team's coach takes this opportunity to seal his outfield. "Outfield, move in!" he barks. "Did you not hear when I said it?" OK, so now infield and outfield are gathered like a herd of bored sheep, waiting for the little batter to finish going through her silly motions. She's got her elbow up, knees bent, and you see something in Sasha's posture. Something that says: I am better than this. Fourth pitch, a perfect soft ar. She swings, makes contact, a sweet spot, a solid

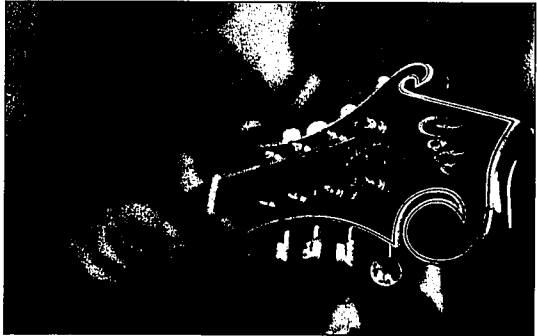
thwack! The ball sails. Sails. Over the heads of the infielders. Over the heads of the outfielders (to be). OK are in the infield all the way past second base, where no one is waiting and where it lands with a magnificent bounce. Sasha takes off running to first base, and so do the rest of the infielders. "A hit! I'm yelling. Past the bleachers, past the concession stand, past the scoreboard. A hit! Sasha, you hit it!" She arrives at first base before I do. I could cry with joy. "Sweetie, you got a hit!" "A serious hit," she says to me. "Did you see that hit?" Her teammates are on their feet. Her coach runs over with high-fives. She takes it all in quickly. She then dismisses the celebrating, left foot on first, right foot reaching as far as she can toward second, helmet tight on her brow. Business.

I gain my composure and head back to the bleachers. "That was something to see!" parents say. "Who would have thought such a big swing could come from such a tiny girl?"

"Oh, she hits them like that all the time at home," I lie. "At the time." It is all beautiful enough. Really, my day at the park is complete right here, and probably Sasha's is, too.

But there is more. A thing of inequity so grand. The next time Sasha gets up to bat, she hears a new chorus: "Move back!" "People yell. Parents and coaches, too, everyone warning infield and outfield of the power of the little bobble-head girl. "I said, move back!"

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.



Ron Cole plays his No. 70 mandolin at his Filer home. He would be reluctant to sell this instrument but might for the right price. "Money always talks."

The chop to yearn for

Inside the Coles' house, seven finished 15 man-dolins, two A5's and a mandola wait for summer, when Ron and Barbara will make their annual rounds of the West's bluegrass festivals. A Web site (www.colman-dolins.com) and a contracted endorser also peddle Ron's handiwork, at up to \$5,200 for a mandolin and \$6,400 for a mandola.

But Ron's No. 70 isn't going anywhere.

That F-style mandolin, finished in 2000, he liked so well that he kept it for his own. Added abalone inlays on the tuners. Gave it a solid ebony pick guard. Introduced it to his blue-

grass band and took it to jam sessions.

"I just like the way the neck feels, and the sound is real punchy. It's a bluegrass deep tone," Ron says, cradling the instrument. As his calloused fingertips blar over the strings, the mandolin shivers in the dim light of his living room. "It has that chop that everybody's yearning for in a mandolin."

But one visitor is feeling just the first flutters of mandolin longing and doesn't understand "chop."

When Ron plays hard, he explains, No. 70 comes through in a growl. Those deep tones have punch. "They're banjo killers."

St. Benedict's Specialty Doctors Calendar

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Toy tale

...stunted man-nerd.

FAMILY LIFE

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BRASHIERS

Basil and Wanda Brasher of Hansen will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E. in Hansen.

The event is hosted by Jane Brasher, Wanda's sister, and Shauna Brasher.



Wanda and Basil Brasher



Clarice and Dale Leslie

THE LESLIES

Dale and Clarice Leslie of Paul were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house June 28 at Paul Masonic Hall.

They were married July 3, 1958, at First Christian Church in Burley. They have resided in Paul for 35 years.

He worked for Simplot for many years and then was court marshal of Minidoka County until retiring. She was

a homemaker until her youngest child began school and then worked at Svensens. She has worked at State Farm Insurance for 28 years.

The event is hosted by their three children, Lee Leslie of Declo, Codie (John) Lyons of Twin Falls and Galete (Cory) Pfeiffer of Heyburn.

The couple has six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

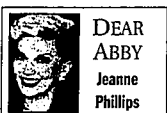
Fun for the whole family is no picnic if kids won't leave home

DEAR ABBY: My children are 10 and 12. When my wife and I suggest that we all do something together, they whine and moan. We have to force them to go, or end up getting upset with them and staying home.

We live five minutes from the beach, but the kids say they "don't like" going to the beach.

The bay is down the road, and we used to fish there all the time. We have picnics, visit the local zoo and other outdoor activities. But we rarely go anymore. It seems that unless it involves spending money — like going on boardwalk rides or trips to the arcade — the children don't want to go. They would rather play on the computer, watch TV, or ride their bikes up and down the street. Should we ease up and let them do their own thing since they are getting older, or continue to try to do family things together?

— DISAPPOINTED DAD.
NORTH CAPE MAY, N.J.
DEAR DAD: You and your



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

wife are the parents in your family, and your wishes should be respected. Yes, your children are getting older, but doing something as a family twice a month isn't a punishment.

Perhaps you should ask them what they would like to do as a family. Another thought: Allow them both to include a friend in these activities. It could turn out to be more fun for all concerned. Give it a try.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Cindy," recently moved in with me. We have a history of fighting, often to exhaustion. I have been trying hard to improve my communication skills.

Something that troubles me is a tactic of hers that

forces me to stay in the conversation when I need to take a break from it. Cindy literally stands in front of my nose. On trying to go outside, she calms down. She will position herself in front of me without actually touching me, so I have to make physical contact in order to get out the door. Then she claims that I am abusive because of the extreme physical contact needed to get by her. If I give up and stay in the house, her verbal abuse will continue.

I feel trapped. I either endure her verbal abuse until she runs out of steam, or fall into her trap and become someone who physically abuses his girlfriend. I am twice Cindy's size, so I don't think authorities will buy my story of feeling trapped should she show them any marks I leave while trying to push through the door. What's the answer?

— HELD HOSTAGE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HELD HOSTAGE: Recognize that you and Cindy are too combustible a combination to have a healthy relationship and end it now.

And when you do, be sure to have witnesses present who can help her pack her things.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who can't swing up on a horse.

Hard as I try, I just get laughed at by the people in my riding club.

I keep practicing, but nothing works. What can I do? I need help, even my friends say so.

— HOPELESS IN UTAH

DEAR HOPELESS: Try this. Go to a gym and have a trainer prescribe some exercises to increase the strength in your arms and legs.

If you follow my advice, I predict that in a few months you will be the person getting the laugh.

(If that doesn't work, you may need a shorter horse.)

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Isatiah Xavier Oliver Torrero, son of Angelical Cryst of Twin Falls, was born June 9, 2008.

Sara Maria Rodriguez Leon, daughter of Liliana Leon of Murtaugh, was born June 9, 2008.

Michael Ellis Gritton, son of Mary Miranda Gritton of Eden, was born June 12, 2008.

Soyun Liliana Gomez, daughter of Juanita A. and Luciano Gomez Sr. of Buhl, was born June 13, 2008.

Colton John Melka, son of Jennifer Lynn and Lucas John Melka of Twin Falls, was born June 15, 2008.

Josslyn Michelle Linebaugh-Wolf, daughter of Danielle Lee Wolf and Timothy Lamar Linebaugh of Twin Falls, was born June 15, 2008.

Gavin Pierce Buchman, son of Lisa Regina Buchman of Twin Falls, was born June 16, 2008.

Yefefney Anah Ramirez-Gonzalez, daughter of Rosalba Gonzalez-Carmona and Jose Roberto Ramirez-Carmona of Twin Falls, was born June 16, 2008.

Damen Cassius Michael Reynolds, son of Amanda Courtney Sittor of Twin Falls, was born June 16, 2008.

Arles Marion Stephens, son of Diederik Hamann and Robert Lee Stephens III of Jerome, was born June 16, 2008.

Kaydee Marie Hunsaker, daughter of Natalie Anne and Jordan Lee Hunsaker of Murtaugh, was born June 16, 2008.

Oliver Ward Yergensen, son of Jessica Marie and Joseph Emanuel Yergensen

of Twin Falls, was born June 16, 2008.

Izaliah Wylie Heck, son of Kinley Nicole Lewis of Twin Falls, was born June 16, 2008.

Emmanuel Hernandez, son of Elizabeth Yobana Luna of Jerome, was born June 16, 2008.

Deisy Hernandez-Hernandez, daughter of Isabel Hernandez and Francisco Hernandez-Sanchez of Buhl, was born June 17, 2008.

McKenna Joslin Bldler, daughter of Marissa and Jerad Daniel Bixler of Twin Falls, was born June 18, 2008.

Khloe Nicole Belveal, daughter of Erin Nicole and Ryan Craig Belveal of Twin Falls, was born June 18, 2008.

Parker James Arthur Melni, son of Jessica Rose Muffett and Christopher Arthur Melni of Kimberly,

was born June 19, 2008.

Ami B. Mirzoyan, daughter of Yuni S. Mirzoyan and Boris Mirzoyan of Twin Falls, was born June 19, 2008.

Landon Carl Hunsaker, son of Angel Marie and Taylor Dee Hunsaker of Kimberly, was born June 19, 2008.

Caleb Ethan Meyers, son of Alicia Marie and Daren Meyers of Twin Falls, was born June 19, 2008.

Dylan Frances Staker, daughter of Megan Louise Staker of Heyburn, was born June 19, 2008.

Gracie Ann Gandolfo, daughter of Jayme Lori and David Charles Gandolfo of Castletford, was born June 20, 2008.

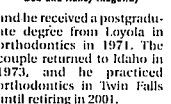
Dani James O'Crowley, son of Cassandra Jane and Brian Timothy O'Crowley of Carey, was born June 20, 2008.

THE RIDGEWAYS

Robert and Nancy Ridgeway of Twin Falls were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary June 28 in Ketchum.

Bob Ridgeway and Nancy Nicolin were married April 11, 1958, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boise.

He graduated from Loyola of Chicago School of Dentistry in 1964 and practiced general dentistry in Kimberly until 1969. The couple returned to Chicago



Bob and Nancy Ridgeway

and he received a postgraduate degree from Loyola in orthodontics in 1971. The couple returned to Idaho in 1973, and he practiced orthodontics in Twin Falls until retiring in 2001.

The event was hosted by their four children, Mike (Janey) Ridgeway of Twin Falls, Greg (Sheba) Ridgeway of West Seattle, Steve Ridgeway of Burbank, Calif., and Megan Ridgeway of Twin Falls, and the couple's seven grandchildren.

America's got a thing for the 'white wedding'

By Leanne Hallie
Associated Press writer

Fancy white gowns and multicolored cakes. Shiny gold rings and 400 guests. Exactly when did the fantasy of a classic "white wedding" take root?

In the new book "It's Our Day: America's Love Affair with the White Wedding" (University Press of Kansas, March 2008), historian Katherine Jellison traces the elaborate and formal ritual to the rise of consumer culture after World War II. It was driven by "superstar brides," including Grace Kelly, Tricia Nixon, Diana Spencer and Carolyn Bessette.

While few could afford their extravagance, the princess brides pointed the way to a particular style of designer gown or a certain brand of expensive champagne that, taken alone, might well be affordable, writes Jellison, an associate professor of history at Ohio University.

She attributes the endurance of white weddings through decades of cultural tumult — including the rise of feminism and divorce rates — to their adaptability: a white gown no longer a symbol of virginity, was favored just the same as a way for the perfect bride to have her perfect day.

In the latest example of fascination with a high-profile wedding, President Bush's daughter Jenna, married Henry Hager on her family's Texas ranch in May. The media, which weren't invited, reported details of her dress, ring, wedding party, band and vows — details were released. While the bride wore white, her special day was laid back.

Jellison spoke recently with



This May 10 file photo shows Jenna Bush, daughter of President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush, exchanging wedding vows with Henry Hager, right, in an outdoor ceremony at the Bush family's Prairie Chapel Ranch near Crawford, Texas. The Rev. Kirbyjohn Caldwell, center, performs the ceremony.

The Associated Press: AP: Why are we in love with lavish white weddings?

Jellison: I think it's an escape from the routine of everyday life. It gives us a valid excuse to wear fancy clothes, eat fattening food, spend too much and perhaps drink too much without any guilt. After all, who can begrudge launching a loving, hopefully lifelong relationship with a pull-out-all-the-stops celebration?

AP: The Cinderella complex seems to be in full bloom with these elaborate wedding rituals. What does that say about where the culture has been and where it's going?

Jellison: Women in our society, particularly young women, still often feel they have relatively little control over their own lives. The evidence is all around us: Young women with eating disorders believe they can at least con-



This Aug. 6, 1966, file photo shows Lucie Johnson and Patrick Nugent as they leave the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception after their wedding in Washington. Lucie's sister Lynda, accompanied by the groom's father, Gerard Nugent, holds the bridal gown train.

trol their food intake, and pregnant teenagers often believe that a baby will give them the unconditional love that they crave. Compared to the eating disorder and teen pregnancy epidemics, the epidemic of elaborate weddings seems relatively harmless. So society in general — and the wedding industry in particular — nurtures this phenomenon.

AP: Is there any disconnect between the white wedding and the realities of marriage?

Jellison: Even if a woman can orchestrate a "perfect" wedding day, she will not have a perfect marriage. Such things do not exist. Illness, arguments, financial strain are all but inevitable. In fact, the marriage's first crisis may occur when the wedding bell arrives. Psychologists have noted an increase in the number of brides who report feeling let down and disappointed when the glamour of the long-anticipated wedding day ends and the real marriage begins.

AP: How should we the peo-

ple feel about the very private nature of Jenna Bush's nuptials?

Jellison: I don't think we should be surprised by the low-key nature of the event. Unlike their counterparts of 35 or 40 years ago — Julie and Tricia Nixon and Luci and Lynda Johnson — the current pair of first daughters have largely shunned the spotlight. Unlike the Niksons and Johnsons, the Bushes have not employed their daughters in politically motivated photo ops. Instead, following the lead of the Clintons with Chelsea, the Bushes have tried to protect their daughters' privacy.

AP: Have first-family weddings played a political role?

Jellison: The past two high-profile, first-daughter weddings definitely had political implications. When Lynda Johnson married in the White House in December 1967, protests against the Vietnam War were daily fodder for the U.S. media. Lynda's groom, Charles Robb, was a Marine captain who was scheduled to

leave for Vietnam shortly after the wedding. The formal military wedding, which was broadcast on the era's three major television networks, may be seen as an assertion of the Johnson administration's commitment to the war.

When Tricia Nixon married in the Rose Garden in June 1971, her father and his advisers stage-managed the event for maximum political effect. Facing a re-election campaign the following year, Nixon hoped his daughter's wedding would show America his warm and human side. At the time, Nixon characterized his daughter's highly publicized nuptials as "the biggest news story" of the day, and special counsel Charles Colson noted that the "warm and appealing" portrait of the Niksons that emerged from the wedding and other recent family events was "one of the most important political developments" of the Nixon presidency. Following Tricia's wedding, her father's public approval ratings rose significantly.

In contrast, George W. Bush will not be running for re-election and does not need the spectacle of a White House wedding to boost his reelection chances.

As a lame duck in his final year, Bush's focus on his historical legacy, and a grand White House wedding would probably only add to the controversy of that legacy. ... At a time when the American public is worried about the worsening economy and fed up with the war in Iraq, Bush would only gain more negative press if he hosted an elaborate White House wedding featuring a bride and groom who never served in uniform.

ENGAGEMENTS

ANDERSON-CHRISTENSEN

Kent and Jeanette Anderson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Rayne Anderson, to Andrew Lynn Christensen, son of Jonathan and Susan Christensen of Nampa.

Anderson is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School and works at Mearoni Grill in Boise. Christensen is a 2001 graduate of Valluue High School and works for Robert Porter Construction in Phoenix. The wedding is planned for



Melissa Anderson and Andrew Christensen

November in Meridian. A reception will follow at the Owyhee Plaza. The couple plans to reside in Phoenix.

DEUTSCHMAN-TATEOKA

Robert and Vivian Deutschman of Liverpool, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Marie Deutschman, to Joseph Tateoka, son of Paul and Nadine Tateoka of Hazelton.

Deutschman is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Tateoka attended Valley High School and is a recent graduate of BYU in Provo. He works at Ruder Finn in Chicago, where the couple will continue to reside.



Alison Deutschman and Joseph Tateoka

The wedding is planned at the Palmyra LDS Temple in New York. An open house will be held 7-9 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at the White House in Twin Falls.

LAUDERT-LUCERO

Allan Laudert and Cathy Gilbert join with Ed and Christa Lucero, all of Richfield, to announce the engagement of Acee Laudert and Mitch Lucero.

Laudert is a graduate of Cal Poly with a degree in nutrition and works at Glanbia Foods.

Lucero holds an undergraduate degree from Whittier College and has a master's degree from Northwest Nazarene University. He is a credit officer with Northwest Farm



Acee Laudert and Mitch Lucero

Credit Services. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 12, at Judd's Grove Creek Ranch in Picabo.

BERGSTROM-HILL

Rand and Sally Bergstrom of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Nicole Bergstrom, to Andrew Hill, son of Perry and Sydnee Hill of Kalispell, Mont.

Bergstrom is a graduate of Gooding High School and University of Washington. She works at USIS in Missoula, Mont., and will pursue a master's degree in social work at University of Montana this fall.

Hill attended the University of Montana and



Amy Bergstrom and Andy Hill

works at USIS. The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 5, at University Congregational United Church of Christ in Missoula.

GILLETTE-KOSKI

Lawrence and Roxanne Gillette of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Gillette, to Kiley Koski, son of Venero Koski of Gooding and Dee Greer of Fallon, Nev.

Gillette is a 2006 graduate of Declo High School and attends College of Southern Idaho. She works at Applebee's in Twin Falls.

Koski is a 2004 graduate of Gooding High School and attends CSI. He works for Explorer Technologies in Jerome.



Kiley Koski and Melissa Gillette

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at the Jan and Dan Mess residence in Declo. A reception will follow 7-9 p.m.

TOOTHMAN-DE MELLO

Richard and Georgia Toothman of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Toothman, to Dustin De Mello, son of Joe and Barbie De Mello of Jerome.

Toothman is a 2005 graduate of Filer High School and attends College of Southern Idaho. De Mello is a 2005 graduate of Filer High and works in the dairy business. The wedding is planned for



Kimberly Toothman and Dustin De Mello

Saturday, July 5, at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

ZAPATA-BORRESEN

Tom and Trish Borresen of Jerome announce the engagement of their son, Andrew B. Borresen, to Jenna M. Zapata, daughter of Jo Wood of Twin Falls.

Zapata attends Boise State University, majoring in Spanish.

Borresen attends BSU and will graduate in December with a degree in psychology. He plans to attend graduate school to obtain a doctorate. The wedding is planned for



Andrew Borresen and Jenna Zapata sunset Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Borresens' backyard. A reception will follow.

WEDDINGS

GERRARD-TAYLOR

Amber Dawn Gerrard and Robert Karl Taylor were married June 28 at Rupert Elks Lodge. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Brandi Robinson of Burley and John Gerrard and Teresa Gerrard, both of Eden. The groom is the son of Wendy Wilbanks of Jerome.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School and attended Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design. She works at Great Clips in Twin Falls.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School



Robert and Amber Taylor

and served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in Iraq. He works at K & T Steel in Twin Falls. The couple resides in Twin Falls.

HINCKLEY-NELSON

Rue Michelle Hinckley and Brice Andrew Nelson were married June 27 at the Logan LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Toby and Shannon Hinckley of Burley. The groom is the son of Sid and Clady Nelson of Oakley. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Burley High School and attends College of Southern Idaho. She works at MDC Magic Valley in Burley and Steve's in Heyburn.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Oakley High School and works at Cassia County Sheriff's Department in



Brice and Rue Nelson

Burley. A reception was held June 28 at the LDS Church on Miller Avenue in Burley.

WALKER-HUDDLESTON

DaNale G. Walker and Brent D. Huddleston were married June 28 at their home in Filer.

The bride is the daughter of Lee Walker of Marcela, Ore., and Jackie Wilpoff of Orovida, Nev. The groom is the son of Jay and Yvonne Huddleston of Filer.

Rosemarie Deming officiated. Music was provided by Deb Schiers and Monte Miller, friends of the bride, and Becky Tyree, daughter of the bride.

Ushers were Greg Huddleston, son of the groom; Tony Jackson and Ryan Woodland, sons-in-law of the bride; and Tad Cazler, friend of the bride.

Noah Woodland, grandson of the bride, was ring bearer.



DaNale and Brent Huddleston

Amy Huddleston, daughter of the groom, served at the reception. Daylene Tyree, daughter of the bride, attended the guest book. Annie Woodland, daughter of the bride, was gift attendant.

The bride is a graduate of Filer High School and works at Wal-Mart. The groom is a graduate of Boise State University and owns Curry Game in Filer. The couple resides in Filer.

WARDLE-GALERIA



Zenna and Robby Galeria

Zenna Kae Wardle and Robby Galeria were married June 27 at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Millie Wardle of Burley. The groom is the son of Steve and Mary Galeria of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Declo High School and has attended Brigham Young University-Idaho for the past two years. She plans to graduate with a teaching degree.

Galeria is a 2002 graduate of Thousand Oaks High School. He served in the London South Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU-Idaho and plans to graduate with a business degree next year.

A reception was held June 28 at the Springdale LDS Church in Burley.

ANDERSEN-PERKINS

Jesse Lin Andersen and Chanccy Perkins were married June 28 at Murtaugh Lake. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Rick Andersen of Heyburn and Tori Straubhaar of Burley. The groom is the son of Calvin and Cindy Perkins of Murtaugh.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and works at the Rupert post office. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Murtaugh High



Jesse and Chanccy Perkins and is self-employed. The couple resides in Murtaugh.

STIMPSON-SUTTON

Ginger Stimpson and Clay Sutton were married June 27 at Two Rivers Clubhouse in Eagle.

The bride is the daughter of Kurt and Gyda Stimpson of Declo. The groom is the son of Allen and Sharon Sutton of Oia.

The bride is a graduate of Declo High School and works at Dominican Health Services in Ontario, Ore.

The groom is a graduate of Emmett High School and works at Amalgated



Ginger and Clay Sutton

Sugar in the Boise area. An open house was held June 28 at the Declo LDS Church.

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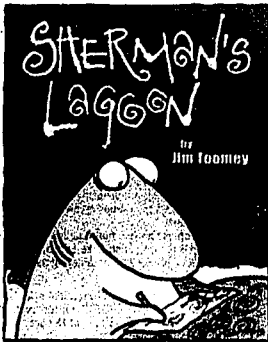


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Speaking up for sharks



MANY KINDS OF SHARKS HAVE BEEN OVERFISHED TO THE EDGE OF EXTINCTION AROUND THE WORLD. IF WE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY TO GET THEM'S LEFT OF THAT, WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION. LIKE LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL PREDATORS AND A VITAL PART OF NATURE.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE STRUGGLE ON THE RIGHT. DRAW YOUR FAVORITE SHARK. A GREAT WHITE OR A HAMMERHEAD OR WHATEVER. THEN CLIP THIS CARTOON OUT AND MAIL TO:

Dr. James Balsiger, Director
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Hwy
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Dr. Balsiger, With your leadership, the United States can continue to play a pivotal role in establishing international catch limits for sharks. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely, _____
Name _____

Cartoonist asks for kids to get active on behalf of sharks

By Juliet Elperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Jim Toomey, the cartoonist who draws "Sherman's Lagoon," wants kids to get active on behalf of sharks.

This might seem like an unlikely cause, since plenty of kids — and adults, too — fear sharks. But Toomey, who came up with the idea for a cartoon about a shark's lagoon while vacationing in the Bahamas when he was 9 or 10, is convinced that he can help people realize why sharks matter.

Scientists are just beginning to understand how important sharks are to the ocean and how overfishing has wiped out most of the sharks that have dominated marine ecosystems for millions of years. As top predators in the sea, sharks both eliminate sick and dying fish and ensure that mid-level predators such as rays don't multiply to such massive numbers that they crowd out smaller fish.

Sonja Fordham, who directs the shark conservation program at the Ocean Conservancy, a group

that works to protect ocean life, said some species such as porbeagle, sandbar and dusky sharks have been particularly hard hit.

One of the greatest threats to sharks is finning, in which fishermen cut off a shark's fins and throw the rest of the fish back in the water, where the shark almost always dies. They do this to supply Asian markets that make shark-fin soup, an expensive treat.

"Some of these sharks are so overfished they may not recover in kids' lifetimes," Fordham said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service, which oversees sharks and other marine resources for the U.S. government, has taken several steps recently to protect sharks. In April the agency announced that it would prohibit fishermen from cutting off sharks' fins before bringing the fish ashore, and it reduced the number of sandbar and porbeagle sharks that can be caught in U.S. waters.

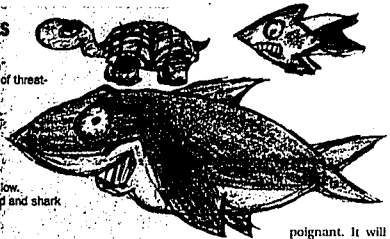
Toomey, for his part, recently drew some cartoons aimed at

A view of our favorite sharks

More than 9,000 kids responded when Jim Toomey asked them, in the "Sherman's Lagoon" cartoon reprinted here, to speak up on behalf of threatened sharks. In fact, the staff at the federal Fisheries Service was still opening letters "So that number continues to grow."

Most of the kids drew pictures of their favorite shark. A few of them are printed here.

If you would like to add your drawing — and voice — to the list, see the mailing address below. For the record, James Balsiger did receive a card and shark drawing from his grandson.



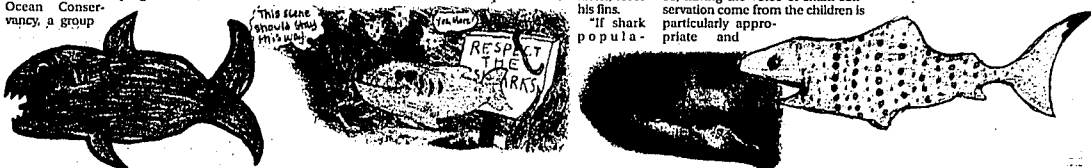
Dr. James Balsiger, Director
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Hwy.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

strengthening shark protections. In one, he urged readers to write to James Balsiger, who directs the fisheries agency, to push for international limits on shark fishing. In another cartoon, Sherman, the cartoon strip's central character, loses his fins. "If shark popula-

tions continue to plummet and we don't change our ways, it will be the kids who will lose," Toomey said. "My kids won't have a chance to see a shark in the wild and be inspired the way I did. And that's a shame. So, having the voice of shark conservation come from the children is particularly appropriate and

poignant. It will be their world one day soon, and they should be telling us to take better care of it. Doing so with drawings will give them all a voice — even my 3-year-old."

It remains to be seen how many kids will write Balsiger to demand greater shark-conservation efforts. "I'm looking forward to see if my grandchildren send me a card," he said.



More than 9,000 kids responded when "Sherman's Lagoon" cartoonist Jim Toomey asked them to speak up for threatened sharks. Most of the kids drew pictures of their favorite shark. These are by, from left, Aurora Miner of Concord, Calif., Emily Han of Bothell, Wash., Sage Muttel of Houston, Emma Sarcoel of Lafayette, Calif., and, at top, Sophia Zanders of Long Beach, Calif.

A heart-to-heart chat about fat

By Susan Levine
The Washington Post

It's a simple equation, not scientific as much as common sense: Energy in equals energy burned.

And what it means, when it comes to the human body, is that the number of calories you take in each day should be balanced by the number of calories you use in walking, climbing stairs, playing outside and doing other activities.

But if what goes in is a lot more than what goes out, you will start to gain weight. And since about 1980 in this country, kids have gained lots of weight. (You can figure the reasons.)

On the one side, there's too much junk food, high-sugar sodas and super-sized portions. On the other side, there's way too little moving your body.

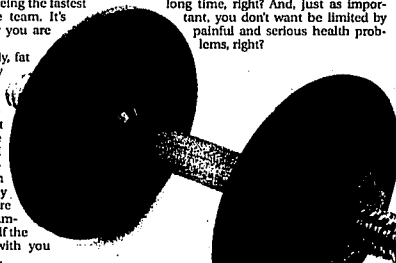
In part, blame cuts in recess and P.E. at school, plus the hours kids spend in

front of TVs and computers.)

The issue isn't whether boys and girls look good in shorts and swimsuits. And it's not about being the fastest athlete on the team. It's about whether you are healthy.

Unfortunately, fat is really, really unhealthy. Researchers have discovered that fat cells produce hormones and other chemicals that can hurt your body when you're young. The damage gets worse if the weight stays with you into adulthood.

This is scary, yes. But it will help you to understand why it's so important to eat well and be active. You want to live a long time, right? And, just as important, you don't want to be limited by painful and serious health problems, right?



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July 2

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, Jill Trovell of Twin Falls Municipal Airport on "Air Show," noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.

Buhl Public Library teen summer reading program, Change Who You Are; with David Blaszkewicz on theatre and acting, 12:30 to 2 p.m., at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, no cost, includes prizes, 543-6500.

Basic Computer Classes, "Basics of Computer" offered by Idaho Department of Labor, 4 to 6 p.m., Department of Labor office, 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, limited seating, 735-2500.

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

Pressure Cannon Gauge testing, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, 878-9461 or 436-7184.

Fireworks 5K Run/Walk, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. registration and 8 p.m. race begins, College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, 725 S. 7th St., Burley, 878-9461.

Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, 543-6682.

New Energy Dance and Fitness live entertainment, Legacy Square and Moose Lodge, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 543-2244.

Hot for Your Business, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Restaurant, 816 Hansen St., Twin Falls, live music, food, drinks and prizes provided, Burley, 878-9461.

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"Spirit of America" Sage Brush Days, with Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m., West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, \$5 adults and \$3 ages 12 and under; 7 a.m. registration for Buhl Fun Run at Furniture Room parking lot and 8 a.m. Fun Run, 10:15 a.m. opening ceremonies; 10:30 a.m. parade with vendors in Eastman Park, family activities, competitions and live entertainment to follow; and aerial firing and fireworks, dusk, North Park, Buhl, 543-6682.

"Bluegrass and Strawberries", Strings Attached Bluegrass Band and homemade ice cream with strawberries, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park, Jarbidge, Nev., (775) 498-2358.

Opening Night Sun Valley Ice Show, featuring world-class and Olympic skating stars, beginning at dusk, Outdoor Ice Rink, behind the Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, tickets: (208) 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

Hagerman Senior and Community Center parking lot fundraiser, includes bake sale and yard sale, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and \$4 barbecue; choice of hamburgers, hot dogs or hotwurst served with beans, chips, watermelon and \$1 beverage, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 140 E. Lake St., Hagerman, 837-6120.

Bliss 4th of July Bash and Street Dance, 10:30 a.m. parade; 11 a.m. mud volleyball (\$20 per team); 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. fire department barbecue; 1 to 3 p.m. fireman's challenge; 3 p.m. lawn mower race; 4:45 p.m. Cow Plunk; 5 to 7 p.m. chamber dinner (\$6 each or \$20 family of six); 7 to 9 p.m. AIV Poker run (\$20 per ATV); 8 to 10 p.m. fire department barbecue; 9:30 p.m. flag ceremony; 10:30 p.m. fireworks with street dance following and kids activities in Lower Park all day, 352-1176.

Burley 4th of July fireworks, dark, Burley Boat Coeds, 878-2224.

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) in performance during Scout Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m., Hollister City Park, 735-1580.

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) in performance during Sage Brush Days celebration, 7 to 9 p.m., McCluskey Park, pavilion, Buhl, bring lawn chairs, 735-1580.

Independence Day Extravaganza family event, featuring Marcus Meek, special performances by Electric Snack and Redline and fireworks, 6 to 9:30 p.m., amphitheater (across from Gosners), Heyburn, (208) 678-6000.

Jerome's 2nd annual Independence Day Celebration, includes patriotic kick-off, live entertainment, raffles, food, crafters, exhibits, games, sports and fireworks at dusk, from Jerome High School, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., North and South City Park, no admission fee, 324-2711.

Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series, Clark Heglar: "Them Were the Days" by the Oldest Man in Idaho, 2 p.m., at Stanley museum and 8:30 p.m. campfire presentations at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 608-8741 or vjlawson@gmail.com.

Tony Davis Memorial Bull Riding, 7 p.m., Buhl Rodeo Grounds, 543-6682.

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July 7 Parks and Waterways Board meeting, 6 p.m., Rock Creek Park, Twin Falls, 734-9491.

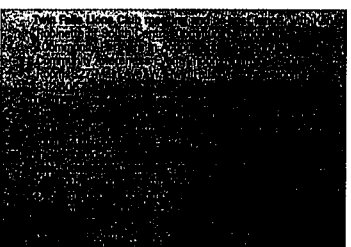
July 7-11 — Kids Fitness and Wellness Camp, for girls and boys entering K through sixth grade, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., College of Southern Idaho Recreation Center, Twin Falls, \$100 for first registered child and \$85 for additional siblings, 732-6479 or jlugue@csi.edu.

Story Hour, 10 a.m., Oakley Free Library, 862-3434.

Beginning day of "Strong Women Stay Young", a six-week, Tuesday/Thursday exercise and nutrition program taught by Rhon Laning, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15, weights provided, (208) 734-9590 or rhlaning@uidaho.edu for required pre-registration.

The TFPL Book Club meeting, discussion: Katherine Neville's suspense novel "The Eighth," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library program room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., light refreshments, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@tfflib.org.

July 8, 9, 10 — Introduction to Irish Dance Camp, for ages 5 and up; separate classes for boys, time TBA, Dance Center, Twin Falls, \$30, 432-5670.



July 10 Catch the Reading Bug, Jerome Library summer reading program: "Bug Masquerade Ball," 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., no cost, 324-5427.

The Magic Valley quilting quilt, 1:30 p.m., Southside Electric, Declo, quilters of all levels of expertise welcome, 873-5577.

July 10, 11, 12 — "Arsenic and Old Lace" Summer Theatre production, presented by West End Theatre Company, 7:30 p.m., Buhl High School auditorium, tickets: \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens, 490-1992.

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Stanley's Great Hoop, through Aug. 16.

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Sig Sauer Introductory Pistol Training, basic knowledge for purchasing first gun and for those wanting to fulfill concealed carry requirements, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sportsman's Warehouse, 1940 Bridgeway Blvd., Twin Falls, \$99 early bird special by July 5; \$149 after July 5, (886) 619-1128.

Declo Days, 9 a.m., Declo, 654-2310.

July 12 Idaho State Parks Centennial Celebration, (no Saturday Program movie), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oregon Trail History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, \$4-per-vehicle fee waived, (208) 366-7913.

Mannie's Jamboree Fiddle contest, in honor of Mannie Shaw and Archie Turner, Shoshone City Park, (208) 886-2466, shoshoneartsinthepark@yahoo.com or musicratdog@cablone.net.

July 12, 13 — Shoshone Arts in the Park, includes Quilt Show, antiques for sale, a local farmers market, youth arts workshops, fiddlers competition, 3-on-3 basketball tournament and more, Shoshone City Park, (208) 886-2466, shoshoneartsinthepark@yahoo.com.

July 14 The Arizona Club breakfast meeting, 9 a.m., Idaho Joe's, 593 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 543-8527 for reservations.

July 14-19 — Sideshow Safe/Organization of Rupert Businesses, Rupert Square, 436-3204.

July 15 Story Hour, 10 a.m., Oakley Free Library, 862-3434.

The Twin Falls County Fair Foundation Membership Drive barbecue, featuring T-shirts and findings and entertainment by Johnny U and Riley Baker, 6 to 8 p.m., Dely Show, Ring, 326-4396.

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Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Warren House Assisted Living; More Christensen and Marcus Olson, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cofé, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 670-4438 or 677-4872 ext. 2.

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The 95th annual Pioneer Picnic, with music, history and fellowship; bring salad or dessert and lawn chair; table service and meat provided, 1 p.m. potluck begins, 4-H Park, Fairfield, (208) 764-2330.

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musician Nick Jaina with band, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost, (208) 484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

July 22

July 22-24 — Oakley Pioneer Days, featuring team roping, 7 to 9 p.m., (23), and Gymkhana, 6 to 8 p.m., (24), Oakley arena, 862-2513 or 431-3292.

July 23

Two-Falls Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (23), Twin Falls, Idaho, LaSalle Park, 734-8400.

Rocky Mountain High School, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (23), under www.rockymountainhigh.org.

July 23-24 — 2008 Idaho State Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (23), 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., (24), Idaho State Fairgrounds, 2000 N. Idaho Blvd., Boise, 333-3333.

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University of Idaho "Twilight Tour" hayride to several research plots with scientific explanations on crop experiments, field research, variety of informational and industry booths with hands-on activities for adults and children; free hot dogs and hamburgers for attendees, Kimberly Research Farm, (208) 736-3629.

July 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 — "Seussical the Musical" presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee only (28), Howell's Opera House, Oakley, 677-2787. (August performances: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9.)

July 26

Merchant's market Save Our Sign fundraiser, includes wide variety of items and vendors, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendell City Park, free books while supply lasts, 536-6159.

Saturday Program, "Flint Knapping and Arrow Making" demonstration for all ages at 10 a.m. and "The Gold Rush" movie at 2 p.m., Oregon Trail History and Education Center, Three Island Crossing State Park, \$4 per vehicle without annual pass, adult must accompany children under age 9, (208) 366-7913.

July 28

B.A.A.T. Team (Burlay Area Action Team) family barbecue and concert, includes entertainment, food and ice cream served by city council members, 6 to 9 p.m., Story Book Park, Burley, no cost, open to the public, bring lawn chairs and blankets, (208) 431-0030.



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Knockout Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

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Overeater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m., Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

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The Twin Falls Municipal Band concert, 8 p.m., at the band shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 735-2500, ext. 3654, (exception: July 3).

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Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 309-6556.

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

Corner Quilters Guild meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main, Wendell, open to public, no cost, (208) 934-4591.

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Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 309-6556.

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

Corner Quilters Guild meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main, Wendell, open to public, no cost, (208) 934-4591.

Faulkner Planetarium "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars/Live Sky Tour" 2 p.m., "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" 7 p.m., and "Space Jammin'" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Edon, no cost, 737-5988.

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

Silve-Sneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humano insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Knockout Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

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Overeater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m., Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 324-7237.

A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

The Twin Falls Municipal Band concert, 8 p.m., at the band shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 735-2500, ext. 3654, (exception: July 3).

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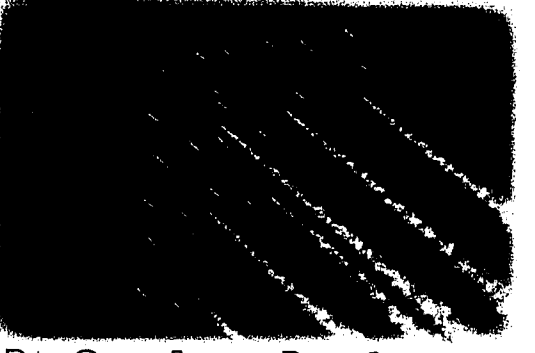
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Living the local history of Butch Cassidy



By Susan Spano
Los Angeles Times

ST. GEORGE, Utah — "Most of what follows is true." That's the opening of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," the 1969 movie about two bandits born as the sun was setting on the old Wild West.

Morally ambiguous, the movie struck a chord with Vietnam War-era audiences who stood and cheered when Paul Newman as Butch and Robert Redford as Sundance met a hail of bullets in a Bolivian town, etching the final frame onto my 15-year-old heart.

The movie wrote something else there as well: a love of Western scenery, which I rediscovered on a trip to Southern Utah.

With five national parks, Utah's grand scenery is unrivaled in North America. It's also where Robert LeRoy Parker, alias Butch Cassidy, was born in 1866.

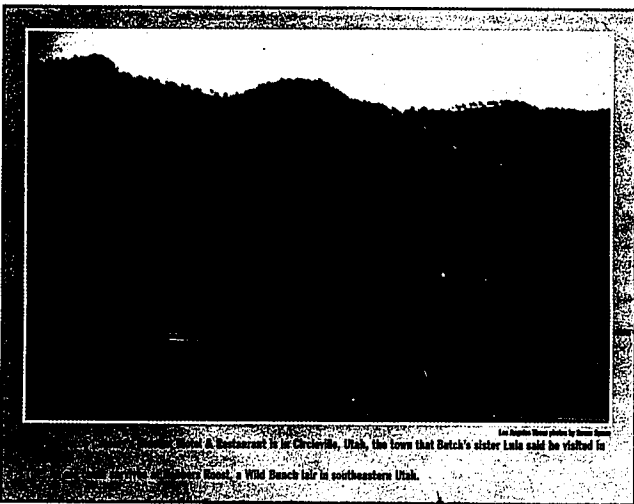
On the Parker homestead in the Sevier River Valley 200 miles south of Salt Lake City, Butch learned to be a cowboy first and, later, how to brand on other people's livestock.

Apparently, he pulled only one big job in Utah, the 1897 Pecosan Valley Coal Co. payroll robbery at Castle Gate. Between heists, he and his Wild Bunch gang often hid out on Utah's Colorado Plateau.

I set out to track the historical and Hollywood outlaw in Utah but got only as far as St. George when I started running into a third persona: the apocryphal Butch, who is in some ways the most interesting because of the people who told me about him.

St. George is the capital of Utah's Dixie, so named because Mormon church leaders dispatched pioneers like Butch's father, Maximilian Parker, to settle and grow cotton around the time of the Civil War.

Downtown at the Washington County Library, I met Bart Anderson, a historian and folklorist, known as "Ranger Bart" because he has devoted his retirement years to giving slide shows at



nearby national and state parks.

Of the 111-show repertoire, the one on Butch is the most popular. It features vintage photos of the outlaw, including the mug shot taken when he was sent to the Wyoming Territorial Penitentiary for horse-stealing in 1894 and a portrait of the Wild Bunch dressed like city slickers. The Butch it portrays is an affable-looking man.

"Butch was a contagious fellow, well-liked," Anderson said. "The movie got that much right."

As so many locals claim, Butch didn't die in South America on Nov. 6, 1908. Instead, he and Sundance rode back to Utah, stopping in Mexico to meet Pancho Villa.

Others have tried to prove the

opposite. The movie takes a middle ground by leaving their fate to the imagination but faithfully underscores the passing of the outlaw era.

Around 1860, Mormon pioneers settled in Grafton, just down the Virgin River from the red rocks of Zion Canyon National Park. But floods, disease and hostile Indians made the colony unsustainable. By 1910, many had moved on, leaving a ghost town to Hollywood location scouts who found backdrops for a passel of Westerns, including "The Deadwood Coach," with Tom Mix (1924), "My Friend Flicka" (1943) and John Ford's "Rio Grande" (1950).

I drove east through the red-and-

white slick-rock country along Utah 9, then turned north on U.S. 89 that runs through the hamlet of Orderville.

I turned east on Utah 12 and headed for Ruby's Inn, on the threshold of Bryce Canyon, whittled from limestone into a gallery of pinnacles and spires known as "hoodoos." Mormon pioneer Ebenezer Bryce, who gave his name to the landmark that is now a national park, once said, "It's a helluva place to lose a horse."

Locals say a posse tracked a teenage Butch here when he took up rustling.

Bryce Canyon Pines motel offers daylong trail rides to the remains of one of the stone cabins where

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Wild country for the Wild Bunch.

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Butch is thought to have stashed fresh horses for the relay escapes he perfected.

The next day, I drove west to the ranching town of Panguitch. Its block-long business district has Western storefronts occupied by cafes and shops, including Cowboy Collectibles, where I found reproductions of Wild Bunch "wanted" posters.

Panguitch is where Butch's youngest sister, Lula Parker Betenson, spent her last years after writing "Butch Cassidy, My Brother," published in 1975. The book confounded Western scholars with its assertion that Butch arrived at the Parker home in nearby Circleville in 1925 driving a new black Ford, unscathed by the bullets of federalists who supposedly had killed him and Sundance.

Lula was a toddler when her big brother left home, but in the 1930s she believed claims that William T. Phillips of Spokane, Wash., was Butch. Later, she changed her mind, saying she knew where the real Butch was buried but planned to take the secret to her grave. She died in 1980.

Ranches, barns and pastures line the 20-mile stretch of U.S. 89 north of Panguitch. Just before Circleville, I spotted the lonesome old Parker homestead, now privately owned. The wood cabin has a loft where Butch might have slept as a boy.

I stopped at Butch Cassidy's Hideout restaurant and motel in Circleville for Butch's Special Cheeseburger plate, then visited 84-year-old Alfred Fullmer.

Fullmer remembered that he raced horses with some of the Parker boys. Like some locals, he believes Lula's story about Butch's 1925 homecoming, although he

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A guide to Butch Cassidy country

TO GET THERE
The area of south-central Utah where outlaw Butch Cassidy roamed is about 150 miles northeast of St. George and about 250 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

WHERE TO STAY

- Boulder Mountain Lodge, Utah 12, Boulder; (800) 556-3446, www.bouldermountain.com. This handsome, contemporary wood lodge on Boulder Mountain has a hot tub overlooking a bird sanctuary and a stylish grill restaurant; doubles range from \$72 to \$162, depending on the season.

- Bryce and Zion National Parks have historic lodges and cabins; Zion Lodge is open year-round; doubles start around \$154; Bryce Canyon Lodge is open April 1 to Oct. 31 with doubles starting about \$125; for information, contact Xanterra, (888) 237-2757, www.xanterra.com.

- Butch Cassidy's Hideout Motel & Cafe, 339 S. U.S. Highway 89, Circleville; (435) 577-2008, www.butchcas

skyshildout.com. The small, shipshape motel and cafe are popular with alternative vehicle riders headed for the Paiute Trail; doubles from \$58.

- Desert Pearl Inn, Highway 9, Springdale; (435) 772-8888, www.desertpearl.com. The welcoming motel on the banks of the Virgin River north of Zion National Park has a laundry, swimming pool and gift shop with cafe; doubles start at \$98.

- Lodge at Red River Ranch, Highway 24, Teasdale; (800) 205-6343, www.redriver-ranch.com. The lodge just west of Capitol Reef National Park was converted from an old stagecoach station. It has 15 elegant guest rooms full of Western antiques and boasts a hot tub, fly-fishing on the Fremont River and a charming restaurant; doubles from \$160.

- Ruby's Inn, 1000 S. Highway 63, Bryce; (800) 468-8660, www.rubysinn.com. The inn, founded around 1920 at the

entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, is a Best Western hotel that is favored by families, thanks to recreational offerings including a pool, national-park tours and horseback riding; doubles from about \$70, depending on the season.

WHERE TO EAT

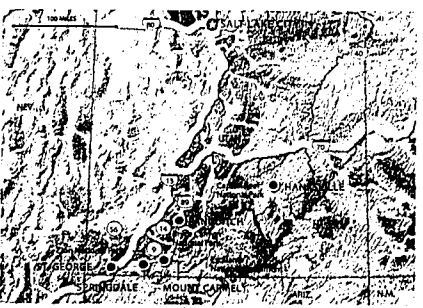
- Balance Rock Eatery & Pub, 148 S. Main St., Helper; (435) 472-0403. A homey bar/restaurant with antiques for sale and pool tables; \$10 to \$25 per person.

- Boulder Mesa Restaurant, Burr Trail, Boulder; (435) 335-7447. Known for hamburgers and pie; \$10 to \$15.

- Bryce Canyon Pines, Highway 12, Bryce; (800) 892-7923. A motel with a restaurant featuring antiques, banana cream pie; dinner for one \$20.

- Oscar's, 948 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale; (435) 772-3232. Serves huge burgers and burritos; about \$10 to \$15.

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Wild country for the Wild Bunch

Los Angeles Times

ST. GEORGE, Utah — It is easiest to see the wild, isolated Robbers Roost country where Butch Cassidy often hid out from Angel Point overlooking the Dirty Devil River.

A dirt loop road leads here from Utah 95 about five miles south of Hanksville. There are occasional signposts and a small parking lot at the trail head. The hike to the river is about three miles; the views of the Roost's deeply incised canyons get better all the way. In low-water conditions, hikers can ford the Dirty Devil and continue to Angel Cove Spring and, finally, to Hiddlecome-Ekker Ranch.

For information, stop in at the Bureau of Land Management office in Hanksville, (435) 542-3461.

Beaver, the county seat on Interstate 15 about 100 miles north of St. George, is where Robert LeRoy Parker, aka Butch Cassidy, was born April 13, 1866, three years before the completion of the nation's first transcontinental railroad. When he was 13, the family moved across 11,331-foot Clinville Mountain to a ranch in the Sevier River Valley.

Today, there's little left of Butch in Beaver besides a much transformed, unmarked pink stone house where he is thought to have lived and a Best Western hotel named for him. But while you're there, don't miss the Cache Valley Cheese fac-

tory and store, 330 W. 300 S., (435) 438-2421, known for cheese curds that squeak when you bite into them. As they squeak, remember that young Bob Parker worked for a time at a dairy before spurring his horse onto the Outlaw Trail.

Parowan, also on I-15, about 30 miles south of Beaver, was the first Mormon colony south of Provo, settled in the early 1850s at the behest of church leader Brigham Young. Many pioneers are buried in its rock-walled cemetery under the mountains on the west side of town, as is Daniel Parker, Butch's younger brother.

Dan followed Butch on the Outlaw Trail but was arrested during a heist and sent to the Detroit House of Corrections, then given a pardon in 1897. He moved to Parowan, raised a family, is said to have lived a law-abiding life, died in 1942 and was buried with family members around him.

Red Canyon Trail Rides, Bryce Canyon Pines Motel, Utah 12, (435) 834-5441, has guided, daylong horseback rides deep into Red Canyon to visit the remains of a stone hide-out said to have been used by Butch. The \$100 fee includes a box lunch. The rides are offered from early spring to late October. You need some riding experience for the 14-mile trek through rough country.

Silver Reef sprang up around 1875, after silver was discovered in the red sandstone plateaus about 20

miles north of St. George. Soon, there were six mills, producing about \$1-million worth of silver a year. Butch's father, Maximilian, worked in the mines when the family hit hard times, and some have claimed the bandit didn't die in Bolivia (as suggested by the 1969 movie) but lived out his twilight years in Silver Reef, occasionally visited by the Sundance Kid and the Kid's paramour, Etta Place.

Silver Reef was a ghost town by about 1900 and is now being swallowed up by residential subdivisions. But the old Wells Fargo Building has been restored as the Silver Reef Museum & Art Gallery; next door, there's the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, (435) 879-6862, and down the hill, the old Catholic and Protestant cemeteries are being kept up by the local Lions Club.

The Western Mining & Railroad Museum, 296 S. Main St., Helper, (435) 472-3009, is devoted to the history of a small coal-mining town on the railway line to Salt Lake City. Just north, there's a mountain pass called Castle Gate, where Butch and bandits pulled off a masterfully planned payroll heist that netted about \$7,000 in gold. The bandits cut the telegraph lines to Helper on their way down into the valley and were initially chased by Pleasant Valley Coal Co. paymaster E.L. Carpenter in a locomotive detached from the rest of its train.

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Cassidy

Continued from page G3 said no one talked much about the bandit before the movie.

"Afterward, everybody claimed they'd seen him. I don't know, maybe I did," Fuller said.

The next morning, I headed out on Utah 12. It makes a 120-mile loop through the minuscule ranching communities of Tropic, Cannonville and Henrieville at the threshold of 1.9-million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, then rounds the east side of 10,180-foot Powell Point.

Bill Wolverton, a resource management ranger for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, which abuts Grand Staircase-Escalante, knows the region well.

Utah 12 crosses the wild Escalante River and it was a short walk from the highway to Upper Cal Creek Falls.

Wolverton and I sat looking into the canyon, remembering the scene in the film in which Butch and Sundance jump from just such an aerie.

"I saw that movie again and it was like 40 years hadn't passed," Wolverton said. "I could anticipate all the lines."

After that, I took Utah 12 over 10,000-foot Boulder Mountain, unpaved until the 1970s, then spent the night at the Lodge at Red River Ranch on the Fremont River west of Torrey, a beautifully restored stagecoach Inn that the owners claim Butch visited.

Then on to Hanksville, about 50 miles east of Capitol Reef, where I met Utah guidebook writer Mike Kelsey, who had promised to take me to Robbers Roost, a 30-mile-wide mesa banked on the south by the Dirty Devil River.

The Roost was the impregnable lair of the Wild Bunch. It had narrow slot canyons for hiding out, some springs, enough fodder for horses and overhangs where bandit sentries watched for posess. It can be reached only on unmarked dirt roads.

Around midmorning, we pulled up at Robbers Roost Spring, in a deep-set gulch rimmed by red rock, with water palatable to cows and horses but too bitter for humans.

From there, we walked up the canyon to the remains of an old stone cabin built by early ranchers — and reportedly by the Wild Bunch.

A shared hostility to railroad barons and bankers kept the outlaws on good terms with the tough cattlemen who worked this isolated range. Antipathy to one side, the other side's hostility persists among some of them, which is why Kelsey was concerned when we next

headed for the Hiddlecome-Ekker Ranch at nearby Crow Seep.

But I had permission to see the place from Gaymarie Ekker, one of the ranch owners. She lives now in Cedar City, Utah, but she grew up

with her mother Hazel, father Arthur and older brother A.C. on the 160-acre Robbers Roost ranch started by her grandfather, Joe Hiddlecome, in 1909.

"Butch Cassidy was our Robin Hood," Ekker told me.

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Smits and Hicks go 'Fourth' for PBS on Independence Day

He's not a real president-elect; he's just played one on television.

Still, that's enough to make Jimmy Smits feel at home in Washington, D.C., on the nation's birthday.

The Emmy-winning veteran of "The West Wing," "L.A. Law," "NYPD Blue" and last season's "Came" will play first-time host as entertainers gather for a now-traditional celebration on the annual, over-classy PBS special "A Capitol Fourth" Friday, July 4 (check local listings).

"The same producing organization handles this and the National Memorial Day Concert, and I've been a presenter on both," the gracious Smits says. "It's always very moving, and in a wonderful way, it fortifies your feelings about what's going on. The Fourth of July concert is invigorating in so many ways, in terms of how wide it feels like to be an American."

Originating as usual from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, the live event on Jerry Colbert's program will celebrate Independence Day largely in song. On the guest roster this time: the 2006 winner of American



Jimmy Smits hosts 'A Capitol Fourth' Friday on PBS (check local listings).

Idol." Taylor Hicks; Huey Lewis and the News; and rock icon Jerry Lee Lewis.

Also: opera star Ikarlog Blackwell; Broadway talent Brian Stokes Mitchell; classical vocalist Hayley Westenra; and Olympic gold-medalist figure skater

Scott Hamilton. Erich Kunzel returns to conduct the National Symphony Orchestra, ending the 90-minute show in the long-established way with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

"I grew up in New York

City," Smits says, "and I've got wonderful memories of the Fourth of July fireworks."

It's a staple of the city, whether at a ballpark or at Coney Island. "I'm a good New Yorker, but when you've experienced what it's like on the Capitol lawn

Cover story

Show time

What: "A Capitol Fourth"
When: July 4
Channel: PBS

with the backdrop of all the monuments and the live music, there's no comparison. It just gives you goose bumps."

Some recent events have likened the presidential run by congressman-Matt Santos, Smits' "West Wing" character, to Sen. Barack Obama's current candidacy. "It's funny," Smits says. "That sort of started out in newspapers in England, which have a different perspective on American politics. About six months ago, these stories started surfacing about the Santos-Obama-Hillary (Clinton) of it all, then some Washington papers picked up on it."

"It just makes you feel proud, more than anything else, that the work has in some way transcended itself. You can't get so serious as to not realize that

what we do is entertainment, but when you have the chance to provoke thought or advance discussion on a topic, it's just the icing on the cake."

Another star of this year's "A Capitol Fourth" is broadening his image: Taylor Hicks is making his Broadway debut, playing "Teen Angel" (and crooning "Beauty School Dropout") in a revival of "Grease" through early September. "We're having a half-centit," Hicks says. "It's a great part."

In getting July 4 off for his commitment in the nation's capital, Hicks knows he'll be shifting into a different mode.

"It's probably the most patriotic thing I'll ever do in my whole life," he says. "I haven't decided which tunes I'll do yet, probably a standard and then a couple of other things."

He also realizes he'll be in impressive musical company. "Jerry Lee Lewis is definitely one of those rock 'n' roll mentees you try to see. You always hear about them, but that's going to be pretty special."

Ringwald gets back in touch with inner teen

Molly Ringwald renounces her teen years, as do many movie fans.

The actress' 1980s screen classics — including "Pretty in Pink," "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club" — made her one of that decade's main symbols of youth. Now, as both a television mom and a parent in real life, she's happy to pass that torch to another generation of performers.

After television gigs on "The Facts of Life" and the Ringwald-lived "Townies," the actress tries series work again in "7th Heaven" creator Brenda Hampton's new ABC Family drama "The Secret Life of the American Teenager."

Amy (Shilene Woodley) is pregnant after a brief encounter at band camp. The younger players get more camera time than



Mark Derwin and Molly Ringwald star in "The Secret Life of the American Teenager," premiering Tuesday on ABC Family.

the really cares about people, and she wants those on the set to be good people. That's important to

Show time

What: The Secret Life of the American Teenager
When: Tuesday
Channel: ABC Family

Ringwald in the opening episode, but hers will increase in future weeks.

"When Brenda wrote the first script, she had no idea I would be playing the part," Ringwald explains. "After that, (the role was) written more to me and my strengths. I wasn't totally sure about doing this, but I talked to Brenda and really liked her. She convinced me of where the character would go, and I just thought she was someone I would like to work with."

"She really cares about people, and she wants those on the set to be good people. That's important to

her. Also, because I'm a mom with a 4-year-old daughter, she's been great about working the schedule around my life. That really means to me."

So does the show's main subject. "Teen pregnancy has been around for a long time," Ringwald reasons, "but in this day and age, you wouldn't think it would happen to somebody like my character's daughter, coming from the background she does. The mom talks to her all the time, and it seems like this shouldn't happen, yet it does."

Acknowledging "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" marks "the first time I've ever played the mother of teenage kids," Ringwald doesn't mind challenging her iconic younger image by playing a mom.

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Main content table with columns for time slots (6p.m., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00) and rows for various channels (Free Channels, Cable Channels, etc.) listing program titles and descriptions.

Table with columns for time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows of program listings including titles, channels, and descriptions.

Table with columns for time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows of program listings for the 7:00-7:30 AM slot.

CHANGES BROADCAST OUTSIDE NEW FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

Advertisement for 'More movies' featuring a grid of film listings with titles, times, and descriptions. Includes a 'WEDNESDAY' section and a 'TOWNSHIP WIRELESS' section.

NEWS MOVIES SPORTS KIDS MONDAY EVENING

Free Channels	6p.m.	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
13 KSWB (3)	The King of... (TV) 6:00	The King of... (TV) 6:00	Orlando Girl 'Sister Wednesday Must Put' (C) (TV14)	The Big Red (C) (TV14)	One True Will 'Tina Turner' (C) (TV14)	Sea and the City (C) (TV14)	Sea and the City (C) (TV14)	Will & Grace (C) (TVPG)	Will & Grace (C) (TV14)	The Bernie Mac Show (C) (TV14)	The Bernie Mac Show (C) (TV14)	Cops 'Phon Boats' (TV14)	
14 KTSP (3)	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	The Bachelor's 'The Men Let' (C) (TV14)	The Bachelor's 'The Men Let' (C) (TV14)	The Bachelor's 'The Men Let' (C) (TV14)	The Bachelor's 'The Men Let' (C) (TV14)	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00
15 KPTV (3)	The Newsweek 'John LaLor' (N) (C) 2634	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00	Antiques Roadshow 'Houston, Texas' (TV) 6:00
16 KXTV (3)	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00
17 KIDQ (3)	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00	Family Guy (C) 6:00
18 KMYT (3)	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00	News (N) 7:00
19 KXHD (3)	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00	News (N) 6:00
20 KXVA (3)	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport	World Sport
Cable Channels	El Jaramata	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria	Victoria
53 UNM	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled	Unlabeled
54 CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN	CNN
55 MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC	MSNBC
56 FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX
57 ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN
58 ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2	ESP2
59 ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3	ESPN3
60 AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC
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62 DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC	DISC
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64 TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV	TRAV
65 NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK	NICK
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67 TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON	TOON
68 TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM	TVM
69 HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV	HDV
70 LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE
71 FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO	FOO
72 A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E	A&E
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Grid of TV channel listings for Monday, July 30, 2008. Columns include time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30), channel numbers (e.g., 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999), channel names (e.g., KTVU, KTTV, KSTU, KATV, KBYU, KXAN, KXXT, KXVA, KXLB, KXLA, KXLY, KXLU, KXLV, KXLUK, KXLUK2, KXLUK3, KXLUK4, KXLUK5, KXLUK6, KXLUK7, KXLUK8, KXLUK9, KXLUK10, KXLUK11, KXLUK12, KXLUK13, KXLUK14, KXLUK15, KXLUK16, KXLUK17, KXLUK18, KXLUK19, KXLUK20, KXLUK21, KXLUK22, KXLUK23, KXLUK24, KXLUK25, KXLUK26, KXLUK27, KXLUK28, KXLUK29, KXLUK30, KXLUK31, KXLUK32, KXLUK33, KXLUK34, KXLUK35, KXLUK36, KXLUK37, KXLUK38, KXLUK39, KXLUK40, KXLUK41, KXLUK42, KXLUK43, KXLUK44, KXLUK45, KXLUK46, KXLUK47, KXLUK48, KXLUK49, KXLUK50, KXLUK51, KXLUK52, KXLUK53, KXLUK54, KXLUK55, KXLUK56, KXLUK57, KXLUK58, KXLUK59, KXLUK60, KXLUK61, KXLUK62, KXLUK63, KXLUK64, KXLUK65, KXLUK66, KXLUK67, KXLUK68, KXLUK69, KXLUK70, KXLUK71, KXLUK72, KXLUK73, KXLUK74, KXLUK75, KXLUK76, KXLUK77, KXLUK78, KXLUK79, KXLUK80, KXLUK81, KXLUK82, KXLUK83, KXLUK84, KXLUK85, KXLUK86, KXLUK87, KXLUK88, KXLUK89, KXLUK90, KXLUK91, KXLUK92, KXLUK93, KXLUK94, KXLUK95, KXLUK96, KXLUK97, KXLUK98, KXLUK99, KXLUK100), and program titles and times.

CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE THIS MARKET CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

Advertisement section titled 'More movies' featuring various film listings with descriptions and times. Includes titles like 'The Bad News Bears', 'Mars Attacks!', 'The Day After Tomorrow', 'The Contender', 'The O'Jays', 'The Long Walk Home', 'The Last Airborne Generation', 'The Hurricane', 'The Final Destination', 'The Hot Chick', 'The Hot Chick 2', 'The Hot Chick 3', 'The Hot Chick 4', 'The Hot Chick 5', 'The Hot Chick 6', 'The Hot Chick 7', 'The Hot Chick 8', 'The Hot Chick 9', 'The Hot Chick 10', 'The Hot Chick 11', 'The Hot Chick 12', 'The Hot Chick 13', 'The Hot Chick 14', 'The Hot Chick 15', 'The Hot Chick 16', 'The Hot Chick 17', 'The Hot Chick 18', 'The Hot Chick 19', 'The Hot Chick 20', 'The Hot Chick 21', 'The Hot Chick 22', 'The Hot Chick 23', 'The Hot Chick 24', 'The Hot Chick 25', 'The Hot Chick 26', 'The Hot Chick 27', 'The Hot Chick 28', 'The Hot Chick 29', 'The Hot Chick 30', 'The Hot Chick 31', 'The Hot Chick 32', 'The Hot Chick 33', 'The Hot Chick 34', 'The Hot Chick 35', 'The Hot Chick 36', 'The Hot Chick 37', 'The Hot Chick 38', 'The Hot Chick 39', 'The Hot Chick 40', 'The Hot Chick 41', 'The Hot Chick 42', 'The Hot Chick 43', 'The Hot Chick 44', 'The Hot Chick 45', 'The Hot Chick 46', 'The Hot Chick 47', 'The Hot Chick 48', 'The Hot Chick 49', 'The Hot Chick 50', 'The Hot Chick 51', 'The Hot Chick 52', 'The Hot Chick 53', 'The Hot Chick 54', 'The Hot Chick 55', 'The Hot Chick 56', 'The Hot Chick 57', 'The Hot Chick 58', 'The Hot Chick 59', 'The Hot Chick 60', 'The Hot Chick 61', 'The Hot Chick 62', 'The Hot Chick 63', 'The Hot Chick 64', 'The Hot Chick 65', 'The Hot Chick 66', 'The Hot Chick 67', 'The Hot Chick 68', 'The Hot Chick 69', 'The Hot Chick 70', 'The Hot Chick 71', 'The Hot Chick 72', 'The Hot Chick 73', 'The Hot Chick 74', 'The Hot Chick 75', 'The Hot Chick 76', 'The Hot Chick 77', 'The Hot Chick 78', 'The Hot Chick 79', 'The Hot Chick 80', 'The Hot Chick 81', 'The Hot Chick 82', 'The Hot Chick 83', 'The Hot Chick 84', 'The Hot Chick 85', 'The Hot Chick 86', 'The Hot Chick 87', 'The Hot Chick 88', 'The Hot Chick 89', 'The Hot Chick 90', 'The Hot Chick 91', 'The Hot Chick 92', 'The Hot Chick 93', 'The Hot Chick 94', 'The Hot Chick 95', 'The Hot Chick 96', 'The Hot Chick 97', 'The Hot Chick 98', 'The Hot Chick 99', 'The Hot Chick 100'.

6 p.m. 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30 12:00

Free Channels grid showing programs like 'The King of Queens', 'The King of the Hill', 'Seinfeld', 'The Simpsons', 'The Daily Show', etc. across various time slots.

Cable Channels

Cable Channels grid showing programs like 'El Jaramero', 'Victoria', 'Sex and the Single City', 'The Sopranos', etc. across various time slots.

Main program grid with columns for channels (e.g., 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100) and rows of program titles and descriptions.

* CHANNEL BROADCAST OUTSIDE TIME ZONES WILL FALL GAPS IN SOME AREAS

Table with columns for Time (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for various TV channels (12-62) and programs (e.g., 12:30: 12.11 NEWS, 12.12 NEWS, 12.13 NEWS; 1:00: 12.10 BROADWAY ADVERTISEMENTS; 1:30: 12.11 THE POLAR EXPRESS; 2:00: 12.11 TOMMY WILCOX; 2:30: 12.11 MURKOVIC; 3:00: 12.11 KING OF FLUSH; 3:30: 12.11 Z-RO; 4:00: 12.11 ON TARGET; 4:30: 12.11 THE REALITY (TVG)).

CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE TOWN MAY NOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

NEWS, LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

Table with columns for Time (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for various TV channels (63-90) and programs (e.g., 12:30: 63.01 SCORCHED; 63.02 CORNED ALICE SANDERSON; 63.03 FRODO BAGGINS; 63.04 THE MOUNTAIN; 63.05 THE DARK KNIGHT RISES; 63.06 THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS; 63.07 THE DARK KNIGHT TRILOGY; 63.08 THE DARK KNIGHT TRILOGY; 63.09 THE DARK KNIGHT TRILOGY; 63.10 THE DARK KNIGHT TRILOGY).

More movies

Main content table with columns for channels (Free Channels, Cable Channels, etc.), time slots (6p.m., 6-30, 7-00, 7-30, 8:00, 8-30, 9:00, 9-30, 10:00, 10-30, 11:00, 11-30, 12:00), and program titles with descriptions.

CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE THIS MARKET CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

SPIN BROADCASTING SERVICE CHANNELS WITHOUT CABLE CHANNELS WITHOUT CABLE

Table with 13 columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description.

Cable Channels

Table with 13 columns: Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description, Channel, Time, Program Name, Description.

Table listing various TV programs, channels, and times. Columns include time slots (12:30-1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00), program titles, channels, and descriptions.

* CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE TOWN FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

Advertisement for 'More movies' featuring titles like 'Pure Luck', 'The Plan of the Ten Commandments', 'Daddy's Home', 'The Sandlot', and 'The Sandlot 2' with cast members and descriptions.

THE TIMES-NEWS																					
		NEWS				MOVIES				SATURDAY AFTERNOON				SPORTS				KIDS			
		11:30	12p.m.	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00		5:30						
FC	11	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)					
	12	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)					
CB	11	KWSP (15)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)					
	12	KWSP (15)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)	KTWC-TV (13)					
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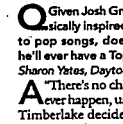
about rebuilding a tornado-devastated Kansas town. And when in Manhattan, Leo uses a bike to get to his new "green" condo. Find out how other celebs are going green at Parade.com/personality.



Beals: Fame isn't her aim

Q Jennifer Beals went without a big hit for 20 years between *Fleshandance* and *Showtime's* lesbian-themed *The Word*. What is she up to next?—K.G., Concord, Mass.

A "Being a star has never been my goal," Beals, 44, tells us. "I don't seek public recognition. In fact, I'm a bit of a hermit. I pick the movies I do because I like to be part of a great story, regardless of the size of the role." As if to prove her point, she just finished shooting a minor role in a low-budget French film called *Jouise*.



Groban: No hit man

Q Given Josh Groban's classically inspired approach to pop songs, does he think he'll ever have a Top 10 hit?—Sharon Yates, Dayton, Ohio

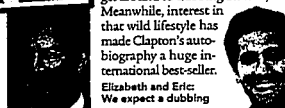
A "There's no chance that I'll ever happen, unless Justin Timberlake decides to remix me," says Josh, 27, who recently released *Amoke Live*, a CD/DVD recorded live in Salt Lake City. Since his split from actress January Jones, Josh has been keeping company with his dog, a Wheaten terrier named Sweeney.

Q I cannot understand why Queen Elizabeth II has not yet knighted rock legend Eric Clapton. Is it because of Clapton's past drug use and wild lifestyle?—Dobra Arzyla, Santee, Calif.

A If an unconventional life in rock 'n' roll were an impediment to knighthood, there'd be no Sir Paul (McCarthy), Sir Mick (Jagger), or Sir Elton (John). We suspect that, in the not-too-distant future, the queen will get around to dubbing Sir Eric, 63.

Meanwhile, interest in that wild lifestyle has made Clapton's autobiography a huge international best-seller.

Elizabeth and Eric: We expect a dubbing



Q Is it true that Jake Gyllenhaal will star in a biopic about New York Jets great Joe Namath?—S.R., High Point, N.C.

A Yes, Jake—who says he's of Aten told he resembles the legendary playboy-quarterback—is looking forward to playing "Broadway Joe." And the red-hot star has a busy dance card, and it could be a while before he slips on Joe's famous No. 12 Jets jersey. Jake, 27, will soon start shooting *Prince of Persia* and has two other movies that already wrapped: *Nailed*, a political satire with Jessica Biel; and *Brothers*, involving the Afghan war, with Tobey Maguire.



Q We haven't seen much of Sean Connery lately. Is it true he has Alzheimer's?—Corinne Teague, Hartselle, Ala.

A Sir Sean says "it's categorically not true" that he has Alzheimer's. He has had other medical issues, including radiation therapy for a throat ailment in 1993 and kidney surgery in 2006, but is now in good health. After collecting \$17 million for 2003's *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, Sean said farewell to films except for a few voice-overs. Now 77, he lives in the Bahamas with his wife, Michelle.

Q I'm looking forward to this summer's new *Mummy* film, but I'm disappointed that Rachel Weisz won't be returning as Brendan Fraser's wife. What gives?—D. Stubbins, Harrisburg, Pa.

A She was asked to reprise her role, but the Oscar-winner (*The Constant Gardener*) was a new mom when production started and didn't want to take her baby on location to China. Instead, Maria Bello (*A History of Violence*) will step into Rachel's shoes when *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* opens next month.



Maria (top) and Rachel, who chose mommy over Mummy

Q Whatever happened to Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who was the sole survivor of the car accident that killed Princess Diana?—Monica Bradley, San Antonio, Tex.

A He came just plain Trevor Rees but still bears facial scars from that crash. In recent years, Rees, 39, worked in Iraq for a private security firm protecting foreign workers, got divorced, and wed a teacher with whom he has a 3-year-old daughter named Nia.

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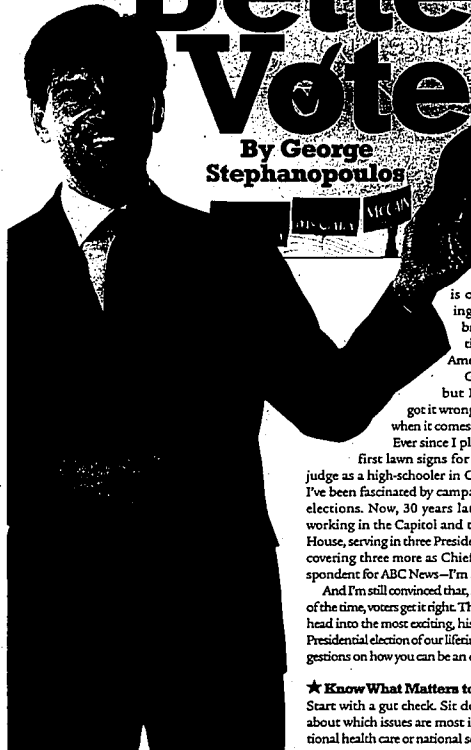


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How To Be A Better Voter

By George Stephanopoulos



H.L. MENCKEN is often quoted as saying, "No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public."

Great line, but Mencken got it wrong—at least when it comes to voters. Ever since I planted my first lawn signs for a county judge as a high-schooler in Cleveland, I've been fascinated by campaigns and elections. Now, 30 years later—after working in the Capitol and the White House, serving in three Presidential campaigns, and covering three more as Chief Washington Correspondent for ABC News—I'm still fascinated.

And I'm still convinced that, in most elections most of the time, voters get it right. The process works. As we head into the most exciting, historic, and high-stakes Presidential election of our lifetimes, here are some suggestions on how you can be an even better voter.

★ Know What Matters to You

Start with a gut check. Sit down and really think about which issues are most important to you: national health care or national security? Global warm-

Pick the next President as if your child's life rested on your decision

ing or the makeup of the Supreme Court? Consider what qualities you most prize in a leader: empathy, decisiveness, or intelligence? Candor or competence?

Then imagine that you are the President. What would be your top priority? Whom would you turn to for advice? Which principle or position would you be willing to stand by even if it put your whole Presidency at risk? How do you size up the candidates should flow from how you answer those basic questions.

★ Use the Godfather Test

Political pollsters love the beer-buddy question—namely, to ask voters which candidate they'd most want to hang out with over a couple of cold ones or a cup of coffee. But I prefer to use the Godfather (or Godmother) Test.

What that means: Pick a candidate as if your child's life depended on it. While linking the politician should be part of your thought process, having a Best Pal in the Oval Office isn't enough. The decisions made by the next President will help determine whether your children will have to fight in wars, how dependent they'll be on foreign oil, and whether Medicare and Social Security will be there when they retire. Vote for the candidate who has the competence and character to guide your child—and the country.



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★ Find Out What Your Friends and Family Really Think

In addition to getting news from the TV, try to check out a solid newspaper every day. It will give you some breadth of coverage about the election and the context of the campaign. And, as you're making up your mind, don't be afraid to engage friends and family in debate. Not surprisingly, I disagree with the old saw that you should never discuss politics at the dinner table (although I do my best not to bore my toddlers). When I worked in politics, the best decisions I ever made came after conversations with my friends. So go at it—just try not to pick a fight at every meal.

★ During the Debates, Focus on What the Candidates Say—and Do

Record numbers of viewers tuned in to this year's primary debates—and for good reason. They matter. Though face-to-face televised debates are a relatively recent phenomenon (the Kennedy-Nixon debates in 1960 were the first ever), they've been key turning points in just about every campaign since.

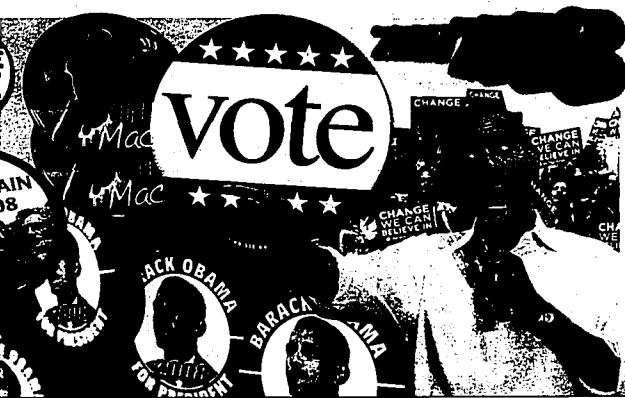
Both Richard Nixon in 1960 and Al Gore in 2000 might have been better off sticking with radio broadcasts. Many observers thought each had won his first televised debate on points, but Nixon was undone by bad makeup that failed to hide his 5 o'clock shadow, and Gore was undercut by reaction shots that caught him sighing and rolling his eyes while George W.

Bush was speaking. Viewers were turned off.

Gerald Ford's bid against Jimmy Carter in 1976 stalled at the second debate, when Ford declared there was "no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe." Meanwhile, Bill Clinton sealed his 1992 victory during a second debate with George H.W. Bush. As Clinton engaged a questioner on the economy, Bush was caught checking his watch. The metaphor stuck.

While nothing in a campaign can match the demands that a President will face in the White House Situation Room, debates can offer a glimpse of how candidates perform when everything's on the line. Watch how they handle the pressure—and give extra credit for spontaneity. Are they thinking on their feet or reciting canned talking points? Which one can defuse a difficult moment with humor, recover from a gaffe with grace, or pounce on an opponent's mistake without seeming too mean-spirited?

Wit and showmanship are important. They feed into what political scholar Richard Neustadt considered the most essential Presidential power—"the power to persuade."

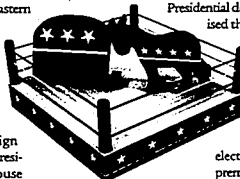


★ Balance It All Out

Where the candidates have come from, what positions they take on the issues, whom they listen to, and how they make decisions all matter. No one quality is the key to success. Take experience, for example. It's hard to imagine a President coming to the White House with a more stellar resume than James Buchanan, who had been a Congressman, a Senator, an ambassador, and Secretary of State. But he failed miserably as President—passive in the face of a looming Civil War.

Nor can a candidate who promises change necessarily achieve it. Jimmy Carter came in after Watergate promising "a government as good as the American people," but he ended up not having the political skill to deliver one. Experience, judgment, and competence all have to be weighed in equal measure.

And think hard before disqualifying a candidate for being a flip-flopper. Flip-flopping can be the most devastating criticism—and deservedly so, if the candidate shifts with the political winds. But history also is full of Presidents who changed their minds for the right reasons. The Louisiana Purchase was the kind of power-grab that ran against Thomas Jefferson's deepest principles, but he came to see it as a wise investment in America's future, and supporting it turned out to be one of the best Presidential decisions ever. Abe Lincoln realized the South that he wouldn't abolish slavery. Thank goodness he changed his mind.



★ Always Remember That Your Vote Counts

It's a cliché, but look at recent experiences. The 2000 election was settled by the U.S. Supreme Court when the official count showed 537 votes in Florida separating Bush from Gore—a difference of less than one-tenth of one percent of the state's electorate. Flip fewer than 60,000 votes in Ohio, and John Kerry is President in 2004. Nixon would have won in 1960 with 5000 shifted votes in each of Illinois and South Carolina, and 12,000 in New Jersey.

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Who knows if this year's contest will be a cliffhanger? What I do know is that 2008 is shaping up as one of the most consequential elections in U.S. history. More Americans will vote this year than ever before. I'm confident that we will prove Mencken wrong—one more time.

ETHICS

Parade.com Extra For Being Fat

As summer vacations begin, some passengers on Southwest Airlines will be pulled aside and, because of their weight, asked to buy a second ticket. This controversial policy pits the commercial interests of the airline against the dignity of overweight fliers and raises the issue of whether anti-discrimination laws should be applied to obese people. For Southwest, a plane ticket is like real estate: You get only the space you pay for. (Passengers must buy an extra ticket if their girth prevents them from lowering the armrest that divides the seats. If the flight is not full, they qualify for a refund.)

LEGAL NOTICE

IF YOU PURCHASED OR YOUR PET(S) CONSUMED RECALLED PET FOOD, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

WHO IS INCLUDED?

If you purchased, used or obtained, or your pet used or consumed pet food and/or pet treats that were recalled between March 18, 2007 and the present because they allegedly contained contaminated wheat gluten or rice protein concentrate ("Recalled Pet Food Products"), you may be eligible to participate in a class action settlement and obtain compensation. This Notice is just a summary. For more complete information, you should read the Full Notice and refer to the list of Recalled Pet Foods, which are available at www.petfoodsettlement.com or by calling the Claims Administrator at 1-800-392-7785.

WHAT ARE THE LAWSUITS ABOUT?

Plaintiffs allege through lawsuits filed in the United States and other jurisdictions that various companies and other defendants manufactured, distributed, sold and/or marketed Recalled Pet Food Products, and that as a result of contamination, persons who purchased or whose pets consumed the Recalled Pet Food Products were damaged. The lawsuits allege that some pets were taken for health screening, or may have become sick and/or died after consuming the Recalled Pet Food Products. Defendants have denied any wrongdoing.

WHAT ARE THE SETTLEMENT TERMS?

The Proposed Settlement provides for the creation of a \$24 million cash Settlement Fund from which eligible consumers may receive up to a 200% cash refund of verifiably documented economic damages which means expenses incurred as a result of their purchase or their pet's consumption of Recalled Pet Food Products. In addition to compensation for expenses supported by documentation, consumers may also receive payment of up to \$200 for reasonable and valid economic damages for which they do not have documentation. Expenses may include veterinary screening or treatment costs, death-related expenses, pet care and other provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

If you wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you do not need to do anything. If you do not wish to remain in the Settlement, you must file a claim. If the Court approves the Proposed Settlement, you will be bound by all the Court's orders, the releases and other provisions of the Settlement Agreement. This means you will give up any legal rights you may have against defendants and other related entities and individuals covered by the Settlement, regardless of whether you file a claim.

If you wish to make a claim, you must complete, sign, and return a Claim Form, along with any accompanying documentation, to the Claims Administrator at the address listed at the end of this notice. You may obtain a Claim Form by calling the toll-free number 1-800-392-7785 or by visiting the Settlement Website www.petfoodsettlement.com to download a form. Claim Forms must be postmarked no later than November 24, 2008.

If you do not wish to participate in the Settlement, you must send a written exclusion request, containing your name, address and telephone number, to the Claims Administrator at the address listed at the end of this notice, postmarked no later than August 15, 2008. If you request to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you must make a claim or, in object to the Settlement.

If you wish to appear at the Final Approval Hearing or comment

in re Pet Food Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1850

or object to this Proposed Settlement, you must submit to the Court a written objection and/or notice to appear by which the proposed settlement is being described in the Full Notice by no later than September 12, 2008. The Full Notice is available at www.petfoodsettlement.com. A copy of your comment or objection must also be sent to the Claims Administrator and to the attorneys for the Settlement Class ("Class Counsel") and one of the attorneys for Defendants, no later than September 12, 2008. A list of the attorneys is provided on the Full Notice, available at www.petfoodsettlement.com.

WILL THE COURT APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

This Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement, and will hold a Final Approval Hearing on October 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mitchell N. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse, 4th & Cooper Streets, Room 1050, Camden, NJ 08101 to consider whether the Proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and if the Settlement satisfies the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses.

DOES THE SETTLEMENT APPLY TO CANADIANS?

The same settlement terms apply to Canadian residents and citizens of the Settlement will be sought in various Canadian courts. However, there will be different timelines for completion of the various steps required for Canadian litigants to make a claim, or to seek to be excluded from the settlement. If you are a Canadian resident and you purchased, used or obtained, or your pet used or consumed Recalled Pet Food Products, please visit the Canadian page at www.petfoodsettlement.com, or contact the Claims Administrator at 1-800-392-7785 for information on the Canadian settlement and claims process.

WHO REPRESENTS ME?

This Court has appointed Class Counsel to represent the Class. Class Counsel will request the Court to award attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the cases pending or consolidated in the United States. In addition, Canadian attorneys will seek attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 6% of the Settlement Fund and reimbursement of expenses incurred in the Canadian actions. You may hire your own attorney, if you wish. However, you will be responsible for that attorney's fees and expenses.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, you can view the court file in the Clerk's Office at the courthouse address above. Visit the Settlement Website www.petfoodsettlement.com or contact the Claims Administrator:

In re Pet Food Products Liability Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Heffer, Raderick & Satta LLP
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Philadelphia, PA 19105-0890
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Please Do Not Contact the Court Or the Clerk of the Court Concerning This Notice.

By Order of the Court Dated: May 30, 2008
THE HONORABLE JUDGE NOLAN L. HILLMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY



Southwest representative Ashley Rogers says the airline instituted the policy because of complaints from adjoining passengers. "We want to give everybody the room they need," she says. "People should be able to breathe a little without their neighbor encroaching." But in Canada, a new government policy prevents airlines from charging extra for passengers who are considered disabled by their obesity. The policy will cost Air Canada \$7.3 million a year. As our nation's collective girth increases, the debate about the rights of overweight people is also playing out in the courts. A Michigan law protects overweight people from job discrimination; Massachusetts is considering similar legislation. And overweight people claim that a federal law preventing airlines from discriminating against people with disabilities should apply to them, too. So far, their lawsuits have been unsuccessful.

Should obese fliers buy two seats? Vote at: Parade.com/Intel

—Lois Andrews

SPORTS Baseball May Go To the Videotape



Umpires made four incorrect home-run calls last month and now Major League Baseball may add instant-replay technology. The NFL, NBA, and NHL all use replays, but Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has resisted the move—until now. "I don't think anyone's opposed to making sure the calls are right," says MLB official Annie Lee Solomon. "The human element is part of baseball's charm, but technology is so advanced, you have to consider it." Testing in the minor leagues could start this fall, with replays hitting the big leagues by 2010. —Mike Hammer

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PARADE: How would you describe yourself as a dad? Silly sometimes?

CB: Absolutely. I'm a court jester. My wife and daughter come with me on location. It's the most ideal mix. These wonderful distractions actually make me better at what I do.

PARADE: Any thoughts on the future?

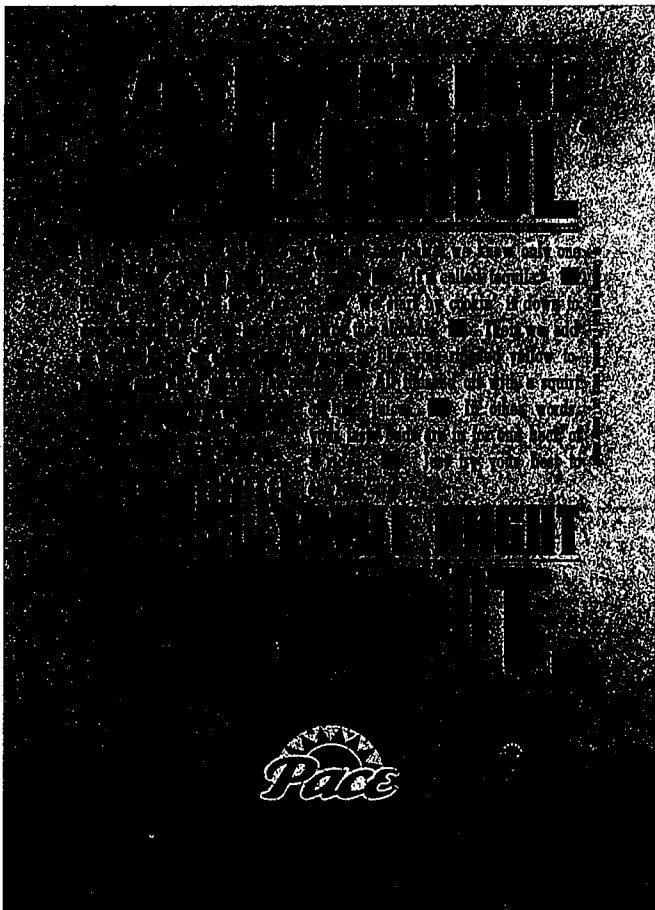
CB: I'm accustomed to not having any kind of map for my life. I'd be reaching for an Uzi if I knew what was going to happen every day. If anybody tells me I shouldn't jump, of course all I want to do is jump and show it can be done.

PARADE: Do you aspire to an easier approach to life?

CB: Eventually, but for now I like the fight. No matter the advice about taking it easy, I don't want to. **TM**



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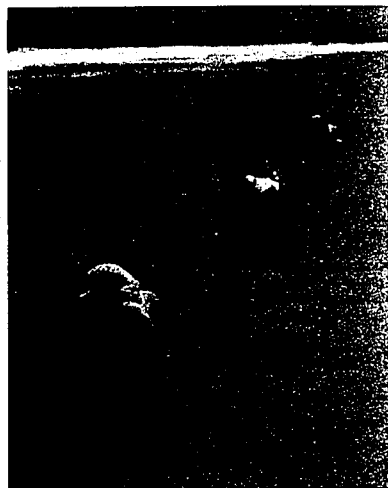
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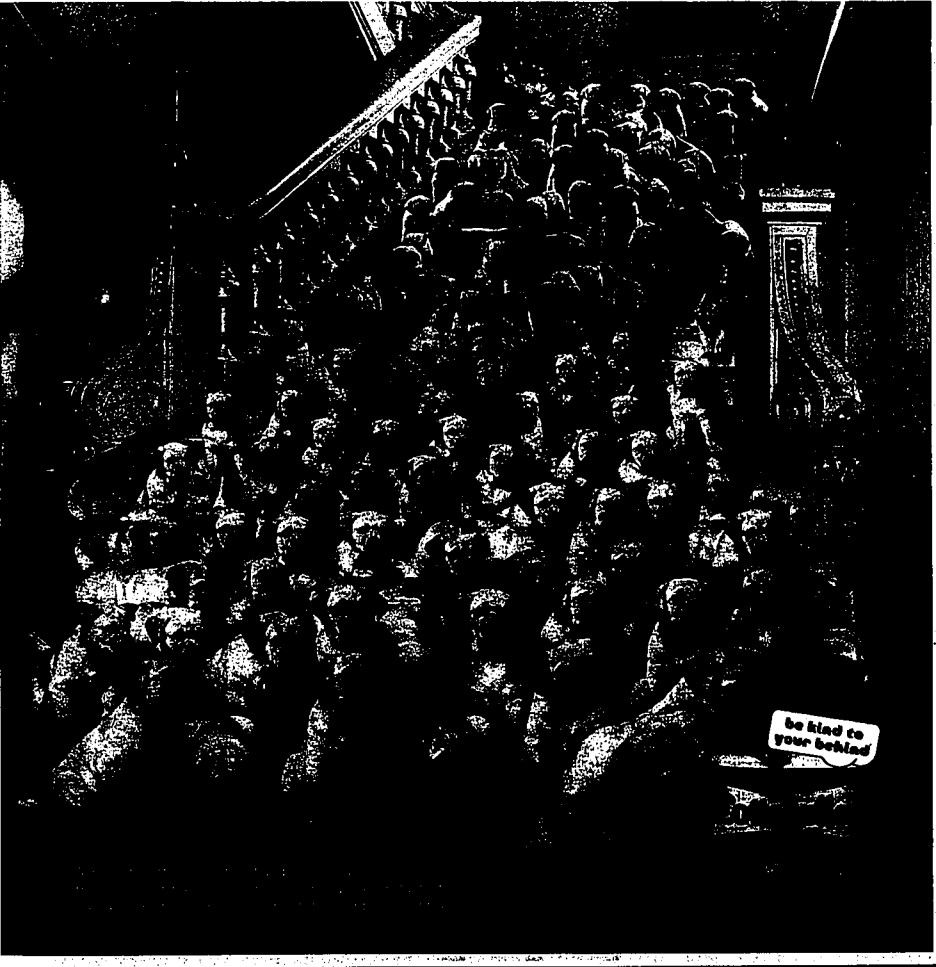
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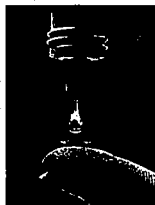
Take Care of Your Eyes

BY LESLIE PEPPER

Good eyesight is crucial, but are you doing all you can to protect your vision? Whether you're mowing the lawn, playing racquetball, or flying across the country, here's how the experts say to take care of your eyes.

STARING AT THE SMALL SCREEN

All that time spent using computers and PDAs can lead to eyestrain, dry eyes, and blurred vision. To combat these problems, check your work station. Ideally, your monitor should be 5 to 9 inches below eye level. This brings your lids downward, maintaining the healthiest blink rate, says Susan Resnick, an optometrist in New York City. If you can't move the monitor, measure the distance between it and your eyes, then consult your eye-care professional about the right pair of glasses for that distance, says Dr. Gail Royal, an ophthalmologist in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Also make sure there's no glare on your screen. And obey the 20/20/20 rule: For every 20 minutes of screen time, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds to maintain your eyes' focusing system.



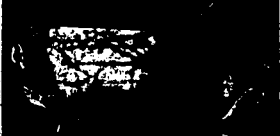
IN FLIGHT

Airplane cabin air is very dry, so keeping your eyes moist is important. Direct air vents away from you, and use artificial tears once every hour, suggests Dr. Royal. But avoid drops that reduce red eye, because they constrict blood vessels. If possible, wear glasses during the flight. If you choose to wear contacts, look for a new class of lenses made with silicone hydrogel, a permeable plastic that allows more oxygen to reach the eyes. Resnick often recommends Acuvue Oa2s because they have added wetting agents to help keep the eyes moist.

Did you know that UV rays can hurt your eyes as much as they hurt your skin? Overexposure can increase your risk of cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygia, little bumps on the whites of the eyes. "Every 15 minutes outdoors—even on cloudy days—adds to the cumulative effect of radiation damage," says Resnick. Make sure both sunglasses and contact lenses are UV-protective. (Even with contacts, though, you'll still need sunglasses to protect the whites of your eyes.) Lenses should cover from the forehead down to the cheek and ideally wrap around the temple region, says Dr. Robin Vann, chief of comprehensive ophthalmology at Duke Eye Center in Durham, N.C.



IN THE DARK



to the dashboard and back again to avoid "highway hypnosis" and maintain a keen sense of depth perception. If you read in bed, make sure the light is bright enough that you can see the words without straining, but not so bright that you get a glare. A 60- or 75-watt bulb is best.

WORKING UP A SWEAT



Some 325,000 sports-related eye injuries occur every year—many resulting in permanent vision loss. More than 90% of those accidents could have been prevented with proper eyewear. Choose protective lenses designed for your specific sport. Look for polycarbonate lenses or a new material called Trivex—both are thin and won't shatter. Check the product's certification seal: It should meet the requirements of the American Society for Testing Materials, which vary for each sport. For outdoor sports, polarized lenses help you see more clearly.

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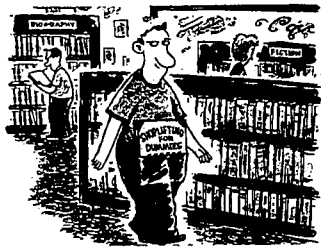


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What are the Settlements about?

Plaintiffs claim that Deutsche Lufthansa Air, Lufthansa Cargo AG and Swiss International Air Lines Ltd., along with numerous other air cargo carriers, conspired to fix the prices of air cargo shipping services in violation of U.S. antitrust laws and Canadian competition law. The Settlements provide an \$85 million U.S. Fund to pay valid class member claims, and \$5,338 million USD Canadian Fund that Canadian Class Counsel will request to have held in trust for future benefit of the Canadian classes.

Who is a Class Member?

You are a class member if you purchased air cargo shipping services, from ANY cargo carrier, for shipments within, to or from either the United States or Canada. This also includes services purchased through freight forwarders. All you need to know is in the Notice of Proposed Settlement, including information on who is or is not a class member.

How do I get Payment in the U.S. Settlement?

You must file a Claim Form. To obtain a Claim Form, and for information on deadlines, call the number below or visit www.aircargosettlement.com.

What are my rights?

If you do NOT want to take part in the U.S. Settlement or the Canadian Settlement, you have the right to "opt out." To "opt out" of the U.S. or Canadian Settlements, you must do so by

November 12, 2008. Class members have the right to object to the U.S. or Canadian Settlements. If you object, you must do so by November 12, 2008. You may speak to your own attorney at your own expense for help. For more information on how to "opt out" or object, visit www.aircargosettlement.com or call the number below.

Final Approval Hearings to consider approval of the U.S. and Canadian Settlements and requests by the lawyers for attorneys' fees and costs will be held at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York on December 12, 2008; the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on January 28, 2009; the Quebec Superior Court on March 9-10, 2009; and at the Supreme Court of British Columbia on February 27, 2009. For more information on the locations and times of the Hearings, visit www.aircargosettlement.com, or call the number below.

This is a Summary, where can I get more information?

You can get complete Settlement information, including a copy of the full Notice of Proposed Settlement and U.S. Claim Form, and register to receive updates about the administration of the Canadian Settlement, by visiting www.aircargosettlement.com, calling the number below, or writing to Air Cargo Settlement, c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9162, Dublin, OH 43017-4162, USA.



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- Between August 11, 2004 and March 23, 2006
- For “long-haul” travel* on British Airways or Virgin Atlantic

* All flights on Virgin Atlantic are “long-haul.” Most British Airways flights between the U.K. and non-EU destinations are “long-haul.” A complete list of qualifying flights is available at the website or toll-free number below.

Why Are There Refunds?

The refunds are being made to settle a class action lawsuit brought in U.S. federal court. The lawsuit claims that British Airways Plc (“British Airways”) and Virgin Atlantic Airways, Ltd. (“Virgin Atlantic”) unlawfully conspired to fix the fuel surcharge element of airline tickets for long-haul travel.

British Airways and Virgin Atlantic will pay \$59 million to fund U.S. refunds. Businesses and individuals who file valid claims will receive 33.3% of the fuel surcharge paid on qualifying tickets. The amount of your refund will depend on the amount of fuel surcharge you paid, which varied by date, and how many tickets you bought. Unclaimed U.S. refunds will be donated to a charity, Miracle Flights for Kids.

What Should I Do?

Get complete information about the Settlement. Read the materials, and make a decision about your legal rights to:

- **Remain in the Settlement** and file a claim for a refund. If you stay in the Settlement you give up your legal right to bring any further claims regarding the issues in this case. If you remain in the Settlement, you can also object to or comment on the Settlement and you have a right to appear in Court. Claims must be filed by December 31, 2012. You will be bound by all Court orders.
- **Exclude yourself and keep any right** you may have to sue British Airways or Virgin Atlantic. All requests for exclusion must be made in writing by September 12, 2008.

The Court has appointed Counsel to represent everyone entitled to file a claim. British Airways and Virgin Atlantic will pay Counsel; there is no cost to you. You can also hire your own attorney at your own cost.

The Court will determine whether to approve the Settlement at a Fairness Hearing at 10 a.m. on September 26, 2008 at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue (Courtroom 8, 19th Floor), San Francisco, CA 94102. If the Settlement is approved, claims will then be paid.

This is only a Summary of the Proposed Settlement. For Complete Information and a Claim Form:

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By Marilyn vos Savant

I understand books about complicated or philosophical subjects, but I struggle for the right words when I'm speaking in conversation. Why is that? —Rick Garner, Bakersfield, Calif.

You're normal. Educators define four categories of vocabulary. Our reading vocabulary is the largest by far, followed by our listening vocabulary. Then comes our speaking vocabulary, which is much smaller, and finally our writing vocabulary, which is smaller still.

Each category gets more challenging. To read, one need only recognize the word and comprehend its meaning in context. To speak, one must recall the particular word without prompting and insert it instantly into the appropriate context. That's much more difficult.

Wordteaser

This week's word is: AVADAVAT.
What's the definition?

- A) A very small weaverbird
B) A keyboard whose keys stick
C) A declaration made under oath
D) A large pot used to deep-fry whole turkeys
E) Nonsense syllables sung as a refrain in 1950s songs
The answer appears below.

▼ ANSWER

Where in the world would you find the most fast-food dining patrons?

—Grissel Picot,
Miami, Fla.

The most recent Gallup poll showed that nearly all American adults (about 96%) patronize fast-food restaurants at least a few times a year. But for frequency, Hong Kong topped a global consumer survey, with 61% of the respondents saying they enjoy fast food “at least once a week.” In the Gallup poll, that figure was 56% for Americans.

I see fireflies in June, then they're gone. Where do they come from, and where do they go?

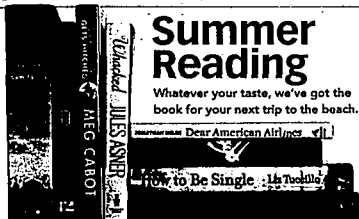
—A. Dean, Springfield, Ohio
Fireflies (also called lightning bugs) spend a long time developing into adults who live only a few weeks. Many adults don't even eat. So what do they do with their limited time? Reproduce: Females lay their eggs, and most larvae hatch within a month. (The larvae are often called glow worms. So are the wingless females of some species, but those look more like glow beetles.)

The larvae feed until fall, when they burrow underground for the winter. (Some remain there for two or three years.) They surface in early spring, eat until late spring, and then go through their grand metamorphosis, emerging as adults to light up your backyard for a short time in early summer.



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Dear American Airlines

How to Be Single

Light and Fun

From former *Sex and the City* writer Liz Tuccillo comes **How To Be Single**, about the hopes, fears, and bad dates of a single woman. If you like a little suspense with your stilettoes, try **Whacked** by Hollywood insider Jules Asner. When TV writer Daryl Hale learns that her boyfriend is cheating on her, she hatches a plot for revenge. And in Meg Cabot's **Queen of Bables Gets Hitched**, bride-to-be Lizzie Nichols juggles love, lust, friendship, and fashion as she alternately struts and stumbles toward the altar.

Fiction

Dear American Airlines by Jonathan Miles begins as a scathing letter of complaint from a stranded traveler but quickly evolves into a personal and surprisingly astute rant about life's challenges. David Wroblewski's **The Story of Edgar Sawtelle** is a poignant coming-of-age tale with a twist. When his father dies under mysterious circumstances, Edgar runs away, accompanied by some dogs with whom he shares a very special bond. In Nicholas Shakespeare's **Secrets of the Sea**, newlyweds Alex and Merridy find the fragile balance of their lives upset by the troubled young survivor

of a shipwreck near their Tasmanian home. And **Dinosaurs on the Roof** by playwright David Rabe is the tale of an animal-lover who enlists a 30-something divorcee to care for her pets after the Rapture, which she believes is imminent.

Nonfiction

When his son wanted to drop out of school, David Gilmour did the unthinkable: He said "yes," on the condition that father and son watch three movies together each week for a year. The **Film Club** reveals what they learned from films both classic and quirky. **The Billionaire's Vinegar** by Benjamin Wallace is the true tale of an elaborate mystery involving the world's most-expensive bottle of wine: a \$156,000 Bordeaux touted as a rare find from Thomas Jefferson's cellar. The bottle may be fake, but the obsession it has inspired is undeniably real. In **The Wishing Year: A House, A Man, My Soul**, Noelle Oxenhandler reflects on a yearlong effort to turn her dreams into reality. It's a fresh, endearing approach to the age-old quest for fulfillment.

For more great picks, tune in to **Good Morning America** tomorrow, 7-9 a.m. ET on ABC.

Reviews by Sharon Male, Allison Takeda, and Daryl Chen

RINGING IN THE EARS?

If you suffer from Tinnitus and experience symptoms such as ringing in the ears or buzzing, hissing, whistling, or other sounds, you should know that help is available. Many people are putting up with irritating Tinnitus problems because they are not aware of this great new relief.

MagLife® Tinnitus Relief has already helped thousands find relief when nothing else has worked. It can be taken along with other medications with no side effects. "This tablet seems to be the only thing I've found that brings relief." - Bert M., Mt. Pleasant, IA

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noises in the ear. "I would definitely recommend this product to anyone." - C. Robinson, Ohio.

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RESTLESS LEGS?

If uncomfortable sensations in your legs accompanied by an irresistible urge to move are keeping you from falling asleep, you may have Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS).

RLS is a common sleep disorder that affects 30 million Americans. What many people may not know is that there is a proven treatment that has been helping thousands get relief and get to sleep. MagLife® Restless Legs Relief tablets contain ingredients that relieve RLS symptoms such as creepy, crawling, tingling, and pulling sensations that urge you to move your legs when resting.

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medications. "There are no side effects, unless you count getting a good night's sleep a side effect." - Ellen, McKinney, Texas

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SCIATICA PAIN?

If you've ever suffered from Sciatica symptoms, such as intense pain in the buttocks and lower back, or pain and numbness in your legs and feet, you are not alone. Over 17 million people suffer from the burning, tingling, numbing, and shooting pain because they are not aware there is a proven treatment available.

MagLife® Sciatica Relief is a special blend of all-natural ingredients that was developed to help ease the severe discomfort of symptoms of Sciatica. Easy-to-swallow tablets dissolve under the tongue, and can safely be taken with other medications without side effects. "The Sciatica Relief tablets are a miracle

solution to the pain of Sciatica." - Lillie, California.
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FIBROMYALGIA SUFFERER?

If you suffer from achy and pains all over, have difficulty sleeping, and have the feeling of fatigue or no energy, you may be one of the six million Americans who suffer from Fibromyalgia - a set of chronic pain symptoms that occur together but have no known cause. These pains can be in the neck, shoulders, back, arms and legs and can be accompanied by muscle tenderness and soreness. There is no need to suffer another day thanks to a new proven treatment that relieves you in and out of pain.

MagLife® Fibromyalgia Relief contains tested and proven all natural ingredients, such as Hypericum Perforatum, that provide relief when other treatments have

failed. Easy-to-swallow tablets dissolve under the tongue and can safely be taken with other medications without side effects. "I have tried my Fibromyalgia pills, and they are great. They work." - Michelle G., Blue Ridge, TX

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Jane began performing early, encouraged by her teachers, her mom and her engineer dad, both active in New Jersey theater. At 15, Jane played Cousin Vidd in the movie *National Lampoon's Vacation*, starring Chevy Chase. "It was a road picture," she said, "and when we were in Colorado, Chevy threw a July 4 party in a parking lot, with fireworks. He was as funny offscreen as in the film." A few years later, Krakowski appeared on Broadway in the rollicking musical *Starlight Express*, where she learned to perform on skates. And in 2003, she co-starred with Antonio Banderas in *Nine* and earned a Tony. Has Jane skated again since *Starlight Express*? "Yes, quite a bit," she replied. "Tina Fey also knew about it and wrote some skating scenes for me in a *30 Rock* episode."



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InStepWith® Jane Krakowski



30 Rock's sexy star is in the new "American Girl" movie and onstage in *Damn Yankees*

ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON, WITH YELLOW school buses clogging the narrow streets of Greenwich Village, Greenwich Manhattan a small-town feel, I was in a tiny coffee shop being kissed by Tony Award-winner Jane Krakowski.

We were just around the corner from where she lives. "Have a beautiful bachelorette loft, as I call it," she told me. "It has huge doses, which is important for a woman." Jane was wearing a blue and white striped sailor blouse, jeans, and brown sneakers without laces. "A hot trend?" I inquired. "It's all the rage—no shoelaces," she replied with a laugh. "Everyone will be doing it."

We were talking about Krakowski's busy summer. Her new flick, out July 2, is called *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* (based on the popular line of dolls and books), starring Abigail Breslin. "It's a 100% family movie, set in the Great Depression," said Jane. "Abigail plays a youngster whose family turns their home into a boardinghouse, and Joan Cusack and Glenna Headly and I are all broke, and they take us in. I play an unemployed dance instructor. We shot it in Toronto, and we had a ball. Off-camera, Abigail was always walking around carrying a doll or a stuffed animal."

Did Jane ever have a favorite stuffed toy? "No," she recalled. "I was not a doll-type girl, but my mother did make me a Raggedy Ann doll."

Later this summer, Krakowski will begin production on the third season of Tina Fey's hit NBC comedy *30 Rock*. "She's a genius," Jane said of Fey. "I'm blown away by her talent. She's also the most pleasant person to work for, a cool lady, and a great boss." Before *Rock*, Jane spent five years on *Ally McBeal*. "I've been so lucky to be on shows I could really be proud of," she said.

Jane admits to being a big fan of *Sex and the City*. "I'd love to have played one of the girls," she told me. "Sure," I said, "and you'd be wealthy." Jane gave me a big grin and another kiss. I could get used to this stuff.

Krakowski also will star this summer in a full-blown New York stage revival of the musical *Damn Yankees*, playing the temptress Lola, a role made famous by the late, great Gwen Verdon.

"It's the hardest dance role I've ever taken on," Jane said. With no signs of slowing down, this trim, funny, 5-foot-4 honey doesn't look her age, so I rather impudently asked how she felt about soon turning 40.

"Don't rush it!" she told me with cheerful defiance. "I'm not there yet. Not until October. I need every minute under 40 that I can get."

Personal

Born Oct. 11, 1968, in Parsippany, N.J. Single.

Why You Know Her

For five years, Jane played Elaine on *Ally McBeal*. She also won a Tony for *Nine*. She now plays Jenna on the hit NBC comedy *30 Rock*.

What You Don't Know

Before *Ally McBeal*, she co-starred with Sarah Jessica Parker in the Broadway musical *Once Upon a Mattress*.

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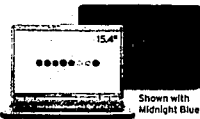
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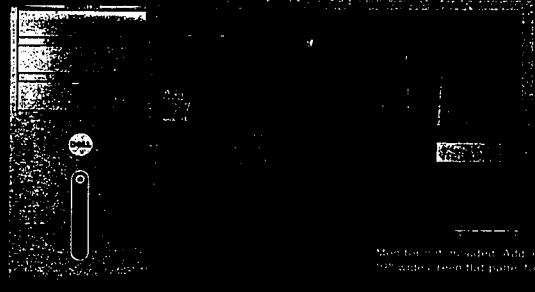
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