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Fear of the needle

State agencies
try to dispel
immunization
concerns

By Laurie Welch
Staff writer

Statistics show serious side effects from immunizations rarely occur, but the controversy around vaccine safety continues to boil — leaving many parents confused and sometimes opting out of shots that health officials say protect against devastating diseases still commonplace around the world.

"Statistics don't mean a thing if it's your child," said Angie Vasquez of Teyburn, who still feels the anguish of her baby daughter Stephani's death 10 years ago after a routine vaccination.

"I want to make the public aware of the dangers of vaccines," Vasquez said. "I want to let parents know both sides before making the decision. Most people trust their physicians and if they tell them it's the right thing to do, they'll do it. But, when it's your child it's your choice."

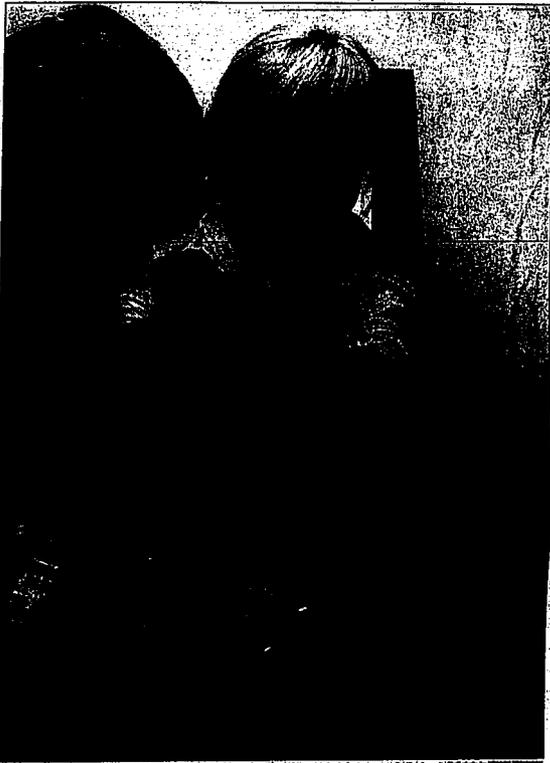
Stephani was Vasquez's third child and healthy from the start. When she was 2 months old, she received a reminder in the mail for a well-baby check that included a vaccination for DPT/Polio.

Five days after the shot, Stephani was cranky and constantly crying. When the baby slept through the night without feeding, Vasquez let her sleep thinking the baby was exhausted. When Vasquez awoke at 6 a.m. to feed Stephani, she was ice cold and pure white like a little powder puff.

"I didn't know vaccines could do that. I thought vaccines protected your baby," Vasquez said.

The autopsy performed

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Five-year-old Ezra Brackett reaches after noon vaccines that are required before getting kindergarten at his mother Kristin Brackett holds her son at the South Central Public Health District facility Wednesday in Twin Falls.

Vaccination reaction

The following vaccine reactions were reported during 2007 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccine Adverse Reporting System by individuals and medical professionals in the U.S.

105	289	171	1,133	121	7,719	16,871
Deaths	Life-threatening	Permanent disability	Hospitalized	Hospitalized, prolonged	Emergency room	Not serious

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Who wants to be a millionaire?

U.S. Supreme Court decision
might affect Idaho Senate race

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Is Idaho's biggest 2008 political race about to get a little greener?

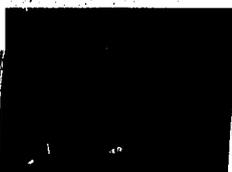
The U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 struck down a little-known campaign finance rule, declaring it unconstitutional to limit how much money wealthy candidates may contribute to their own campaigns without affecting their opponents' war chests.

In Idaho, U.S. Senate Democrat candidate Larry LaRocco is pointing to the decision because, he says, his Republican opponent Jim Risch — who in the last filing cycle almost triggered the amendment — can now invest even more.

The "millionaire amendment" to the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 — referred to as the McCain-Felngold Act — was enacted to create fairness and balance in campaigns, and to limit influence that candidates' own personal money had on races.

"We are running a smart, aggressive campaign and

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A lettered American flag sits atop a mound of snow in a house that recently sold despite Arizona's down market, and one member's valiant battle with cancer. "I didn't die," she says as the others cheer.

Americans mark unhappy birthday: 'Too much wrong'

By Pauline Arritaga
Associated Press writer

Even folks in the Optimist Club are having a tough time toeing an upbeat line these days.

Eighteen members of the volunteer organization's Gilbert, Ariz., chapter have gathered, a few days before this nation's 232nd birthday to focus on the positive: Their book drive for schoolchildren and an Independence Day

project to place American flags along the streets of one neighborhood.

They beam through the Pledge of Allegiance, applaud each other's good news — a house that recently sold despite Arizona's down market, and one member's valiant battle with cancer. "I didn't die," she says as the others cheer.

But then talk turns to the

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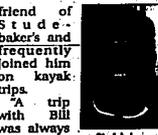
T.F. adventurer dies on Salmon River

By Damon Hutzacker
Staff writer

William Studebaker — writer, teacher, photographer and outdoor adventurer — died on the Salmon River while kayaking Friday.

The incident occurred somewhere on the South Fork near Yellow Pine, about 50 miles east of McCall. Details about the incident remained unclear Saturday night, but the *Times-News* spoke to several people who knew Studebaker — including former Outdoors editor Bill Brock.

Brock, who now lives in Pullman, Wash., was a



Studebaker got people to rise above their limitations and meet new challenges. He was funny, bold, adventurous. Bill was a good man to be in the woods with.

But there was something

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A flight of fancy — in a lawn chair

By Jeff Bamsard
Associated Press writer

BENE, Ore. — Using his trusty BB gun to help him return to Earth, a 49-year-old gas station owner flew a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled balloons more than 200 miles across the Oregon desert Saturday, landing in a field in Idaho.

Kent Couch created a sensation in the tiny farming community of Cambridge, Idaho, where he touched down safely in a pasture and was soon greeted by dozens of people who gave him drinks of water, local plumber Mark Hetz said.

"My wife works at the City Market," Hetz said. "She called and said, 'The balloon

"He's crazy. It's never been a dull moment since I married him."
— Susan Couch

guy in the lawn chair just flew by the market, and if you look out the door you can see him. We go outside to look, and lo and behold, there he is. He's flying by probably 100 to 200 feet off the ground.

"He takes his BB gun and shoots some balloons to lower himself to the ground. When he hit the ground he released all the little tiny



Kent Couch kisses his wife, Susan, before taking off from his gas station in Bene, Ore., in a lawn chair tied to more than 150 giant party balloons on Saturday. Couch flew more than 200 miles to Idaho.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians Low-fi and Ryan Wissinger, 4 to 8 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, Stanley, no cost. (208) 484-9117 or musicfromstanley@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities, "Bear Trap Walk" Nature Walk, 10 a.m., Junior Ranger "Be a Beetle," 1 p.m., and Discovery Stations "Meet the Big Mammals," 2 to 4 p.m., at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost. (208) 774-3376.

SPORTS

The 2008 Cowboy Classic American Legion Baseball tournament, with 10 a.m. game and 1:30 p.m. championship, Walker Field, College of Southern Idaho; and 10 a.m. game, Bill Ingram Field, Twin Falls High School, day-pass tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for teens ages 13-19, snack bar available, 735-7677.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83305-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

CHILDREN'S CAMPS

July 7-11 — Kids Fitness and Wellness Camp, for girls-and boys entering grades K-6 K, 8 a.m. to noon, College of Southern Idaho Recreation Center, Twin Falls, \$100 for first registered child and \$85 for additional siblings, 732-6479 or jrigue@csi.edu.

July 8-10 — Introduction to Irish Dance Camp, for ages 5 and up; separate classes for boys, time TBA, Dance Center, Twin Falls, \$30, 432-5670.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

July 9 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, with Ken Robinette of South Central Community Action on "Community Partners in Action" and "2nd Annual Community Awareness Event," noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057.

EDUCATION

July 9 — Basic Computer Classes, "How to navigate the Internet," 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.

GOVERNMENT

July 7 — Parks and Waterways Board meeting, 6 p.m., Rock Creek Park, Twin Falls, 734-9491.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

July 7 — Beginning day of Dance Exercise Classes, month-long, Monday/Wednesday class for third-graders and older; focus on strength, cardio and flexibility, 5:15 to 6 p.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln, Jerome, 818, 324-3389.

July 7 — Youth Summer Fitness Camp for children in grades K-3, includes sports, fitness activities, aerobic, nutrition classes and more, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln, Jerome, 818, 324-3389.

July 8 — Beginning day of "Strong Women Stay Young," a six-week, Tuesday/Thursday exercise and nutrition program taught by Rheta Lanting, noon to 2 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15, weights provided, (208) 734-9590 or rhlant@uidaho.edu for required pre-registration.

July 9 — Centering Prayer, with focus: Part 2 of "Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening" by Cynthia Bourgeault, 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., 734-9499 or 733-8881.

LIBRARY

July 8 — Story Hour: Fly with Fairy tales, for preschoolers and primary graders; K-3, 10 to 10:30 a.m., Deco Community Library, front room, Lincoln's Custom Meat Cutting, Deco, 654-2722 or 654-9433.

July 8 — Story Hour, 10 a.m., Oakley Free Library, 862-3434.

July 8 — The TFL Book Club meeting, discussion: Katherine Neville's suspense novel "The Eight," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library program, room 201, Fourth Ave. E., light refreshments, 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

July 9 — The TFLP Young Adult Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social, awarding prizes to drawing and writing contest winners, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library program, room 201, Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfid.org.

POLITICS

July 8 — Jerome County Democratic Central Committee meeting, all Democrats urged to attend, 7 p.m., EMT building, East Main, Jerome, 324-2202.

SPORTS

July 9 — Beginning day of four-week Sports Training Clinics for coaches, includes Flexibility and Strength Training, Plyometrics, Orthotic Fitting and Shoe Assessment, and Concussion and Spinal Cord Injury, Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., Primary Therapy Source, 254 River Vista Place, Twin Falls, \$25 per clinic, 734-7333 or www.primarytherapysource.com.

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Stunted man-nerd

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MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



THE TWIN FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY PHOTO COLLECTION (CC BY)

This 'modern office building' (as it was described when it was built in 1917), at 202 Shoshone St. East in Twin Falls, was designed by architect Barton Morse, who would later design St. Edward's church. The building housed Twin Falls Title and Abstract Co., owned by Arthur Peavy, and specialized in abstracts, insurance, farm loans and conveyancing (the transferring of titles). The building used to have a revolving front door and stained glass above the side windows, but these have since been removed. Beyond that, the building remains much the same as it was in 1917. The building is now home to Christa's Dress Shoppe and Tex.



Staff photo by JERRY DECKER

COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

Table with 4 columns: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Each column contains a small image and a brief description of the feature for that day.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, July 6, the 188th day of 2008. There are 178 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 6, 1928, the first all-black feature, "The Lights of New York," had its gala premiere in New York. In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for high treason. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga. In 1933, the first All-Star

baseball game was played, at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2. In 1944, 168 people died in a fire that broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn. In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a

series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform. In 1988, medical waste and other debris began washing up on New York City-area seashores, forcing the closing of several popular beaches. Ten years ago: Protestants rioted in many parts of Northern Ireland after British authorities blocked an Orange Order march in Portadown. Singing cowboy star Roy Rogers died in Apple Valley, Calif., at age 86. Five years ago: Librarian

leader Charles Taylor accepted an offer of asylum in Nigeria. Roger Federer became the first Swiss man to win a Grand Slam tennis title, defeating Mark Philippoussis 7-6 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (3) in the Wimbledon final. One year ago: A man on a balcony on the New York-New York casino floor in Las Vegas opened fire on the gamblers below, wounding four people, and was tackled by off-duty military reservists. (Steven Zegran faces attempted murder charges.)

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your carefree, happy-go-lucky ways will make the summer pass by in a delightful flash, but you may be forced to pay the piper in November when excuses for sloppiness won't cut the mustard with the boss or authorities. You have a tendency to go to extremes this summer or might make, or accept, promises that can't be kept. Have fun in the sun now, but knockle down and show how responsible you can be in the fall. Next March you can make beneficial headway in business, career and your personal life through the good will and assistance of a generous person. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take advantage of invitations and social opportunities when you can. Too many responsibilities or an extremely busy schedule in the middle of the week could hamper your love life or just be exhausting. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Romance and fun make the No. 1 spot on your to-do list this week. You are likely to attack business or career mat-

ters with wild abandon. This is one of those times when you can get away with anything. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be a wallflower once you have met new friends. The more enthusiasm you show, the more enjoyment everyone will have. Tasks and problems at home may tax your ingenuity during the week ahead. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Too much of a good thing is just that. There is a tendency for everyone, including you, to promise more than can be delivered this week. Enjoy team-oriented projects, but don't depend on help. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't need to open the door for someone. Merely point out that a door, or opportunity, exists. Strive to be more independent. There is a tendency to expect too much assistance from others this week. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get organized. Your list of future fun-filled adventures requires some strategic planning this week. You might not be able to count on a friend who promises to help with a

party or social outing. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might find someone wants to be your personal lapdog this week. New friendships might not last long, but some may last forever. Your judgment could be asked, so ask a friend for advice. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pursue physical activities with pals to promote peace and prosperity. Your idea of "getting physical" might involve one-on-one wrestling this week. Don't be too hard on a friend who means well. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mental flights of fancy can lift your spirits in the week ahead. The force of gravity will eventually bring you back down to earth — but in the meantime you can have fun with sports or travel. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you hear hoofbeats thundering on the road, don't expect to see the Kentucky Derby. Your expectations may be somewhat higher than the reality of a situation in the week to come. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement for Saturday, July 5. Features the Wildcat game with a \$1 million prize and the Queen of Diamonds game with a \$100,000 prize. Includes a graphic of a wildcat and a queen.

Wrong

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state of the Union, and the Optimists become decidedly bleak.

They use words such as "terrified," "disgusted" and "scary" to describe what one calls "this mess" we Americans find ourselves in. Then comes the list of problems constituting the mess: a protracted war, 54-gallon gas, soaring food prices, uncertainty about jobs, an erratic stock market, and a tougher housing market, and so on and so forth.

One member's son is serving his second tour in Iraq. Another speaks of a daughter who's lost her job in the mortgage industry and a son in construction whose salary was slashed. Still another mentions a friend who can barely afford gas.

Happy birthday, America! This year, we're not so sure. The nation's psyche is battered and bruised, the sense of pessimism palpable. Young or old, Republican or Democrat, economically stable or struggling, Americans are questioning where they are and where they are going.

These are more than mere gripes, but rather an expression of fears — concerns reflected not only in the many recent polls that show consumer confidence plummeting, personal happiness waning and more folks worrying that the country is headed in the wrong direction, but also in conversations happening all across the land.

"There are so many things you have to do to survive now," says Larue Lawson of Forest Park, Ill. "It used to be just clothes on your back, food on the table and a roof over your head. Now it's everything."

Lawson, mind you, is all of 16 years old.

Sherry White in Orlando, Fla., who has a half-century in years and experience on the teenager.

"There is a sense of helplessness everywhere you look. It's like you're stuck in one spot, and you can't do anything about it."

In 1931, when the historian James Truslow Adams coined the phrase "The American Dream," he wrote of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for every, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.

"Objectively things are going real well," says author Greg Easterbrook, who discusses the disconnect in his book "The Progress Paradox: How Life Gets Better While People Feel Worse."

He ticks off supporting statistics: A relatively low unemployment rate, 5.5 percent in June. (Employers did, indeed, cut payrolls last month by 62,000 jobs, but consider the 10.1 rate of June 1983 or the 7.8 rate of June 1992.) Declining rates of violent crimes, property crimes and big-city murders. Declining rates of disease. Higher standards of living for the middle class and the working poor.

And incomes that, for many, are rising above the rate of inflation.

So why has the pursuit of happiness, a fundamental right, the Declaration of Independence assures us — become such a challenging undertaking?

Some of the gloom and doom may simply reflect a society that demands more and expects to have it yesterday, but in many cases there's nothing imaginary about the problems.

Just listen to farmer Ricardo Vallot, who is clinging tight to his livelihood.

Vallot expects to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on diesel fuel to plant and harvest his family's sugar cane crop in Vermillion Parish, La.

His two combines burn up to 150 gallons a day, and with diesel running an average of \$4.60 a gallon in the region, he sees his profits buzzing away, too.

"My God, it's horrible. It really is," the 33-year-old says, adding: "If diesel goes north of five, it will be really difficult at the price we're going to stay in farming."

Stay-at-home mom Heather Hammack grapples with tough decisions daily about how to spend her family's dwindling income in the face of rising food costs. One day, she priced strawberries at \$1.75. The next day, they were \$2.20.

"I could cry," she responds when asked how things are. "We used to have more money than we knew what to do with. Now, I have to decide: Do I pay for electric this week? Do I pay for gas? Do I get groceries?" says Hammack, 24, who lives with her boyfriend, a window installer, and their 5-year-old son in a rented home in rural Rowlesburg, W.Va. "You can't get ahead. You can't save money. You can't buy a house. It just stinks."

That's the right direction, wrong direction? polls — the latest of which, in June, had only 14 to 17 percent of Americans saying the country is going the right way — show a general level of pessimism that is the worst in almost 30 years. Those feelings, coupled with government corruption scandals, lingering doubts over whether the Iraq war was justified, even memories of the chaotic response to Hurricane Katrina, have culminated in an erosion of our customary faith that elected leaders can get us out of a jam.

Says Arizona retiree Dian Kinsman: "You have no faith in anybody at the top. I don't trust anybody, and I'm really disgusted about it."

Stoking the furor is that Americans seem to feel helpless. After all, how can the average Joe or Jane control the price of gas or end the war? "How am I, a little old West Virginia girl, going to go out

and change the world?" asks Hammack.

Still, others suggest a lack of perspective and a sense of entitlement — among Americans today may make these times feel worse than they are.

At 82, Ruth Townsend has experienced her share of downturns — in her own life and that of the country. She suffered a stroke years ago that left her in a wheelchair, and lives now in an assisted-living center in Orlando, Fla. Townsend recalls World War II and having to ration almost everything: sugar, leather shoes, tires, gas.

"You made do with the little you had because you had to. You shopped in the same stores over and over because you HAD to. We had coupon books and stamps to figure out what we could have," Townsend says. Americans have gotten so used to "things," she says, "that we can't take it when we hit a bad patch."

Allison Albin condemns an "out of style" values system, in which even kids have cell phones, credit card debt is out of control and families purchase four-bedroom homes they can't afford instead of the two-bedroom ones they could.

"I'm mad as us ... all of my fellow Americans. Maybe a little hardship would be good for us," says Albin, who at 36 has a job as a freight exporter in Cincinnati, a husband with a factory job, two healthy children, her own home and four cars, all paid off.

At the same time, she acknowledges feeling that "things are getting worse."

"When you're my age, you feel like you should be improving — more financially stable. Instead of hand-to-mouth. It doesn't matter that we're better off than (others). It still hurts. It still pains."

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Fear

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Stephan showed she died from Haemophilus Type b or Hib, one of the diseases she was vaccinated against several days earlier.

Without answers, Vasquez started digging into the research. She reported her daughter's death on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System and found the vaccine lot number her daughter had been given had been reported to VAERS 34 times and listed as causing another death.

Vasquez retained a lawyer, Curtis Webb of Twin Falls, to represent her and they filed a claim with the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and traveled to Boston for the hearing. Vasquez was offered a settlement choice of \$250,000 and a gag order on the case or \$125,000 and no gag order. She chose the latter.

South Central Public Health District Nurse and Immunization Coordinator Lisa Klamm said although the risks of a serious problem occurring after a vaccine is rare, anything foreign introduced into the body may cause a bad reaction in certain individuals, including over-the-counter medicines, herbal or natural remedies.

But, at least vaccines have unknown side effects and the benefits and risks are known and the devastation that the diseases they prevent are still a very real threat, Klamm said.

"Ask someone who is 60, 70 or 80 years old and they will tell you what measles and mumps are really like or the devastating effects of rubella when you are pregnant. I guarantee you will have a handicapped child," Klamm said.

Burley resident Nancy Boswell, now 85, was 4 when she contracted polio. The disease affected both her arms and her legs and she spent the following two years in a convalescent home in Boise separated from her family.

"I was one of the lucky ones. I don't have a lot of recall of the pain," Boswell said. "For many years she walked with a brace on her left leg and today is confined to a wheelchair."

"My leg is like a limp rag," she said. "It has feeling. It itches but the disease destroys the muscles."

Boswell said even though she had the disease, she is still vulnerable to contracting it again and is regularly vaccinated against it.

"These are not just some little kids' diseases," Boswell said. "Vasquez said she believes many of the diseases the CDC is credited with eradicating through its vaccination programs were actually on the decline anyway."

"They have a natural cycle," she says. "They had already run their course and were on the decline."

Klamm said when vaccines were invented death rates decreased dramatically — and it wasn't because people learned to wash their hands or take antibiotics.

Although diseases do run in cycles they are never completely eradicated and an active case can always be found somewhere in the world, Klamm said.

"They are just a plane ride away. If you want to die of measles," Klamm said, "go to Africa." Measles kill more people in Africa than malaria, AIDS and malaria combined, she said.

"If we don't open our eyes and look at the studies, history will repeat itself with these diseases," Klamm said.



Washington. For un-immunized people who contract some of these diseases as adults, the effects and mortality may be even more severe.

While adults account for only 5 percent of the chicken-pox cases, they account for 35 percent of the deaths from the disease.

Klamm said she thinks there is a dangerous trend for parents to listen to their doctor and then decide what treatments they want to pursue.

Often parents are finding health information on the internet, which means the reliability of the source is often questionable.

"A lot of the information out there is just inaccurate," she says. Klamm said some families rely on the "herd immunity" theory that reasons if the majority of the people in a community are already immunized there is no need to immunize their children and risk a bad reaction.

Some parents still say they do not want to immunize their children because they heard the measles, mumps and rubella vaccination causes autism from the thimerosal, which is a type of mercury. Klamm said thimerosal, which was commonly used as a preservative in some vaccines was never in the MMR vaccine. In 2001, it was taken out of all childhood vaccina-

tions and today remains only in the adult dosage of the influenza vaccine. "So in all these kids under 8 years old, what is causing their autism," Klamm said. "I would never deny that autism exists, it is, but so is cancer. Do we always have to have something to blame? Vaccines aren't perfect, but neither is human life. People take these chances because they haven't seen the diseases."

Parents also worry that their child's immune system may be compromised by giving too many shots or too many at once, Klamm said.

In June, a federal advisory panel endorsed two new combination vaccines to reduce the number of needle sticks for young children. A four-in-one shot to protect against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio that is given once to preschool-aged children was approved along with a five-in-one shot for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and Haemophilus influenza type b. Youngsters get four doses by age 2. The combination shots do not change the recommended vaccine schedules they just reduce the number of needle sticks for the child.

Klamm said even though the number of vaccinations has increased over the past 100 years the number of immunologic challenges contained in vaccines has actually decreased.

South Central Public Health District Division Director of Communicable Diseases Tom Machala said the state recommends a child receive 13 immunizations by age 5. But since some vaccines require multiple doses in a child's life, the number of needle sticks can be higher than 13.

The smallpox vaccine contained about 200 viral proteins and today the recommended vaccines combined contain less than 130.

Klamm also said the vaccine viruses are so disabled that they cannot weaken the immune system and vaccinated children are not at greater risk of other infections than unvaccinated children.

Vasquez said she is not sure and thinks the CDC's motives are not so pure. "It's all about money," Vasquez said. "It's not about health; there's a lot of money behind vaccinations. Can you ever trust anyone who's on the payroll to tell you the truth?"

Vasquez said her two older children received all their vaccinations but her two children born after Stephan's death were not vaccinated.

"Their learning skills are better and they don't get sick as much," she says. But, for un-immunized children, the questions may extend past whether or not they will get a disease to whether or not they will be allowed to attend school.

Machala said although laws vary nationwide, in Idaho each school district determines what types of immunization exemptions to allow, which can range from medical to religious or philosophical.

Vasquez said she has made it a priority in her life to educate and advocate for immunization choice for parents. She knows the risks of not immunizing her children and is willing to take the chance.

"I'm not saying don't vaccinate, I'm just saying educate yourself before you do," Vasquez said.

"If they get one of the diseases you at least get a chance to take care of them so they can get better. If they have a bad reaction to a vac-

ination, it's irreversible." Vasquez said. "All I can say to the parents who look down on me for not

vaccinating my other children, is at least you get to still hold yours. I have to go to the cemetery to visit mine."

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Iowa fireworks accident injures 37

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — A Fourth of July fireworks shell misfired in a northern Iowa town, sending a fireball skidding down a street into a crowd of spectators and injuring 37 people, officials said Saturday.

Most of the people treated after the Friday night accident in Charles City suffered minor injuries, city fire department spokesman Eric Whipple said.

It appears there was a misfire involving 13 miles of fireworks tubes during the finale of the city-sponsored show, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Boehmer said Saturday.

Officials didn't yet know why the fireworks malfunctioned, Boehmer said, inspectors from the state fire marshal's office in Des Moines visited Charles City on Saturday.

"It appears they went horizontally across the ground, some of them," Boehmer said of the fireworks.

Witnesses told the Charles City Press that a large fireball veered toward the crowd gathered downtown on lawn chairs and blankets.

"It was like a bunch of little fireworks just coming toward us," said-spectator Emily Watson. "They started to explode. It was just like skating right across the street and then I saw them exploding right in the street here. ... In a split second, it started coming at me."

Brandi Schweiger said she feared for her life. "My exact thought was, 'This is it, we're going to die,'" she said.

The city of about 7,800 people is 125 miles northeast of Des Moines, near the Minnesota state line.



A fireworks shell explodes near a crowd of people near Main Street and Court Street in Charles City, Iowa, on Friday, during Charles City's Fourth of July Fireworks Display, right as the show was gearing for the finale.

Police in Riverside, Ohio, said a man lost part of his leg when fireworks went off inside his parked sport-utility vehicle, blowing the wheels out.

A 6-year-old girl in Bayville, N.Y., suffered second-degree burns when fireworks landed in her lap, police said.

Investigators said it wasn't immediately clear who launched the fireworks but said the child wasn't at a public pyrotechnics display.

A 3-year-old boy in Leominster, Mass., suffered serious burns after his father shot off fireworks that went awry, authorities said.

The 37-year-old man will probably be charged with illegal possession of fireworks, police said. In Port Huron, Mich., a 51-year-old man was critically injured when he was struck in the face by a mortar-type firework by the St. Clair County sheriff's department said.

Officers said the man was placing the firework in a tube when it ignited. A pyrotechnics worker in

Van Buren, Ark., was seriously injured after a rocket shot through her hand and split it open, authorities said.

East Idaho fireworks blaze forces evacuations

POCATELLO (AP) — Police in southeast Idaho say a fire started by fireworks led to the evacuation of 40 homes on Friday. Lt. Jim Peterson of the Pocatello Police Department says that 21-year-old Christopher Eld was cited for possession and discharge of illegal fireworks. Peterson says fireworks

are prohibited in the dry hills on Pocatello's east side. He says Eld could be held responsible for the cost of suppressing the fire that burned about two acres.

More than 35 firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Pocatello Fire Department responded to the blaze.

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Long Island beach evacuated after fireworks wash up

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A popular beach on Long Island was evacuated at the height of a holiday weekend after stray, unexploded fireworks washed ashore the day after a July Fourth show, state parks officials said Saturday.

Roughly 2,000 visitors were told to leave Jones Beach immediately after the seashore shells began turning up around midday, officials said.

Beachcombers, parks staffers and lifeguards spotted the errant explosives, some of which measured 8 inches across, said George Gorman, deputy regional director for state parks.

Police scrutinized the sand and water from all-terrain vehicles, boats and helicopters. They dug into garbage cans to make sure no explosives had been picked up and thrown out.

The beach was to remain closed until sunrise Sunday as authorities continued searching for any remaining fireworks. None had exploded, and no one had been hurt, Gorman said.

The shells apparently stemmed from Friday night's show, launched from an offshore barge by Farmingdale-based Bay Fireworks.

President Charlie Rappa said the company takes care to keep track of shells that don't fire, and he was unsure how any could have bobbed to the beach. The show, which drew about 140,000 onlookers, went off normally, he said.

In years of overseeing fireworks displays at Jones Beach and elsewhere, "I've never seen an anomaly like this," he said.

After hours of soaking in the Atlantic Ocean, the shells were unlikely to pose any danger, he said.

Police took no chances. "If they were to dry out and there was a spark, they could go off," park police Sgt. Tony Astacio told Newsday.

About 30 miles from Manhattan, Jones Beach State Park is a summer haven for New York City residents and Long Islanders. It drew a record 506,000 people over the three-day Memorial Day weekend, but the July Fourth weekend has been rainy.

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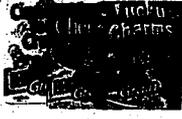
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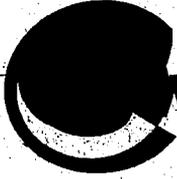


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Employers use law to deny life insurance benefits

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Dying of cancer, Thomas Amschwand did everything he was told to make sure his wife would collect on the life insurance policy he had through his employer.

"He was obsessed with doing every 't' and crossing every 't,'" Melissa Amschwand-Bellinger recalled about her husband, who died in 2001 at age 30.

But Spherion Corp., the temporary staffing company where Amschwand worked, told Amschwand-Bellinger she would not receive any of the \$426,000 in benefits she believed she was due. When she went to court, Spherion exceeded in getting her lawsuit thrown out. The Supreme Court on June 27 refused to review the case.

Amschwand-Bellinger received a refund of the few thousand dollars in insurance premiums she and her husband dutifully had paid. The total, she said, would not cover the costs of his funeral.

The story has played out often under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Designed to protect employee benefits, the law has been used by employers as a shield against suits.

Federal appeals courts, interpreting Supreme Court decisions dating to 1993, consistently have said companies that offer health, life and retirement benefits under ERISA cannot be sued for large amounts of money, or damages. Instead, they can be sued only for typically smaller sums such as Amschwand's insurance premiums.

Several federal judges have bemoaned the unfairness even as they have felt constrained to rule in favor of employers.

"The facts ... scream out for a remedy beyond the simple return of premiums," Judge Fortunate Benavides of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in the Amschwand case. "Regrettably, under existing law it is not available."

The Bush administration has argued that the appeals courts are misreading the precedents and has asked the high court at least twice to clarify the earlier rulings. So far it has refused.

Congress, which could amend ERISA to make clear such suits are allowed, also has taken no action.

The result, in the view of ERISA experts, the administration and some lawmakers,



Melissa Amschwand-Bellinger shows Wednesday in Houston. Dying of cancer, her husband did everything he was told to make sure his wife would collect on the life insurance policy he had through his employer.

is perverse. "The beneficiary under the policy didn't get the promised benefit," said Colleen Medill, an expert on ERISA at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "To say we're just going to return your premiums, that's a total farce. That's not what they paid the premiums for."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said at a recent hearing that before ERISA became law, employees clearly could sue for benefits in state courts. The court rulings, said Leahy, D-Vt., have left people "more vulnerable than they were before the law was passed."

Spherion's decision to deny benefits to Amschwand-Bellinger turned on an odd set of facts. Spherion, which employs about 300,000 people, switched insurers after Thomas Amschwand was diagnosed with a rare form of heart cancer. The new policy did not take effect until an employee worked one full day. Spherion never informed Amschwand of the requirement.

Amschwand asked repeatedly whether there was anything else he needed to do and was told no. He asked that the new policy be sent to him. Spherion never did so.

He died without returning to work. His widow said, he easily could have worked a day if that was what it took to activate the new policy. Spherion could have waived the one-day-of-work provision, as it did for other employees - but not for Amschwand.

Spherion spokesman Kip Havel issued a brief statement when contacted by The Associated Press after the high

court declined to review the case. "We are pleased the court has made its decision

and the matter has finally been resolved," Havel said.

The court also recently turned down an appeal from Louis Gerard "Gerdy" Goeres, who sued Charles M. Schwab & Co. over hundreds of thousands of dollars in retirement plan benefits.

For 16 months, Schwab mistakenly refused to acknowledge Goeres as the beneficiary in the retirement plan of his domestic partner, Stephen Ward, a Schwab employee who died in 1999. By the time Schwab acknowledged his error, the value of the account had declined by more than \$500,000. Goeres sued for the rest. Federal courts dismissed the suit. "Unfortunately, legal relief is not available," U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer said in ruling against Goeres. "You know, the Schwab

commercial, 'Talk to Chuck' Chuck knew this, he'd say. Oh my God, this is so wrong. I live on naive dreams."

Schwab said in court papers that Goeres could have taken legal action soon after Ward's death, when his first wife told he was not the beneficiary.

Amschwand-Bellinger said the cases show the need for either the court or Congress to provide "some sort of meaningful remedy for employees when employers have a breach of fiduciary duty."

A Texas native who lives in an unincorporated Houston

suburb, she has since remarried and has an 18-month-old daughter. She is president and executive director of the Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation, which she founded with her first husband.

She recognizes that she is more fortunate than many others who have fought similarly futile battles for benefits under ERISA. "What if we had had children and I was a stay at home mom?" said Amschwand-Bellinger, who previously worked for a public hospital system. "What if I was 60 years old, with no skill sets, and I had to go back to work?"

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(AP) Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange last week. Bond prices fell. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell. Oil prices dominated trading during the week as they have for months. Light, sweet crude settled up \$1.72 at a record \$145.29 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after trading as high as \$145.85 — also a new record.

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Credit scores hit by card limits

Ratcheting down of risk hits consumers

By Rachel Beck
 Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Just as Americans grow more reliant on credit cards to help pay monthly bills, they're being hit with a one-two punch: Card companies are reducing borrowing limits for tens of thousands of consumers, which then can lead to lower credit scores.

Those facing this predicament might not even know it until they apply for a loan or another credit card, and then get denied because their credit score has dropped.

This is an unintended consequence of the financial world's widespread ratcheting down of risk. Banks and other card lenders are trying to better protect themselves from more massive losses like those they've seen from subprime mortgages.

As a result, they are looking for ways to reduce their exposure to cardholders more likely to default. That's why they are lowering credit limits, which means they are reducing the "maximum amount of credit extended to an individual, along with boosting card interest rates and allowing fewer balance transfers.

"This is what they have to do at this time," said John Hall, a spokesman for the American Bankers Association, a Washington-based trade group.

Such moves come as consumers are increasingly using their credit cards as a source of liquidity, especially since it's becoming harder to tap their home equity as much as to pay for everything from renovations to vacations to trips to the mall. As the housing and mortgage markets have collapsed, lenders have also reduced the limits on what are known as home equity lines of credit, or HELOCs.

Net home equity extraction fell nearly 50 percent from a year earlier to \$205 billion in the first quarter, according to Merrill Lynch. The investment bank also notes that some \$1.2 trillion in equity and housing wealth was wiped out in the first quarter alone because of plunging home values.

At the same time, revolving credit usage, which includes credit cards, accelerated sharply to a year-over-year growth rate of about 6 percent in recent months. That's the fastest rate in seven years and well ahead of the 2 to 3 percent

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Staged to sell

Home staging picks up in south-central Idaho

By Blair Koch
 Correspondent

Selling a home is hard. Today, having the competitive edge over other properties in the listings is important. This is where home staging comes in, said Candynside Irwin Realtor Jill Stone of Twin Falls.

"Home staging is here because it's hard for people to imagine how their home needs to look to sell," Stone said. "This service has been popular elsewhere in the country but is catching on here now, too. In 2005 and 2006 homes were selling fast, but now homes are sitting a while and there is a lot of competition."

The way buyers see a house and the way potential buyers view a home are two different perspectives. The difference in the perspective could cause a drop in sales value or worse — lose a sale all together.

"Your home needs to look top notch," Stone said. Sherry Woods, owner of the new Twin Falls business, Revelation Staging, is hoping southern Idaho is ready for her services. She recently staged her first on-the-market home, listed by Stone, in Twin Falls. The home has already been on the market for 120 days but was empty, devoid of style and inspiration.

"The first impression really is the most important impression," Woods said. "Staging a home is all about making it look ready for any buyer. You want to help them imagine living in the home and pointing out all the great features the home has."

In a staged home you won't find family photos or

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Resets peaking on subprime loans

Jumping payments raise foreclosure projections

By Renee Marie
 The Washington Post

The number of homeowners facing an increase in their subprime adjustable-rate mortgage payments will peak this summer, testing the efforts of lenders and others to keep those people out of foreclosure and stabilize the housing market.

The timing reflects the height of subprime lending in the summers of 2005 and 2006, when many borrowers secured loans scheduled to adjust in two or three years. For many, an adjustment means their interest rate will go up two to three percentage points.

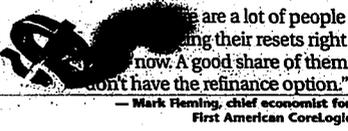
The next six months, the industry, all of the folks that are out there trying to solve

this problem, they are going to be very busy," said Mark Fleming, chief economist for First American CoreLogic, a California research firm. "There are a lot of people facing their resets right now. A good share of them don't have the refinancing option."

Nationally, the number of subprime adjustable-rate loans resetting peaked at 7.61 percent of the loans outstanding last month, according to data from CoreLogic. More than 300,000 such loans will adjust this summer. CoreLogic's data covers about 80 percent of the mortgage market.

In Maryland, 7.28 percent of outstanding subprime adjustable-rate loans will reset to a higher payment in August, while Virginia hit its peak, 7.72 percent, last month, according to CoreLogic. In the District of Columbia, 7.25 percent of subprime adjustable-rate

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Inexpensive fuel, with a hitch

Vehicles running on vegetable oil breaking federal environmental laws

By Tom Peltus
 The Baltimore Sun

With fuel prices soaring, Mark Nagurney thought he had figured out a clever way to drive free — and save the Earth at the same time. The 49-year-old Laurel, Md., physicist is one of thousands of people nationally who have converted diesel cars and trucks to run on vegetable oil.

But in burning a cleaner fuel than diesel, Nagurney never imagined he'd end up on the wrong side of federal environmental laws. Or break Maryland's fuel tax regula-

tions, which require even folks driving on grease thrown away by fast-food restaurants to get a "special fuel" license, obtain a \$1,000 bond from an insurance company, file monthly forms and pay the same 24-cent-per-gallon tax as drivers using diesel.

Nagurney finds the tax rules misguided. "Let's get renewable energy going," he said. "After hearing about vehicle conversion from some co-workers, the strait-laced Republican defense contractor paid a mechanic \$2,500 in October to convert his 1996 Volkswagen Passat so it can run on either vegetable oil or diesel. Nagurney gets waste oil free from a Chinese restaurant in his neighborhood and thinks it's a great

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Mark Nagurney gets free used cooking oil from a neighborhood restaurant. Maryland requires drivers to register vegetable-oil-fueled vehicles and pay taxes; federal law prohibits the fuel.

The week ahead

Major business events and economic events scheduled for the coming week (some dates are tentative):

Monday
 WASHINGTON — Treasury bill auction.

Tuesday
 WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve reports on consumer credit for May.

NEW YORK — Alcoa Inc. releases second-quarter financial results.

Thursday
 WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on weekly jobless claims, 8:30 a.m.; Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reports on mortgage rates.

BETHESDA, Md. — Marriott International Inc. releases second-quarter financial results.

Friday
 WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on international trade for May, 8:30 a.m.; Treasury reports on the federal budget for June.

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LIFE CELEBRATION EVENTS



Magic Valley Toastmasters Club installed new officers on July 1. The officers, pictured from left, include Deane Tolman, vice president of education; Donna Erickson, vice president of public relations; Brian Higgins, president; Theresa Dimmitt, vice president of membership; David Hanna, secretary; Kathy Thomson, treasurer; Valdon Hancock, sergeant at arms. The club also announced that their outgoing president, Elsa Tolman, is the new area president and the new district governor is member Bill Dimmitt. Toastmasters International is the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. For more information: visit www.toastmasters.org or call Donna Erickson, 736-1025.

Life Celebration Events held a ribbon cutting at the Twin Falls Area Chamber's office. The Chamber's Ambassadors were there to celebrate the cutting of the red ribbon and welcome Life Celebration Events as a new Chamber member. Joyce Wright plans and coordinates event and believes planning an event is about creating a special moment for guests. Life Celebration's office is located at 780 Falls Ave., No. 18 in Twin Falls. For more information: 326-2830. Pictured from left, Joyce Wright with her husband, Blayne.

Idaho Trial Lawyers Association officers

The Idaho Trial Lawyers Association met in Sun Valley June 19-21 for their 36th annual meeting, convention and seminar and installed officers for the 2008-2009 term.

Those installed include, president, Bradford S. Edman; Solicitor General elect, Tim Greaback; Treasurer, Richard S. Owen; Nampa secretary, David E. Comstock;



Edman

Boise; American Association for Justice Governors, Darrel W. Ahern, Lewiston, and Kenneth L. Pedersen, Twin Falls; and ATLA Delegate, James R. N. Montealegre, Boise.

ITLA is a statewide voluntary bar association dedicated to access to the courts for all Idahoans and the improvement of the administration of justice.

Jennifer Devine-Hatch

Samuels Jewelers in Twin Falls announced the addition of Jennifer Devine-Hatch as lead sales associate, marketing specialist, and event planner.



Devine-Hatch

Devine-Hatch has come aboard to combine her training of creative marketing and love of jewelry with her passion to help children. She will be leading Samuels' commitment and determination to support Jewelers for Children. JFC is a non-profit foundation that raises money for five children's charities: St. Jude's, Make-A-Wish, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Foundation, CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates, and newly added Autism Foundation. She is known to the Twin Falls community for her personal story and medical struggles, sharing the experience of many of the children and families that JFC helps.

She is a published author of the children's book, "A Mother's Wish" that was written to help people cope with having physical and emotional scars. By joining Samuel's team she

hopes to use her book to raise funds for JFC. When not working at Samuels, she is a professional motivational speaker, chronic illness mentor, and a Patient Perspective Consultant offering medical students and professionals the perspective of a professional patient.

Cyndie Woods

Cyndie Woods has been named Construction Training Activity Coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho in her new position. She will coordinate the Construction Training portion of the three-year Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant.

Woods will facilitate the development of a variety of short and long-term training courses and programs and will also act as a liaison between education and industry. Woods has been with CSI since the fall of 2005 when she became the program coordinator of a U.S. Department of Labor construction training grant that was provided to south-central Idaho through the Home Builders Institute. Prior to that, she was executive officer for the Magic Valley Builders Association.

Laura Stewart

Laura Stewart has joined the Times-News as the new circulation director.

Stewart, who previously worked as the circulation director for the Idaho Press-Tribune in Nampa, will oversee the acquisition and retention of subscribers.

She will also oversee single copy sales, bulk sales, and the Newspaper in Education program.

She said her first priority is to ensure that newspaper subscribers receive their morning papers on time and on a consistent basis.

Stewart has six years of experience as a circulation director, as well as experience in promotion and marketing.

COUNTRY RV VILLAGE



A business open house was held recently at Country RV Village, 343 S. 300 W., Rupert. The business is owned and operated by Mary and Arlen Buerkle. The event included refreshments, wine tasting and a tour of the facility, which not only has RV hook-ups, but also camping and cabins available. The business can be reached by calling 436-3652. From left are Mary and Arlen Buerkle, Lori Johnson and Ward Maxfield.

MR. STEAM'S VALLEY STEAM



Front row: Mr. Steam's Valley Steam held a ribbon cutting recently at their new facility located at 242 South View Road in Jerome. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors were there to help cut the red ribbon. Mr. Steam's Valley Steam has built the business around its five-point value system which is, Reputation, Experience, Education, Systems and Guarantees. Besides carpet and upholstery cleaning, they also specialize in tile, grout and specialty stone cleaning and sealing, as well as oriental rug cleaning and ultrasonic blind cleaning. For more information in the Magic Valley, 735-0386 and Wood River Valley, 788-2220. Pictured from left, front row, Kelly Ritchie, owner; Angela Dennis; Brian Ritchie, owner; back row, Sandi Brown; Brian Ritchie Jr; Vern Baumgartner and Kyle Reiszarav.

CHADWICK TUTORING



Chadwick Tutoring located at 1452 E. 4475 N. in Bali recently held a ribbon cutting at the Twin Falls Area Chamber's office. The Chamber's Ambassadors were there to cut the red ribbon and celebrate Chadwick Tutoring a new member of the Chamber. Chadwick Tutoring provides one-on-one tutoring in the home and tutor all grades. They believe that convenient and comfortable surroundings eliminate peer pressure and help child focus. They provide home tutoring in Bali, Castleton, Fillet, Jerome, Kimberly and Twin Falls. For more information: 358-4777. Pictured from left, Vonja Jackson, owner; Barbara Holeski.

Higley a consultant with Tastefully Simple

Crystal Higley of Paul has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet products.

As a consultant, Higley offers the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.

"The Tastefully Simple opportunity is designed to be life friendly," says Paul Binshack Strahan, Tastefully

Simple Inc. founder and CEO. "Consultants find a great deal of satisfaction through its fun nature, flexibility, unlimited earning potential and top-notch products."

Tastefully Simple is an ideal opportunity for those seeking new or additional business options, supplementary income, more time with children, or simply control and freedom. Binshack Strahan says. For more information about Tastefully Simple products, taste-testing parties or the business opportunity, Crystal Higley at higley.pigley@yahoo.com.

Loans

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loans reset in June, but the peak does not come until October, when 7.29 percent of the outstanding loans will reset.

Lenders, federal officials and housing counselors have worried that borrowers will not be able to afford the higher payments after the reset and will quickly fall into foreclosure. Declining home prices have made it impossible for many of these homeowners to refinance.

It will not be clear for months how many will lose their homes, Fleming said. "A lot of those are resetting now," he said. "We may not see the impact in foreclosures until the middle of 2009." Foreclosure rates have set records nationally. The Washington area has one of the fastest-growing foreclosure rates in the nation. According to a recent report by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

and Freddie Mac. "Locally we're going to continue to see foreclosures be at a high level until these resets finish their run," said John McClain, deputy director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. If home prices do not continue to drop, the foreclosure rate could start to slow in late fall or early next year, he said.

The mortgage industry has trumpeted efforts to reach homeowners and put them in affordable mortgages. Members of Hope Now, an alliance of mortgage lenders and nonprofit groups, have agreed to contact homeowners 120 days before their loans reset. This summer will test those efforts.

"There has been a lot of work done to meet the demand," said Faith Schwartz, head of Hope Now. Since January, the alliance has been monitoring 718,000 subprime loans with resets scheduled for this year, look-

ing for trends and problems, Schwartz said. Less than 1 percent of homeowners who paid their mortgage on time before their loans reset have fallen into foreclosure, she said. Others have sold their home or found a way to refinance, she said.

"We're trying to measure the effectiveness of the guidance" the industry adopted to combat the problem, Schwartz said. If the figures demonstrate problems among a subset of borrowers, the industry can react quickly, she said.

The threat of soaring adjustable-rate loans has been tempered by the Federal Reserve's interest-rate cuts over the past year, Schwartz said. A borrower with a typical-size subprime ARM of about \$200,000 could expect payments to increase about \$70 a month if it reset now, compared with about \$450 a month if it had reset in December, according to the American Securitization

Forum, a financial industry group.

But analysts and housing counselors have noted that while the interest rate decreases have helped some borrowers, others still face a rate shock because they had an artificially low introductory rate, known as a teaser rate, or other types of loans. Some homeowners face an 8 to 10 percent increase in their payments, said Bruce Marks, executive director of the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America.

Resets are "still going to be driving the rate to what people can't afford, to an unaffordable mortgage payment," Marks said.

After reaching its peak this summer, the number of subprime adjustable-rate loans facing resets drops off significantly early next year, according to CoreLogic's figures. By January, only 4.8 percent of subprime loans will face resets. By May, that will fall to 1.94 percent.

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Real estate investors left high and dry

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — State law enforcement officials are investigating whether 70 retirees and other investors in Northern California were bilked when they put up \$6 million for construction loans on Malibu land that may be undevelopable.

The investors have foreclosed on the land, which is worth just a fraction of its appraised value as prime home building property. But they're still trying to figure out where their money went. "Nobody knows what happened to it," said Fred I. Mann, 77, a retired advertising

executive who said he invested more than \$500,000 in the deal and is facing a total loss.

The episode illustrates the perils of "hard-money" lending, a little known and largely unregulated corner of the real estate market.

Hard-money loans traditionally go to borrowers who can't qualify for conventional bank mortgages or construction loans. They are commonly funded by individual investors who buy fractional interests in the transactions, enticed by the promise of double-digit returns safeguarded by underlying property values.

Coupon comeback

Interest in saving money rises in tight economy

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — With her household budget tightening, Michelle Fox treats couponing like getting a part-time job to help make ends meet.

In her case, it's a job that pays about \$20 an hour. "Every little bit helps. It's something I do for my family," said the Pueblo, Colo., resident, who helps offset rising costs in her five-person household by spending a few hours each week scouring the Sunday newspapers and Internet sites for opportunities to save quarters and dollars per item.

Fox, whose full-time job is in a telecommunications company call center, has been a couponer for years, enduring the snickers or grumbles from customers waiting in line behind her as she handed over fistfuls of coupons. But that's changing, she said, now people trying to cope with \$4-a-gallon gas and higher grocery prices are asking her for tips on finding and using coupons.

The expanding availability of printable coupons online, of paperless digital coupons that can be accessed from cellphones and store loyalty cards, and an explosion of Web sites and bloggers focused on sharing coupon information are also feeding a comeback of what had been fading Sunday tradition in American households. But it's mainly the economy that has piqued more than 2 million and income clipping and clicking.

"That lackluster economy brings out the couponing tendency in all of us," said Sharon Baker, executive director of Shortcuts, a digital coupon distribution service started this year by Time Warner Inc.'s AOL.

Amid soaring fuel costs and a housing and credit crisis, Americans last year halted a 16-year trend of declining redemptions by rurning in 2.6 million more manufacturers' coupons, according to CMS Inc., a coupon processing agent and promotions logistics service based in Winston-Salem, N.C. That marks the first year, since 1992, when



Coupon clipper and Web site owner Stephanie Nelson displays coupons at her home in Marietta, Ga., Jan. 11. Nelson's Web site is devoted to the use of coupons. Last year, Americans redeemed 2.6 billion coupons, the same as in 2006, marking the first time in 16 years the number is expected to climb this year as the economy continues to squeeze budgets, according to CouponInfo.com.

nearly 8 billion coupons were used, that redemptions had not fallen. CMS says historical trends show that coupon redemption rates rise when prices and unemployment are going up, so more coupon use is expected this year.

Coupons Inc., which specializes in offering printable online coupons, says usage trends spiked up last September. "We saw a huge lull; we think consumers really started to feel the pinch then," said Steven Boal, founder and chief executive of the 8-year-old company. "We're just seeing the numbers continue to climb."

Stephanie Nelson, an Atlanta-area woman behind "The Coupon Mom" Web site that offers coupons, information and advice, said daily visits to her site have more than tripled this year, to some 25,000 a day. "People are seeking out ways to save money," she said. "Coupons are free money. If it's something you would buy anyway,"

"You can't really cut the

price of gas, but you can cut the cost of food in half," said Tori Gault, founder and CEO of TheGroceryGiant.com, a site that helps users coordinate coupon use with supermarket and drug store sales to maximize savings.

About 100,000 new use the site, Gault said, and many of them signed up in just the past few months. She's also seeing more single professionals and double-income families logging on to a two-month subscription cost \$10.

Coupons are also available in more ways than ever. "It's really easy to print the coupons, especially if you're at a computer all day," said Julia Kozlov, a 32-year-old Los Angeles mother of two. "She typically saves about \$50 on an \$80 bill, using mainly online coupons."

Another trend: a younger demographic getting involved in an activity traditionally dominated by 50-plus women.

"My generation is electronically based, so anything you can do by point and click, we're more likely to do," said Ariel Redmon, 23, a pharmacy

student at the University of Kentucky and a regular couponer.

The trends aren't lost on retailers and manufacturers, who have increased coupon offerings. Companies such as consumer goods giant Procter & Gamble Co. and grocery store chain Kroger Co. have stepped up coupon offerings and are trying new delivery methods; P&G teamed up with Kroger late last year to offer paperless coupons online, and both have since expanded digital offers with other retailers such as Wal-Mart.

Kroger, which also now offers Unilever coupons online, is trying out coupons via texting to cellphones through San Jose, Calif.-based Cellfire.com, and looking at other new delivery methods, said Ken Fenyo, Kroger's vice president for corporate utility. The nation's largest traditional grocer credited drawing bargain-hunting shoppers with helping a 15 percent rise in profits and 12 percent increase in sales in its recent first-quarter fiscal earnings report.

Google changes stance on privacy

Los Angeles Times

Google has made peace with privacy advocates, and it did so without cluttering its famously sparse home page.

The search giant had drawn criticism over its refusal to include a link to its privacy policy on Google.com. Some groups said that was a violation of California law. The company said then that it didn't think the link was necessary because its privacy policy was "readily accessible" to those looking for it. It could be found, among other places, on its About page, which was linked from Google.com.

But last week, Google quickly changed its stance and added a privacy link while privacy advocates were focusing their attention on another Google issue: a New York judge ordered the company to hand over information about YouTube.com videos and users to media

giant Viacom as part of their copyright dispute.

Google announced the privacy link decision on its corporate blog and public policy blog. On the former, Google Vice President Marissa Mayer said founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin had told her that she could add "Privacy" to the home page, but only if she subtracted another word to keep the word count on Google.com at 28. So, the company removed "Google" from the bright line at the bottom of its home page and added "Privacy."

She said that offering "easy access to our privacy information without any added home page hefty is a clear win for our users and an enhancement to your experience."

So ends the minor tussle over valuable real estate: Google's home page. Privacy advocates get their link, and Google's top executives get to keep their home page clean.

Staging

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personal decorating styles persistent throughout.

"Staging is not decorating. It's keeping things simple," Woods said. In staging the home Woods set up a sectional leather couch and coffee table in the living room, an accent with white and sparse use of synthetic foliage. A pair of metal vases placed on top of a draping sheet held down the eye to a wall nook, calling level.

Woods also staged the master bathroom and a bedroom with similar touches.

"You want to give people an idea for how they could live in the home," she said. "Only 10 percent of people can visualize things like that, so staging helps get those creative juices flowing."

She said 90 percent of homes are first seen online and a properly staged home provides a better backdrop for photos placed on the web.

"A lot of people just don't understand what they need to do to their home. If they've lived in the home a long time they could be used to all of their stuff and realize how cluttered real life is," she said. "It my job to come in and offer insights

into how they can make their home look its best."

Woods, along with other area professional home stagers, will be featured in an upcoming class at the Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

The class will touch on how to stage your home to seal real estate agents will discuss the typical mistakes people make when selling their home and how to stage well without breaking the bank and how to use color and lighting.

Jeff Bluck, Realtor with Westerra Realty of Twin Falls, will be instructing the course. He said the class will help people distinguish the difference between a home being market ready and staged.

"There are certain things you need to do in making your home market ready. These are necessary things like deodorizing, making visible repairs or pulling the weeds in the hedges. Stage your home gives you a competitive edge, it shows extra things you do to bring out the true potential of your home."

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Grease

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way to recycle and save money.

He's part of a small but growing number of people who are embracing straight vegetable oil — or "SVO" — as an alternative energy source that helps to free America from foreign petroleum.

The numbers are uncertain, but advocates estimate that thousands of people are converting their vehicles, with mechanic shops springing up to service them. One company, Golden Fuel of Springfield, Mo., has seen a 400 percent increase in sales of kits to convert diesel vehicles to run on SVO, with 200 sales so far this year and 150 orders pending.

But these motorists are running afoul of federal and state government agencies whose jobs are to collect taxes from drivers to pay for road maintenance and make sure that fuels don't pollute the air. Maryland drivers face a \$1,000 fine for driving on vegetable fuel if they don't register first with the state and file monthly reports and payments; according to Chuck Ulm, assistant director of motor vehicle taxes at the state comptroller's office.

"They would be operating without paying the motor vehicle tax as required by law," Ulm said. "It would be illegal."

said Franchot generally supports the use of alternative fuels as a way to help end the nation's dependence on foreign oil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

But, said spokesman Warren Hansen, "At this point, the legislature has not changed the way this fuel is taxed or regulated, so we are enforcing the laws that are currently on the books."

He said Franchot would support a change in the law to encourage the use of vegetable oil, perhaps through the creation of a tax credit, although the drivers still would have to pay taxes and register.

But a tax credit in Maryland would have little effect if driving while green is illegal at the federal level. Catherine C. Milbourn, spokeswoman for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said federal laws prohibit running vehicles on used vegetable oil.

"All fuels have to be tested before they can be used in a vehicle, because when something goes into the engine and it's turned up, something comes out of the tailpipe. And we want to make sure it doesn't harm the environment in any way," Milbourn said. "Vegetable fuel has not been registered as a motor vehicle fuel."

Gamages or companies that convert vehicles to run on vegetable oil can be subject to federal fines of \$32,500 per violation, she said. People who convert their cars face

fines of as much as \$2,750.

The EPA has not fined anyone for this, but the federal agency is inspecting and investigating people for not following these rules, said Roxanne Smith, another EPA spokeswoman.

Scientists have concluded that burning vegetable oil releases less soot, carbon monoxide and other air pollutants than petroleum fuel — but about 5 percent more nitrogen oxide, which contributes to smog. SVO produces less soot, but a larger amount of carbon dioxide as diesel.

Still, Forrest Gregg, an author who recently published a book called "SVO: Powering Your Vehicle with Straight Vegetable Oil," said that vegetable oil is considered better than diesel fuel from a global-warming perspective. This is because the plants recently drew the same carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, he said, so returning it is part of a natural cycle.

A regional Golden Fuel franchise, Massa Green Enterprises of Sterling, Va., installs the SVO conversion kits at a cost of \$3,500 for a car to \$10,000 for a large truck. "Our business has gone through the roof with the increase in price of diesel at the pump," said Dan Cozart, general manager of Massa Green.

One of the people who bought a system is Nagurny. He popped open the trunk of his Passat to show the 12-gal-

lon plastic tank that holds the vegetable oil. A heater keeps the oil from congealing in cold weather. The mechanic ran tubes from the tank to the engine, which still has a normal diesel tank and can run on standard diesel as well.

Nagurny said he struck up a deal with a local Chinese restaurant to take its used oil for free. The restaurant otherwise would have to pay to have it hauled away. Nagurny leaves the restaurant 4.5 gallon plastic canisters, and the restaurant staffers fill them with old grease.

About once every two weeks, he drives by to collect the containers from the kitchen — usually buying a soda and some food to be friendly.

"The government's view of all this, in terms of taxes, is puzzling to him. 'Whatever they tell me to do, I will gladly do,' he said. 'But I think this is double taxation if restaurants are paying sales tax on vegetable oil when they buy it and then I have to pay taxes on it a second time when I burn the used oil as fuel.'

He said the savings that come from using SVO are substantial.

"It's wonderful," he said, driving around recently, a sweet smell coming from his tailpipe. "My wife and I went on a trip to Williamsburg, Va., two weeks ago, and we drove 400 miles but only paid \$4.50 for fuel. It would have cost us about \$45 for diesel."

Scores

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rate of growth from 2004 through 2008, when home equity lines of credit were a bigger source of cash for consumers, according to Merrill.

But as credit cards are used more frequently, that often results in bigger balances left on the cards.

What's worrisome is that consumers who are faced with a number of ugly economic scenarios hitting at once — falling home prices, surging commodities costs and a weak job outlook — won't be able to

pay their bills.

American Express warned Wednesday that more of its customers were falling behind on their payments. That led some Wall Street analysts to forecast that the card company may slow its predicted earnings growth for 2008.

"Business conditions continue to weaken in the U.S. and so far this month we have seen credit indicators deteriorate beyond our expectations," American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault said in a statement.

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Children can act like thugs even in cyber-world

By **Alana Semuels**
Los Angeles Times

On the playground, children piffle lunch money and push each other around. But in the cyber-clubhouses they're filling by the millions, they rig elections, sell fake products and scam each other out of every virtual-worldly possession.

Sophia Stebbins recently joined one such online community, Webkings, with lots of his young members create avatars, play games and hang out. The 9-year-old from Irvine, Calif., worked in a virtual hamburger shop, opened virtual cash and bought a virtual bed, couch and TV for her virtual house.

Then one day, she logged in to her account to discover that all of her gear and money were gone. She suspects that another kid swiped her password and sold her things.

"I was a little scared," she said. "Sometimes now, I hesitate to go online."

An estimated 12 million

children and teenagers will visit virtual worlds in 2008, according to research from eMarketer Inc. So it's no wonder that such sites have become big business.

In the past two years, Walt Disney Co. acquired Club Penguin, in a deal worth as much as \$700 million and media giant Viacom Inc. bought Neopets for \$160 million.

The sites get the parental stamp of approval by closely monitoring their users and trying to keep out grown-ups with predatory intentions. They offer kids a place to play online without fear of being approached by pedophiles and other ill-intentioned adults.

But protecting the kids from predators has turned out to be hard work.

To keep these worlds from turning into a virtual "Lord of the Flies," Web sites are monitoring every word and kids type, limiting them to pre-approved dialogue and patrolling the Web sites with

employees undercover as kids. Some also are giving children the equivalent of a 911 call, so they can holler for help.

"When you're at school, there's mostly good people, but there are a few people who try to bully and scam you and do nasty things," said Hazel Dixon, 16, from Reading, England. "It's the same in Whyville."

When she was 11, she trusted the wrong person in the virtual world with her password (he promised her an "avatar makeover"), and had every dime of her in-game currency stolen.

Sites emphasize again and again that kids should never give out their passwords. But many fall victim to the common scam: They're told that their avatars will look better or that their accounts will be stocked with virtual currency. Instead, their accounts are usually wiped out.

Jon Sun, president of Numeedco Inc., the Pasadena, Calif., company

that created and runs Whyville, said there is an upside — when kids get scammed — they learn a lesson about being careful on the Web.

"It's a learning experience for the victim not to be so glib, not to be motivated by greed, because the scammers use greed against you," she said.

Two researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles, who study virtual worlds were startled by the "seemingly innumerable" ways that children cheat each other. They detailed several in a 2007 paper published in the proceedings of the Third International Conference of the Digital Games Research Association.

According to their paper and the Whyville staff, Whyville veterans often haze newcomers by demanding rent, even though apartments are free. Other players have figured out a combination of keyboard commands that allows them to jump into the



Web sites such as Whyville monitor every word a child types for foul language or cheating.

virtual cars of strangers, which is normally allowed only by invitation. Users have claimed that elections for the Whyville Senate were rigged through stuffing of virtual ballot boxes.

Some players took advantage of the last outbreak of Whypop — a virtual plague that causes avatars to sneeze and break out in boils — by selling cures that turned out to be fake.

Charities reap meager rewards from many fundraising efforts

By **Charles Piller and Doug Smith**
Los Angeles Times

For 24 years, Citizens Against Government Waste has exposed pork-barrel spenders and rallied tax critics.

Its "Pig Book" and "porker" awards, meant to shame congressional leaders who exploit the public purse, have made the group a media darling and a political force.

But when it comes to publicizing its own fundraising practices, America's self-proclaimed "No. 1 taxpayer watchdog" seems to have lost its bite.

Records filed with the California attorney general's office show that over the last decade, for-profit fundraisers for the nonprofit organization kept more than 94 cents of every donated dollar. Yet donors could write off the full contribution on their tax returns.

"It's a rip-off of the taxpayer," said Pablo Eisenberg, senior fellow at Georgetown Public Policy Institute and a philanthropy scholar.

A Los Angeles Times investigation found hundreds of other examples of charities that pocketed just a sliver of what commercial fundraisers collected in their names. Some didn't get a dime or even lost money.

According to a comprehensive review of state records filed over a decade, the problem of paltry returns extends well beyond what has been reported in the past, among benevolent societies, for police, firefighters and veterans. It affects charities large and small, well-known and obscure. It spans a range of causes, including child abuse, animal welfare, health research and opposition to drunken driving.

In more than 5,800 campaigns on behalf of charities that were registered with the California state attorney general from 1997 to 2006, the fundraisers reported taking in \$2.6 billion. They kept nearly \$1.4 billion — about 54 cents of every dollar raised.

These numbers reflect only part of the problem. Although commercial fundraisers are required to file annual fundraising reports with the state, many do not, and the law is not aggressively enforced because of limited staffing.

For-profit campaigns, which often employ telemarketing, mass mailings or one-time events, account for a small fraction of \$223 billion in charitable giving in the United States. But they collect significant sums and help shape public perceptions of charities. Pairing computer-controlled dialing systems with low-wage workers, such efforts can reach a large number of people in a short time.

"I still could forget about what percentage was going where," said Dan Halfeldt, former sales manager at one Phoenix-based telemarketer for nonprofits. "I could really say 'Wow, I'm taking money for something good.'"

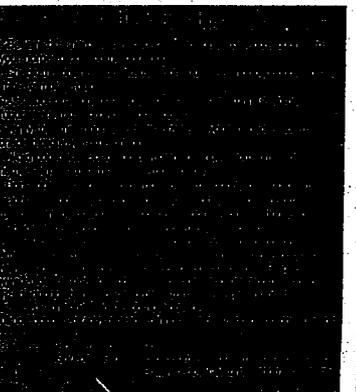
The company, Midwest Publishing Inc., consistently offered among the lowest returns by large fundraisers. It did not respond to written questions about its operations.

The fundraising business is growing. More than 300 fundraisers have registered in California. Since 2000, the number of campaigns and amounts raised by for-profit companies has risen by about 20 percent.

Among the charities that netted little from such campaigns were the Humane Society of the United States, the American Breast Cancer Foundation, the Christian Social-action group Concerned Women for America, the National Right to Life Committee and the National Against Destructive Decisions.

Among The Times' findings:

- More than 100 charities raised \$1 million or more from commercial appeals but netted fewer than 25 cents per dollar. Fundraisers got the rest.
- In 430 campaigns, charities got nothing. All \$44 million donated went to fundraisers. In 337 of those cases, charities actually lost money, paying fees to fundraisers that exceeded the amount raised.
- In hundreds of other campaigns, charities apparently entered into contracts that limited their share of donations to 20 percent or less, no matter how successful the campaign.
- Groups with strong emotional or patriotic appeal — those supporting animals,



children, veterans and public safety workers, for instance — often fared worst. Missing-children charities received less than 15 percent of more than \$28 million raised on their behalf.

Many groups rely heavily on set-rate contracts and aim their campaigns toward a mass audience, which is less efficient than targeting a defined set of donors.

In general, charities contend that it takes money to make money and that the benefits of commercially run campaigns might not show in state filings.

For instance, Citizens Against Government Waste said that its telemarketing was meant to find donors who would give regularly, not necessarily to raise a large sum in a single campaign.

To critics, that claim often excuses wastefulness or profiteering — and every charity pays for that.

Some charities "take advantage of American generosity," said Bennett Weiner, an executive with the Better Business Bureau research program Wise Giving Alliance. They "accomplish very little, siphon off good money from the community and tarnish the well for more legitimate nonprofits," he said.

By donating to inefficient charities, said Daniel Borchoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, "You are taking money out of the mouth of a hungry kid."

Where did they go? a child's mournful voice sings on the Web site of Operation Lookout — National Center for Missing Youth. "Are they held captive or do they turn free?... Oh, where can they be?"

The group's online, telemarketing and door-to-door outreach materials offer urgent accounts of runaways or kidnapping victims — and

equally urgent pleas for cash. Commercial enterprises reported having raised more than \$6 million for Operation Lookout, based in Everett, Wash., since 1999. Less than \$1 million reached the charity.

A current contract between the fundraiser and the charity sets a minimum 15 percent return on donations. In practice, over the years, 15 percent has been the maximum. In each year from 2000 to 2006, it received exactly 15 percent — not a penny more or less — of funds collected in its name by the commercial fundraiser Midwest Publishing.

Operation Lookout did not respond to requests for comment on donations.

The charity has posted a defense of its fundraising on its Web site, blaming accounting requirements for distorting its results. "In some instances, accounting rules require that we combine volunteer recruitment, calls to action and public education making them appear as a fundraising expense."

Neither of the nation's two major accounting standards bodies has ruled that such costs must be combined.

Based on tax returns and other sources, the American Institute of Philanthropy ferrets out hidden costs of fundraising, by charities —

including but not limited to commercial campaigns. It estimated that Operation Lookout spent 84 cents to raise each dollar in its 2006 budget of \$2.1 million, a worse record than all but 18 of more than 500 rated charities.

The philanthropy institute normally considers as much as 35 cents to raise a dollar as a reasonable cost.

"The Times analysis of commercial campaigns in California found inefficiency to be typical among missing-child groups. On average more than 65 cents per dollar went to the fundraiser.

Some charities of this kind, however, eschew commercial fundraisers, including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Ernie Allen, its chief executive, said groups that rely on minuscule returns talent the center field.

"Missing children's organizations spring up out of crisis," she said. "Fundraisers exploit these devastating situations."

But groups shouldn't allow themselves to be overcharged by fundraisers over and over, she said. They "need to learn."

As of Monday, July 14, 2008, Burn Barrel Ash Will No Longer Be Accepted at Any Southern Idaho Solid Waste Disposal Site.

Burn barrels are one of the leading causes of wildfires and structural fires in the United States. Even a burn barrel that feels cool can have live embers in the center that can ignite when the barrel is dumped. As a fire prevention measure, SISW's Board of Directors has decided to ban ash dumping at the transfer stations, effective July 14, 2008.

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U.S. removes stockpile of uranium from Iraq

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

The last major remnant of Saddam Hussein's nuclear program — a huge stockpile of concentrated natural uranium — reached a Canadian port Sunday to complete a secret U.S. operation that included a two-week airlift from Baghdad and a ship voyage crossing two oceans.

The removal of 550 metric tons of yellowcake — the seed material for higher-grade nuclear enrichment — was a significant step toward closing the books on Saddam's nuclear legacy. It also brought relief to U.S. and Iraqi authorities who had worried the cache would reach insurgents or smugglers crossing to Iran to fuel his nuclear ambitions.

What's now left is the final and complicated push to clean up the remaining radioactive debris at the former Tuwatha nuclear complex about 110 miles from Baghdad — using teams that include Iraqi experts recently trained in the Chernobyl fallout zone in Ukraine.

Everyone is very happy to have this safely out of Iraq," said a senior U.S. official who outlined the nearly three-month operation to The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

While yellowcake alone is not considered potent enough for so-called "dirty bombs" — a conventional explosive that disperses radioactive material — it could stir widespread panic if incorporated in a bomb. Yellowcake can be enriched for use in reactors and, at higher levels, nuclear weapons using sophisticated equipment.

The Iraqi government sold the yellowcake to a Canadian uranium producer, Cameco Corp., in a transaction the official described as worth "tens of millions of dollars." A Cameco spokesman, Lyle A. Krahn, declined to discuss the price, but said the yellowcake will be processed at facilities in Ontario for use in energy-producing reactors.

"We are pleased ... that we have taken (the yellowcake) from a volatile region into a stable area to produce clean electricity," he said.

The deal culminated more than a year of intense diplomatic and military initiatives — kept hushed in fear of reprisals or attacks once the convoys were under way: first carrying 3,500 barrels by road to Baghdad, then on 37 military flights to the Indian Ocean at Diego Garcia and finally aboard a U.S.-flagged ship for a 8,500-mile trip to Montreal.

And, in a symbolic way, the mission linked the current attempt to stabilize Iraq with some of the high-profile claims about Saddam's weapons capabilities in the buildup to the 2003 invasion.

Assassinations of Saddam had tried to purchase more yellowcake from the African nation of Niger — and an article by a former U.S. ambassador refuting the claims led to a wide-ranging probe into Washington leaks that reached high into the Bush administration. Tuwatha and an adjacent research facility were well known for decades as the centerpiece of Saddam's nuclear efforts.

Israeli warplanes bombed a reactor project at the site in 1980. Later, U.N. inspectors documented and safeguarded the yellowcake, which had been stored in aging drums and containers since before the 1991 Gulf War. The evidence of any yellowcake dating from after 1991, the official said.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have guarded the 23,000-acre site surrounded by huge sand berms — following a wave of looting after Saddam's fall that included villagers toting away yellowcake storage barrels for use as drinking water cisterns. Yellowcake is obtained by using various solutions to leach out uranium from raw ore and can have a corn meal-like color and consistency. It poses no severe risk if stored and sealed properly. But exposure carries well-documented health concerns associated

Sensitive cargo

The U.S. military transported 550 metric tons of uranium out of Iraq Sunday. The cargo was taken by ship to Montreal.



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with heavy metals such as uranium, which can cause damage to internal organs, experts say.

"The big problem comes with any inhalation of any of the yellowcake dust," said Doug Brugge, a professor of public health issues at the Tufts University School of Medicine.

Moving the yellowcake faced numerous hurdles.

Diplomats and military leaders first weighed the idea of shipping the yellowcake overland to Kuwait's port on the Persian Gulf. Such a route, however, would pass through Iraq's Shiite heartland and within easy range of extremist factions, including some that Washington claims are aided by Iran. The ship also would need to clear the narrow Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf, where U.S. and Iranian ships often come in close contact.

Kuwaiti authorities, too, were reluctant to open their borders to the shipment despite top-level lobbying from Washington.

An alternative plan took shape: shipping out the yellowcake on cargo planes.

But the yellowcake still needed a final destination. Iraq's government officials sought buyers on the commercial market, where uranium prices spiked at about \$120 per pound last year. It's currently selling for about half that. The Cameco deal was reached earlier this year, the official said.

At that point, U.S.-led crews began removing the yellowcake from the Saddam-era containers — some leaking or weakened by corrosion — and reloading the material into about 3,500 secure barrels.

In April, truck convoys started moving the yellowcake from Tuwatha to Baghdad's International airport, the official said. Then, for two weeks in May, it was ferried in 37 flights to Diego Garcia, a speck of British territory in the Indian Ocean where the U.S. military maintains a base.

On June 3, an American ship left the island for Montreal, said the official.

The yellowcake wasn't the only dangerous item removed from Tuwatha.

Earlier this year, the military withdrew four devices for controlled radiation exposure from the former nuclear complex. The lead-enclosed radiation units, used to decontaminate food and other items, contain elements of high radioactivity that could potentially be used in a weapon, according to the official.

A father's grief inspires maker of military robots

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press writer

TYNGSBOROUGH, Mass. — The knock on Brian Hart door came at 6 a.m. An Army colonel, a priest and a police officer had come to tell Hart and his wife that their 20-year-old son had been killed when his military vehicle was ambushed in Iraq.

Brian Hart didn't channel his grief quietly. Committed to "preventing the senseless from recurring," he rallied against the military on his blog for shortcomings in supplying armor to soldiers. The one-time Republican teamed with liberal Sen. Edward Kennedy to tell Congress that the Pentagon was leaving soldiers ill-equipped.

And then Hart went to the Pentagon to see his cause. He became a defense contractor.

He founded a company that has developed rugged, remotely operated robotic vehicles resembling small dune buggies, to disable car bombs and roadside explosives before they detonate in hot spots like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now, Hart has won over the military brass he so harshly criticized. Three years after starting Black-I Robotics Inc., Hart and his four employees won a \$728,000 contract from the Pentagon in June to further develop the "LandShark" robot.

Technology to protect troops is a subject uncomfortably close to home for Hart, who says the death of his son, Army Pvt. First Class John Hart, led him to "start thinking." Brian Hart can't forget the call he got from his son in Iraq a week before he was killed by a gunshot Oct. 18, 2003.

"He asked me to help him. 'Get us body armor and vehicular armor,'" Brian Hart said. "He thought he'd be killed on the road in an unarmored Humvee. And a week to the day later, he was."

The Pentagon contract requires Black-I to supply three of its six-wheeled, electric-powered vehicles this year and provide support.

The military will test two units, while Boston's Logan airport will get one for bomb-disposal duties. If tests go well, soldiers in Iraq could be using the robots as soon as next year, Hart says.

His company also is trying to secure an additional \$1.5 million in Pentagon funding next fiscal year.

At 275 pounds and about 4 feet long, Black-I's LandShark looks like a dune buggy without a seat for a human driver. Hart hopes to make them available for commercial sale to law enforcement next year, with expectations that the cost would be \$85,000 to \$85,000 per robot, including the chassis and add-on bomb-disposing equipment. The vehicle can pull tilling equipment to plow up soil where an explosive or trip



Black-I Robotics founder Brian Hart, whose son was killed during an ambush in Iraq in 2003, poses in Tyngsborough, Mass., in August 2007 with a six-wheeled robot that his company designed.

wire may be hidden. Or it can drop off "disruptors" that can be maneuvered near a bomb and set off, with jets of water disabling the bomb.

Hart contends LandSharks will be far less expensive than many of the Pentagon's current bomb-disposing robots. Including models made by two larger Boston-area companies, IRobot Inc. and Foster-Miller Inc. Those models have more sophisticated electronics, but like the more fragile than LandSharks, which use car batteries rather than lighter and pricier lithium-ion batteries.

"We want to make robots affordable, so that a private first class or a lance corporal could get this equipment," Hart said.

A Foster-Miller vice president, Bob Quinn, called Hart a "superb individual," but countered that the LandShark is too big and heavy to be practical for most soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Quinn said soldiers using his company's \$100,000-plus Talon robots typically carry four of the hand-portable, 80-pound bots in military vehicles, along with other cargo. The

advantage of this approach, he said, is that multiple robots are needed as backups. Insurgents frequently watch from a hiding spot as a robot approaches to disarm an explosive, then remotely detonate the bomb to knock out the robot in a war of attrition, Quinn said.

Hart is a clean-cut former College Republicans chapter president who describes himself today as a radical. But he speaks like a Pentagon insider, peppering his conversation with acronyms for battlefield weapons and defense technology initiatives. His sport-utility vehicle has a "Support our troops" bumper sticker, and he posts nearly every day in his blog, which focuses on security and political issues.

While his entrepreneurial intentions are in part idealistic, Hart also hopes to make a buck with Black-I — which he co-founded with longtime business partner Arthur Berube, who helped put up money to supplement start-up cash from Hart's personal savings. Hart wouldn't specify how much money they used, but said he and his four employees went without pay until the company won an

unspecified amount of private equity funding in May.

While many Pentagon critics, including families of soldiers, have spoken out about better gear for soldiers, Brian Hart stands apart for his decision to launch a company focused on troop protection, said Bill Thomasmeyer, president of the National Center for Defense Robotics. The Pittsburgh-based nonprofit organization helps robotics firms like Black-I compete for government contracts.

"I don't know of any other similar company that is headed by someone who has had such a personal loss as he has," Thomasmeyer said. "His company has had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get to this point, without having a lot of resources."

Another company founder is Hart's younger brother, Richard, a former Marine who serves as a Black-I product designer. But the staff is otherwise made up of acquaintances from Hart's previous ventures, which had nothing to do with robotics or military contracting. His prior executive experience has been in such fields as wireless communications and pharmaceuticals.

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EDITORIAL

Trust, but verify: INL's breakthrough waste accord

For 20 years this newspaper has been among the harshest of critics of federal Department of Energy's management of waste at the Idaho National Laboratory. The reason is stark and simple: Highly radioactive garbage is buried 500-600 feet above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, where the Magic Valley gets much of its drinking water.

But we're inclined to believe Attorney General Lawrence Wasden when he says the state's new compact with DOE to remove much of the subsurface transuranic waste from INL is the best deal we're going to get.

The agreement, announced Tuesday, provides the structure for cleaning up toxic leftovers from U.S. nuclear weapons production. The waste was the focus of a 1995 deal that required the DOE to remove it — all 15 acres of it — from INL. The DOE objected, but the state's wishes were upheld by a May 2006 U.S. District Court ruling, which survived on appeal in March.

Pointing out that the 2006 court decision allowed exceptions when recovery would endanger workers, Wasden says the new arrangement will balance the risk to the public, the aquifer and INL workers by targeting five kinds of radioactive byproducts in an area of 5.7 to 7.4 acres.

Would we be happier if the number were closer to 15 acres? Sure. But for practical purposes, that process could drag on for decades — perhaps beyond a 2018 deadline to ship waste to New Mexico for permanent storage.

We've heard promises from DOE before — starting in 1972, when it first pledged to rid Idaho of the transuranic waste. What's different now?

A judge is looking over DOE's shoulder. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, who handed down the original ruling that "all" really means "all," retains jurisdiction. If the feds drag their heels, they're in contempt of court.

The nastiest waste goes first. Plutonium residue from 1980s nuclear weapon production at Rocky Flats, Colo., is the priority.

A cap on the entire 97-acre disposal area. Some carbon tetrachloride — a solvent once used in dry cleaning and pesticides — has leached into the aquifer. A cap could stop it.

Benchmarks. New procedures for measuring progress and enforcing action.

Tying waste removal to Superfund cleanup. This ensures protection of the aquifer where contamination is left in place.

Uncertainties remain. Cleanup funds must be authorized by Congress. The agreement puts INL at the head of the money line, but who knows what the federal budget will be in years to come?

It's hard to see skepticism of this deal were it not for key endorsements. Former Govs. Cecil Andrus and Phil Batt went to the mat with DOE and they're satisfied with this bargain.

Kathleen Trever, the state's former INL compliance officer, has signed off. She's Idaho's resident expert on what we can and cannot expect the DOE to do.

And finally, Deputy Attorney Clive Strong, the state's top natural resources lawyer, put his imprimatur on this. A Wendell native, no one is more dedicated to the safety of Magic Valley water.

The essence of this deal is Ronald Reagan's famous dictum about arms control: "Trust, but verify." We're not certain we trust the DOE, but we're more certain Idaho can hold the feds to account. Finally.

Politicians flip-flopping? Thank goodness

Every four years the summer Olympics coincide with the U.S. presidential election, so you may be excused if, in company with many others, you sometimes find yourself confused as to just what is an Olympic event and what is a political one.

Here, to help you clear matters up, is one example: Gymnastics is an Olympic event. Flip-flopping is a political one.



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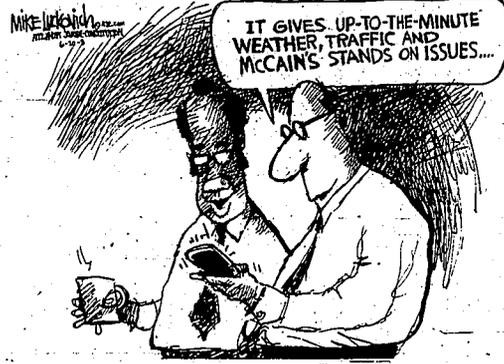
You could easily think differently from all the hubbub and back and forth cheers and boos lately attending the latter.

There's poor John McCain, belly down on the mat from his last dismount. There's poor Barack Obama, falling around on his back like an overturned turtle, after his vault.

Most recently, and most grievously if you judge by the crowd noise, Obama having once pretty much sworn that he would stick with public funding for his campaign, has opted instead to go for the big donor bucks. And McCain, long-time and stout opponent of off-shore drilling, for oil, no longer cares if the oceans are drilled till they drain.

Here are some basic truths about flip-flopping:

1. Any politician who has never flipped or flopped has no business being president. Mindless recitude in the face of contrary reality means the candidate never adjusted to changed circumstances or suffered enough introspection to have second thoughts. That kind of rigidity is swelt



It is likely you will find that the candidate you leaned toward in the first place makes tactical adjustments and the one you never much liked anyway is a craven cynic.

For martyrdom, terrible for governing. 2. Many flip-flops aren't, really. Obama has been sniped at for first refusing to disavow his former pastor while disavowing the pastor's looper-seeming homiletics, and then later dumping him. But Jeremiah Wright's ranting performance before a National Press Club audience in the meantime in effect dared Obama to do what Obama then sensibly did.

3. Watch McCain in panting pursuit of televangelists. He once rightly disdained. It is in the nature of all politicians to prefer election to defeat, even on the Straight

fairly constant — was in 2004.

Republicans pounded John Kerry mercilessly for having changed course at times in his long and admirable Senate career. And they pounded even harder and more often when they found, that by way of hipster Kerry actually tried to explain, rather than tending a zesty "So's yer old lady!" That concludes today's lesson. In our next class, we will take up gatcha politics, in which the principal and surrogates of one candidacy, who in fact are not in the least offended, pretend to purple embrace over an infelicity from the opposition campaign, which utterance can with effort be taken as meaning what it patently was, not intended to mean.

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No hidden agenda here; look for yourself

I'm "under investigation," and I think it's a real boot. Working as an editor or reporter in places like Denver, Seattle, San Diego and Albany, N.Y., I've investigated plenty of people. Like a police commissioner who dipped into the city till, a pension fund manager who stole millions from widows and orphans and a politician who claimed to have been Rambo in Vietnam when he was really frying eggs at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

But no one, far as I know, ever responded by investigating me.

Twice I've been reliably informed that folks involved in the project to redevelop four blocks of downtown Twin Falls are "checking me out," apparently to see if there are any skeletons in my closet. The group is upset with me, and others at the *Times-News*, because we've been asking tough questions about the way the downtown deal is structured.

We think the public has an interest in knowing that city officials are spending taxpayer money to spend millions of



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tax dollars on a project that could directly benefit developers who have been hired by the city to advise it on whether their own project is a good idea. We're also curious about financial arrangements that result in members of the Urban Renewal Agency board benefiting from URA property deals.

And call us dreamers, but we have a notion that you should know now, not after the deal is sealed, that a new City Hall is planned as part of the development.

What we have here is a fundamental difference of opinion. We — and by that I mean everyone from Publisher Brad Hurd all the way down to the summer intern — consider watchdog journalism a sacred responsibility of this and every newspaper. That's

what the founders of our great nation had in mind when they created a democracy that allows unprecedented freedom of the press in questioning government activities.

Those at the forefront of the urban development see it another way. They choose to dismiss questions raised in the public's interest as an effort to kill downtown driven by some undefined secret agenda and personal bias.

I had a good laugh when I heard one of the developers was looking into my shady past to try to divine my secret agenda and hidden motives.

Now maybe I haven't lived a perfect life and maybe there are things I'd rather not discuss with my mother, who has lived a more sheltered life on the farm out Hazelton way.

But I don't have much to hide, either, so I e-mailed him my resume. You can read it along with this column in the Opinion section of our Web site, magicvalley.com.

I don't know how serious these people are in their

effort to find out more about me, and I really don't care. When you ask tough questions, you need to be ready for a tough response. Harry Truman said it best: If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen.

I've always been quite comfortable in hot kitchens. But seriously, folks, I'm not, the story here. Nor are the personal histories of the publisher I work for or those of journalists who work for me.

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I think Mom would be OK with that.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Idaho's wildlife would suffer from wind farm

Response to *Times-News* editorial on China Mountain wind farm proposal:

The China Mountain Wind Farm, if constructed, may be positive for the local economy because we're being asked tough questions about the way the downtown deal is structured. We think the public has an interest in knowing that city officials are spending taxpayer money to spend millions of

and other sagebrush dependent species.

Impacts will extend well beyond the acreage of sagebrush that's removed to support the infrastructure for the massive project which includes around 70 miles of new and improved roads, up to 15 miles of new power line construction, substations, maintenance facilities and more.

Construction, operation and maintenance of the wind farm will dramatically increase human activity in

what was once an isolated area. The addition to the landscape of enormous vertical structures (wind turbines and power distribution towers and lines) has the real potential to reduce the suitability of the area for wildlife. This is not opinion or supposition on the part of our agency's scientific peer-reviewed literature supports our concerns.

The analysis being conducted by the Bureau of Land Management is an attempt to quantify impacts and deter-

mine whether the potential benefits outweigh the harm of constructing and operating a commercial wind farm in the China Mountain area.

Let the bureaucratic process work before passing judgment on whether the project is good for Idaho or Twin Falls County. DAVID PARRISH Jerome (Editor's note: David Parrish is the supervisor of the Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.)

The return of the black helicopters

My friend, the critic Katherine Powers, has spotted an interesting theme in books flowing across her desk for review — paranoia. Coming this fall: John Demos' "The Enemy Within: 2,000 Years of Witch-hunting in the Western World." Demos is a Bancroft award-winning historian emeritus at Yale, who once wrote a *Wall Street Journal* commentary suggesting that it might be time to pardon America's 17th-century witches. So soon?

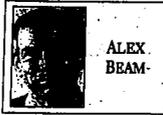
Then arrives "Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11," by University of California history professor Kathryn Olund. Not on its heels comes "Paranoia: The 21st Century Fear," by brothers Daniel and Jason Freeman. The Freemans published a self-help book in Britain called

"Overcoming Paranoia & Suspicious Thoughts: A Self-Help Guide Using Cognitive Behavioral Techniques." As part of their research, the Freemans circulated a "Paranoid Thoughts Questionnaire" to 1,200 people, inquiring how often they felt that "People are laughing at me," "I suspect that someone has it in for me." That's easy! All the time. They concluded that "about a third of the population are regularly bothered by suspicious or paranoid thoughts."

Did I mention that the new X-Files movie, "The X-Files: I Want to Believe" is coming out this month? Yes, Chris Carter, David Duchovny, and Gillian Anderson are back for another payday. You may know that theynchips of the entire galaxy conspiracy, the Cigarette Smoking Man, passed away under mysterious circumstances a few years ago. I wonder what he looks like in the coffin halls, or ... the oil!

H.L. Menckin's famous definition of Puritanism was "the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy." The definition of modern American paranoia is: Someone, somewhere is out to get you. My favorite description of a paranoid, attributed in various forms to the writer William S. Burroughs, is: a man with all the facts at his disposal. So, on the one hand, actor Brent Briscoe is railing about Google's power to record almost every Internet search in the world. On the other hand, well, you get the picture.

What are the great conspiracy theories of our time? Sept. 11 spawned a host of paranoid illusions, numerous enough to fill up the reader's mind of the psychiatrists' diagnoses manual. I see that the lunatic website 911truth.org, formerly ground zero for the most noxious "George Bush blew



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up the World Trade Center" myths, has moved on to new concerns. Among other things, they worry that the Bush administration plans to attack Iran before leaving office. I do, too.

The presidential campaign has served up plenty of catnip for conspiracy theorists. Faithly borrows conspiracy mages, former BBC staffer David Icke, has asserted that the British royal family, George Bush, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama are related to oversized, blood-drinking reptilians from the star system - Alpha Dracons. What about Wolf Blitzer? He has that Dr. Ozian air about him. According to the always-reliable online encyclopedia Wikipedia, "Icke's speaking engagements can draw a substantial audience in Britain."

Another hallmark of Election-Conspiracy 2008: The twin Manchurian Candidate theories. The receptors to Richard Condron's 1959 novel, later moviefied, about a prisoner of war whose nefarious Asians program to enter American politics and become an assassin. One fringe theory has it that Indonesian Islamists programmed the young Barack Obama to renege the United States' "sleeping agent for radical Islam. The parallel, disturbed-universe version holds that John McCain's North Vietnamese captors programmed him to return to the United States and destroy our body politic.

Wald Wasn't "The Manchurian Candidate" released into theaters in 2004, the last year McCain stood for election? Coincidence, or something more?

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When you see one of these little encomia, you become suspicious. You think: These writers all know each other. They have the same agent or publisher. Stow that paranoid Michael Dohle was a cipher to me before I read his wonderful new novel, "A Gentleman's Guide to Graceful Living," and a cipher he shall remain. It's funny, but not Carl Hiaasen's Christopher Buckley funny. Oathle takes bigger risks, not pushing down so hard on the pedals, not pulling out the comic stops. He trusts the reader to be smart, relax, and laugh. I did, a lot.

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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... preschool matters

Spokesman-Review, Spokanes, Wash.

States pondering the best way to develop early childhood education ought to look at a recent study. It concludes, in essence, that if high quality isn't the focus, then don't bother.

In a study published ... in the *Journal Science*, Georgetown University researchers found improved cognitive skills in students who attended prekindergarten and Head Start programs in Tulsa, Okla., public schools. That sets up those students for success in math, reading and writing. Oklahoma leads the nation in access to public schools for 4-year-olds, and those students develop beyond what would be expected through age 5.

Plus, researchers found that Oklahoma's programs somewhat offset traditional socioeconomic factors that cause disadvantaged children to lag behind others. // Idaho has no state-spon-

sored early childhood programs, which puts many of its children at risk of falling permanently behind. ... Helping young children attain early learning opportunities is one of the smartest investments a state can make. Students are more likely to attend college and lead productive lives, and states can save money on criminal justice and welfare programs in the long run ...



... dairies and greenhouse gases

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Maybe it's time to stop thinking in terms of Idaho's carbon footprint.

Let's think instead in terms of the tracks and footprints. Cars and cows. And let's stop kidding ourselves into dismissing this as a made-up problem.

A new study, conducted for the state's Department of Environmental Quality, puts the state's greenhouse gas emissions into startling focus.

Idaho emissions increased by 31 percent between 1990 and 2005, almost double the nationwide increase. One culprit is as nearby as

the closest tailpipe. Transportation accounted for 27 percent of the state's greenhouse emissions. Gas and diesel consumption increased sharply between 1990 and 2002, which will cause no surprise to any Idahoan. ... Treasure Valley dairies.

Another culprit is Idaho's growing dairy industry. Agriculture accounts for 24 percent of the state's greenhouse emissions.

A dramatic increase in the state's dairy cattle population, averaging 7 percent per year, has caused an increase in emission of greenhouse gases such as methane.

Growth ... carries environmental traffic. It's any consolation, the study's authors charted emissions per capita against gross domestic product, and concluded the state's economic growth has exceeded emissions growth.

Of course, these issues cannot be confined to cold calculations. For many Treasure Valley commuters, traffic is the quality-of-life issue. The rush-hour drive defines their schedule and sets the tone for the day, and with gasoline at \$4 a gallon, a bumper-to-bumper drive along I-84 hits the pocketbook harder than ever.

In areas such as the Magic Valley, the growth of the dairy industry has triggered a visceral debate over economics and the environment. But this too is a quality-of-life debate, pitting job creation against neighbors' concerns over dust, flies and

odor. From this kind of gut-level disgust springs an impetus for mitigation. Treasure Valley officials have ample reason to address traffic problems with a smart mix of new and improved roads in strategic locations, growth decisions that limit sprawl and enhanced public transportation. Their constituents want a smooth commute.

Similarly, officials in dairy country have plenty of motivation to insist that dairies and feedlots properly manage waste, and encourage methane-to-power projects that could produce needed electricity and help limit emissions. Their constituents want to breathe fresh air.

In both cases, wise local decisions can affect the state's greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to global climate change. Responding to local concerns can have a positive impact beyond our borders — a public policy win-win if ever there was one. ... action ... has some times given way to complacency.

A prime example occurred in the state Senate this year, when lawmakers rejected a resolution to allow the state's scientists to study greenhouse emissions and climate change. A 31 percent increase in greenhouse emissions should be sufficient to shake these senators — and any other like-minded officials — from their slumber.

If only Robert Mugabe were white

Patton Chipiro, a democracy activist, wasn't home when Robert Mugabe's thugs showed up looking for him. ... Mugabe, and tormented her by chopping off one of her hands and both of her feet. ... They then threw her into a pit, doused her with kerosene, and burned it to the ground.

That has been the pattern lately. With opposition figures in hiding, Mugabe's goons kill loved ones to send a message of intimidation. Even the wife of the mayor-elect of Harare, the capital, was kidnapped and beaten to death. ... When the white supremacist regime of Ian Smith oppressed Zimbabweans in the 1970s, African countries rallied against it. Eventually, even the white cabinet government in South Africa demanded change and threatened to cut off electricity supplies if it didn't happen.

So South African President Thabo Mbeki continues to make excuses for Mugabe — who is more brutal than Ian Smith ever was — out of misplaced deference for a common history in the liberation struggle. Zimbabweans suffered so much for so many decades from white racism, that the last thing they need is excuses for Mugabe's brutality because of his skin color.

Life expectancy in Zimbabwe has already dropped from the low 60s to the high 30s. It's true that he has created more trillionaires than any other country in the world. ... It's not that the last thing they need is excuses for Mugabe's brutality because of his skin color.

When I grew up in the 1970s, a central truth was that Ian Smith was evil and Mugabe was good. So I was jolting on my last visit to



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

Zimbabwe. In 2005, to see how many Zimbabweans looked back on oppressive white rule with nostalgia. They offered a refrain: "Back then, at least parents could feed their children."

Africa's rulers often complain, with justice, that the West's perceptions of the continent are disproportionately shaped by buffoons and tyrants rather than by the increasing number of democratically elected presidents presiding over 6 percent growth rates. But as long as African presidents mollify Mugabe, they are branding Africa with his image.

To his credit, Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa has taken the lead in denouncing Mugabe's abuses, and Nelson Mandela bluntly deplored Mugabe's "tragic failure of leadership." Mandela could also have been talking about Mbeki's own failures.

The United States doesn't have much leverage, and Britain squandered its influence partly by focusing on

the plight of dispossessed white farmers. (That's tribalism for Anglo-Saxons.) But there is a way out.

The solution is for leaders of the African Union summit this week to give Mugabe a clear choice.

One option would be for him to "retire" honorably — a health reason — after some face-saving claims of heart trouble — at a lovely estate in South Africa, taking top aides with him. He would be received respectfully and awarded a \$5 million bank account to assure his comfort for the remainder of his days.

The other alternative is that he could dig in his heels and cling to power. African leaders should make clear that in that case, they will back an indictment of him and his aides in the International Criminal Court.

Led by the Southern African Development Community, the world will also impose sanctions against Mugabe's circle and cut off all military supplies and spare parts. Mozambique, South Africa and Congo will also cut off the electricity they provide to Zimbabwe.

If those are the alternatives, then the odds are that Mugabe will publicly clutch his chest and insist that he must step down. There will

still be risks of civil conflict and a military coup, but Zimbabwe would have a reasonable prospect of again becoming, as Mugabe once called it, "the jewel of Africa."

Some people will object that a tyrant shouldn't be rewarded with a pot of cash — a comfortable life. That's true.

But any other approach will likely result in far more deaths, perhaps even civil war.

How do we know that sanctions will work? Well, we have Mugabe's own testimony.

In a 1987 essay in *Foreign Affairs*, Mugabe called on the U.S. to impose sanctions on white-ruled South Africa for engaging in a "vicious and ugly civil war" against its own people.

Mugabe demanded that the world "accept the value of sanctions as a means of raising the cost" of brutal misrule.

If only Mugabe were a white racist! Then the regional powers might stand up to him. For the sake of Zimbabweans, we should be just as resolute in confronting African tyrants who are black as in confronting those who are white ...

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community helped family get back on its feet

They say those who help themselves get help. Well, here I am typing this letter because I may have many grammar and spelling errors; however, here it goes anyway.

About a year ago, I brought my family to Idaho through 75 percent desperation and 25 percent perspiration. We had to leave an abusive situation, and we lost all of our possessions to a fire, so we came here hoping to start a new life. Since coming here, we have had so much help from the community as a whole. For the past eight months, we have been living in a very small Fifth-Wheel trailer. Now we have been offered a wonderful opportunity to have a home rent free in exchange for caring for the property. I want to truly thank all

the people and agencies that have helped us with food, clothing and many of the kind words. We are still in need of a few items, one being a refrigerator. ... I will be writing a new best seller on "How to feed a family of seven without a frig!" Ha, just think of all of the money I will save on the power bill!

I just really wrote this letter to say thank you for all your help!

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Questions raised about capital case 24 years later

By Michael Grayzy
Associated Press writer

SHERMAN, Texas — Three months after four bodies were found shot execution-style in an airplane hangar on the H&B Ranch north of Dallas in 1984, chemical salesman Lester Leroy Bower Jr. was charged with capital murder.

Four months later, a jury deliberated just two hours before convicting him, then deliberated only two hours more the following day before deciding he should die for the crime.

No fingerprints put him at the scene. No witnesses saw him there. The murder weapon never was found. Bower never confessed. DNA testing wasn't available then.

More than 20 years later, a state judge has stopped Bower's scheduled July 22 execution and has agreed to consider his request that evidence be examined to see if DNA testing could back up his claim of innocence.

Prosecutors oppose the testing as a delaying tactic, saying Bower — a mild-mannered man with no record of criminal activity or mental health problems — just snipped.

Bower made them suspicious. He had lied to his wife and to authorities about his efforts to buy an ultralight plane, she didn't want him flying such a flimsy craft. He sold firearms on the side, including the kind that fired the ammunition used to kill the men.

"I was quite capable of purchasing whatever I need without killing four people," Bower, now 60, said recently from Texas' death row.

"Virtually no one, except for the prosecution, thinks this sounds like anything I would do."

Bower says he had a good job and was a family man, father of two daughters, with a stable marriage.

"An absolutely stellar record," Bower said. "Then one day, as the prosecutor



Lester Leroy Bower is shown in Sherman, Texas, in this undated photo provided by the Grayson County District Clerk's office.

Bower was charged with murder three months after four bodies were found shot execution-style in an airplane hangar near Dallas.

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down payment of \$3,000, or 75 percent, on the airplane. They all waited about 15 minutes for Tate to show up with a key to the hangar.

Bower said he never saw Mays. Evidence at trial centered on Bower's purchases in 1982, when he lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., of Italian-made Focchelli-brand .22-caliber ammunition, the kind used in the killings.

There also was evidence he had owned a .22-caliber Ruger pistol, which prosecutors said was fitted with a silencer he made.

Bower had a federal firearms dealer license. Prosecutors showed jurors his books about guns and gun parts, a Ruger target pistol manual and a book about silencers.

Among evidence and trial exhibits still stored in cardboard boxes at the courthouse are four plastic fanny packs, the kind used to display wigs. These four, however, have long blue knitting needles stuck in them, representing the pathe bullets took to kill each person.

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tion and twisted it to their benefit," Bower said. Hackett responded: "When you've got time on your hands, it's real easy to stand and justify."

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Parts of Tate's aircraft were missing from the hangar, and the FBI found damaged wings in Bower's garage.

I can hope for." Slevert and Grayson County prosecutors built a circumstantial case surrounding Bower's purchase of the ultralight airplane from sheriff's Deputy Phillip Good, 29. The aircraft was stored at a hangar owned by building contractor Bob Tate, 51.

Tate; Good; Jerry Brown, 52, a Sherman interior designer; and Ronald Mays, 39, a former Sherman police officer, were all killed at the hangar.

Bower acknowledges he lied to the FBI about his involvement in the purchase of the plane.

"If you haven't done anything wrong, there's absolutely no reason to lie to the police — even," said Karla Hackett, an assistant Grayson County district attorney handling the appeal. "When you are about up to your eyeballs in a murder investigation and they're clearly looking at you as a suspect, I think you come clean."

"In life you make decisions sometimes you wish you could take back," Bower said from prison. "I was there."

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Henry Ford received this letter, and had to endure his success. 13 April 1934 from Clyde Champion Barrow (Bonnie & Clyde). "While I still have got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. For sustained speed and freedom, nothing else the Ford has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V8. We at Hertz sell Fords as well — and we check the papers twice when they arrive. DIFFERENTLY... THAT'S HOW HERTZ SELLS AUTOMOBILES."

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The writing's on the waiting room wall

Our topic this morning is the disreputable state of magazines in waiting rooms across the Magic Valley. Magazines, as you probably know, are all that prevents dental patients from running screaming from the premises whenever the dentist cranks up the drill in the next room. They keep middle-aged men in their waiting room seats when they know the doctor is about to perform a prostate exam, and calm women on the verge of mammograms.

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Sadly, seven-year-old copies of *House Beautiful*, which I encountered on a recent visit to the doctor's office, just don't do the job.

My doctor, who was part of the same practice, once bragged to me that he'd never in his career purchased a magazine for his waiting room. He simply asked all the other docs and the office's staff to bring in their old magazines.

Hence the dogged-eared *National Geographic* magazines from 1954.

I'm afraid that same philosophy has infected barbers, dentists, hair stylists and the people who run auto repair shops across south-central Idaho.

On a recent visit to the quick-lube to get my oil changed, the only reading matter on offer was a Cabela's catalog from 2003.

Now I'm as much an admirer for the giant outdoor-gear retailer as the next guy, but I don't see myself ever being in the market for a Ruffwear dog backpack for my Lhasa apso or a 26-ounce plastic vitamin bottle from HME Products.

When I got a haircut recently, the only thing to read was the January 2008 issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, featuring "Smart, little ways to start your beauty transformation now." My personal favorite: "Firm up your jawline: If you've begun to see a softening of your jawline, spend five minutes every morning and night chomping as though you were chewing a piece of meat. This will strengthen the jaw muscles and create more definition."

My jawline now firmly defined. It was time to visit the dentist. Dr. Painless stocks his waiting room with magazines such as *The New Yorker* and *Atlantic Monthly* that contain long articles.

You just get to the third page of a fascinating piece on why Osama bin Laden wanted to be a figure-skater when the nurse says, "Mr. Crump?"

An hour later, your jaw fully numb and drool running down your chin, it's bad form to sit back down in the waiting room and finish the article, so I'll never find out if Osama landed that triple lutz.

Even so, that's a big improvement over the magazines an orthodontist used to leave in his waiting room when I was a kid. They were all clinical journals, full of photographs of people with grotesque-looking teeth and lists of all the things that could go wrong with braces.

This particular dentist practiced what's now euphemistically called "sedation" — as in, "you're not going to want to stay awake for this."

So you'd regain consciousness, stumble out the door, ride home and have great legislation peek into the mirror at the jumble of stainless steel that used to be your mouth.

Did you know that refrigerant magazines can actually stick to your jaw?

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Safe landings

By Nate Poppo
Staff writer

The U.S. may be in the midst of a recession. But times apparently aren't as tough as two years ago when economic pressures cancelled the 2006 Air Magic Valley Air Show.

Organizers said Thursday that this year's show, scheduled for July 26 and 27 at Joellin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, is going as planned, with sponsors contributing the full \$150,000 sought by the air show committee.

"We're getting excited," air show committee chairman Phil Hafer said. "The committee is no longer looking for sponsors, having met its goal, Hafer said. Even if committee members wanted to approve more, there's no display space left to advertise their names, he said.

"We're running out of space every-



where," he said. "If we put any more sponsors on, we have to get rid of somebody."

The show's leading sponsors are Pepsi and Rob Green Auto Group. The show is being administered jointly by the city and Twin Falls County, which are co-owners of the airport.

This year's highlight is the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's flight performance team. But the list of performers includes the Viper East F-16 Demonstration Team, stunt pilot Jacque B and the MIG Fury Fighters

Organizers line up sponsors for air show



The highlight of the 2008 Air Magic Valley Air Show will be the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's flight performance team.

out of Driggs. Hafer said. The last year recreates a dogfight using two different MIG models and an FJ-4 Fury, specifically designed to duel the MIG.

The show will begin at about 11:30 a.m. both days, Hafer said, concluding at about 5 p.m.

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Day of fright



Happy to be out of its cage, a young dog can barely contain itself Saturday morning at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.



A scared puppy shows fear on its face just hours after it was brought to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter Saturday morning. Kessel worker Melissa Oliveira says she thinks the abrasions above the puppy's left eye may have been sustained when it tried to escape, because it was scared by fireworks.

Number of lost dogs doubles at T.F. animal shelter after Independence Day

By Damon Hanzler
Staff writer

Amid the snaps, crackles, pops and booms of Friday's fireworks, there were also barks and — as residents competed with the city in celebration of Independence from British tyranny — the occasional barking of sheep.

But mostly, dogs barked. Haso isn't the breed of dog normally associated with running off and cowering in corners. He's a German shepherd, but he's scared of loud noises.

"He's bigger than a lot of German shepherds, but even when it thunders, he'll go hide," Sherry Nelson, Haso's owner, said.

On Friday, July 4, he jumped the fence and, after being captured by Animal Control officers, ended up at People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society, also

known as the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

Nelson returned from camping Friday and discovered Haso had escaped from the fenced backyard.

"It wasn't from the big show at night," she said, "but people were lighting fireworks all day, and he's afraid of noise ... I went to the dog pound. They were closed, but I walked around and started calling his name. I heard his whine — it's kind of a howl actually — and knew he was there. He cries like a child. I had to wait until Saturday to get him, though."

Haso wasn't alone. Melissa Oliveira, a kennel worker for the shelter, estimated that about 30 lost dogs had been brought in as of Saturday afternoon. On an average day, they receive about 10 dogs. Almost all of them are adults.

Of the 30 dogs lost since Friday, only about five have been retrieved.

"The Fourth of July is our busiest time of year. Fireworks, spook pets," Oliveira said.

The shelter has "maybe two kennels" available, according to Oliveira. So if a few more dogs were brought to the shelter, they would have been housed in the quarantine room, an area for animals that need to be isolated — essentially detention for dogs, as Oliveira described it.

The dogs are, for the most part, well-behaved. "They're all pretty good. They just want their owners and don't want to be cooped up here. They want to be running around and playing, getting hugged and doing dog things," Oliveira said. "Plus, it's loud in here, with all of the other dogs barking. It's stressful for them, especially on the

weekend, because we don't have many people around. On Sunday, they don't get to be walked."

While the shelter is overwhelmed from the wayward dogs, Oliveira downplayed the burden.

"We work extremely hard and spend extra time with them, but it's worth it. None of us would be here if we didn't love animals," she said.

Among the myriad ways to avoid losing a pet during the holiday weekend, Oliveira recommends keeping your dog in a laundry room. She also suggested turning the TV or radio at high volume to distract dogs from the explosions. They're accustomed to television, regardless of how loud it is, but not big bangs and lights in the sky.

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Fate of damaged Wells, Nev., buildings unsettled

By Elaine Swanson
Elko Daily Free Press

WELLS, Nev. — Owners of downtown buildings damaged by the Feb. 21 earthquake received a letter from the city of Wells, Nev., three months ago giving them three options: rebuild to code, stabilize with no intent to occupy, or demolish.

"We asked the owners to contact us by July 1 with a plan for their buildings," City Manager Jolene Sapp said at a recent City Council meeting. "The city hired a firm to construct a security fence around the buildings to protect the public from falling brick and other dangers. ... The city can't go on paying the \$1,500 monthly rental contract on this fence."

The city planned to remove the fence and the big dumpsters located near the firehouse in the downtown area, Sapp said.

Recently the city received a letter from the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection stating the city must "cease and desist" dumping construction and yard waste at the old city landfill.

"We're not sure if Sapp and Public Works Director Dave Lange met with NDEP in Carson City, Nev., June 18."

Sapp said the agency gave the city clearance to deposit yard waste near the new transfer station in the heavy industrial park, but not construction and earthquake waste.

"The NDEP had no solution for us," Sapp said. "It is too expensive for contractors and residents to haul this material to the Elko (Nev.) landfill. We can no longer put it in the landfill. There is a big pile of asphalt and concrete near the four-way intersection. We can't find a solution for getting rid of it."

Sapp added NDEP suggested the city construct a Class 3 landfill, which does not require a liner. Sapp said she did not foresee this happening in the near future.

Sapp also said the transfer station is up and ready to go.

"We have some policies and procedures to put in place," she said.

"We need to get an operator up there, and then we'll get going."

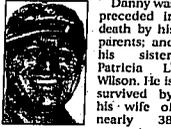
Danny William Moore

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Danny William Moore, 69, a longtime resident of Albuquerque, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2008. Those who knew him well know that he loved his family, his work, playing golf with his friends, and the New York Yankees.

Danny was born Jan. 27, 1939, in Twin Falls, to Ellsworth Coleman "Dinty" and Louise Jane Willis Moore. He grew up in nearby Hagerman, where he spent his youth hunting pheasants and catching countless trout in the Malad River. While he was in high school, the three-sport standout athlete was commissioned as a fishing guide by Ernest Hemingway. Danny attended Brigham Young University on a baseball scholarship and was coached by a man he greatly admired, Glen Tuckett. After college, he spent four years in the Army and, later, spent a brief time as a sports writer. Eventually, he found his way to Albuquerque, where he met Anne-Marie Dorotik; when Danny went over to her three older brothers, he married his sweetheart on Aug. 8, 1970.

In the early '70s, "Danny Moore" became synonymous with building materials in Albuquerque's construction trade. Respected by contrac-

tors, builders and construction workers, Danny sold large quantities of building materials throughout the Southwest. In 2004, he started a business with Anne, All Star Foam and Marketing.



Danny was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Patricia L. Wilson. He is survived by his wife of nearly 38 years, Anne-Marie Moore; and son, Lance Coleman Moore and his wife, Lynell of Provo, Utah; Grandpa Moore's pride and joy, however, are his three wonderful grandchildren, Coleman and Abigail, Anne and Walker. Care and love.

Family members and loving friends will truly miss Danny and look forward to one day being reunited with him. His golfing buddies, on the other hand, tremble at the thought of their unfriendly reunion with "The aide Soldier."

A celebration of Danny's life was held Wednesday, July 2, at French Mortuary, Wyoming Boulevard Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate what you would have spent to a charity of your choice.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Respite — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their families can take a break. Volunteers are needed in Buhl, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell and Jerome areas. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Volunteers — Foster parents are needed for local foster children who need temporary homes. Nearly 300 children in south-central Idaho are in foster care on any given day due to neglect, abuse or abandonment, according to information from Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services. More children who are 10 and younger are in foster care, but foster homes are available for those 11 and older. Information: 734-4435 or Idaho Care Line at 211.

Donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of kitchen items, iron, clocks, radios, phones, vacuum cleaners and household furniture. Many new families are arriving and are in need of basic household items and bikes. Bring donated items to the office at 1526 Highland Ave. E., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Information: Shannon at 736-2166.

Want to help?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer opportunities. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

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

Volunteers — Intermountain Hospice is in need of hospice volunteers to provide companionship, spiritual support and comfort, assistance with hobbies or projects, work with children, caregiver support, light housekeeping, developing office skills and fundraising education. Training is provided. Information: Marci, 678-9844.

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

677-4072, ext. 2.

Information: 737-5988.

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

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5094.

Volunteers — South Central Public Health District is in need of volunteers to lead the Fit and Fall-Proof exercise classes in the Twin Falls, Burley and Albion areas. Volunteers will be trained.

Mentors — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteers, age 55 and older, in Jerome and Twin Falls counties to mentor children of prisoners. Volunteers must undergo a complete background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of one hour each week for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, kwilthing@oaa.edu.

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

Floyd W. 'Bud' Hare

BURLEY — Floyd William "Bud" Hare, age 68, longtime Burley resident, died Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at his home of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Peetz, Colo., the son of George A. Hare and Daisy Viola Hecker Hare. He married Alice Agnes Trienen on Oct. 27, 1941, in Sidney, Mo. He worked the majority of his life as a carpenter. He enjoyed doing woodworking projects for family and friends. Floyd loved to go fishing whenever possible.

He was the father of nine children, Larry (Jerry) Hare of Rupert, Karen (Sue) Dalton of Moses Lake, Wash., Dennis (Celia) Hare of Heyburn,

Mary Lou (Orville) Beaudet of Rupert, Terry Hare of Moses Lake, Wash., and Jeff (Debbie) Hare of Paul. He has 26 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was one of 10 children. One of his sisters and one of his brothers also survives him, Betty Hahne of Twin Falls and George Hare of Sidney, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Hare; three children; three brothers; four sisters; and his parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with the Rev. Pamela Meese officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Frank H. Orahood

BURLEY — Frank Henry Orahood, age 94, our father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, returned to the loving arms of his Father in Heaven on July 4, 2008, in Smithfield, Utah. There to greet him as he entered into the presence of his heavenly Father was his wife of 73 years, Ruth Verna Louise Orahood, who preceded him in death on June 29, 2006.

Frank, the fourth son of Fredrick Lincoln Orahood and Martha Sarah Aldrich Fendress, was born Sept. 29, 1913, in the Salt Lake. Frank grew up in Burley, where he unknowingly met his future wife, Ruth, at an early age when he and some other boys walked her and her brothers with mud balls. They were taken to church. After graduation from Burley High School, Frank worked at the Burger Sugar Mill counting sugar sacks and from the laboratory for testing. It was not long after that he again met Ruth at a dance. He was with another girl and Ruth was with another young man. But it was Frank who took Ruth home from the dance and they were married on Nov. 29, 1933, in the Salt Lake. LDS Temple. From that time came four children, David, Douglas, Delpha and Dave. David preceded his parents in death on Aug. 24, 2002.

Dad and Mom were of marriage. Mom and Dad survived the early years of the Great Depression with grace and determination as Dad

moved from job to job seeking continued employment. Then, in 1943, Dad entered military service and served with distinction in the United States Army as a demolition engineer. After the war, he returned to California and completed a course of study in business administration.

In a rewarding position with the American Legion Post in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his experience as a base, Dad then moved the family to San Jose, California, in 1948, where he accepted a position as executive secretary for the San Jose District Council of carpenters. In Aliso, Dad and Mom left California and returned to Burley for their final years of retirement. In March of 2007, after the passing of his beloved Ruth, Dad suffered a heart attack and was forced to move to Smithfield, Utah, to be closer to family members.

The family of Frank and Ruth wishes to thank their parents and many friends who have given both their love and support on so many past occasions. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Lance A. Loveland officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 8 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the address for Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

AROUND IDAHO

Jackson Lake Reservoir now full

JACKSON, Wyo. — Jackson Lake Reservoir has reached its full capacity and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation says releases from Jackson Dam will be reduced slowly.

The reservoir is in Grand Teton National Park. It's now holding nearly 850,000 acre feet of water, all owned by downstream irrigators in Idaho.

Mike Beus with the Bureau of Reclamation in Idaho says the agency will manage releases from the reservoir so it releases 200,000 acre feet by the end of September.

The Snake River on Thursday was adding to the reservoir's volume at nearly 3,000 cubic feet of water per second while the dam was releasing water at a rate of nearly 5,700 cubic feet per second.

Mobile home park to get new water source

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has ordered a private water company to start supplying water to a mobile home park in southwest Idaho that is currently supplied by a well contaminated with uranium.

State regulators told the Eagle Water Co. to start water service to 24 homes at the Floating Feather Mobile Home Park by July 10. If the company declines, regulators said, residents at the park may request service from United Water of Idaho.

"We find no excuse for the company's failure to address and remedy its system deficiencies in a timely manner," the commission said in a statement. "Floating Feather's situation is a health issue requiring immediate and prompt action."

DEATH NOTICES

Richard Sayers

BUHL — Richard Sayers, 69, of Buhl, died Friday, July 4, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Mary R. Miller

WENDELL — Mary Rita Miller, 85, of Wendell, died Thursday, July 3, 2008, at her home.

A scripture vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Hattie L. Jones

BUHL — Hattie L. Jones, 77, of Buhl, died Friday, July 4, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

SERVICES

Jean "Avalon Weech" of Stanwood, Wash., memorial service for at 2 p.m. today in the Beechwood Lounge, located at the Warm Beach Senior Community center in Stanwood, Wash.

Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Mineva Belle Joslin of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 502 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Stan Jarvis Hazel of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Nora Keesler of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. 11 a.m. Wednesday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Della Irene Davis of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., for next-day publication. The address for obituary notices is obituary@timesnews.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

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Edward Jones

New president won't be able to stem tide of foreclosures

By Jasmine Averza
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Home foreclosures will keep rising next year no matter who is elected president in November.

Even the optimism that surrounds a new president taking office cannot resurrect home values overnight, and presidents have no direct ability to reduce rising mortgage rates. Nevertheless, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain both promise help for homeowners facing foreclosure.

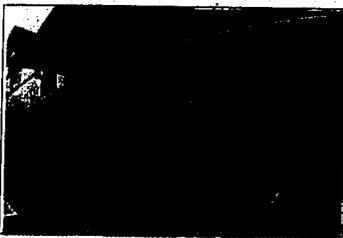
Obama supports a broader role for government than does McCain. Both envision the Federal Housing Administration providing new, cheaper mortgages to distressed homeowners who otherwise would have defaulted by refinancing into more secure government-insured loans with "lower" monthly payments.

For the plans to work, lenders would have to be willing to take a substantial loss by reducing the amount owed on the loan. But some would have a powerful incentive to do so. A refinancing deal could allow them to recover far more money than they would get from the costly process of foreclosing on the property and trying to resell it. Obama supports legislation along these lines by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., that would help about 400,000 homeowners. People would not have to have good credit to qualify as long as they could show they can afford the new payments.

"If the government can bail out investment banks on Wall Street, we can extend a hand to folks who are struggling on Main Street," Obama said.

McCain's plan would provide relief to 200,000 to 400,000 homeowners. The aid would be available only to people who could show they were creditworthy when they got their original loan. The plan offers "every deserving American family" the opportunity to trade a burdensome mortgage for a manageable loan that reflects the market value of the home.

The FHA piece of the Dodd plan would cost close to \$1



In this May 9 file photo a foreclosure sign stands outside a home in Denver. The optimism that surrounds a new president taking office cannot resurrect home values overnight, and presidents have no direct ability to reduce rising mortgage rates. Nevertheless, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain both promise help for homeowners facing foreclosure.

billion. The money would come from diverting dollars in the early years from an affordable housing fund financed by the profits of the mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. McCain's FHA provision is estimated to cost from \$3 billion to \$10 billion and would mean either cutting federal spending elsewhere or having the government borrow more. The first choice is to trim spending, a McCain aide said.

Experts predict foreclosures will continue to climb well into 2009. Some believe there is a chance for improvement in late 2009, but more think that will not happen until 2010.

A long-term solution is tied to a turnaround in house prices. Slumping home values are blamed for the bulk of the increasing foreclosures. Tied-into borrowers are left owing more to the bank than their homes are worth, so they walk away from their homes. Dumping more empty houses on the market adds to the pile of unsold homes, and that drives home prices down further.

"This is uncharted territory," said Susan Wachter, a professor of real estate and finance at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Some predict house prices will not climb until the spring selling season of 2010 — at the earliest.

Lawrence Summers, a treasury secretary in the

Clinton administration, predicted that more than 2 million foreclosures are coming over the next two years and that as many as 15 million homeowners will owe more than their house is worth. According to a recent AP-Yahoo News poll, 57 percent of people said housing prices are important to them personally. For many, their home is their biggest asset. As home prices dropped, so did people's net worth — leaving them feeling less financially secure and more gloomy about the direction of the economy.

Which candidate would do a better job of handling housing prices? In the poll, 25 percent said Obama and 17 percent thought McCain. Nearly 30 percent said neither.

"Although most voters think the next president will have a 'great deal' or 'some' influence over housing prices, the reality is there is no quick fix."

"The odds of that are slim to none," said Cal Jillson, political science professor at Southern Methodist University. If the next president can make people more optimistic about the future, "the slow rebuilding of confidence will help to increase home values," he said.

When it comes to handling the broader economy, which is the top concern of voters, the poll found that 32 percent

picked Obama and 28 percent went with McCain.

An additional factor is the Federal Reserve, which presidents do not control. If the central bank were to raise interest rates to fend off inflation, the step would increase payments for homeowners whose loan rates are resetting higher. That, in turn, could push up foreclosures. "We are very exposed to interest rate risks and mortgage payment shocks in 2009," Wachter said.

Mortgage rates, including those on 30-year home loans, already are climbing, propelled by inflation worries. In addition to his FHA proposal, Obama wants to create a \$10 billion fund to counsel distressed homeowners before they slide into foreclosure; help people sell homes they bought but could not afford; and team with state governments, community groups and lenders to ensure loans can be modified in a timely manner to avoid foreclosure or bankruptcy.

His approach, reflecting the traditional Democratic preference for greater government intervention, would establish a 10 percent mortgage credit for people who do not itemize their taxes. That would provide 10 million homeowners, most of whom earn less than \$50,000 a year, with an average of \$500 in savings, according to his campaign, and help those struggling to make mortgage payments.

Obama also supports changing bankruptcy laws so homeowners going through that process can renegotiate terms of their mortgages, just as people or investors who own multiple homes or vacation homes can do.

The Illinois senator also wants to combat mortgage fraud and improve mortgage disclosure. Deficiencies in those areas contributed to lax lending that allowed people to take out home loans that their incomes could not support, critics say.

"This kind of transparency won't just make our homeowners more secure, it will make our markets more stable, and keep our economy strong and competitive in the future," Obama said.

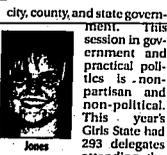
Oakley's Jones elected Girls State governor

Breann Jones from Oakley High School has been elected governor of the 62nd annual Idaho Springs Girls State session sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Idaho.

She presided over the Girls State legislative session on June 13 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Jones is one of six delegates being sponsored by the Albion Legion Auxiliary Unit 124.

Sarah Vierla from Hauser was elected lieutenant governor.

Girls State is designed to educate the leaders of tomorrow in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Each summer Girls State educates young women from throughout Idaho through a hands-on approach-to learning about



Jones

city, county, and state government. This session in government and practical politics is non-partisan and non-political. This year's Girls State had 293 delegates attending the week-long training. As a junior at Oakley High School in the Cassia School District this past year, Jones was active in student government serving as junior class president and president of the Spanish Club. She was a co-captain of the drill team and a co-editor of the yearbook. She had a 4.0 GPA. In the community, she is involved with the Oakley Youth Involvement Council. Breann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones.

SERVICE NEWS

Goodrich graduates from AFJ Academy

A Preston L. Goodrich of Burley was among the graduates of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 28.

His graduation from Burley High School with the class of 2002, as valedictorian, and entered the academy that fall. Goodrich served an LDS mis-

sion from 2003 to 2005 in Conception, Chile.

He will continue his graduate work in special operations at the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio, in September.

Goodrich is the son of Clyde and Jill Goodrich of Burley.

VETERAN'S MONUMENTS

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Dogs

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Additionally, Oliveira strongly encouraged tags, licenses, well-maintained homes (writing names and numbers on them in case the tags become separated), and micro-chips implanted under the skin that allow pets to be tracked electronically.

"It's kind of creepy, but it's worth it," she said. "The more identification, the better."

The shelter receives about half as many cats as dogs, because cats aren't as frightened and are usually

kept inside.

Canines and felines aren't the only animals that get lost and found — nothing exotic like monkeys or elephants, but the shelter often has to accommodate some uncommon guests.

"We pretty much just deal with dogs and cats. I've also had, 'but we do get rabbits, birds. People bring in chickens and roosters. You'd be surprised.'"

Damon Hutzeker can be reached at (208) 420-4697 or dhutzeker@magicvalley.com.

From the family of
Ferrell Dean Ball
The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

The Ball Family,
Larry, Lola, Bud,
Lou, Dan, Susan,
Randy, Julie, Terry,
Gena, Gary and Laura



Show

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About 700 tickets have been sold so far, said Donna Newbery, Joslin Field administrative assistant. Sales are expected to pick up after the Fourth of July weekend, but even then, most tickets will still be bought at the door, Hafer said. The same thing holds true for other air shows around the country, he said, where 65 to 85 percent of ticket sales happen at the door.

Organizers still expect to draw between 15,000 and 20,000 people a day.

Though the tickets cost more in past years — up from \$2 a person in 2004 — both Hafer and Newbery said that hasn't stopped people from buying them. The increase will help cover the cost of bringing the Blue Angels in, as the team accounts for at least half of

the air show's budget, Hafer previously said. And it's still a deal for those used to air shows in Seattle or California, which charge at least \$25, he said.

"The group receives at least five or six calls a week from outside people looking for tickets."

"A lot of people who have gone to shows with the Blue Angels say (these tickets are) not that expensive," Newbery said.

Insurance has been arranged for the show, Hafer said, solving an issue that previously worried some government officials.

"We're just waiting for the underwriter to get us a copy of the certificate of insurance," he said.

Nate Popolino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or npopolino@magicvalley.com.



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Part of S.D. Badlands management could go to Indian tribe

By **Carole Walker**
Associated Press writer

BADLANDS' NATIONAL PARK S.D. — The north end of this national park bustles with roughly a million tourists a year who pull over to view and photograph the majestic canyons, spires and tables, like the trails and learn about fossils.

The park's mostly undeveloped and far less-traveled South Unit, which also boasts miles upon miles of moon-landscape-like vistas, lies within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In the 1940s, the federal government seized it from more than 800 American Indian families for a military bombing and gunnery range that was used until the 1960s.

In 1976, the land was returned to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, which has since managed it with the National Park Service.

As that agency drafts its operating plan for the South Unit, it's thinking about returning complete control to the Oglala Sioux, which it has done with a tribe.

"Many people want more tribal involvement and management and some want it turned over to the tribe," said Paige Baker, Badlands National Park superintendent.

"My job is to balance the Park Service mission and very strongly listen to what the tribe is suggesting and maybe do something that would have been done long ago."

Baker knows what it's like to lose land to a federal project. He is a member of the Hixson family, a tribe of North Dakota. Around 1950, his family had to move to

make way for the Garrison Dam.

Now, as an Indian managing the Badlands, he's asking tribal members how the South Unit should be managed.

"The thing we haven't done with 'each other is listen," Baker said.

The four concepts being discussed would:

- Keep things the way they are with the Park Service and tribe co-managing the area.

- Have both contribute equal funding and staff to manage the South Unit.

- Let the tribe manage the unit with technical assistance from the Park Service.

- Turn over total management to the tribe and remove it from Park Service territory.

Either of the last two would require congressional approval.

Those also are the options most favored by tribal members, but with a transition period of several years and congressional funding, said Bilgil Killa Straight, director of the Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority.

"That's what seemed to prevail," he said.

Most tribal members are cool to the idea of allowing mining or increased foot traffic on the land, Killa Straight said. Instead, likely uses would be expanded tourism, replacing grazing cattle with buffalo and perhaps allowing more but controlled access to some of the fossils, he said.

"Most people that we've had contact with would still like to keep the land as pristine or as environmentally safe as possible," Killa Straight said.

Some tribal members want to give the land back to the families displaced, said Clarence Yellow Hawk, chairman of the Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority board of directors.

Others who support turning the South Unit over to the tribe are concerned whether it would work given the natural instability of tribal government, he said.

"I'm going to rely on my elders as to what direction to take," Yellow Hawk said.

If the South Unit were run by the tribe as a park, "that's another part of America that can be opened up and viewed and utilized for everybody," he said.

Comments from 14 public meetings this spring will be compiled into a document that will be the subject of another comment period before a preferred option is chosen.

The Badlands Park is one of several places where the National Park Service has done more to accommodate tribal interests, said Robert Holden, deputy director of the National Congress of American Indians and a member of the Choctaw-Chickasaw tribe of Oklahoma.

"Tribes are getting a fair shot at being able to do this. I think it's commendable for the Park Service, and every effort should be made to make this happen," he said.

The government should return land that was taken from tribal members — often without consultation, Holden said, and turning over the South Unit to the Oglala Sioux Tribe makes sense because it has a vested interest.

"They would be careful in

managing these areas. But they also know the areas from a traditional cultural standpoint. They know the critical habitat, the items of cultural significance, not only sacred sites but also plants and animals," he said.

The Park Service also co-manages with the Navajo tribe the Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona, which is on tribal trust land, and works closely with Nez Perce tribal members who live in parts of the national historic park by that name in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

"When we deal with tribes, it's a nation-to-nation relationship," said Jeff Olson, National Park Service spokesman.

Though the agency has other such arrangements with tribes, deauthorizing the South Unit of the Badlands and turning management over to the Oglala Sioux Tribe would be unique. But the way the land came into federal possession is also rare, said Sandra Washington, chief of planning and compliance for the Midwest Region of the National Park Service.

The government took the South Unit from individuals and returned it to the tribe only if it agreed to allow the National Park Service to manage the unit. The alternative was for the land to be auctioned, so tribal leaders took the safer route and agreed to the co-management plan, she said.

"To some degree they were over a barrel," Washington said.

Because of that uncommon history, the Park Service does not believe it would set a

precedent if the South Unit were turned over to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she said.

"What we'll do in our plan is to make a recommendation for the management structure of the park. Also in that plan

we'll make decisions about how resources and the visitor experience should be managed if it stays within the system," Washington said.

That, it's up to Congress, she said.

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EPA slaps ITD with new fine, bringing payments to \$1.7M

By **John Miller**
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Penalties and payments in a botched 2001-2002 northern Idaho highway project that sent tons of sediment into Lake Coeur d'Alene's Mica Bay have now topped at least \$1.7 million after the state Transportation Department was forced to pay another \$325,000 fine for violations of the federal Clean Water Act.

The state highway agency said it must pay the latest Environmental Protection Agency fine due to "technical violations" of the law meant to protect the nation's water supplies, not actual water pollution.

"It's a complex process with a myriad of deadlines," agency spokesman Jeff Stratten said on Saturday, of the latest fine. "Those deadlines are inflexible and those protocols must be followed exactly."

Though the state characterized the problems as "technicalities," EPA officials in Seattle said they disagreed. They said the state fell short of commitments it had made to prevent similar costly environmental accidents.

"No one likes to do paperwork but when that paperwork includes things like stormwater prevention plans and training plans to ensure contractors are trained properly, I don't see how they can brush them off as technicalities," said Mike Russell, director for compliance and enforcement for the EPA in the Northwest. "It leads me to believe they're not taking those things as seriously as they should be."

During reconstruction on a stretch of U.S. Highway 95 near Lake Coeur d'Alene began in 2001, crews failed to provide adequate storm water controls, allowing sediment to pour into Mica Creek that flows into Mica Bay.

A 2-million-gallon pond designed to catch muddy runoff failed several times. Mica Bay homeowners contended this created a large tongue of mud that left water just knee-deep in places, killed aquatic life and impeded boats.

In May 2006, the Idaho Transportation Department

and a contractor that did the work, Seattle-based Scarsella Brothers Inc., agreed to pay \$895,000 to settle a federal EPA lawsuit. The state's share was \$495,000, while Scarsella paid \$400,000 in what were the region's largest-ever fines for stormwater violations.

Separately, Scarsella Brothers agreed to pay another

\$500,000 to the Mica Bay Homeowners Association for property damage claims.

As part of the 2006 settlement between the state and the EPA, the Idaho Transportation Department committed to a five-year review of its statewide efforts to comply with federal clean water laws.

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CALIFORNIA

Fires still raging along Central Coast

LOS ANGELES — A wildfire threatening hundreds of homes in Southern California spread slowly through scenic canyonlands Saturday, straining resources as crews struggled to contain hundreds of other blazes around the state.

The firefighters are stretched thin, they are exhausted, and some have gone days without sleep, said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who visited a command post in Santa Barbara County.

A slew of wildfires, most ignited by lightning two weeks ago, has burned more than 800 square miles of land throughout California. The blazes have destroyed at least 67 homes and other buildings and contributed to the death of a firefighter who suffered a heart attack while digging fire lines.

About 1,400 fires have been contained, but more than 330 still burned out of control Saturday.

Schwarzenegger said the state's top priority was in the coastal region of Santa Barbara County, where nearly 2,700 homes were threatened by a four-day-old fire in the Los Padres National Forest that has consumed about 13 square miles.

Cooler, moist air Saturday morning kept the fire sluggish and helped firefighters trying to surround it, said Pat Wheatley, county spokeswoman. The fire was 24 percent contained, she said.

"It's just spreading in each direction, but they are holding the line beautifully," she said.

WASHINGTON

FDA reports more cases of salmonella

The government on Saturday increased the number of people reported being sickened in a record salmonella outbreak in which tomatoes are the leading suspect although investiga-

tors are testing other types of fresh produce.

There have been 943 reported cases nationwide, with at least 130 hospitalizations since mid-April after the first salmonella illnesses appeared, the Food and Drug Administration said Saturday. That compares with a total of 922 people about two days ago and 669 reported earlier in the past week.

The FDA also said it had begun looking at jalapeno peppers as a possible cause of the outbreak, as well as ingredients used to make salsa such as cilantro and Serrano peppers. Tomatoes continue to be investigated as well, spokeswoman Stephanie Kwisnes said.

IRAN

Iran indicates it has no plans to halt uranium enrichment

TEHRAN — Iran indicated Saturday that it has no plans to meet a key Western demand that it stop enriching uranium, a day after "Europeans" and the United Nations' Union a response to an international offer of incentives for halting enrichment.

The content of that response has not been made public and European officials declined to comment on it Saturday, but there was caution about the prospects of progress.

"It was not something that made us jump up and down for joy," said one European official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was confidential. "We are in a holding mode until we get a chance to look at it more closely."

A positive response could open the way to renewed negotiations that might help cool recent sharp exchanges between officials on both sides. In recent weeks the U.S. and Iran have traded threats and warnings over possible American or Israeli military action.

But an Iranian government spokesman insisted that Tehran would not

change the central part of its controversial program. Uranium enrichment can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or the material for a warhead. Iran insists its enrichment work is intended to produce fuel for nuclear reactors that would generate electricity. Iran's stand regarding its peaceful nuclear program has not changed, Ghulam Hossein Elham told reporters.

GUATEMALA

Slow, painful task: ID'ing the dead

COCOP — Guatemala's 36-year civil war cost some 200,000 lives, mostly of Mayan Indians caught between government forces and rebels. Twelve years after peace was signed, forensic anthropologists are still hunting for the missing. So far they have found 6,500 buried in mass graves around the country.

Each discovery and positive ID is a milestone for survivors who have spent decades with no formal recognition of their loved ones' deaths. Each confirmed death also entitles the bereaved to a \$3,000 payment from the government.

As the bones are dug up, identified and handed over to family members for burial, many people relive the horrors as if they happened yesterday. Women dressed in traditional Mayan garb gather around the narrow, open coffins filled with aged bones. Some mourners weep.

Villagers in Cocop, 75 miles northwest of Guatemala City, were preparing for Good Friday on April 16, 1981, when soldiers moved in and killed 79 people.

Fifty-one of them were recently exhumed from a mass grave. According to forensic anthropologist Alfredo Angerman, about 45 of them were women and children.

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PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATIONS: PART III



Below is each magazine's prediction for where Boise State will wind up in the WAC standings as well as where they rank the Broncos among the nation's 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

WAC National

Athlon
Lindy's
Sporting News
Phil Steele



Boise State running back Ian Johnson, top, and Austin Pettis, above, will be key players in the Broncos' offense this fall.

What college preview magazines are saying about the 2008 Broncos

The Broncos have lost only twice in WAC play over the past six seasons — that's a 46-2 record — and they return the players who scored 491 of their 551 points last season. Still, this team faces questions — a new quarterback, four new starters on the offensive line and worries about a defense that allowed four opponents to score at least 30 points last season. And it's a young team, with at least as many sophomores as seniors projected in the starting lineup.

—Athlon

The Broncos schedule sets up for a run at the Bowl Championship Series. The most difficult game is at Oregon, and Fresno State must travel to Boise. However, the Broncos need playmakers to emerge on defense, and the offensive line must prove it can maintain a dominant ground attack.

—Lindy's

The Broncos, who have won at least 10 games seven times in the past nine seasons, don't rebuild as much as reload. Boise State, however, faces one of its most significant overhauls since joining the conference in 2001. There will be at least seven new starters on offense this fall from last season's 10-3 squad, and although seven defensive starters return, there are some big shoes to fill.

—Sporting News

Boise State is my pick to win the WAC and their Sept. 20 road trip to Autzen Stadium will probably determine if they are the third straight WAC team to play in a BCS bowl.

—Phil Steele

Bronco bites

Still growing:

Quick attack: After Boise State's 2007 season, the Broncos will be squaring off for the first time since 1997. Oregon is the last team to have defeated the Broncos in a regular-season game.

Another big finale: The Broncos will play their final home game at the Magic Valley Stadium on Friday night. The stadium has been the home of the Broncos since 1997.

Venus gets best of Serena

Sisters win doubles title together

By Howard Federick
Associated Press writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Thrilled as she was to win her fifth Wimbledon singles championship, Venus Williams dialed down her celebration.

No hopping in place and skipping to the net after match point, the way she's done so often on that Centre Court lawn. No giddy laughter and whoops of joy, as she's let out in the past.

Inside

This title was different from her previous successes at the grass-court Grand Slam.

This title came at the expense of her younger sibling, Serena. Reprising their Sister Slam Show in the Wimbledon final after a five-year hiatus, Venus and Serena Williams smacked big serves, hit hard strokes from all angles and chased down seemingly unreachable balls, like no one else does. Overcoming an early deficit, Venus beat Serena 7-5, 6-4 Saturday for her second consecutive title at the All England Club and seventh major championship overall.



Venus Williams reacts after winning the women's singles final against her sister Serena on Centre Court at Wimbledon, Saturday.

"I'm definitely more in tune with my sister's feelings because one of us has to win and one of us has to lose," the No. 7-

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Sparks fly as Modifieds visit MVS

By Linda Brittan
Correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Super Modified drivers came from as far as Northern California for the Fourth of July show at Magic Valley Speedway — an event filled with both triumph and disappointment Friday night.

Jeff Russell of Boise was the main-event winner while Bryan Warf had to bear the burden of mechanical problems and view his competitors from the infield. Early on, Jim Birges and Russell were out in front for the 50-lap main event until Lap 30 when the No. 98 car of Troy Reiger entered the picture and took over second position. Four laps later, Reiger and Birges tangled in Turn 3, bringing out the caution with 18 laps remaining in the event. Russell was the recipient of the lead after the encounter and then was able to sprint to the win. "We just love Twin. We've been waiting to come back here



Greg 'Sparty' Sparks gets the crowd fired up for the trailer race Friday night during a special Fourth of July event at Magic Valley Speedway.

for a long time," Russell said. "We won one at Madera and in another run there we had a power fade, which put us in the wall and tore the whole side of the car up. We just got it put back together, so this is great. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun and a lot of money."

Warf, who put in a fantastic qualifying time, was running well in the main event until he heard something he knew was definitely not fireworks. "It went bang," Warf said. "It sheared the gears. It was pretty disappointing. We almost broke the track record and we started to come through the field. We just can't seem to

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Major League Baseball

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Team	East Division			Central Division			West Division		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay	54	32	.628	49	37	.575	49	37	.575
Boston	52	38	.578	44	43	.506	43	42	.512
New York	48	42	.532	42	44	.486	39	49	.443
Baltimore	44	42	.512	37	50	.425	37	50	.425
Toronto	42	46	.477	35	49	.413	35	49	.413

National League

Team	East Division			Central Division			West Division		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	48	40	.545	52	36	.591	43	43	.500
Florida	44	43	.506	48	44	.519	45	43	.506
New York	43	44	.494	47	47	.500	45	43	.506
Atlanta	41	47	.466	42	47	.470	41	47	.466
Washington	34	55	.382	40	48	.455	40	48	.455

Midwest League

Team	W	L	Pct
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 4	1	0	.000
Baltimore 10, Texas 4	1	0	.000
Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 1	1	0	.000
L.A. Angels 8, Toronto 2	1	0	.000
N.Y. Yankees 2, Boston 1	0	1	.000
Chicago White Sox 6, Oakland 1	0	1	.000
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 6	0	1	.000
Toronto 4, Seattle 3	0	1	.000

National League

Team	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati 3, Washington 0	1	0	.000
L.A. Dodgers 10, San Francisco 7	1	0	.000
Atlanta 6, Houston 2	1	0	.000
Chicago Cubs 2, St. Louis 1	1	0	.000
N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 4	1	0	.000
Colorado 12, Florida 6	1	0	.000
San Diego 4, Arizona 2	1	0	.000
Washington (Bleaser 10) at Cincinnati (Velez 10): 11:15 a.m.			
Houston (Rodriguez 3) at Atlanta (Morris 10): 11:35 a.m.			
N.Y. Mets (Lincecum 9) at Philadelphia (Lincecum 9): 11:35 a.m.			
Florida (Duke 4) at Milwaukee (Sappan 5): 12:05 p.m.			
Pittsburgh (Hendrickson 7) at Colorado (Cook 11): 1:05 p.m.			
Chicago Cubs (Marshall 7) at Cincinnati (Fister 7): 1:15 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers (Blitz 2) at San Francisco (Cain 5): 2:05 p.m.			
San Diego (Beltz 3) at Arizona (Johnson 4): 2:10 p.m.			
Houston at Pittsburgh: 5:05 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia: 5:05 p.m.			
Atlanta at Milwaukee: 8:05 p.m.			
Texas at San Diego: 8:05 p.m.			
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers: 8:10 p.m.			

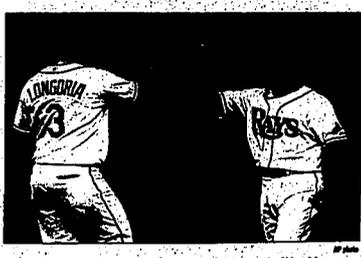
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Rays make it six wins in a row

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Andy Sonnanshine pitched seven strong innings, Ben Zobrist homered again and the Tampa Bay Rays won their sixth straight, blanking the Kansas City Royals 3-0 on Saturday.

Zobrist homered for the third game in a row and the Rays increased their AL East lead to a season-high four games over second-place Boston. Tampa Bay has won 10 of 11.

Sonnanshine (10-3) won his fourth consecutive double. He allowed five hits, walked one and struck out two.



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Eras Lopez (3) and teammate Akilino Rivera celebrate after the final out of a 3-0 win over the Kansas City Royals Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and the New York Mets rallied against the majors' best bullpen, ending the Phillies' four-game winning streak.

Schneider's two-run double came with two outs.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 2
PHOENIX — Jake Peavy (6-5) threw seven scoreless innings and Scott Hairston homered twice in the San Diego Padres' victory over the slumping Arizona Diamondbacks.

Adrian Gonzalez homered for the Padres, who have won two straight after dropping 10 of their previous 11.

J.P. Howell pitched the eighth inning and Grant Balfour worked the ninth for his third save.

Akilino Iwamura put the Rays ahead 2-0 with a two-out, two-run double in the second off Zack Greinke (7-5).

Yankees 2, Red Sox 1
NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera flashed his classic form just in time.

The New York Yankees closer pitched himself in and out of trouble Saturday, escaping an bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth inning and preserving a victory over Boston.

After Mike Mussina (11-6) pitched six shutout innings, Rivera took over in the ninth with a 2-0 lead. The Red Sox outplayed the Rays as they poised to get more, but Rivera struck out Coco Crisp, got Jason Varitek on a pop and fanned Julio Lugo for his 23rd save.

scratched with a hamstring injury. Feldman (3-3) gave up three runs and five hits in six innings. The right-handed pitcher allowed three runs and three hits in the first, then blanked the Orioles on two hits until his departure.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 5
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Vernon Wells hit a two-run homer, Alex Rios went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and three stolen bases, and Toronto beat error-plagued Los Angeles.

Halladay (10-6) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out seven and recorded only three hits on the field.

inning sacrifice fly tied it at 2 and a handed Francisco Cordero (4-1) his fourth blown-save of the season. Hairston fed off the ninth with a single off of Joel Hanrahan (5-3). He stole second, but Jay Bruce struck out and Ken Griffey Jr. was intentionally walked.

Astros 6, Braves 1
ATLANTA — Mark Loretta had three doubles and drove in four runs and, with Ty Wigginton leading batting for the first time this season, the Astros scored four times in the first two innings.

Mets 9, Phillies 4
PHILADELPHIA — Pinch-hitter Brian Schneider lined a

Rockies 12, Marlins 6
DENVER — Matt Holliday homered and drove in four runs and Joe Koshansky hit his first major league homer as injury-riddled Colorado won its season-best fifth straight, beating Florida.

One night after hitting six homers in an epic 18-17 win over the Marlins, the Rockies went deep four more times.

Giants 5, Dodgers 2
SAN FRANCISCO — Randy Winn and Fred Lewis hit two-out RBI singles during San Francisco's four-run rally in the seventh inning and the Giants kept the Los Angeles Dodgers out of first place in the NL West with a comeback victory.

— The Associated Press

White Sox 6, Athletics 1
CHICAGO — Gavin Floyd pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings to get his 10th victory and Nick Swisher, Brian Anderson and Alex Ramirez homered in Chicago's win over Oakland.

Oakland had captured the first two games of the four-game series to end off the White Sox, who'd won seven straight before the A's came to town.

Twins 9, Indians 6
MINNEAPOLIS — Joe Mauer homered, walked three times and scored three runs to help Kevin Slawey and streaking Minnesota rally past Cleveland.

Boston's Marlon and Alex Castila hit two-run doubles, and the Twins rebounded from the Indians' five-run second inning by scoring five times in the sixth.

Rangers 5, Orioles 3
BALTIMORE — Ian Kinsler homered. German Duran and Michael Young had three hits apiece and Texas used a sharp pitching performance by substitute starter Scott Feldman to beat Baltimore.

Moved up in the rotation after — Eric — Hurley — was

National League
Cardinals 5, Cubs 4
ST. LOUIS — Rick Ankiel slipped a two-run, two-out single to right field in the bottom of the ninth inning to cap a three-run rally and lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

The win brought the Cardinals (50-39) to within 2½ games of the first-place Cubs (52-35) in the National League Central.

Brewers 2, Pirates 1
MILWAUKEE — Prince Fielder singled in Rickie Weeks with one out in the bottom of the ninth, leading the Brewers to their second straight win.

Pirates reliever Tyler Yates (3-2) was in trouble from the start, walking Weeks to lead off the inning. J.J. Hardy's sacrifice bunt ended his 16-game hitting streak but put the winning run in scoring position and Yates intentionally walked Ryan Braun to bring up Fielder.

Reds 3, Nationals 2
CINCINNATI — Brandon Phillips singled in Jerry Hairston Jr. from second base in the ninth inning to lift the Reds.

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A-Rod, Ramirez highlight AL All-Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez will highlight an American League All-Star team loaded with Yankees and Red Sox, according to a report on the New York Post's Web site.

Battling for the All-Star game ended Wednesday and the official results will be announced Sunday.

The star mentioned in the report led in fan voting as of June 30.

The Yankees' Rodriguez will start at third base and Derek Jeter at shortstop for the American League, according to the Post.

Defending champion Boston's starters will include Kevin Youkilis at first, Dustin Pedroia at second and Manny Ramirez in left field.

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz also got the most votes at his position, but won't play because of a wrist injury.

Cliff Lee, who had to fight for a job in Cleveland's rotation this spring, will be the starting pitcher for the AL, the Post reported. Lee is 1-1 with a 2.26 ERA.

He'll go against Arizona's

Brandon Webb, who will be playing in his third consecutive All-Star game and getting his first starting assignment.

Also starting for the American League are Ichiro Suzuki in center, Texas' Josh Hamilton in right and Minnesota's Joe Mauer behind the plate.

Suzuki was barely leading the Angels' Vladimir Guerrero and Yankees' Bobby Abreu for the final outfield spot in the voting as of June 30.

Houston's Lance Berkman will start at first for the National League. Philadelphia's Chase Utley got the nod at second, Atlanta's Chipper Jones will play third and Florida's Hanley Ramirez narrowly beat out Miguel Tejada of the Astros at shortstop.

The outfield will consist of Alfonso Soriano of the Cubs in left, teammate Kosuke Fukudome in center and Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. in right. The Cubs' Geovany Soto will be the starting catcher.

Boston's Terry Francona will manage the AL and Colorado's Clint Hurdle the NL. Each manager chooses his pitching staffs and reserves.

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Federer, Nadal know each other well

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — After moving within a victory of his sixth consecutive Wimbledon title, Roger Federer found time to catch only a few games of Rafael Nadal's semifinal.

Federer does have a DVD of Nadal's match, but he wasn't exactly rushing to use it for scouting purposes before they meet for the Wimbledon championship Sunday.

"I know plenty already," Federer said. "I'll watch more if I think I have to, but at the moment, I think I know everything that I need to."

He certainly should. After all, Sunday's encounter will be the sixth Grand Slam title match between the No. 1-ranked Federer and No. 2 Nadal, more than for any other pair of men in the 40-

year Open era. "I think it's quite incredible, myself," Federer said, "that we've played each other so many times on so many big occasions."

While he isn't exactly sure where their rivalry stands in tennis annals, when discussing it Saturday, Federer did toss around names such as Borg, Connors, McEnroe, Lendl, Becker, Eelberg, Agassi and Sampras.

"I don't know how it will be looked at in many years' time, because at the moment, you are right in it, and you try to win the matches that come along against your main rival. It's hard," Federer said. "I know it's something special, what we're going through at the moment." They met in the past three

French Open finals, with Nadal winning each time. And now they will meet in their third consecutive Wimbledon final.

Wimbledon
Men's singles final 7 a.m., NBC
Federer holding a 2-0 edge, part of his record-tying streak of five titles in a row at the All England Club.

Some significant milestones are at stake Sunday. Federer, who tied Bjorn Borg's modern mark of five Wimbledon titles last year, is trying to become the first man since the 1880s to win six consecutive Wimbledon championships. When Willie Renshaw collected six successive titles from 1881-86, though, he had to play only

one match during each of his defenses because the reigning champion was given a bye to the final then.

Nadal, for his part, is aiming to become the first man since Borg in 1980 to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same season.

"Both Federer and Nadal are hungry, Nadal for the last two years has lost in the final and I know he wants to win this one very badly. Roger wants to win it six in a row, but he is not satisfied. He wants to win more Wimbledon, more grand slams," Borg said. "They push each other, each time they play ... to the limit."



Rafael Nadal will play a third consecutive Wimbledon tennis final against champion Roger Federer. Nadal beat Rainer Schuttler 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 in a semifinal match on Friday to advance to today's championship match.



Roger Federer will play a third consecutive Wimbledon tennis final against Rafael Nadal. Federer beat Marcel Saffin 6-3, 7-6, 6-4 in a semifinal match Friday to advance to his sixth consecutive Wimbledon final.

Busch beats Edwards at Daytona

Crash-filled race ends under caution

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Busch raced side-by-side with Carl Edwards in the closing laps at Daytona International Speedway, each driver running wide open toward the win.

When a multicar accident brought out the caution behind them, the field was frozen and no one had any idea who won Saturday night's race. After an anxious few moments while NASCAR looked at the ending, Busch was awarded the win.

Again, for Busch, the Sprint Cup Series points leader, it was his sixth Cup win of the year. In all, Busch has 12 victories this season spanning all three of NASCAR's top series.

"I can't believe that we're here right now," Busch said in Victory Lane. "We didn't have the best car. Luckily we were leading there when it happened."

Edwards finished second and was disappointed not to have one last lap to finish his race with a checkered flag.

"Man, I hate to lose the thing like that," Edwards said. "I wish we could have raced a little longer."

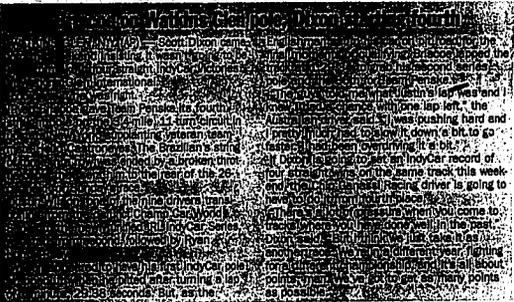
Matt Kenseth, Edwards' teammate at Roush Fenway Racing, was third. He was followed by Kurt Busch, Roush driver David Ragan and Bobby Gordon. Casey Kahne, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Clint Broyer and Mark Martin rounded out the top 10.

It seemed for a bit that Jeff Gordon was headed to his first victory of the season as he led 46 laps late and was handily holding off Busch as the race wound down. But with four laps to go, Busch pulled inside of Gordon and claimed the lead mere seconds before a multicar crash brought out a caution.

It set up an overtime sprint to the finish, and Edwards said Busch was slow on the restart. It stacked the traffic up behind him



NASCAR driver Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the Coca Zero 400 auto race Saturday night at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.



and Edwards ran into the back of Gordon, sending him spinning through the grass.

Edwards darted to the outside to move around the action and, with a push from Kenseth, pulled alongside Busch to set up a thrilling drag race. But they didn't get

a chance to race to the checkered flag because of contact between Travis Kvapil and Sam Hornish Jr. that triggered a multicar accident that froze the field.

"I think it's ours," spotted Jeff Dickerson radioed to Busch. "We were out front. Is it ours?"

"I don't know," crew chief Steve Addington replied. "They are looking at it. I don't know."

Busch's team frantically watched the scoring tower, then jumped over the pit road wall in celebration when Busch's No. 18 was declared the winner.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Pernice shoots for first win in 7 years

BETHESDA, Md. — On a wild day for everyone around him, Tom Pernice Jr. kept it steady and simple Saturday for a 1-under 69 in the AT&T National that gave him a one-shot lead and a chance to win for the first time in seven years.

Pernice seized the lead, but not control, with an approach that stopped just inside 3 feet at the 17th for only his second birdie on a steamy, still afternoon that yielded plenty of low scores. He was at 10-under 200 and was one shot ahead of Steve Stricker, the runner-up a year ago, who had a 66.

Stricker was among four players who had at least a share of the lead throughout the third round, but he hit a 7-iron over the 17th green and caught the lip with a 12-foot putt from the fringe.

Jeff Overton, tied with Pernice to start the third round, was fortunate to still have a chance. His struggles began with a tee shot into a bunker on the par-3 10th hole to take bogey, then seemingly fell apart with consecutive double bogeys that left him four strokes behind.

Overton rallied with birdies on his next two holes and salvaged at 71, leaving him at 8-under 202 with Tommy Armour III (68) and Nick O'Hern (67). The left-handed Aussie beat known in twice beating Tiger Woods for match play.

PARK LEADS ON LPGA TOUR
ROGERS, Ark. — Angela Park's final putt was as impressive as her round — an uphill birdie attempt from about 25 feet that capped a 10-under 62.

Kristy McPherson wasn't about to be outdone. McPherson answered Park with a birdie of her own, sinking a downhill putt from 12 feet to leave her at 10 under the hole. The two playing partners were within a stroke of



Tom Pernice Jr. waves to the gallery after completing the No. 18 hole during the third round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., Saturday.

the lead Saturday in the second round of the LPGA Tour's NW Arkansas Championship.

Park and McPherson were at 11 under at Pinnacle Country Club. Meena Leo shot a 65 in the second round to finish the day at 12 under. She was tied for the lead with Eun-Hye Ji, who had two holes remaining in her second round.

About half the field was still on the course when play was suspended Saturday night because of darkness. The tournament has been delayed twice by bad weather.

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN
ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Argentina's Eduardo Romero shot his second straight 7-under 65 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead over Fulton Allem and crowd favorite Joey Sindelar in the Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

Romero, who began the day two shots behind first-round leader Joe Ozak, had 18 birdies and one double bogey over the two rounds and was at 14-under 130. Allem and Sindelar shot 65s.

— The Associated Press

Valverde wins first stage of Tour

PLUMBLEC, France (AP) — Alejandro Valverde is determined to contend for the Tour de France title. And the Tour de France is determined to run a clean race.

The Spaniard won the opening stage in a final sprint Saturday as cycling's three-week showcase took a first step in trying to get beyond the doping scandals that for years have battered the race and the entire sport.

"I've achieved two of my objectives to win a stage and to wear the yellow jersey," Valverde said. "That's done today. ... It gives me peace of mind for the rest of the race."

Valverde, fresh off winning last month's Dauphine Libre and the Spanish championship, broke away from the pack at the end of the 123-mile leg from Brest to Plumblec.



Alejandro Valverde of Spain reacts on the podium after winning the first stage of the Tour de France cycling race in Plumblec, western France, Saturday.

On a windy day marked by four crashes, Valverde was followed by Philippe Gilbert of Belgium and Jerome Pineau of France. The 25-year-old Spaniard was Christian Vandevelde in 18th place.

"It was a bit too windy. It was hectic. It was a really nerve-racking, dangerous day," said George Hincapie, the Team Columbia rider who was on Lance Armstrong's team during each of his record seven Tour victories.

The race covers more than 2,175 miles and ends in Paris on July 27, with Valverde among the favorites. He holds a razor-thin lead over other expected contenders: Australia's Cadel Evans and Luxembourg's Frank Schleck are one second back. Russia's Denis Menchov and Spain's Carlos Sastre are seven seconds behind.

Venus

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seeded Venus said. "You could never detract from winning a Wimbledon, so of course it doesn't detract from that. But I'm definitely thinking about how my sisters' feelings."

No. 6 Serena, meanwhile, was sullen as she could be afterward, as though she had just finished losing to a stranger. Which, it turns out, was the way she tried to view Venus. That the champion's trophy stayed in the family did not ease the pain of defeat.

"It's definitely not any easier," Serena said. "I just look at her as another opponent at the end of the day."

Said their mother and coach, Ormeque Price: "Well, you know she's going to have to learn how to suck things up. Say, 'OK, I'm not going to win anything.'"

After 3 1/2 hours after the singles final ended, Peta's daughters returned to the same court, except now they

were playing on the same side of the net, and they beat Lisa Raymond and Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-2 to win the women's doubles title.

A day that began with a meal together at the nearby restaurant ended with the sisters' seventh Grand Slam doubles championship — and a total family payday of more than \$2.5 million.

Saturday's earlier encounter was the seventh all-Williams Grand Slam singles final: only one other pair of sisters faced off in a major tournament title match; and that was all the way back at the very first Wimbledon, in 1884.

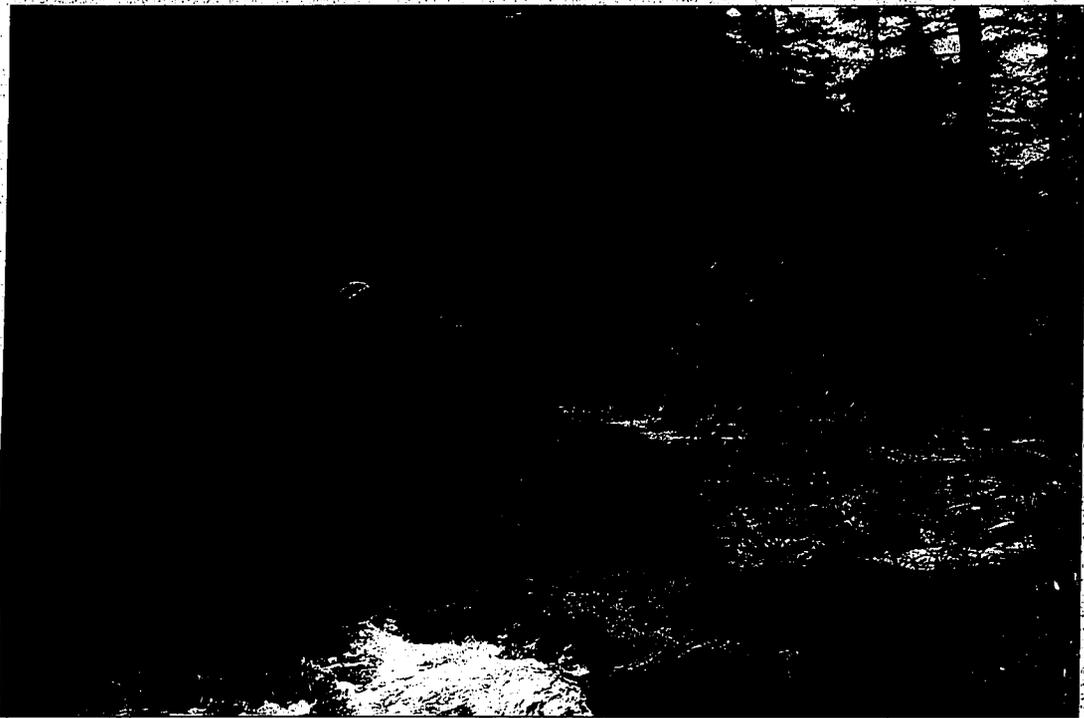
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FLY-FISHING IN THE FAMILY



Learning to fly-fish in Colorado stirs memories

By Daniel Lovering
Associated Press writer

TELLURIDE, Colo. — An invitation to a wedding in Colorado provided an excuse for a week's vacation exploring mountains and mesas, long-abandoned mining camps and sprawling ranches.

But it was the prospect of fly-fishing that lured me most. The delicate sport was a pastime of my ancestors and one depicted in an embroidered picture that hung for years in my grandparents' living room.

The sport's mystique had grown in my mind from the time I was a teenager, when I was given an amber-colored bamboo fly rod that once belonged to my grandfather. On the brass cap of its aluminum-tube case, he had etched a year: 1930.

Although I had used the rod to learn the basics of casting on my front lawn, I never pursued the sport seriously. So this was an opportunity, after many years, to take a proper crack at it.

My girlfriend and I started early one morning and, with the help of a guide named Henry Jones, sloshed through a rocky stream for half a day, clutching rods that swayed like antennae with every lumbering step. We learned a deceptively simple technique called roll casting, watching Jones and trying to mimic his expert moves.

Jones had driven us to a branch of the Dolores Creek outside Telluride, a small town known mainly for its ski slopes and resorts. He assured us we would reel in fish, even though recent rains had swollen and muddied the waters.



Jones removes a hook from a brook trout on a branch of the Dolores Creek.

Jones had sized up several gushing sections of the creek before we began, stopping at the roadside, peering from the rolled-down window of his Jeep and making prophetic comments. "I've been fishing since I could walk," he said in a Kentucky drawl.

When we finally settled on a starting point, we pulled over and donned Gore-Tex waders. Jones assembled our rods for us and affixed to our lines the tiny plumed hooks that would be our bait.

We stomped through underbrush before stepping into the water and marching

through whooshing rapids, pausing to flick our lines into glassy pools where fish, we were advised, were likely to be lurking.

But the minutes ticked by without a bite. So Jones stopped us and changed our flies, neatly severing our lines and attaching new hooks plucked from the many recesses of his beige vest.

A few minutes later, I tried again, thrusting my elbow downward like an engine's piston — as we'd been taught — and unfurled the

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TOP: Maerlin Scarleta casts a fishing line while Henry Jones, a guide, watches during a fly-fishing trip to a branch of the Dolores Creek on July 30, 2007.
ABOVE: Scarleta, left, looks at a small trout with Jones.



Fishing

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line across the surface of the water. And that happened: the hook, masquerading as a slow-moving insect, vanished with a splash. My heart raced. "BEE!" I was shouting. My line tugged slightly and I began cranking the reel, pulling from the water a small but feisty brook trout. It was a modest catch, to be sure, but one that gave me huge satisfaction.

"Fortunately, that was just the beginning. Soon other fish were gently flopping with the weight of more fish, one after another. Then came the prize catch of the day: a heftier trout, its main river — the Dolans, the San Miguel and the Unicornphage — are also home to rainbow and brown trout, according to Tom Craddock, co-owner of Telluride Outside, the guide service we used.

Guided trips with Telluride Outside may be expensive for the budget traveler at \$280 for two people for a half day or \$395 for a full day, but they include ample instruction and use of high-quality equipment.

The prime season for fly-fishing in the Telluride area runs from July through October, though anglers can fish there year-round. And they may find other reasons to travel there, Craddock said.

"The remoteness and the scenery are what make up a huge attraction," he said. "Telluride's reputation as a well-regarded fly-fishing destination has grown purely because of it. It's the home, of a respected fly rod maker, the Scott Fly Rod cast, said Philip Mahan, editor of the Vermont-based magazine American Angler.

The area also offers "a great system of rivers that are the things that are trout need to survive," including highly oxygenated water and plentiful insects, he said.

"And it's a good place for a sport who should have a good guide and a strong likelihood of success, though its 'romy atmosphere' makes it a bit of a challenge for the average traveler, he said.

"You go to Telluride, you have a pretty damn good chance of catching a fish," Mahan said.

There are the trip to Telluride offered more than just a chance to hook fish and gaze at mountain vistas. It also allowed me to get in the best steps of my forebears," he said for a few hours.

Fly-fishing seems to have run in my family's blood for several generations. My father said my grand-father used to practice fly-casting in the front yard of his Philadelphia home while working a two-day job and vest, even when he was well into his 90s. My grandfather earned a nickname among friends — "Fish Foot" — based on his skill, mainly at other types of fishing.

My great-aunt, according to family lore, used to name her fly-fishing rods. And my father took a rod and reel in his younger days. The family interest in fishing was apparent to me from an early age. A needlepoint picture of a fly fisherman, stitched by my grandmother, was a familiar sight at my grandparents' house during childhood visits.

It remains to be seen whether I'll continue the family tradition, but for a day in Colorado, I came closer to understanding the subtle pleasures of casting a line across water and hoping for a bite.

The ordinary backpack expands its reach

By K.C. Summers
Special to The Washington Post

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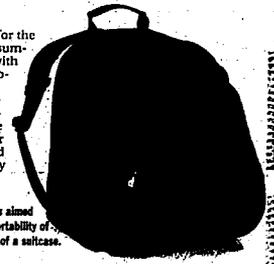
BUT DOES IT WORK? "Do you have room for this in your backpack?" asked my travel buddy, holding out a giant bag of snacks we packed for the airport. Luckily for him, my pack still had five or

six empty compartments — and it wasn't because I'd packed light. The thing just kept expanding.

Nick Steves' Velocet Travel Pack is the clown car of backpacks: No matter how stuffy you cram in, it can fit more. Actually, "cram" is the wrong verb, because there are 11 compartments to help you organize your load: two big zippered ones, plus a padded space for a laptop, plus a clip-down flap with hidden pockets that open up to feature more hidden pockets. If you still need more room, the whole thing zips open for an extra three inches of space all around. The straps and back are padded, and the sternum strap is fully

adjustable. This backpack is not for the trendy. It has an unassuming, utilitarian look, with subdued colors and no-frills styling. But as an organizer, it does the trick. On my long-weekend road trip, there were compartments I never did fill up. I appreciated that — and so did my travel buddy.

The Velocet Travel Pack is aimed at travelers who want the portability of a backpack and the roominess of a suitcase.



Jolly good deals for London travel

By K.C. Summers
Special to The Washington Post

Q: I'm traveling to London this summer and would like to spend a week touring outside the city. Any suggestions for budget hotels and interesting places to visit? What are your thoughts on Stratford-upon-Avon, castles and Cambridge?

A: Several chain hotels in Britain offer rooms at budget rates, or what passes for budget in the United Kingdom these days. Paul Chibba, a media relations executive with VisitBritain, the country's tourism office, recommends Premier Inn (premierinn.com), the country's largest chain, with rates from about \$94, and Travelodge (travelodge.co.uk), whose "sewer rooms" run from about \$57 to \$116 and must be booked online at least seven days in advance.

For your itinerary, Chibba suggests visiting Oxford or Cambridge, Stratford-upon-Avon and perhaps Bath. "The advantage of driving means that

they can drive through the Cotswolds and stop at villages, for example, en route from Oxford to Bath," he said.

Thistle Hotels (thistle.com), another popular chain, has a really nice property in Stratford-upon-Avon, he said, with rooms starting at about \$157 a night.

Two good castle choices: Berkeley Castle (berkeleycastle.com) in Gloucestershire and Warwick Castle (warwickcastle.co.uk) near Stratford-upon-Avon. Admission to both is included in the Great British Heritage Pass family pass, which costs about \$187 for seven days and provides entry for two adults and up to three children younger than 15 to Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stonehenge, Hampton Court Palace and about 600 other stately homes, castles and gardens in Britain. Details: visitbritain.com/onlinepass.

For \$199, all-inclusive, The deal is valid through 2008. The company also offers a 10 percent discount for rentals of two weeks or more.

Q: We are visiting Niagara Falls and would like to stay on the U.S. side close to the falls. The Comfort Inn at the Pointe would be perfect, but it's booked. What are the next best choices?

A: Not to worry, says Kate Scaglione, director of marketing and communication with the Niagara USA tourism center. Half a dozen other hotels are within walking distance of the falls, including the Grand Niagara Hotel, soon to become a Holiday Inn (716-285-2521, holidayinn.com), doubles from \$85 a night); the Crown Plaza Hotel Niagara Falls (888-444-0401, ichotelgroup.com), \$199); the Queen Hotel and Suites at the Falls (877-282-1212, qualityniagarafalls.com); \$130); and the Red Coach Inn (716-282-1459, redcoachinn.com), \$109), which is modeled after an English country house.

And don't forget B&Bs. The Hillcrest Inn (716-278-9676,

hillcrestniagara.com; from \$199, for example, has four guest rooms in an elegant Georgian mansion on a quiet street five minutes from the falls. For more lodging options: 877-325-5787, niagara-usa.com.

Q: We'll be flying into Fort Lauderdale and have several hours before we catch our cruise ship in Miami. Is there anything worth seeing between the two?

A: You could stop in Hollywood, about 10 miles south of Fort Lauderdale, and check out the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino (954-327-7625, seminolehardrock.com), with more than 2,500 slots and games, music memorabilia, dining, shopping and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, telling the story of the Seminole tribe with a film and a living village (\$6).

West of Hollywood, about 30 minutes from Lauderdale, there's Sawgrass Recreation Park, home of the 1,000-round gator. Everglades airboat rides, too. Admission is \$19.50. Info: 888-424-7262, evergladesstours.com.

Beware of the 'W'

By Elissa Lebowitz Poma
Special to The Washington Post

When Northwest Airlines overbooked and needed volunteers to take a later flight, Mark Lumar of Springfield, Va., says, he and his wife volunteered in exchange for what they thought were vouchers good for two free round-trip tickets anywhere in the Lower 48.

"That is what the gate agent offered, and that is what the voucher said, with the additional words 'In-Flight.' Lumar told us. Later, when he tried to use the vouchers, he couldn't find any availability and says he was told the voucher was good for only \$250. When he asked what flights were available from the Washington area for \$250 round trip, he says, he was told, "None."

Technically, his voucher was good for anywhere in the 48 states, if he could find a "W" class seat. The problem: That category is extremely limited. Using the \$250 toward a more expensive and available ticket is a secondary option. "I said, 'Here are vouchers for \$250,' we might still have taken them."

Why NWA chose dishonest and fraudulent practices instead is beyond me."

In fact, as of June 10, Northwest has adopted a policy like that suggested by Lumar.

According to media relations manager Michelle Aguiar-Shannon, the airline no longer will offer a free ticket as an incentive to get volunteers to be bumped, but instead will offer an electronic credit voucher with a value of up to \$300.

Northwest's new simplified and transparent policy is the exception rather than the rule. Ask when accepting a voucher if there are blackout dates, and be aware that many vouchers force you to compete with frequent fliers seeking the lowest-mileage awards.

Ask if a cash voucher is an option. Before deciding to be a volunteer bumpee, find out when the next available flight will be.

It's not until the next day you see whether the airline will pay for overnight lodging.

A kick in the pants for good intentions

By Cindy Looze
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — High school senior and state all-star soccer player Sean Bunoski was visiting Jamaica with his parents when a soccer game in a schoolyard caught his eye. His heart sank as he noticed that the players did not have proper gear and were using a can as a ball.

Sean's home in suburban Severn Park, Md., the 18-year-old older a drive to collect soccer balls and equipment. Soon he had enough gear to fill 19 big, monogrammed-style boxes. The price for shipping just four, \$1,100. Sean decided to donate six boxes to the Baltimore City Police Athletic League. A contact got a pre-arranged shipping deal from FedEx for the remainder. The Green Hornets, a local youth team, raised money to pay the shipping bill.

Sean addressed the boxes to a worker at a Jamaican resort who had agreed to deliver them to William Knibb High School, near his home. The gear arrived in

Jamaica in early January and sat in the customs office for days. The problem: duty charges.

Initially, Sean's father, Steve, figured he'd just write a check for the duty tax. But customs officials refused to tell him how much duty was due. Steve Bunoski said the officials would tell, in person, only the addressee, who lives far from the customs office and has no way of meeting how

the Bunoskis were running in circles trying to fix the problem. Finally, the efforts paid off: FedEx was able to make the school principal the new addressee, and she sought a duty waiver from the Jamaican Ministry of Education. Last week, FedEx was able to make the delivery.

Lesson learned: No good deed goes unpunished. Customs officers can be inflexible. Check the rules of the country to which you are shipping, or give before you leave.

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Woe to the shopper who saves a few dollars by choosing the cheapest flight but discovers too late that he has

booked a chronically late flight in an old plane that is always packed.

A new Web site that recently launched its testing phase, insidetravel.com, can help you make better choices. In addition to listing prices, it rates each flight for speed, comfort and ease based on 12 criteria: The criteria include baggage load, aircraft age, on-time records and "historical" factors, such as "meeting how

well a flight tends to be." We tested the site by requesting flights from Washington Dulles to Dublin in mid-June. The cheapest round-trip flight: US Airways, for \$857. The flight's trip quality rating: 67 out of 100. An Aer Lingus flight for \$894 was rated 97.

When the Aer Lingus flight was nonstop and the US Airways flight connected through Philadelphia, we wondered how they'd compare if you didn't consider that difference, and recalculated. Even so, the Aer Lingus flight was rated 85, compared with 67 for the US Airways flight. insidetravel.com tell the site to disregard any criterion that

Bugged by bag fee? It could be worse

By Elissa Lebowitz Poma
Special to The Washington Post

Peeved about shelling out 15 bucks to check a bag on American Airlines? We're not happy about it, either, but here's the good/bad news: It's still the cheapest method of getting your bag from here to there. Here's how \$15 compares with the cost of shipping one medium-size suitcase and its contents (total weight 35 pounds) one way from downtown Washington to downtown San Francisco.

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BURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and warm; pleasant conditions. Highs lower 80s. Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows in the lower to middle 50s. Tomorrow: Sunny skies and warmer temperatures. Highs in the upper 80s, lows middle 50s.

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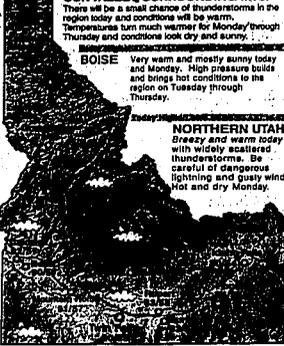
There will be a small chance of thunderstorms in the region today and Monday. High pressure builds and brings hot conditions to the region on Tuesday through Thursday.

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Very warm and mostly sunny today and Monday. High pressure builds and brings hot conditions to the region on Tuesday through Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH

Breezy and warm today with widely scattered thunderstorms. Be careful of dangerous lightning and gusty winds. Hot and dry Monday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 86 at Pocatello. Low: 37 at Burley. Weather key: ☀️ clear, ☁️ cloudy, ☂️ light, ⚡️ heavy snow, ⚡️ heavy rain, ⚡️ heavy snow, ⚡️ heavy rain, ⚡️ heavy snow, ⚡️ heavy rain, ⚡️ heavy snow, ⚡️ heavy rain.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Each column includes a weather icon and a forecast description. High/Low temperatures are listed below each day.

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

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for July 10, 11, 12, and 13.

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Table showing U.V. Index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

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Table listing regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

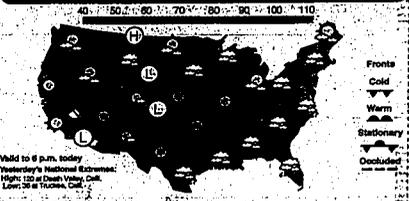
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national forecasts for major cities across the United States.

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Table listing world forecasts for various international locations.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing Canadian forecasts for major cities.

REGGIE MILDENBAUM'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. A quote about experience and confidence.

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Dog-day ID

By Catherine Hamm, Los Angeles Times

Q: We are traveling to France with our dog, which was recently "fourchipped" for identification in Europe. We were provided a small bar-coded sticker with the microchip number, which I stuck on the last page of my passport for safekeeping and convenience. I am wondering, however, if I am inadvertently causing potential problems by placing a sticker in my passport. Do you have any advice on this matter?

A: Advice? Mon Dieu, yes. Do not pass go, do not collect \$200, but do get a new passport.

Why? Well, for openness, you're dealing with the French, for crying out loud. Further, you've altered your passport.

You may just as well have pasted a sign on yourself that says, "Customs officials, harass me, please."

OK, so I'm being a little hard on the French. It could be any country's agents, frankly, who decide you have messed up your passport. They might notice; they might not. But...

Defacing or altering any passport can raise questions and delay your travel," says Steve Royster, a spokesman for the State Department. "If he were the absolutely safe traveler, he would apply for a new passport. Otherwise, it's going to depend on the discretion of the border protection agents around the world."

(For information, travel.state.gov.)

Zucker's passport problem, however, looks like a cakewalk compared with Suk's tribulations.

Suk is the 2-year-old German shepherd traveling to France with him. Among the requirements for dogs (and cats and, apparently, ferrets) are microchips or tattoos identifying the animal (although the latter are acceptable only until 2011, when the chip will become mandatory).

So Suk? get a chip. Turns out that chip is incompatible with French systems. Importing an animal with a different kind of chip means you may need to tote your own chip reader. (To read more, go to pettravel.com.)

Zucker, exasperated, has decided to get Suk a tattoo. Perhaps it could say "Bonne chance." They're both going to need all the luck they can get.

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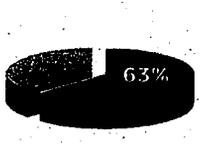
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Sunday, July 6, 2008

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I understand that a reverse occurs when opener's second bid takes his partner to the three-level if that player wants to give simple preference. Are reverses forcing to game? If not, when can you stop below game?

Backs to the Wall, Evansville, Ill.

ANSWER: When solving a problem, you are allowed to take as long as you want. But making a call or a play slowly may convey information to your partner. It is partner's duty to ignore any information that might be deduced from your tempo. That information is unauthorized to him.

ANSWER: Reverses are forcing for one round, not to game. Some people play that, after a reverse, anything that sounds weak and nonforcing is. A more sophisticated method is that after, say, 1♠-1♥-2♠, you play that two-level bids are forcing for one round, two no-trump is weak, and three-level bids are game-forcing. A variant is to play that the only weak action is fourth suit or two no-trump, whichever is cheaper.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I held ♠ A-J-3, ♥ K-10-9-4, ♦ K-10-5-3, ♣ 10-4 and raised my partner's opening bid of one heart to three, invitational. What is the right continuation over a four-club bid by partner?

Forward Marcher, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: Four clubs is a slam try, and some people play that it is asking for help in that suit. Regardless, you have a convenient cue-bid of four diamonds available, and my instincts are that if partner signs off in four hearts, you are worth a cue-bid of four spades.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At my club yesterday the director got into an argument with one of the players about a hesitation, and what was claimed to be the use of unauthorized information. Can you explain what this means?

Code Room, Naples, Fla.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
My partner opened one diamond and I held ♠ 9-3, ♥ A-J-9, ♦ K-J-10-2, ♣ J-10-6-2. We play inverted minors. Should I have raised partner, or bid no-trump?

Gaught Short, Durango, Colo.

ANSWER: When you use inverted minors, a jump raise is pre-emptive, and a single raise promises at least invitational values. You're way too strong for a jump raise, and lack appropriate honor location for a bid of one no-trump. So make an inverted raise and admit lying by a point or two. You can claim that your minor-suit intermediates make you do it!

Dear Mr. Wolff:
In the bidding sequence 1♠-2♣-2♠, what is the least you would need, vulnerable, to overcall with a free bid of three hearts when holding a four-card heart suit?

Intervenor, Torrance, Calif.

ANSWER: To bid three hearts with as little as a seven-count and a little useful distribution (say three spades, four hearts, two diamonds and four clubs) seems unexceptional. After all, partner will not always reopen when the auction gets back to him if his shape is not perfect. Incidentally, some people play that a two-no-trump bid by you now would be artificial, and weak. Accordingly, a direct bid by you of three hearts is a real invitation.

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Times-News presents the amazing adventure of ...

Examples of Monte Williams' nerdy hobby: G.I. Joe Sigma 6 action figures, which he posed and photographed along the Snake River Canyon.

Toy enthusiast photographs his collection outdoors

By Melissa Davlin • Staff writer

The next time you take a walk along the edge of the Snake River Canyon, keep an eye out for Monte Williams.

He should be easy to spot. He might be wearing a geeky T-shirt, or escorting his 4-year-old daughter, Malena. One thing is certain: He'll be toting a camera and some toy soldiers.

Williams, a 31-year-old teacher from Twin Falls, collects discontinued G.I. Joe Sigma 6 action figures. But he doesn't sell or display them, or even keep them for posterity.

Instead, he photographs them outside, after mixing and matching the parts to create the biggest, baddest toys possible.

"I don't know how it came to this," he said as he prepared for a toy photo shoot on June 27.

Williams has always been a toy enthusiast, collecting G.I. Joes, Transformers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and other childhood delights. He displayed the toys on a shelf — a shrine to his childhood, he said.

But owning the action figures wasn't enough. Williams started posing the toys for fun photos while on a walk with his daughter in California. He found a small group of kindred spirits in an online community of G.I. Joe enthusiasts and started posting the pictures on forums and his personal blog.

His photos are so popular that other members of the G.I. Joe forum started a tribute to Williams when he went on vacation earlier this summer. One user described Williams as "the beating heart" of that community. Other users posted pictures of their toys, Monte-style.

Williams, who recently moved to Twin Falls from northern California, often takes photos at the picturesque Snake River Canyon. He poses the fig-

ures to scale rock walls or tower over the cliff's edge. While setting up his recent shoot, he scoured the rim by the walking trail to find a perfect rocky perch on which to take pictures.

Williams strives to make the pictures of burly plastic men and mutant turtles look as realistic as possible. A single leaf can throw off the scale, he said, so he makes sure everything visible in the photo is relevant to the toy's tiny world.

He showed the same scrutiny during his recent photo shoot. When he put the toy in position, Williams knoed to operate his digital camera and mini-tripod. He snapped pictures from different angles. At one point, the action figure almost toppled over the edge.

"This is going to be the death of me," he said as he set up another scene on the very edge of the canyon. He has lost only one toy to the canyon's depths — a tiny plastic grenade that cost pennies, he said — but he still had to fight the urge to stretch over the edge and retrieve it.

"The only time I really get scared is when I think of how mad my wife would be if I died doing this," he said.

That's right, ladies. Williams is taken. And his wife, Tura Williams, fully supports his toy ambitions.

"I jokingly give him such a hard time about it all the time, but the truth is I think it's great," she said. "It makes him so darn happy."

Tara's only concern is her husband's tendency to retreat into his toy-filled world — "he has a whole man-room of them," she said — forgetting about her and their daughter. But overall, she enjoys his hobby.

"I think it's great that he has such a passion about it," she said.

Williams appreciates Tara's tolerance. "My wife is a long-suffering and very patient woman," he said.

Even with her encouragement, he occasionally feels embarrassed while taking photos. During his late-June session on the canyon rim, joggers and walkers stared and smiled while he snapped shots of the toys.

Williams shrugged it off.

"You get a little self-conscious, no matter how much you tell yourself it's normal," he said.

So when you see the grown man balancing on the edge of the canyon while photographing toys, don't be afraid to make eye contact with the "sad, stunted man-

nerd," as Williams called himself. The man-nerd isn't scary, intoxicated or insane, he said. "I'm just geek."

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Monte Williams lives up to the perfect shot



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Photo courtesy of Monte Williams

the Snake River Canyon.

Monte Williams of Twin Falls places a toy soldier on rocks along the Snake River Canyon. Williams enjoys composing the images and pays close attention to scale to make the scene look realistic.

Monte Williams lines up the perfect shot.

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Changing your surname at work can take time, patience

By Janet Frankston Levin
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Well before her wedding, Lauren Abraham decided she would take her husband's last name, Mahoney.

First, she became Lauren Abraham Mahoney, then Lauren Mahoney, confusing her co-workers at Home Depot headquarters in Atlanta. The tedious legal process of switching her name took about nine months to complete. Finally, more than a year after her wedding, the 29-year-old e-mailed 160 friends and acquaintances to alert them to a new e-mail account and clarify her identity.

"As I was meeting people over the last year with my new name, and I gave them my e-mail address, it was my old name, which they didn't know," she said.

Changing one's surname after marriage is still more common than not for women, often because they hope it will make for fewer complications in the long run, when they have children. In the short term, however, those with careers find they

must take extra steps to maintain the professional identities they worked hard to build.

In a world of text messaging and online social networking, women want to keep up their personal network too.

Both transitions often begin with a new e-mail address.

"There's definitely a period of adjustment, as much for me as my peers and my business contacts, but I'm glad that I did it quickly and aggressively," said Jennifer Kramer, 31, who built up the name Jennifer Connell over seven years as a spokeswoman, first in Democratic politics and now for a utility company in New Jersey.

She got married in 2006, switched immediately to Jennifer Kramer, and still signs her name "Formerly Connell" in her work e-mail.

Leslie Levine, a health policy analyst, took a more gradual approach, when she changed her name twice for two marriages over six years. She first used her maiden name as a middle name so the network of contacts she built up could find her.

Levine, 36, said the techies

at work created a bounce e-mail message from her old address to her new one. And when she returned to work from her wedding, she sent out a mass e-mail — and taped a note near her phone.

"I think the most difficult part was me remembering to answer the phone correctly with my new name," said Levine, who works for Colorado's health department.

Still, a receptionist at her office told callers Leslie Levine didn't work there. Traveling for work caused problems when some booked through her company still used her old name.

"The worst was a Canada trip and trying to go through Customs," she said.

Harvard economist Claudia Goldin, who published a well-known study in 2004 on name changes and marriage, said there appears to be a slight increase since the 1980s in the number of professional women who take their husbands' names.

"There are costs of keeping your name and costs of changing your name and it's a matter of balancing the two," she said.

Other tips for changing your name after marriage include:

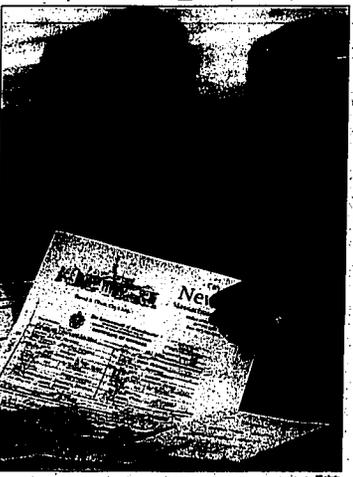
- Don't throw your old driver's license away for at least six months. It will help when traveling. Hotels, airlines or car rentals may have your old information, especially if you're using a travel agent through work.

- If you travel internationally, make sure your passport matches your ticket. A new passport can be ordered in the mail.

- Order extra certified copies of your marriage license. You'll need one when you change your name with Social Security.

- Change your Social Security card through the mail. It may take longer, a few weeks, but you won't need to take a day off from work. Find information at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10120.html and document SS-5 at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html>

- Remember to change the title to your car, your voter registration, bank accounts, credit cards and subscriptions. Notify your college alumni office, frequent flier programs, etc.



Michael Mahoney and his wife, Lauren, are seen June 1 in Atlanta.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
530 Shoshone St. W, Twin Falls, Lunch at noon, Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bar-golf center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MEAL STEW
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Monday bridge
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Jackpot trip, 3 p.m.
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Super bingo, 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60, Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday:

MENU:
Monday: Tomato soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken salad
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Hamburgers

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Center closed
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Farmer's market and Spudnuts start, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Center closed, thrift store open

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A, Lunch served at noon Mondays, Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENU:
Monday: Ribs
Wednesday: Chicken
Friday: Salad case

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENU:
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Chef's salad

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N, Kimberly, Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
308 Senior Ave., Gooding, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Beef and ham

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shelboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.

MENU:
Monday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Egg salad sandwich and soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Reil St. W, Shoshone, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Ham sandwich
Friday: Turkey

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Trip to Yellowstone

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Potato bar
Tuesday: Malibu chicken
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Ham au gratin potatoes

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Chicken divan
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Friday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Sun Valley Opera
Monday: Kneadery breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Steak 'n' Up Walking Club, 9 a.m.
Blaine County Tea, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Zenity class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Red Hatters meeting, 11 a.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Massage, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Zenity class, 11 a.m.
Friday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson, Eden, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Barbecue chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:
Thursday: Baked ham

Minkoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$2, seniors: \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU:
Tuesday: Stroganoff
Wednesday: Pizza
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Chicken divan
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Friday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Sun Valley Opera
Monday: Kneadery breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Steak 'n' Up Walking Club, 9 a.m.
Blaine County Tea, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Zenity class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Red Hatters meeting, 11 a.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Massage, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Zenity class, 11 a.m.
Friday: Walking club, 9 a.m.
Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:
Thursday: Baked ham

Minkoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

Golden Heritage Senior Center
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Monday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

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Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

Golden Heritage Senior Center
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Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tuna casserole
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Ham salad or egg salad sandwich
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Thursday: Pork roast

ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: Rest area coffee break, 7 a.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Monday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Gem meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Summer ways to get kids moving

By Lori Arant
The Washington Post

To get kids moving this summer, here are some tips from the National Association for Sport & Physical Education, www.naspeinfo.org.

- Create an activity treasure chest. Fill a chest with balls, tennis rackets, nets, badminton rackets, Frisbees, jump ropes and sidewalk chalk.
- Be active close to home. Explore parks, pools and youth centers. Add a few other parents and kids, and turn it into an outing.

- Take advantage of the county and national park systems. Many offer guided hikes, canoe trips and other programs, with specialized instruction. For information about the National Parks System, check out www.nps.gov.
- Pack a picnic. Head out for a sunset hike with a healthy picnic supper. Gradually increase your mileage and keep your kids interested with a travel log of miles you cover on foot and the flora and fauna you encounter.
- Try geocaching. Follow clues that you access online at www.geocaching.com to find hidden treasures left by ordinary folks, sometimes in out-of-the-way places, sometimes in plain view.
- Go to a pick-your-own farm. A great way for kids to understand the farm-to-table process. Read the Food & Home section Wednesday for a list of Magic Valley farms.

Health insurance that's just for kids

The Washington Post

With a looming recession and a lot of job insecurity these days, it's smart to know what resources are available to help you and your family. Find out if your children may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance with a new, searchable tool from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The insurance is available to working families and helps cover doctor visits, prescription medicines, hospitalizations, and more. Even children who are not covered now by health insurance may be eligible.

Information: www.insuridnow.org or 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

Camp: Helping kids (and parents, mostly) survive sleep-away separation

By Jara Kowalski
The Washington Post

As we bumped down the Vermont road toward Camp Wachuset, my eyes welled up as we came closer to dropping off my 9-year-old son at his first sleep-away camp. I kept my sunglasses on as my husband and I unpacked stacks of T-shirts and new socks, all with name labels. We made up the thin cot mattress with sheets and took a photo of our only child sitting there. We pointed out the pre-addressed stationery he will hopefully drop in the mail regarding us with happy tales of lakes and campfires.

That was 1999. He made it through the two-week session, and so did we, despite no cell-phone calls, e-mails or text messages. Although some aspects of woody life never change (archery and muddy bunks), a survival guide for Summer Camp 2008 must include a primer about communications with your little cabin- or tent-dweller. You won't see a telephone, laptop or iPhone on most camp packing lists.

More than 6 million U.S. kids will head to 6,000 sleep-away camps this summer, according to the National Camping Association, and many of the 5- to 18-year-olds leave right about now.



We polled veteran campers and seasoned camp directors for ideas on what to bring and what not to bring to camp. A good camp companion: a portable folding chair from Crazycreek.com.

Despite the sour economy, enrollments aren't much different from the past few years, according to the association, because parents are loath to cut this tradition from their kids' lives. (And it provides 24/7 summer vacation child care.)

However, at prices from \$400 to \$1,500 a week, there is a trend to shorter stays, according to Jeff Solomon, NCA's executive director. Escalating gas prices are forcing some families to scout camps closer to home; others are requesting payment plans. To stay competitive, camps have added fencing, marine biology and "American Idol"-style sing-alongs; others have Olympic swimmers or soccer coaches.

At the same time, most camps are striving to keep the wilderness experience that is part of their history. "The very same kids who come to camp looking for new activities want to make sure that the same traditions, such as songs and campfires, are preserved," says Peg Smith, chief executive of the American Camp Association.

Smith says camp directors spend a lot of time on the care and feeding of parents, many of whom have been an integral part of almost everything in their kids' lives. "Today's camps deal more with parents missing their kids than vice versa," she says. Some camps offer secure Web sites, where photos of campers are posted every day or so for parents to see proof that their kid is having a blast water-kinging.

Denise Vin, camping services manager for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, which operates camps in Virginia and Maryland, encourages parents to talk with their child about the experience beforehand. There is a plan for moms and dads who want a little bit more feedback. "If parents are concerned, they can call us to check on their campers. We will observe them in the woods and come back and give them a com-

Your online resources

- **Summercamp.org**: Find sleep-away camps for kids and practical information.
- **Campparents.org**: Family resource center for how to choose a camp. Advice from pros.
- **Main-camp.com**: Hard-to-find products, such as self-inflating clothing stamper; iron-on and sew-on name tapes; cot-size sheets and mattress pads.
- **Cloz.com**: Cool camp wear, woody stationery and small bunk rugs shaped like teddybears or soccer balls. Camp logo luggage tags.
- **Funcampstuff.com**: Bunk organizers and autograph pillowcases, plus advice for moms.
- **Contentment.com**: Fest-drying microfibre towels, bunkbook shelves and mesh laundry bags.
- **CampSplit.com**: Psychologist Christopher Thurber on kids and camp, and info on his DVD and book.

prehensive report," Vinu says. "We tell parents it's usually a big mistake to talk to their daughters. The moment she hears your voice, she will burst into tears."

Kingsley Pines, a coed camp in Maine, sends new families a DVD/CD set called "The Secret Ingredients of Summer Camp Success" by child psychologist Christopher Thurber. The DVD is for the family to watch before camp; the CD is for parents to listen to on their way home after they drop kids off.

Leslie Hartz of Columbia, Md., is sending her son and daughter to Kingsley Pines for the first time. "We have told the kids that the first day or two you will feel awkward, but you will be so busy that you will forget us," says Hartz, who has already watched the DVD.

The number of camps that offer campers e-mail has grown from 20 percent three years ago to more than 80 percent today, Solomon says. Instead of a letter at mail call, a camper might get an e-mail printout. A few camps are sending campers responses from a monitored computer.

"I'm sticking with the U.S. mail," says Jim Weiss, owner of Camp Wachuset, a 105-year-old boys' camp on a lake in rural Vermont. "At camp, kids need to learn to be independent, make decisions on their own and learn to live with those decisions. Not

everything is going to be perfect, but this will help them be more mature in handling the ups and downs of normal everyday living."

Duncan Burger, an owner and director of Camp Shohola for boys in the Pennsylvania Poconos, has one major piece of advice for parents about communication: "Do not promise before camp that if your child doesn't like it, they can come home." It's important, he said, that children be given time to get used to the surroundings.

Some parents are ready to turn off their cellphones. "I'm so happy camp hasn't changed," says Terri Freeman of Columbia, Md., who is sending her 9-year-old daughter, Carmen, to Camp May Flather, a Girl Scout camp near Harrisonburg, Va. "Camp isn't supposed to be about electronics and modern conveniences. It's supposed to be about dirt and grime and swimming and camping with lots of mosquito bites."

My son, 18, is now a counselor at Camp Wachuset. He recently penned an essay about camp for his college applications, titled "Nico Didn't Unplugged."

He wrote, "The absence of rapid communication is an attraction that keeps me coming back. Having real relationships with others requires more than opposite thumbs. Doing a job depends in a friendly sports



A bunk-bed organizer from the Container Store.

Getting ready for camp

We polled veteran campers and seasoned camp directors for ideas on what to bring and what not to bring to camp. First, find your camp's packing list, policies and list of no-nos. But beyond flashlights, extra batteries and bug spray, there are lots of ideas, to help make camp more comfortable and fun.

- Things to take to camp:**
- Family or pet photos
 - Pre-addressed and stamped postcards to send home
 - An extra pair of glasses, if worn
 - A favorite blanket
 - A battery-operated lantern that can light up a room
 - A packable folding chair
- Things to leave at home:**
- New sneakers (unless you don't care if they get trashed)
 - Fine jewelry
 - Good watch (substitute an inexpensive, water-resistant style)
 - Expensive camera (a disposable is best)
 - Anything irreplaceable
 - Toiletries in glass bottles (unbreakables only)
 - Food
 - Don't bring too many things from your bedroom; it will remind you of home and could trigger homesickness
- Packing tips:**
- Some camps suggest trunks, but many moms say duffel bags are the way to go because they are easier to store under beds.
 - Pack using the camp's own list, checking off items as you put them in the trunk or duffel. Make a copy of the list for your child and include it in their bag so they will know what they came with and hopefully return home with the same things.
 - Send old towels. They are likely to be dragged through the mud and left in the rain.
- game or hiking up a mountain with someone lets people actually know each other."
- I am desperate for a CD that will make us feel better in August after we drop him off at college.

Same dance, different song

"Looking at me! I'm doing great! Aren't I doing great?"

"Yeah, you really are, Mom. Look at you. You're doing great."

"I am!"

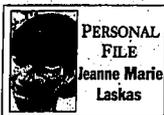
My mother has had this conversation with a lot of people today, and with some of us more than once. It's her 85th birthday, so we're indulging her more than usual, probably. She's suffered through much in the past decade: breast cancer, followed by a weird disease that left her paralyzed for a year, followed by nearly 10 years of rehab. She credits her longevity to her regular visits to "the body shop," all those hospitals that rebuil her.

No one is talking about any of that. We probably should be making more of this birthday. More than a casual chicken dinner at my brother's. More than strawberry shortcake and a three-berry pie. More than 20 or so family members sitting around a long table shooting the breeze. Could we have done more? She and my father certainly seem thrilled.

The party is winding down. My 9-year-old daughter, Anna, is playing her oom-pah-pah song on the piano, looking over her shoulder as my nephew's 2-year-old daughter, Emily, dances to the music, all blue eyes and smiles. The rest of us clap. The same song, the same dance, over and over. Only in families does a show like this not lose its appeal.

"I'm missing something, aren't I?" my mother calls from the other room. Somehow, she ended up sitting alone in a soft chair in the adjoining family room, and she can't see the action.

"Yeah, come on in here!" my brother calls. "Go my great-granddaughter are



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

putting on a show."

"Oh, I can't get out of this chair," she says. "I'm not doing great."

"The result is no alarms. This is how it seems to go every day now. My mother is a bundle of great for a few hours; then she deflates like a balloon. No entrance. It's OK," she calls. "I might just shut my eyes a moment."

No way, I stomp in and hold out my arms to hoist her up. She cocks her head. "I'm not doing great," she says. I tell her she can be not-great in the other room as well as she can be not-great here. She sighs, surrenders. I position her walker. I grab her forearms and she links her hands around mine. "On the count of three," I say. "This dance is that," she says. "I don't know why they have to make chairs so low."

One, two, three. We lose momentum and she lands back in the chair. "Sorry," I say. Try again. One, two, three ... oh, dear. I am not good at this. My mother is not a heavy woman. She is small and thin like, and I'm afraid of breaking her. We try again, and she falls back in the chair and we burst into laughter.

"This is ridiculous!" my mom says.

"It's not us, it's the chair," I say.

My sister Claire comes charging in. "Oh, forget-sakes," she says. "Get up!" Claire worked for years as a physical therapist and is unafraid of brute force. She goes for the grab with one strong arm, while my mother says she's not doing great, and within seconds

Claire has her upright. My clown and I share a knowing glance: Claire is a monster. We steer our mom into the living room, sit her on the piano bench next to Anna, facing out. "Dance?"

"Dance?" Emily says, her signal to Anna to replay the song. The result is several of us shout, "One more time!" And so it goes, again and again, with my mother's wide and exhausted smile, now part of the show. Behind her a picture on the piano, a photo of her own mother and father, taken perhaps in the 1930s. You can't help but marvel at the passage of time, all these generations.

I watch Emily's twirls and picture Anna doing that just a few short years ago. We see our mom in her doing it a few decades before that, my own vague memories of being the dancer before a cheering gathering of grown-ups. I suppose my mother was once the dancer, a little tomboy girl doing a jig on the hot summer streets of Philly.

I suppose, and hope, that her parents sat and watched and shouted, "One more time!" Every child should get a chance to be the dancer, a thing of marvel and joy, the center of the universe.

My mother is tapping her good foot to the beat, her fingers to the notes, the smiles of her walker. Claire motions to see if I notice. I smile and motion to others. It's not much of a dance, but it is right, exactly right. Every old woman should get a chance to be the dancer. I think every old woman deserves exactly this.

"OK, I'm not sure I can listen to this song again," my mother finally says. "Anna, you got any others?"

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

In marriage, choose your words carefully

DEAR ABBY: I'm a longtime faithful reader who has managed to ruin her marriage. I have been married to "Jim" for three years. We married after a very short courtship and had been generally happy, although I am admittedly insecure.

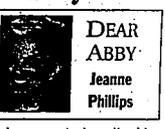
We bought a house six months ago. At the time, our finances were OK. Then Jim lost his job and had to get one that paid less. He forgone it, but I wanted him to find something that paid more because the bills were eating us alive. I also discovered his account was always overdrawn. (We don't have joint checking accounts for a reason.) To make a long story short, we're not getting along. I haven't been forthcoming, I got upset. Another overdraft notice came to the house, and I yelled again. Jim didn't come home the night we had sex. He refused to take my phone calls or respond to my text messages.

I sent him a message saying I wanted a divorce and didn't want to be married to him anymore, but only because I thought HE wanted out. I folded his things the day I sent it, and when I came home after work I found his wedding band on the kitchen counter — no note or anything. I have tried calling to apologize. His sister says he will eventually talk to me. "When he's ready," Abby, I love my husband. I would go counseling if that's what it takes to bring him back and make our marriage work. Anna can't see if he won't meet me halfway. Please help me. I don't know what to do.

—ADRIFF IN ANDERSON, S.C.

DEAR ADRIFF: Take your cue from your sister-in-law, and give Jim some time to cool off and sort out his feelings. He probably knows you want to reconcile and the ball is now in his court.

Frankly, it appears that neither of you was ready for the marriage you rushed into. Premarital counseling would have shown you that your attitudes about money were not



thought he wanted out was rash and immature. — If Jim wants to try again, it is extremely important that the two of you improve your level of verbal communication. However, if he doesn't, you'll have to accept it and learn from this painful experience that you can't unring the bell, so choose your words and your tone carefully.

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THE WHITE STAR

When to splurge and when to save on your wedding

By Lisa Tolle
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Khris Cochran splurged for her wedding seven years ago. The ceremony was in a rose garden overlooking San Francisco Bay. The cake was made by a star baker featured on the Food Network. The honeymoon was in French Polynesia.

Then came the debt. She was \$5,000 in the hole before she lost her Silicon Valley job in the dot-com bust.

"It took years to get out of that debt," she says. "By being so tied to the wedding dream, I ended up in a financial nightmare."

Weddings are said to be recession-proof, but the same could be said for couples' budgets. As the economy takes a hit, many newlyweds are looking for ways to scale back on a lavish wedding without sacrificing a special day.

Wedding spending is expected to dip slightly this year to about \$28,700 per event, according to trend tracker The Wedding Report Inc. That's down just \$20 from last year's high, but it tracks the 48 percent growth that surveys by the Conde Nast Bridal Group documented from 1999 to 2006.

At the same time, the fever for budget-busting weddings hasn't broken. Wealthy couples are now focusing on understated flourishes, says celebrity wedding planner Marcy Blum: "Serving Cristal, for example, as opposed to having elephants."

What's worth the splurge, and what's a smart save? Here are some ideas for richer and for poorer:

Save: Guest list

You can always elope. Barring that, if you want to save money, trim the guest list.

"You really don't need to invite everyone you know or have a party of 20 bridesmaids," says Maria McBride, an editor at Brides magazine and author of "Party Basics for New Nesters."

If you really want a big crowd, consider a smaller wedding with a separate cocktail reception. It beats a 300-person sit-down dinner in both cost and atmosphere, says Blum.

"There's no way to go about making it affordable and really fabulous, unless you're a rock star or someone you know is Kuwaiti."

If your parents really want all their friends to attend, or you colleagues at work expect invites, remember it's your day. A good rule of thumb: Have you had dinner with this person in the last year? If not, and you live in the same city, consider a cut.

Looking back, Cochran wishes she and her husband had invited only the people closest to them.

"It's not only an insistent budget saver but a way to make the whole event more intimate," she says.

Splurge: Setting

David Tutera, whose planned Star Jones' wedding, advises couples to splurge on their spending on the venue and decor, including flowers. One



Maria McBride, author of "Party Basics for New Nesters," suggests spreading an affordable flower like daisies or babies breath everywhere, creating foliage-only centerpieces, or putting small plants into an affordable clay or glazed pot. Or make your own vase out of recycled tin cans or wine bottles.

of his clients is spending \$1 million on flowers and design, including 50,000 roses.

"People walk away remembering the unique experience you create and not the food that you served," he says.

He and Blum each stressed the importance of lighting, which they say many couples overlook. They spend tons of money on decor and they have a great band, but if they don't spend on lighting, you can't see what they've done," Tutera says.

For Eda Kalkay, design and location were the most important decisions for her October 2007 wedding.

The 150 guests to her city-meets-country wedding at an estate in New Hope, Pa., were treated to a white fantasy in the woods, with globes of white hydrangea, white candelabras and a surprise performance by a gospel choir.

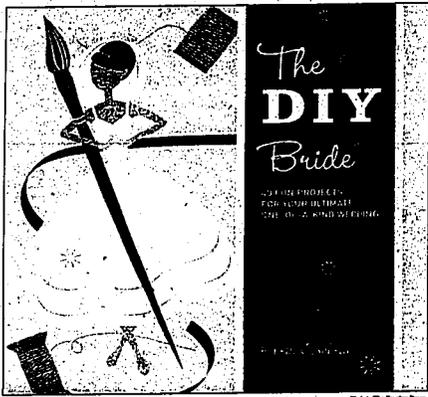
The price tag? More than \$300,000. But she has no regrets.

"It was so beautiful it felt surreal," says Kalkay, whose wedding was being featured on WE TV's "Platinum Weddings" this summer.

If you want a luxe setting at a discount, ask for a deal on a Friday or Sunday wedding, or cut costs with a daytime affair. And consider alternatives to expensive floral displays, like smaller "tablescapes" of candles and fruit, or centerpieces using a single type of flower, bought wholesale.

Save: Invitations

Cochran, who now runs the Web site DIYBride.com, says invitations are an easy way to cut costs. "Paper is cheap and most people have a computer, word processing



software and a decent printer already at home, which makes invitations an easy way to save some cash and be creative," she says.

Invitations set the tone for an event, but Tutera, author of "The Party Planner," thinks guests are more likely to remember the last moments of a wedding.

Etiquette experts still frown on electronic invitations, so prepare for raised eyebrows if you cut that corner.

Instead, Blum suggests cutting down on invitation inserts and heavy stock that waste paper and increase postage.

Splurge: Photos

A wedding is only one day, but the photos last forever. Even on a budget, brides rarely lament the amount spent on a quality photographer.

"We really love our wedding photos and still get compliments on them to this day. She was worth the extra cash we spent," Cochran says.

Photos were so important to Kalkay, she spent \$50,000 to bring in photographers who regularly shoot celebrity weddings.

If you're cutting corners, however, you may be able to find a skilled student photographer who's eager to

Six easy money-saving ideas for any wedding

Looking for ways to save on your big day? Here are some easy tips:

- **Be your own DJ.** Creating your own iPod playlist for the evening saves cash and makes sure you won't hear the "Funky Chicken" for the third time.
- **Make it a brunch or a cocktail party.** If you want a cheaper menu, switch-up the time of day or stick to finger food. (Note that a buffet isn't always cheaper than a sit-down meal.)
- **Raise the bar.** An open bar is a big expense, even though most guests will stick to champagne and wine. Instead, create a specialty cocktail or two and choose a mid-level wine. Try to work out a deal to return any wine your guests don't drink.
- **Use simple flowers.** Maria McBride, author of "Party Basics for New Nesters," suggests spreading an affordable flower like daisies or babies breath everywhere, creating foliage-only centerpieces, or putting small plants into an affordable clay or glazed pot. Or make your own vase out of recycled tin cans or wine bottles.
- **Create your own centerpieces.** Candles or fruit can save money and look pretty in batches. "Mess out vases everywhere, cluster them in groups of 10 — it enhances the mood and it offers the most affordable bang for the buck," McBride says.
- **Think rustic.** Decor that looks cheap in a hotel ballroom can be charming in a backyard, farm or vineyard. Just pick a spot that specializes in special events, or you'll be saddled with unfortunate extras, like porta-potties.

earn extra cash and build a portfolio. And you can forgo a videographer altogether.

"It's very passe compared to photography," says Tutera.

Save: Favors

You might really love that silver box with your monogram on it, but guests who have been to several weddings will probably toss it when they return home.

"Nobody needs another placard frame, or a bottle of crummy wine with your name on it," Blum says. It may seem like a small expense, but even cheap trinkets add up when you have a lot of guests.

Odds are, there will be no complaints if you skip the favor entirely. (Cochran also points to money-wasting extras like toasting flutes as a bad idea.) If you really want to give your guests favors, Blum suggests something edible.

"You'd be much better off to have all your bridesmaids or ushers bake cookies and enclose a great recipe," she says.

Another nice touch: offering at coffee cake or brioché on the way out for the next morning's breakfast.

STORK REPORT

Wyoming

Clairae Louise Bingham, daughter of Trent and Marly Bingham of Cora, Wyo., and formerly of Jerome, was born April 11, 2008.

Home birth

Dallan Jay Nielson, son of Desilyn Lynn and Chad Jay Nielson of Jerome, was born June 17, 2008.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Gaspar Sanchez Jr., son of Angelica and Germae, was born June 18, 2008.

Enrique Andres Bravo, son of Rocio Bravo, was born June 19, 2008.

Michelle Lucille VanderZee, daughter of Cyndi and Gerben VanderZee of Wendell, was born June 19, 2008.

Kaytha Marie Dixon, daughter of Rod and Kerl Dixon of Kimberly, was born June 24, 2008.

Vincent Michael Bernam, son of Jessica Humbach and Michael Bernam of Jerome, was born June 24, 2008.

Alexander William Kinard, son of Joshua Kinard and Jamie Hicks of Jerome, was born June 27, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Audrea Maria Carmona, daughter of Stephanie Marie Nevarez and Alberto Carmona Jr. of Buhl, was born June 13, 2008.

Huntzel Jonathon-Jay McCormick, son of Cassie Elaine Mauser of Twin Falls, was born June 15, 2008.

Maddison Carissa Marie Wengert, daughter of JeNae Carissa McCracken and Robert Michell Wengert of Twin Falls, was born June 15, 2008.

Kaleb Robert Thompson, son of Candy Lee Inchausti and Timothy Adam Thompson of Twin Falls, was born June 20, 2008.

Alexis Katherine Bieart, daughter of Rebekka Jane and Kevin Eugene Bieart of Twin Falls, was born June 21, 2008.

Madlyne Jean Dyer, daughter of Katherine Jean and Tyrel Thomas Dyer of Filer, was born June 22, 2008.

Mattie Lin Pennell, daughter of Christina Lin and Derek Edward Pennell of Twin Falls, was born June 23, 2008.

Juan Fernando Estala, son of Selene Lizette and Juan Gabriel Estala of Jerome, was born June 24, 2008.

Sawyer Matthew Tilley, son

of Janel Louise and Matthew Ronald Tilley of Jerome, was born June 24, 2008.

Shelby Erma Stotts, daughter of Vella and Craig Arthur Stotts of Twin Falls, was born June 24, 2008.

Gabriel John Capps, son of Amanda Jean and Bradley Dennis Capps of Jerome, was born June 24, 2008.

Hadley Quinn Collins and Hensley Chantrea Collins, twin daughters of Whitney Chambrea Holstine and Nicholas Quinn Collins of Twin Falls, were born June 24, 2008.

Eva Rose Ward, daughter of Mario Georgaya Lemos-Ward and Rex Jay Ward Jr. of Kimberly, was born June 25, 2008.

Natalie Nicole Perriog, daughter of Angela Danielle and Christopher Shaw Perriog of Twin Falls, was born June 25, 2008.

Alexavier Nelson Maxwell, son of Jessica Jane and Casey Allen Maxwell of Twin Falls, was born June 25, 2008.

Marlen Rosales Sermeno, daughter of Maria Del Carmen and Janice Rosales of Jerome, was born June 25, 2008.

Amara Kathrine-Sandy Cornell, daughter of Mary Ann Louise Beason of Clarkston, Wash., was born

June 25, 2008.

Marian Beard, daughter of Lynn Applegate Beard and Jason Kyle Beard of Twin Falls, was born June 26, 2008.

Angela Samantha Centeno, daughter of Carmen Janett Aguilar and Edgar Centeno of Jerome, was born June 27, 2008.

Valentino Meneses, son of Bridget Lynn and Ulises Meneses of Jerome, was born June 27, 2008.

Gabriel Xavier Scott, son of Chelynn Nicole and Romas Ellis Scott of Gooding, was born June 28, 2008.

Anthony Michael Garcia, son of Beth Helens and David Iplina Garcia of Twin Falls, was born June 28, 2008.

Roscoe Cooper Colton, son of Melanie Jeanne and Dustin Elton Colton of Carey, was born June 28, 2008.

Kara Leigh Danielle Walker, daughter of Jessica Marie and Jacob Lee Walker of Twin Falls, was born June 28, 2008.

Brynja Elizabeth Esparza, daughter of Jayme Esparza and Raymond Ruben Esparza of Twin Falls, was born June 29, 2008.

Cayden Michael Williams, son of Charity Marie and Chris Michael Williams of Jerome, was born June 29, 2008.

Mary Jennefer Bennett,

daughter of Elizabeth Ione and Paul Andrew Bennett of Hansen, was born June 29, 2008.

Alaniel Marie Gomez-Bravo, daughter of Erik Gomez and Luis Ignacio

Gomez-Perez of Jerome, was born June 30, 2008.

Vincent Luciana Contreras, son of Priscilla Dawn and Gustavo Fabian Contreras of Heyburn, was born June 30, 2008.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BARLOW-FREE

Richard and Brenda Barlow of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Barlow, to Shawn Free, son of Dwayne and Paul Free of Burley.

Barlow is a graduate of Minico High School and Bon Losee Academy of Hair Design in Provo, Utah. She works at Hair Force and works at Ophth and Allan office of ophthalmology in Burley.

Free is a graduate of Burley High School and works at Bear Brother Farms in Burley.



Shawn Free and Andrea Barlow
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 12, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A reception will follow 7-9 p.m.

BENWARD-RUCKER

Doug and Barbara Guymon of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cherish Mistine Benward, to Christopher Michael Rucker, son of James Rucker and Shellee and Troy Jones, all of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Faith Assembly of God Church, 178 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.

Following a honeymoon in Salt Lake City, the couple will



Christopher Rucker and Cherish Benward
reside in the Twin Falls area.

WEDDINGS

NELSON-OAKESON

Nashai Nelson and Christopher Jay Oakeson were married June 20 at the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Paula Nelson of Elba and the late Gary Nelson. The groom is the son of Dale and Christy Oakeson and Wayne and Glenda Oaks, all of Riverton, Utah.

A reception was held June 27 at the Nelson residence in Elba.

The bride is a graduate of Park River High School and Careers Unlimited with a degree in dental assisting.



Nashai and Christopher Oakeson
She works in Orem, Utah. The groom is a graduate of Riverton High School and attends Brigham Young University.

HARRIS-THATCHER

Cheyenne Harris and Kyle Thatcher were married July 3 in Wellsville, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Chind and Charmaine Harris of Burley. The groom is the son of Paul and Coyo Thatcher of Richmond, Utah.

Receptions were held July 3 at Gunned Park in Wellsville and July 5 at Harris Pond in Burley.



Kyle and Cheyenne Thatcher

FREESTONE-PETERS

Walter and Jan Freestone of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean Freestone, to Thane Carl Peters, son of Thomas and Ann Peters of Jerome and the late Lorna Peters.

A garden wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 15, at the Freestone residence in Hansen.



Bonnie Freestone and Thane Peters

JOSLIN-STUTZMAN

Carrie Joslin and Chad Stutzman announce their engagement.

Joslin is the daughter of Jim and Pam Joslin of Council. Stutzman is the son of Van and Sue Stutzman of Rupert.

Joslin is a graduate of University of Idaho and is a special education teacher at Suisun Elementary School in Suisun City, Calif.

Stutzman is a graduate of U of I and is a sales analyst with Avalon Organics in Petaluma, Calif.

The wedding is planned for



Carrie Joslin and Chad Stutzman
Saturday, July 12, at Creek House in Ontario, Ore. A reception will follow. The couple will reside in Sonoma, Calif.

TATEOKA-MONGILLO

Paul and Nadine Tateoka of Hazelton and Mark and Renae Mongillo of Geneva, Switzerland announce the engagement of their children, Elise Rise Tateoka and Anthony David Mongillo.

Tateoka is a graduate of Valley High School and attends Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, studying English teaching. She served in the Hawaii Hawaii Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and works in the Missionary Training Center in Provo.

Mongillo is a graduate of International School of Geneva and attends BYU, studying physiology and developmental biology. He is



Anthony Mongillo and Elise Tateoka
a research assistant in a lab at BYU and plans to attend dental school. He served in the Korea Seoul West Mission for the LDS Church.

The wedding is planned at the Bern, Switzerland, LDS temple. A reception will be held Friday, Aug. 29, at The White House, 365 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

WEDDING

KLEINKOPF-MATKIN

Debra Kay Kleinkopf and Jeremy David Matkin were married July 3 at the Mount Timpanogos Temple in American Fork, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Kleinkopf of Twin Falls and the late Eugene Kleinkopf. The groom is the son of Sarah and Ronald Matkin of Show Low, Ariz.

The bride received a bachelor's degree in family and human development from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She works for a neurosurgeon's office in Boise.

The groom received a bachelor's degree in business management from Brigham



Jeremy and Debra Matkin
Young University in Provo, Utah. He works for an auto auction in Boise. The couple will reside in Boise.

A reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at The White House in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BATEMANS

Richard and Elaine Bateman of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 5.

They were married July 5, 1958, in Shoshone. The couple moved to Twin Falls, where he began a career in drywall construction. She helped with billing and payroll and raised their three children.

Their children are Debbie (Pat) Tolman of Kennewick, Wash.; Lori (Bruce) Zimmerman of Pendleton,



Elaine and Richard Bateman
Ore.; and Doug (Rosanne) Bateman of Lehi, Utah. The couple has 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Bob and Norma Blases
In 2002, She served two terms as Twin Falls County commissioner from 1988 through 1994.

She then worked for the Times-News, retiring in 2003. They have three children, Todd (Sherry) Blases of Twin Falls, Roger (Koreen) Blases of Filer and Tamara (Don) Grasse of Anchorage, Alaska; and three grandchildren.

THE MORRISSES

Harold and Marjorie Morris of Jerome will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 6, with family.

Bob Blases and Norma Erksen were married July 6, 1958, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl.

They have lived and farmed north of Filer all their lives. He retired from farming.

She works at Sunrise Express in Twin Falls. She works at ConAgra in Twin Falls.

They have five children, Linda Erling, Pam (Gary) Sigman, Chris Morris, Tom Morris and Tim (Nancy)



Marjorie and Harold Morris
Morris. The couple has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Turn down the heat on your pets

By Denise Flaim
Newsday

parts. Keep them cool at all costs.

1. Fair, today. Breeds that hail from northern climates such as malamutes and huskies, also appreciate air conditioning. Do not make the mistake of "shaving down" such dogs in an attempt to keep them cool. Not only does it make them look totally bizarre, but their coats actually provide some insulation from the heat. Do keep long-coated dogs and cats well groomed and free from mats, so air can circulate around them more effectively.

2. Pass the lotion. Hairless dogs such as Chinese crested need sunburn doses of sunscreen to avoid scarring. (Use a dog-specific brand to avoid toxicity from licking the stuff off.)

3. White cats or those with white on their ears or faces, are also at risk of sunburn, as well as squamous cell carcinoma, a cancer that often appears on the nose and ear tips.

4. Weather or not. Exercising dogs on extremely hot days is a definite no-no. If you must, go out in early morning or late evening.) And if you own an animal that is brachycephalic — a 50-cent word meaning "flat-faced" — be exceedingly careful! Bulldogs, pugs, Persian cats — all are more prone to sunstroke than their more normally nosed counter-

5. Paws and reflect. For animals who spend time outdoors, reflective fabric can deflect sun and heat. Durable, lightweight and rot resistant, shiny, futuristic-looking silver mesh is available in sizes that fit over exercise pens, kennels, even the dogs themselves.

6. Water, water everywhere. Make sure the wet stuff is readily available. Cats in particular appreciate running water. Gizmos such as the Drinkwell Pet Foundation consistently get thumbs-up from owners. I can only presume the cats concur.

7. It's a breeze. Battery-operated crate fans that clip onto the front of your dog's crate can help with air circulation. Some models allow you to add a freezer-pack insert to up the cool-down factor.

8. Be aware. Watch for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which include uncontrollable panting, staggering, salivating, weakness and confusion. Get to the vet as quickly as possible.

Your bird's right cage

By Jara Kocich
The Washington Post

If you are thinking of getting a bird as a pet, one of the most important decisions you will make is choosing the right cage.

No surprise, birds, just like humans, don't like to feel cramped. So get the largest size appropriate for your breed, if you can. Recommendations from veterinarians or other experts take into account the height and wingspan of your bird.

Stainless steel and powder-coated wrought iron are highly recommended as the best materials for the cage.

They are also the easiest to keep clean. And lead may be an issue on older cages, so it's best not to use them if you are not sure of their age.

Bar spacing on the cages should be considered; most are 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch apart.

Your vet's office and charts found in pet stores can give you the proper sizes for everything from canaries to cockatoos.

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NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

So you want to be a ... veterinarian?

By Amy Orndorff
The Washington Post

Sierra was feeling terrible. But, unlike a person, she couldn't describe what hurt. Fortunately, a veterinarian figured out what was ailing the golden retriever.

"She just wanted to eat rocks one day," veterinarian Karena Joung said with a chuckle. Although Sierra wasn't Joung's patient, the 35-year-old vet has had to extract her share of odd things from dogs' bellies at the Hope Center for Advanced Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Va.

The center, an emergency hospital for pets, is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Joung works the night shift. Her workday usually starts at 5 p.m. and lasts until 6 a.m.

Joung says she "actually loves" working overnight because that's when the more severe cases show up, and she enjoys the challenge.

The number of pet-patients she sees in a night varies. On a really busy shift there might be more than 30—and there is almost always an animal that was hit by a car, and one that ate something bad, such as chocolate.

Figuring out what's wrong with sick animals can be very difficult. The animal's problem is not always obvious. The owner might not know what happened, either. Since Joung is a stranger to them, some dogs and cats don't want her getting close to them.

"I love the animals, but I realize that they can be afraid of me, and they don't know why they are here," she says. Sometimes she offers a treat or sits near the animal until it becomes comfortable with her.

Before going to veterinary school, Joung planned on being a surgeon (for people). She took pre-med courses in college, and after graduation worked toward a master's degree. After four years as a researcher, she decided to become a vet.

"I just loved working with animals," she says. "And I realized (that) I could learn surgery and medicine to treat animals as a veterinarian."

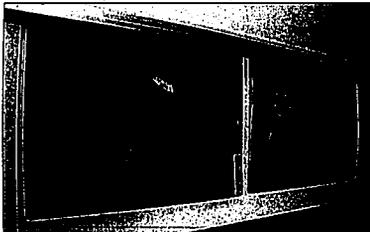
She spent four years at vet school, specializing in small animals (dogs and cats). A year-long internship in emergency medicine followed, and then she joined the Hope Center.

Joung studied a lot, but she says she loves to learn: "I don't think you can ever say you are prepared for everything. You never know what is going to come through that door. That's why it's always good to continue your education."

The Hope Center offers classes to keep its employees up-to-date on new procedures. There also are classes to help vets learn how to handle the emotional stress from an animal's death. Joung says that's one of the most difficult parts of her job, especially because she tries to treat each pet as if it were one of her own (she has two dogs and two cats).

The sadness she feels over an animal that doesn't make it is balanced by how great it feels when she is able to help someone's sick or injured pet.

"You see the bond between human and animal" when a pet is handed back to its owner, she says. "It's so nice to make people and animals happy."



One of the patients at the Hope Center for Advanced Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Va., was a golden retriever named Sierra who had eaten rocks. The rocks, visible in this image, were successfully removed.

Veterinarian career tips

Want to be a veterinarian? Here are some ways you can prepare before you start saving animals.

Love animals: Karena Joung says she "felt a bond with dogs and cats ever since I was little." Volunteer at a shelter: There are many things kids can do there—from playing with the animals to cleaning cages. (Doing messy work is part of the job.)

Do well in school: Science and math are especially important: "You do so many calculations (and) every one of our dosages

is exact," Joung says. **Veterinary schools are tough to get into, so you need good grades in high school.** **Communicate well:** Joung has to be able to carefully explain what she can or cannot do for a sick or injured animal. That task can be really difficult if the owners are as scared as their pets.

Know your options: Vets are needed in many settings, including farms, zoos, labs that make medicine for people and even the government. Different jobs might require very different skills.

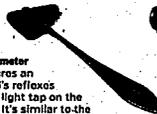


Some Tools Of a Veterinarian

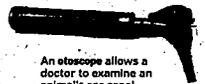
The Blonet BM3 is a small and portable patient monitor that can take an animal's blood pressure, detect irregular heartbeats and measure the amount of oxygen in its blood.



A pleximeter measures an animal's reflexes with a light tap on the joints. It's similar to the one doctors use to measure reflexes in humans.



An otoscope allows a doctor to examine an animal's ear canal.



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Using an echocardiogram machine, staff at the Hope Center for Advanced Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Va., take ultrasound pictures of the heart of Bubba, a sick Great Dane.

BOOK REVIEW

'The London Eye Mystery'

The Washington Post

By Siobhan Dowd for ages 9-12

First, some background: *The London Eye* is a hugely popular tourist attraction in London, England. It looks like a giant bicycle wheel—only instead of a rubber tire around its rim, it has 32 glass-and-steel capsules, each of which can hold 25 people for the 30-minute ride. The view from the

top is spectacular: On a clear day, you can see 25 miles away.

More than 3 million people ride the London Eye each year. Until now all of them have returned safely.

Ted and Kat's cousin Salim is visiting for a few days and says he'd like to ride on the London Eye. Ted and Kat have been already, but, being good hosts, are happy to go back.

The line is really long, so it seems like a stroke of really good luck when

a man emerges from the crowd and offers the kids one ticket for the ride. They accept and give it to Salim, who walks up the ramp, waves and boards one of the passenger capsules for the 30-minute ride.

Exactly a half-hour later, the passengers get out of the sealed capsule, but there is no sign of Salim.

Is it possible to vanish into thin air? Was Salim kidnapped, did he run away or is there some other explana-

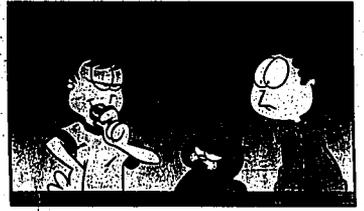
tion? That's the mystery facing 12-year-old Ted and his older sister when the police seem stumped.

Fortunately, despite normal sibling spats, they make a good detective team. In part that's because Ted has a medical condition that causes his brain to function in an unusual way.

That might be just what's needed to solve this unsettling and unusual case.



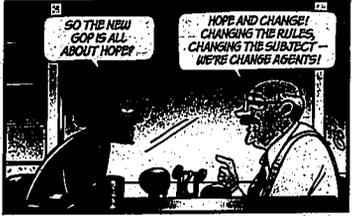
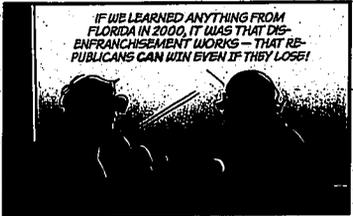
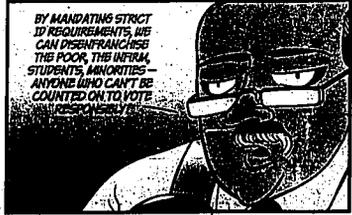
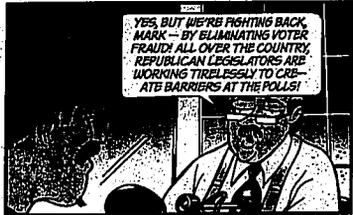
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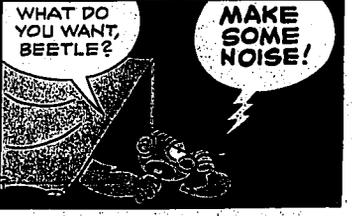
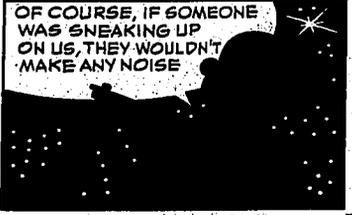
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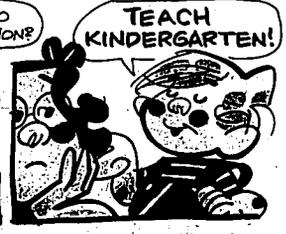
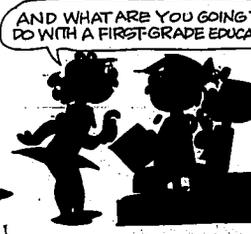
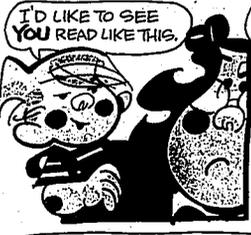
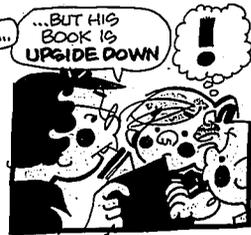
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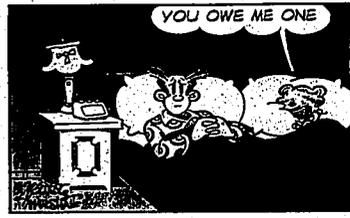


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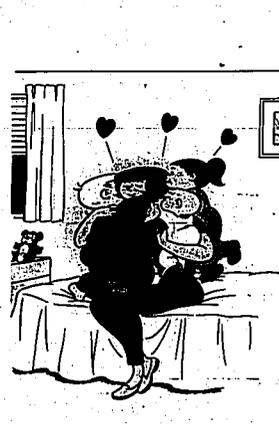
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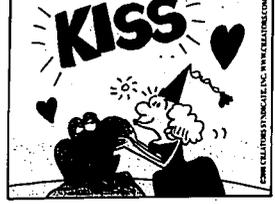
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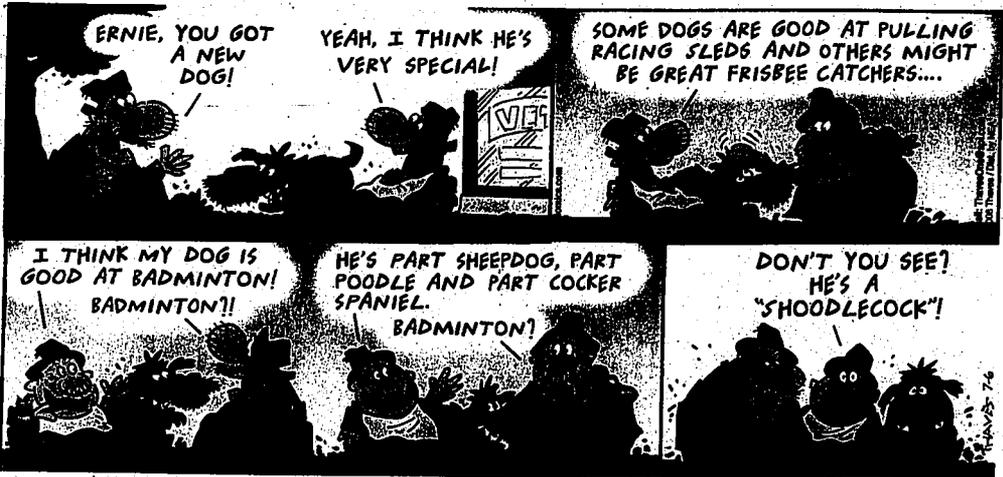


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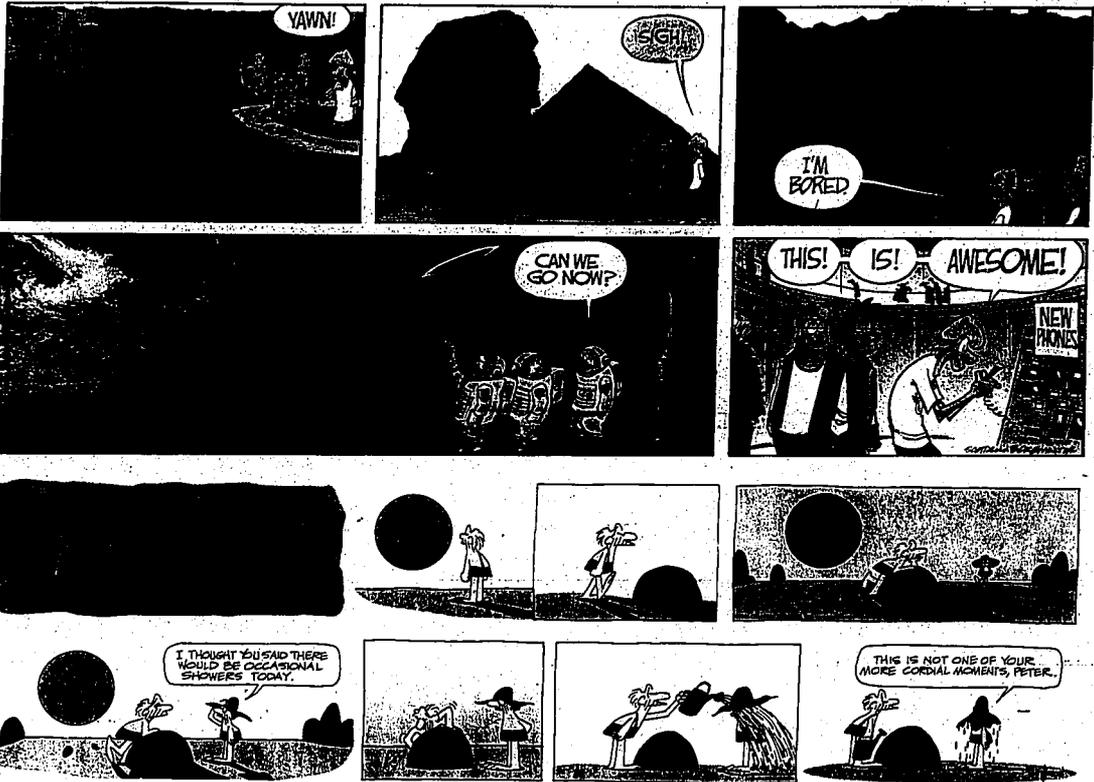


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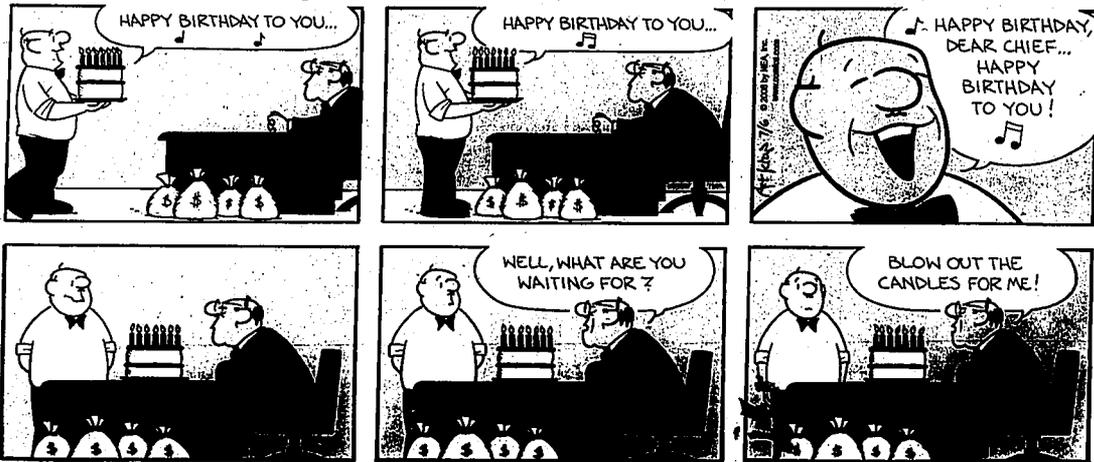
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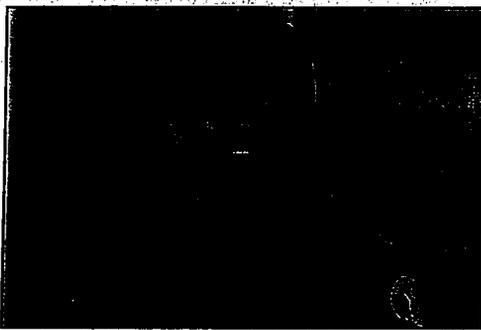
'Flashpoint' chronicles the price cops must pay on the job

"Flashpoint," a new drama series premiering Friday, July 11, on CBS, opens with a scene that could have come from nearly any cop show.

A sinister gunman holds a fearful blond woman hostage in the middle of an urban square, surrounded by police cars and officers trying to defuse a rapidly escalating situation. Police shooters are dispatched to a nearby roof, and psychological experts are patched in for consultation while a crowd of onlookers gawks in the background.

As "Flashpoint" unfolds, however, it quickly becomes apparent that the show isn't really about this lunatic with the gun, nor is it really about the procedural nuts and bolts of life-or-death situations like this one. Instead, this series, a Canadian import, examines the inner emotional lives of these officers and the harsh toll their work takes on them, as well as their loved ones.

"The show is about the price of heroism, the price heroes have to pay," says Enrico Casazza, executive producer ("Veronica Mars"), who



Amy Jo Johnson stars in 'Flashpoint' Friday on CBS.

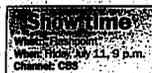
stars as Sgt. Greg Parker, the officer in charge when the Strategic Response Unit is called into action. "It's often glossed over, on the rare occasions when that is treated at all in television," but that's actually what this show is about. These people all

seem to have this armor, this very thick skin that keeps them go back into it every day.

"My brother was a policeman for 30 years, and the friends he put me into contact with to research this role all seemed to have the same

qualities of the love they have for what they do. When the stress sort of hits the fan, they put it somewhere, which is why so many of them drink and so many of their marriages fall, and we deal with all that. I get to leave it at work and come home and be

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goody, but it's remarkable what they have to go through."

Inspired by the work of Toronto's Emergency Task Force and provided with input from ETTF officers and experts, "Flashpoint" is an ensemble drama in some respects, although the primary focus usually stays on four core members of the team. In addition to Sgt. Parker, there's also team leader Ed Lane (Hugh Dillon), who dominates the emotional arc of the first episode; team member Jules Callaghan (Amy Jo Johnson, "Felicity"); and SRU newbie Sam Braddock (David Paundey).

"What we wanted to examine was not just the more external procedural elements of war, these particular cops do,"

Executive Producer Anne Marie La Traverse says. "We wanted to see what happens... to them personally, what the cost of their job was on their personal lives... We see our characters as elite cops who get called into extraordinary situations where they are under incredible pressure and their mandate is to save people's lives. We also wanted the show to be a very emotional one."

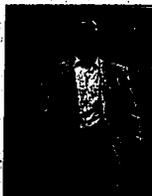
These men and women are like thoroughbreds," adds Bill Mustos, another executive producer on the series. "It's a real honor to be on the ETTF, which is the creme de la creme of the police force. They are the most trained in tactics and negotiations — and psychology. They are the people who get the most exposure to the best of everything that is available in terms of technology and training. But we also found out that a lot of these guys don't stay in the ETTF for their whole career. They may come in for five years and then move out again, because of the very danger they have to deal with."

'Burn Notice' raises more baffling questions

The last time we saw former CIA spy Michael Westen in the first season finale of "Burn Notice," he was driving his car into the cargo hold of a large truck that was going to transport him to meet the people behind his inescapable job termination.

Expect some answers, then, as the series returns to USA Network on Thursday, July 10, but don't be surprised if you're still even more baffling questions, cautious series creator Matt Nix.

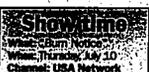
"At the end of last season, Richard Schiff's character, Phil Cowan, said, 'The people I work for have big plans for you,'" Nix says. "Season two is about these big plans and the fact that Michael is in a delicate position: The only way he can find out more about the people who burned him



Jeffrey Donovan stars in 'Burn Notice.'

and perhaps ultimately do something about that is by playing along with them."

"Just because you find the guy whose name was on the file that got you burned, that and a backfifty will get you a cup of coffee — especially if the



guy is dead. I think a lot of people expect us to spend a lot of time on 'who did it' as far as the burn notice, but that's not really the question. It's less about who burned Michael than what Michael can do about it."

In fact, Nix adds, "Burn Notice" never was designed to be a conventional procedural drama. Less a "whodunnit" than a "whaddya-gonna-do-about-it," the series deftly hopscocks across genres, delivering belly laughs even as it probes what drove Michael into his dangerous line of work and, now, his tricky attempts to reconnect with his family,

including prickly mother Madeline (Sharon Gless).

"We wanted to go to a place where a spy is born: What is his family background, and what turns him into a guy who goes around the world doing this?" Nix explains.

"Because it really isn't a good job, it doesn't pay that well. It's very dangerous. You have to be pushed by some very real conflict within you to do that kind of job."

"That's the emotional core of this series, that Michael can do all these things, but he has paid a terrible price for all of them. If you're always checking all the exits in the restaurant, you can't really enjoy the food: You are constantly figuring out what agenda people have, which makes it very difficult to have a real relationship with them."

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 1:50 p.m. (1982) EMILE VS. THE GIRL ♪ (2007, Comedy) Loran Horley, Jermale Green, ♪
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 (1982) PARK ♪ (2003, Comedy) William Baldwin, Anne Dudek, ♪
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 (1982) ROBOCOP ♪ (1987, Science Fiction) Paul Walker, Nancy Allen, ♪
 3:30 p.m. (1982) JOHNNY WAS ♪ (1983, Action) Mickey Rourke, Patrick Swayze, ♪

(1982) THE USUAL SUSPECTS ♪ (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne, ♪
 3:40 p.m. (1982) TWINS ♪ (1989, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito, ♪
 4:00 p.m. (1982) FATHER GOODE ♪ (1965, Comedy) Cary Grant, Leslie Caron, ♪
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Patric, ♪
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 (1982) TA-PAN ♪ (1986, Historical Drama) Bryan Brown, John Chen, ♪
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 (1982) HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN MILK ♪ (1982, Drama) Wesley IVy, Moya Angela, ♪
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Q Is John Travolta bald?
—M. Wallin, Mountain Home, Ark.

A Lec's just say that Travolta, 54, has a receding hairline. He varies his hairstyle for each occasion, including the thick, youthful hairpiece he wore at the last Oscars. For his latest film, a remake of *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three*, he got a buzz cut. But no matter what he's got on top, John's got a big heart inside and an even bigger talent.

Travolta on the Pelham film set: More heart than hair these days

Travolta on the Pelham film set: More heart than hair these days

Q I thought Sean "Diddy" Combs and his longtime main squeeze, Kim Porter, had split. But they recently were photographed together. What gives?
—Pam Tims, Birmingham, Ala.

A Porter left Combs last summer after learning that he'd fathered a child with another woman. Diddy and Kim—the mother of three of his five biological children, including 1-year-old twins—do still occasionally go out with one another, as they did in April to Victoria Beckham's 34th birthday bash. But both told us they're not back together, and Diddy often is seen with Cameron Diaz and other beauties.

Kim and Diddy: Kim and break up

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Q You recently wrote that Clint Eastwood isn't going to make any more *Dirty Harry* movies. What do you think of the idea of Bruce Willis taking over Clint's franchise?
—Brian Doornnebrink, Shoreline, Wash.

A It would be the equivalent of Alex Rodriguez putting on Babe Ruth's number 3. Certain acts can't be followed.

Bruce: Not dirty enough?

Q Will actress Jorja Fox ever return to *CSI*?
—Betty Rucker, Mascot, Tenn.

A We've received dozens of letters like yours since Fox left *CSI* in November and told us she needed a break from the daily grind. She then turned down several TV movies to focus on producing a musical about the late singer Dusty Springfield, which was staged in L.A. earlier this year. But Jorja, who'll turn 40 this week, always hoped to return to *CSI*, and fans will be thrilled to learn that she'll be back on the season premiere this fall. Fox: Fans want her back on the job

The best...
Back to...
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Q After Carrie Underwood's 2005 win on *American Idol*, I told a co-worker she'd be bigger than LeAnn Rimes. He said I was nuts. Which of us is closer to the funny farm?
—C. Fresa, Apex, N.C.

A Before we get out the straitjacket, you have to define "bigger": album sales, Top 10 singles, or No. 1 hits? LeAnn, 25, became a star at 13. Her 12 albums have sold 20 million copies, and she's had 12 Top 10 singles, including one No. 1 hit. Carrie, also 25, has only two albums so far, but they've sold 9 million copies, and she already boasts seven Top 10 singles, all of which made it to No. 1. In the long run, we think it will be a tight race between these big country talents. Readers, vote for your favorite at Parade.com.

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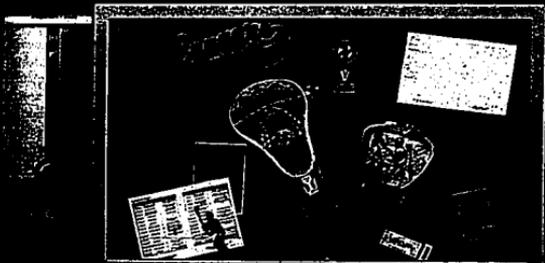
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Sacrifice For The Common Good

By Senator Barack Obama

AS WITH MOST Americans, patriotism starts for me as a gut instinct, a loyalty and love for my country that's rooted in my earliest memories. It's not just the recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Thanksgiving pageants at school, or the fireworks on the Fourth of July, but how the American ideal wove its way throughout the lessons my family taught me.

One of those memories is sitting on my grandfather's shoulders and watching the Apollo astronauts come ashore in Hawaii. People cheered and waved small flags, and my grandfather explained with pride and assurance how we Americans could accomplish anything we set our minds to do. I lived overseas for a time as a child, and I remember listening to my mother reading me the first lines of the Declaration of Independence and explaining how its ideas applied to every American, black and white, and brown alike. She told me that those words, and the words of the United States Constitution, protected us from the brutal injustices we witnessed

other people suffering during those years abroad.

And I remember my grandfather's funeral at Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii. As I listened to the rifles fire in salute and the long, solemn notes of taps, as I watched the honor guard fold the flag and tenderly present it to my grandmother, I thought about the country that my grandfather was so proud to serve—a country where we have the unparalleled freedom to pursue our dreams.

That is the true genius of America. A faith in simple

hearing a sudden knock on the door. We can have an idea and start our own businesses without paying a bribe. In America, anything is possible.

For a young man of mixed race, without firm anchor in any community, without even a father's steady hand, the essential American ideal—that our destinies are not written before we are born, that in America we can travel as far as our energy and talents will take us—has defined my life. With a mother from Kansas and a father from Kenya,

I know that stories like mine can happen only in the United States of America.

But each generation must understand that the blessings of freedom require our constant vigilance, and that true patriotism also means a willingness to sacrifice for our common good. For those who have fought on the battlefield under the Stars and Stripes—for the young veterans I meet at Walter Reed Army Medical Center or those like John McCain who endured physical

torment while serving our nation—no further proof of such sacrifice is necessary. Those who have signed up to fight for our country in distant lands inspire me, just as I am inspired by those fighting for a better America here at home by teaching in underserved schools, caring for the sick in understaffed hospitals, or promoting more sustainable energy policies in their communities.

In the end, it may be this quality that best describes patriotism in my mind—not just a love of America in the abstract, but a very particular love for,

The greatness of our country is the liberty to pursue our dreams

dreams, an insistence on small miracles. We can tuck in our children at night and know that they are fed and clothed and safe from harm. We can say and write what we think, without



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and faith in, one another as Americans. The greatness of our country—its victories in war, its enormous wealth, its scientific and cultural achievements—have resulted from the toil, drive, struggle, restlessness, humor, and quiet heroism of the American people. That is the liberty we defend—the liberty of each of us to follow our dreams. That is the equality we seek—not an equality of results but the chance of every single one of us to make it if we try. That is the community we strive to build—one in which we recognize we share common hopes and dreams, one in which we continue to insist that there is nothing we cannot do when we put our minds to it, and one in which we see ourselves as part of a larger story, our own fates wrapped up in the fates of all who share allegiance to America's singular creed.

A Cause Greater Than Self-Interest

By Senator John McCain

TWO OF OUR GREATEST statesmen, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, took their last breaths on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after they presented America with our Declaration of Independence. They had been fellow revolutionaries, the closest of comrades, who went on to become bitter political rivals. Then, as the new era of the 1800s dawned, they reconciled, reminded of their old friendship and the momentous history they had made together. "Who shall write the history of the American revolution?" Adams asked Jefferson in one of the 158 letters they exchanged after they'd rediscovered their bonds. "Nobody," responded Jefferson, suggesting that while writers could understand the facts, they might never grasp the sacrifices.

We cannot know for certain, of course, if any later historian ever did succeed in writing a history of our revolution that would have impressed two of the greatest authors of the event. But more important to Adams and Jefferson was the question of whether future generations would prove worthy of the sacrifices our Founders had made to create this Republic. America's many accomplishments in the 182 years that have passed since their deaths, our rise as the most powerful and prosperous nation in history,

would have, perhaps, exceeded their expectations. But would they still see in the spirit of our own age the same devotion to the ideals of our revolution? Would they find that love of country was just as strong in the hearts of today's Americans?

I believe they would. Patriotism is deeper than its symbolic expressions, than sentiments about place and kinship that move us to hold our hands over our hearts during the national anthem. It is putting the country first, before party or personal ambition,

before anything. It is the willing acceptance of Americans, both those whose roots here extend back over generations and those who arrived only yesterday, to try to make a nation in which all people share in the promise and responsibilities of freedom.

I've spent a lot of time listening to veterans, talking to them, and also serving with them when we were young and at war. After their tours end, these soldiers, sailors, aviators, and Marines almost always return to the hard times, times of pain, suffering, loss, violence, and fear. They remember where they risked everything, absolutely everything, for the country that sent them there. It gives their lives special meaning. And it is the sacrifices of so many Americans, at home and abroad, in times of peace and times of war, that give meaning to all of us. We are blessed to be Americans, and blessed that so many of us have so often believed in a cause far greater than self-interest, far greater than ourselves. It is this belief that has sustained me as well, from a combat aircraft to a Vietnamese prison cell to the Senate floor or the campaign trail.

Today, politics is derided for its self-interest, combativeness, duplicity, and triviality. But such failings are not unique to our age. Both Adams and

Jefferson lamented them in their own time. But that's the great beauty of our form of government, which they helped to create; it accounts for the vices of human nature as much as it hopes for our virtues. This blessed country remains a place of limitless horizons, a country where ideals, where a love of liberty and self-reliance still check the excesses of both government and man.

In return, the gift we can give back to our country is a patriotism that requires us to be good citizens



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in public office or in the community spaces where government is absent.

We should, by all

means, argue with each other, as did Adams and Jefferson, about the policies of government and the history we hope to make tomorrow. But it should be an argument among friends, who agree more than they disagree, each of us united in a cause larger than our individual interests, honestly debating the best means to serve that cause, and intent on finding some common ground upon which to overcome together the many challenges before us. To love one's country is to love one's countrymen. And if we are to replicate the spirit of our founding age, if we are to be genuine patriots, we must remember also that we are patriots because we love the countrymen we will never know, who will be born after we are gone.

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As medicine goes hi-tech **The Danger of Too Many Tests**

By Dr. Ranit Mishori

IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST AMERICANS, your health bills are soaring. One reason is the "diagnostic imaging" industry, which includes X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs—the tests that let doctors "see" our bones, blood vessels, nerves, muscles, and organs. According to the American College of Radiology, imaging is one of the fastest-growing services in medicine, with costs reaching approximately \$100 billion annually.

The detail revealed by these tests can be astounding, the information lifesaving. But are we overdoing it? Are all those tests really necessary? And is harm potentially being done?

Some researchers worry about overexposure to radiation. While noting that many lives are saved by imaging, Dr. David Brenner, director of the Center for Radiological Research at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City, estimates that "1% to 2% more cases of cancer may result from the increased use of imaging in the future." Of special concern: Some 5 million CT

scans are performed annually on children, who are 10 times more sensitive to radiation than adults.

Further, imaging may result in "false-positive" results (finding a problem that does not in fact exist) or "incidental findings" (seeing an abnormality that may be clinically harmless), notes Dr. Stephen Baker, chair of the Department of Radiology at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. Both results often lead to even more imaging and risky invasive procedures, including surgery.

Not every ache and pain calls for a scan or an X-ray. It's best to know where and how imaging needs to be overused.

CT Scans

Computed Tomography (CT) scans, also known as CAT scans,

are the "doughnut holes" patients can find themselves in. CT scans are particularly good for looking at organs, bone, soft tissue, and blood vessels. However, their radiation levels can be quite high—"typically the equivalent of about 100 conventional X-rays," says Dr. Brenner. CTs are routinely ordered for headaches,

the absence of such red flags, a scan probably is not worth the risk of increased radiation exposure. This view has been endorsed by a panel of experts, including the American Academy of Neurology.

Heart imaging. Coronary CT angiography is a relatively new procedure that gives a detailed view of the heart and the arteries that supply it with blood. It allows doctors to see calcium deposits and blocked arteries without inserting tubes or needles. This test has become quite popular, but it also raises concerns because of the frequency of false-positive and false-negative results. Furthermore, in addition to radiation exposure, there is the risk from the contrast dye used, which can lead to allergic reactions and kidney damage.

At present, there are no clear guidelines for when a coronary CT is clinically appropriate. It appears that the test can benefit those who have symptoms that suggest heart disease or who are at high risk for heart disease. But healthy individuals should not rush to request this test.

Full-body scans. CT scans of the entire body—a virtual physical, where every inch of your body is scrutinized from the inside—have been marketed

heart imaging, and full-body scans, but there are reasons to question their use for each.

Headaches. CT scans are requested for many of the 45 million patients who suffer from headaches to rule out their greatest fear: a brain tumor.

Numerous studies suggest, however, that this is overkill. Most headaches are not indicators of something serious—a tumor or brain bleed. Furthermore, these more-serious problems almost always are accompanied by other, visible symptoms, such as seizures and neurological impairment. For example, Sen. Ted Kennedy's recent brain-tumor diagnosis involved clear seizure activity. In

Why Is My Doctor Ordering It?

Short appointments. With less time spent with patients, some doctors may order images to get quick answers.

Where the money is. Doctors who own diagnostic equipment may have an incentive to order tests, since the fee goes to their bottom line.

Reassurance. It's easy to lower a patient's anxiety by pointing to a CT image and saying, "See, there's no tumor there." Sometimes, a picture is worth 1000 words (or dollars).

in recent years to perfectly healthy individuals. But experts—including those at the American Cancer Society, Food and Drug Administration, and American College of Radiology—agree that these scans are not a good idea for healthy people without symptoms. The scans often find irregularities that are entirely harmless but nevertheless lead to many expensive, unnecessary, and invasive procedures.

X-rays

This classic imaging tool is useful for looking at bones and the chest.

Chest X-rays. Doctors often order chest X-rays for routine evaluation before surgery. While it makes sense continued

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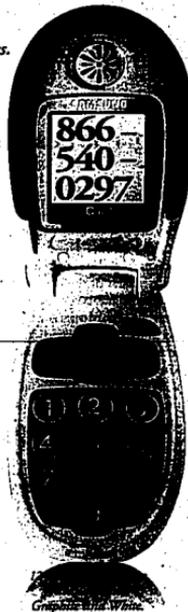
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STATES

For Sale: U.S. Roads

Some of America's cash-strapped states and cities are leasing public roads to the highest bidders—often foreign investors. Chicago's famous Skyway is controlled by a Spanish-Australian investment group, and an Italian firm operates the Dulles Greenway outside Washington, D.C. Private ownership of public infrastructure is relatively common in Europe, but U.S. transportation historically has been a government responsibility.

Supporters of privatization argue that for-profit operators do a better job of maintenance and that states can use revenue from the leases to fix crumbling infrastructure. Pennsylvania currently is considering a bid of \$12.8 billion to operate the Pennsylvania Turnpike for 75 years. "We have 6000 structurally deficient bridges in Pennsylvania," says Gov. Ed Rendell. "We need to generate as much money as possible to address the funding crisis."

But critics say travelers will end up paying the price. To turn a profit, investors likely will have to raise tolls. Around trip on the Dulles Greenway soon may cost \$10, and the Virginia State Legislature voted to require more scrutiny of the company that owns it. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D, Ore.), a

member of the House Transportation Committee, says the government is shirking its responsibility and allowing the roads to further deteriorate. "Insisting that private leasing initiatives can fix the problem is a total denial of reality," he adds, "and a disservice to the future of our economy."



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Fixing Our Schools

Former Labor Secretary William Brock leads the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce, created to report on the state of U.S. education.

How can we fix American education?

First, we have to agree that we have a problem. In the last 25 years, spending has risen 240% while performance has barely changed. Only 68% of students graduate from high school, and many states require only eighth-grade skills in reading and math to get a diploma. We need to start with better, early-childhood education. We need the very best among us to become teachers, and we need to ensure that standardized tests of rote knowledge don't drive education away from the very things that have made America special: critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and teamwork.

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Why isn't education a bigger political issue?

Primarily because there is no quick fix. It's complex. Perhaps most of all, no one really wants to admit that we are leaving millions of children behind. Education is the key to better jobs, higher incomes, and greater growth in what has become an extremely competitive global economy. Nothing is more important than education. Absolutely nothing.

YOUR MONEY

Why Movie Prices Are Popping

A night at the movies may soon be more expensive. Adjusted for inflation, tickets today cost less than they did in 1977, largely because they're subsidized by the sale of popcorn and other snacks. Now the high price of corn is eating into those profits, and theaters will likely increase prices to make up the difference, according to Ricard Gil, an economist at the University of California at Santa Cruz. In the last year, the average ticket price has jumped from \$6.88 to \$7.08, and movie attendance was down more than 4% by mid-June, according to media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. In tough economic times, Americans traditionally have looked to the movies for an inexpensive escape. As prices rise, we may be forced to look elsewhere.



Ask Marilyn®

by Marilyn vos Savant

While in Florida, I've seen flatbed trucks piled 4 feet high with oranges or grapefruit.

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—Robert Rickatson, S. Dennis, Mass.
The fruit has been bred for firm flesh and skin. These are important qualities for fruit that will be handled and shipped in large quantities, sometimes for long distances. Fruits are bred for various characteristics. For example, strawberries aren't peeled before consumption, so they aren't bred to have tough, disposable skins. You won't see trucks piled high with loose strawberries.

The maximum cooking time I can set on my microwave is odd: 1 hour, 40 minutes, 39 seconds. Do you know why?

—Eric Yeater, Arlington, Va.
Time for a little puzzling, readers. For a hint, try checking your own microwave. The answer appears below.

Is it true that black cars get hotter in sunlight than light-colored cars?

—Howard Schulte, Temple, Tex.
The interior of a car with a black body may get a little hotter a little faster, but not enough to make a practical difference when selecting a color. The same goes for the interior color. To make a real difference, get tinted windows if they're legal in your area.

Answer: Most microwave timers display only four digits. So the largest number one can enter is 99:99.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In re Trans Union Corp. Privacy Litigation, Case No. 00-CV-4729, MDL Docket No. 1350, U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. Illinois, Eastern Division, Judge Robert W. Gettleman

If you had a credit card, loan or credit account, you could get benefits from a class action settlement.

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A settlement worth at least \$75 million has been reached with Trans Union LLC and Acclaim Corporation ("Defendants") in a class action lawsuit that claims the Defendants violated state laws and the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") when they sold lists containing personal and financial consumer information to third parties for marketing purposes. The settlement does not mean the Defendants violated any laws or did anything wrong. The Defendants deny any claims of wrongdoing in this case.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois will have a hearing to decide whether to give final approval to the settlement, so that benefits can be issued. Those included in the class action, together called a "Class," may object to the settlement or ask to speak at the hearing. Eligible Class members may also sign up for credit monitoring or other benefits from the settlement. For more information, including a detailed notice, go to www.ListClassAction.com or call, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

The Court decided that the Class includes all consumers who had an open credit account or an open line of credit from a credit grantor (including, for instance automobile loans, bank credit cards, department store credit cards, other retail store credit cards, finance company loans, mortgage loans, and student loans) located in the United States anytime from January 1, 1987 to May 28, 2008.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The settlement will: (1) establish a \$75 million Settlement Fund; (2) give Class members the option of selecting six or nine months of credit monitoring services; (3) donate \$150,000 to non-profit organizations; (4) pay for settlements or judgments for damage claims related to lawsuits brought individually by Class members against the Defendants; (5) pay class counsels' attorneys' fees and their expenses; (6) pay the costs of notice and administering the settlement; and (7) distribute any money remaining (after deducting the costs for everything listed above) in the Settlement Fund to Class members who register for a payment or to non-profit organizations.

The six months of credit monitoring services (which retails for \$59.75) include: (1) the ability to lock your credit report so third parties, such as lenders or other companies, will not be able to access your credit report without your consent (unless allowed by law); (2) unlimited daily access to your Trans Union credit report and credit score; and (3) credit monitoring with a 24-hour small credit notification service. The nine months of enhanced credit monitoring services (which retails for \$115.50) includes all the services listed above, plus a suite of insurance scores and a mortgage simulator service. If you get the enhanced credit monitoring you will not be able to get a payment from the settlement or start an individual lawsuit. More details on all of the settlement benefits are available in the Settlement Agreement

which can be obtained at www.ListClassAction.com or by calling, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470.

HOW DO YOU ASK FOR BENEFITS?

To receive credit monitoring from the settlement you must go to www.ListClassAction.com and register by September 24, 2008. If you register, you will have six months after the Court grants final approval to the settlement and all appeals are resolved to activate your credit monitoring benefit. You may also register at the website or by mail until September 24, 2008, to receive a possible cash payment.

YOUR OTHER RIGHTS.

Whether or not you seek any benefits being offered as part of this settlement, all Class members will not be able to participate in a class action or join multiple plaintiffs in a single action. You may object to the settlement by August 22, 2008. The detailed notice explains how to object. Your options for benefits provided by the settlement are as follow:

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The Court will hold a hearing in this case on September 10, 2008, at Courtroom 1703, Everett McKinley Dirksen Building, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604, to consider whether to approve the settlement, and set a date to consider a request by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees of up to 25% of the Settlement Fund, and reimbursement of costs and expenses. Class Counsel will also request a payment of up to \$3,750 for each of the Class Representatives who helped the lawyers on behalf of the whole Class. Class members may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at their own cost, but they don't have to. For more information, call, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470 or go to the website shown below.

SMART WAYS TO SAVE ON GAS

By
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Get your car in shape.

- **Time up.** Keep your spark plugs clean, your engine tuned, and your wheels aligned. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your gas mileage by 10%, saving up to 40 cents per gallon. Ignore the hype about additives—from chemical mixes to mothballs—that claim to boost mileage. They're not worth the money and may even damage your engine.
- **Use the right motor oil.** If the oil is too thick, your engine will have to work harder—burning more fuel. If it's too thin, you won't get the needed protection. Stick with the type recommended by your owner's manual for maximum fuel efficiency.
- **Take care of your tires.** Keep tires inflated to the pressure recommended in your owner's manual. Soft tires use more gas, but overinflating your tires (as some mileage fanatics suggest) will mess with your car's handling.
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In Step With

Laila Ali

By James Brady

THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER AMONG THE GREAT Muhammad Ali's nine children, Laila and gorgeous Laila Ali is boxing a new TV rival this summer and is about to deliver her first child.

"The baby is due in September and I'm feeling great," she told me. "I've been a very easy pregnancy. Her husband, former NFL wide receiver Curtis Conway, has three children from an earlier marriage. Are the siblings excited or resentful? "They can't wait to have a little brother," she said.

When we spoke, Laila was in the midst of chaos at home in the L.A. hills. There's trouble with the phones, construction is going on in the house, and they're doing the pool.

—she said, as cool amid the din as the legendary Ali was in the ring.

Does everyone peek at her? "I get a lot of questions about her father," she said, "even from Nelson Mandela to Bull Terrier." Nelson loves Ali. He is the ultimate people person.

An underdog professional boxer herself, Laila was a competitor on *Dancing With the Stars* in 2007 and is a host, with Hulk Hogan, on *American Gladiator*. Her latest TV gig—on MTV's nighttime pop channel, *The N*—is an eight-episode, one-hour reality show called *The N: New Body*, in which teams compete from August to December. "I'm a

—Our camera crew follow around kids who are obese, and school kids who are underweight. It's not about how they lose weight, and get back on track. The winners are those who best succeed in making changes in their lives.

And is she staying in reasonably good shape throughout the pregnancy or packing on the pounds? Laila said, "I'm a big girl—5 feet 11, with big bones—and when I'm not pregnant I'm walking around at 175 pounds. Since he'll have Muhammad Ali as his grandfather, a football player father, and Laila as his mom, I can't wait to see the kid."

Laila Ali—boxer, dancer, and TV star—is soon to be a first-time mom

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Laila was born in Miami Beach while her dad was there for a fight but was raised in California by her mother, an extraordinary woman," she said. "After she went back to college and earned a doctorate in psychology and now works at Cedars-Sinai hospital following in her dad's footsteps, Laila boxed for several years and considers herself "not retired." Will she ever return to boxing? "There really wasn't very much competition," Laila replied. "I had to defend my titles but realized it was against people who weren't that skilled." Fans often talk to her not only about her TV shows and her boxing but also her first name: "Many people like my name and tell me they've named a daughter Laila. One woman said she named her boxer [dog] after me."



Personal

Born Dec. 30, 1977, in Miami Beach, Fla. Married to John McCain (2000-05); to Curtis Conway (2007-), with three stepchildren and one son on the way.

Why You Know Her

She fought as both a super-middleweight and light-heavyweight in boxing. And she was even lighter on her feet on TV's *Dancing With the Stars*.

What You Don't Know

She opened her first business, a nail salon, while she was still in college.

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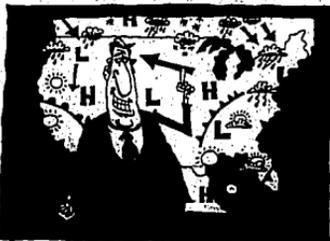


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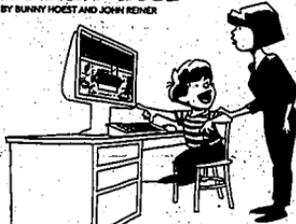


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This is a revised notice from the one first published in December 2005.

The settlement has been revised. Qualified Class Members now have the option of receiving \$5 as an alternative to receiving free cable services. If you previously submitted a claim form and do not want the \$5 alternative, you do not have to do anything. If you previously submitted a claim form and would like the \$5 alternative, you must submit a new claim form by the deadline.

Please read this Notice. Your legal rights may be affected.

A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit alleging that Time Warner Cable sold its subscribers' personal information to other companies for marketing purposes. If approved, the settlement will provide free Time Warner Cable services or \$5 to anyone who subscribed to Time Warner Cable at any time between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1998, and was on a list of subscribers whose information may have been available for sale.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York authorized this notice. Before any benefits are given, the Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement.

Who's Included?

You are a Class Member if you were a Time Warner Cable subscriber any time between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1998. Excluded from the Class are Time Warner Cable employees, officers, directors, or consultants. Only subscribers who were on a list of subscribers whose personal information may have been available for sale are qualified Class Members and may get free services or money.

What's This About?

The lawsuit claims that Time Warner Cable sold personal information about its subscribers to other companies, without first making the required disclosures of its practices to subscribers. As a result, the lawsuit asserts violations of applicable law relating to Time Warner Cable's privacy policy and disclosure practices from 1994-1998. Time Warner Cable denies it did anything wrong and does not admit any wrongdoing by this settlement. The Court has not decided who is right. However, both sides have agreed to the settlement to resolve the case.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

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How Do I Ask for the Free Services or Money?

The detailed notice and claim form package have everything you need. Just call or visit the website below to get them. To qualify for a free Time Warner Cable service or \$5, you must send in a claim form. If you previously submitted a claim form and do not want the \$5 alternative, you do not have to submit a new claim form. Claim forms must be postmarked by March 18, 2009. Once this settlement is final and becomes effective, you will be contacted regarding your \$5 check or claim for free services and you will be able to make your free service selection at that time.

What Are My Other Options?

If you do NOT want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by November 10, 2008, or you won't be able to sue Time Warner Cable about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you won't get any free services or money from this case. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by November 24, 2008. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case (Parkes v. Time Warner Ent. Co., Case No. CV 98-2165), on December 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable L. Leo Glasser at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, Courtroom 8B-5, to decide whether to approve the settlement. Time Warner Cable also has agreed to pay the four law firms representing all Class Members \$5,000,000 to attorneys' fees and costs, for investigating the facts, litigating the case along 1998 (including an appeal), and negotiating and revising the settlement. The Court will consider whether to approve this agreement at the hearing. You may appear at the hearing, or have an attorney appear on your behalf at your own expense.

For More Information.

To obtain the detailed notice, call 1-800-291-3831, or visit www.twcsettlement.com.

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